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EXALTED RULER



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"LIVE THE MOTTO - ELKS CARE- ELKS SHARE"



VALENTINE'S DINNER

FRIDAY FEB. 10

FUNDRAISER FOR NEW BANQUET TABLES

Catered by Judy Brayman
Sit down served dinner

Elks Ladies
Monte Carlo Nite
Sat. Feb. 18th
700 p.m.
\$17
Dinner Included

SUPERBOWL PARTY



Where: Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge
When: February 5th
When: 3pm
(Come early to sign up for the games)



FOOD - PRIZES - GAMES



BRING AN HORS D'OEUVRE AND GET A CHANCE TO WIN \$100.00



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RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM CLAUNCH



Our Cuban spitfire, Yolie Loughran, passed from our midst last December, yet the glow of her presence and personality lives on in our hearts. As the wife of PER, Jack Loughran, during his tenure she played gracious hostess and helpmate. Greeting everyone with a sincere hug and big smile was her trademark. In addition she always was a worker bee for our lodge. For many a year she co-chaired the annual Tree Trimming Party, served as interpreter for yard sales, and the Christmas Basket Program and worked many of our charity and social events. Every Halloween we were in amused awe as Yolie arrived in an unusual and award winning costume. As a member of the Elk Ladies she participated in their many events. As a friend she gave me a medal to help protect me against the pain of chemo treatments. Jack we share your loss, but as our motto states, "...their virtues we write upon the tablets of love and memory."—and we have.


BEING A TRUE ELK

On December 21, 2005 about 100 Elk members gathered to discuss and debate the merits of raising the dues to \$240 for the purpose of building a new facility. It was defeated. Yet the majority present expressed a desire for a new lodge, so we must step back and regroup and return another day with a revised plan.

In the meantime, we members must accept the responsibility of being true Elks by living the motto--Elks Care--Elks Share. If you believe in Elkdom and what our lodge stands for-- SHARE by proposing a new member. If you believe in Elkdom and what our lodge stands for—CARE by volunteering to serve on a committee, attend a social event, or meeting-- even more powerful--- chair a committee or event. If you wish to volunteer the names of committee chairs appears monthly in the Antler Antics. The strength and future survival of our lodge depends on YOU and ME being true Elks. I accept the responsibility!! Do you??? And I thank every member who has already accepted the challenge of living the motto!!!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- Super Bowl Party—February 5th—see flyer
- Valentine’s Dinner Fundraiser for banquet tables--- February 10—see flyer
- Elk Ladies Monte Carlo Night—fundraiser for Major Projects—February 18th—see flyer
- Pin Night—March 1st –honoring members for longevity



IN MEMORIAM

THE CLOCK OF THEIR DAY HAS STOPPED AND ACROSS ITS DIAL A MOTIONLESS SHADOW MARKS THE HOUR OF ELEVEN, WITH US ---
“THE GOLDEN HOUR OF RECOLLECTION”

Born:	Floyd Lawrence
Initiated:	March 28, 1937
Died:	April 26, 2000
	December 2, 2005
George Coberly	
Born:	December 7, 1919
Initiated:	January 22, 1986
Died:	December 27, 2005



EDITORS CORNER
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On Wednesday December 14, 2005 Robert Thornton, PDDGER and Richard Goldner, PDDGER of the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 delivered to 3rd grade students in the Camarillo area free dictionaries. The schools were the Santa Rosa Technology Magnet School and the Tierra Linda Elementary School. On Thursday we completed all the third graders in the Pleasant Valley School District delivering to La Mariposa School, University Preparation School and Las Posas School. These dictionaries were designed specifically for 3rd grade students and as one of the Principals said they were a valuable resource because of additional encyclopedic information.

The teachers overwhelmingly endorsed the project and the children showed an eagerness to own them as their very own. It is our hope that this project will help some student to some day be an achiever and we can be proud when they win a Nobel or Pulitzer prize. It is better to have a third grade student value a dictionary rather than a remote control for the TV.

Over 800 books were delivered and each book contained a nameplate with the teachers name, place for the students name and donated by the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477. A bookmark was included that said "I'd Rather Eat Bugs, Than Take Drugs" as the Elks way of reinforcing children to stay drug free.

SCOUTING

Bill Miller, Com. Chair.

The investing ceremony of Troop 597 brings each of the girls officially into Brownies. Their Brownie Pin is turned right side up and each girl speaks about a good deed that they have performed so they reinforce what it means to "do a good turn." We had many different kinds of deeds described like helping Mom and Dad with chores, donating toys and clothes to Adopt-An-Angel, picking up trash, singing to a younger sibling to calm them and many interesting heart felt sentiments. Each girl lit a candle and we talked about how the light of all the candles together is brighter and stronger just as all of us girls are stronger when we are together!



Troop 597 the adults are: Keri Seligman - Leader and Kristi Copeland - Assistant Leader.



(L-R Staff, Los Posas School)
Julie Antilla-Garza, Principal, Sharron Krebs, Dr. Tom Dase, Superintendent of Schools, Carla Hernandez, Debbie Maki and Robert Thornton, PDDGER
(Students L-R)
Ethan Tendler, Jaylen Mobley, Janaki Radmakumar, Melissa Gutierrez



PIN NIGHT Wednesday March 1, 2006

ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED OR SHOULD RECEIVE MEMBERSHIP PINS FOR 5,10,15, etc. YEARS ARE ASKED TO ATTEND THE PIN NIGHT, TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2006. THE LIST OF NAMES IS PRINTED IN THIS MONTH'S EDITION OF THE ANTLER ANTICS.

5 Year	Louis Wolff	Richard McDonald	William Lloyd, PDDGER, DL
Dennis L. Anderson	10 year	Al McCloud	Lester Reekers
Edward J. Ayrat	James C. Allen	Jock Mac Kelvie	Jerry Risvold
Jay Block, PER	Terry Baker	Bart Manzo	LeRoy Russell
Tom Bolton	Ed Bianchi	Charles Maslin	Britt Rutherford
Jack Carter	Alvin Caddin	Bill Moran	Walter Schaedle
Sally Claunch, ER	Richard H. Case	Pete Padi11a	Frederick Trzckinski
David John Dennison	Gus Chinery	Paul Rambacher	John Vana
David Ely	Jeffrey Eichel	Gil Riding, DDGER	Robert Williams
Mike Ferragamo	Joel Erickson	Richard Rogge	30 Years
Partick Flowers	Gene Ewald	Greg Ryder	William Allison
Joe Fratella, Sr.	Stan Fitzgerald	William Smail	Michael Bonner
Abe Gamble	Richard L. Goldner	Joseph Smith	Tom Corrigan
Ronald Guy	Thomas E. Hartin	Donald Woodford	Anthony Gambino
Jef Harriott	Pete Jackson	Alex Work	Richard H. Hardin
John Heaton	Rusty Kennedy	Norbert Zimmer	Clifford Jones
Ronald Hull	Kenneth Kenyon	20 Year	William Jones
Judy Jennings	Paul Kruspir	Thomas Agar	Kenneth Maurer
Howard Johnson	William McIntyre	Don Ansell, PER	Harold Rasmussen
Ed Kennett	Lamont McNarmara	Joseph Blum	Jay Schmidt
Dan Kirkpatrick	Michael Sean Markey	John Broderick	John Watts
Dan Kozlowski	Jacob Panczak, PER	James J. Brown, Jr.	35 Year
Steven Kozlowski	Ben Passarelli	John J. Conn	Jack E. Dolan
Ken Krabel	Thomas Pinto, Sr.	Gary John Cooper	Larry Pile
Joseph Le Flore	James Porter	Frank L. Corrigan	Bernard Rieger
Tony Lerner	Carmine Prizzi	Earl A. Dyer (Tony)	Leland Silver
Floyd Lindquist	Charles Rees	Daniel Hammond	Wayne Younger
William McKenna	Lawrence Semer	Ib Jensen	40 Year
James McPherson	Thomas Skaff	Tim Kelly	Marshal Knowlton
Heather Maddox	Bill Sternberg, PER	Thomas Lee Knibbs	45 Year
Lou Mages	John Tapking	Mark Allan Owens	David Burrows
Leo Massicotte	Thomas Tyler	Larry Morris	Marshall Matz
Chris Meske	Bill von Wittenburg	Chuck Morsa	Milton Tait
Kevin Metzgas	Richard Whitmire	Leo Rodriguez	Thomas Varden
Floyd Minor III	15 years.	George Thompson	60 Year
David Naccarato	Bob Adams	Darryl Vadnais	Robert C. Garcia
Robert Neuner	Donald Buck	Thomas Wolf	
Jerry Olson	Charles J. Archer	25 Years	
Joseph Panczak	Jeffrey Enger	Ronald L. Collins	
Bob Philips	Dale Haas	Virgil Craig	
Angela Reynolds	Lester Hight	Larry Deeder	
Jim Rochford	Jim Horning	Terry W. Gicking	
Susie Ross	Dan Johnson	Eugene Iannotti	
Nabil Sakla	Elmer Johnson	Chet Kozlowski, PER	
Lawrence Savokinas, Sr.	Vern Jossy	Leonard Lambert	
Stacy Shaw	Kirk Keeler	Herbert Lampron	
Cheryl Templeton	Donald McCaffrey	Albert Lenahan	
Andrew Tortorici	Dick McCann		
Bart Vanderlip			
Raven West			
Lee Westenhiser			

NOTICE OF VOTE

At the last meeting of the lodge where a vote was to be taken to raise dues and fees, a motion was made and passed for the Exalted Ruler to form a committee and return within 90 days with new recommendations for dues and fees increases. Such a committee was formed and has decided on the following recommendations to be put before the lodge.

Dues to increase to \$105.00
 Life and Honorary Life dues - ½ of regular dues, or \$52.50
 Initiation - \$150.00
 Reinstatement - \$75.00
 Associate Member Dues - \$30.00

These recommended dues and fees will be voted upon at a regular session of the lodge to be held on **Wednesday, March 8, 2006**. Every member is encouraged to attend this meeting and vote their consciences. Our dues have not been raised in many years, and presently do not reflect the cost of living or doing business. Presently, our dues do not support the membership. If it were not for the BBQ wagon and the hard-working members that volunteer their many hours, the Christmas tree lot under Herb Jellander's and Terry Baker's guidance, and the other functions that are put on, our lodge could not survive. Heard very often is the remark that they support the lodge by spending a lot of money at the bar. However much money is spent at the bar does not keep the lodge open. As a matter of fact, the bar hours have been changed because it doesn't pay to keep it open as long as it previously was. There is only one way we are going to have a successful business . . . run it like a business and charge the customers accordingly.



Elks Ladies Major Projects

Monte Carlo Nite



Roulette

Prize's

Raffles



Black Jack

Pool Tournament

Texas Hold'em

Saturday
 February 18th
 7:00 pm
 Dinner
 \$ 17.00

\$200.00 Fun Money Included

Tickets on Sale Jan.20th

More info Contact:

Pat Peterson (805) 486-7442 or
 Carol Neuner (805) 300-7248

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

LEADING KNIGHT

David Naccarato

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:

David Naccarato

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Sally Claunch**INVESTIGATION:** George Meehan**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION:**

Myrna Block

CHRISTMAS BASKETS: Tom & Sally Claunch**INDOCTRINATION:** Jack Loughran, PER**MEM. CONTROL. COM.:** Herb Jellander**CVAC:** Tom Hartin**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Jerry Serota**OFFICERS ROUND TABLE:** Jack Panczak, PER**CHARITY DINNERS:** David Naccarato

Whew!! The holidays are over. Again let me say that our Lodge (thanks to all of you) pulled off another successful charity basket program. This year 90 families and 215 children were touched by Elkdom by our Lodge. As Leading Knight, it is under my chair to organize the program. But I have to tell you that I could never have done it without the help of Dave Pearson and his computer wiz. Once I gave him the family list he provided me with a shopping list. Then a list of all the children and their ages was generated. Tommy Claunch and Ken Keeler assembled 330 boxes, labeled them and set the room up. Tom Hartin and Jack Loughran went to the Navy base for half the food. The other half was bought at Von's here in Thousand Oaks. 90% of the Von's food was paid for by the generosity of John and Sherri Peterson. Then different organizations in our area donated toys for our own toy drive. Also thanks to many of you, our members, who donated toys for our toy drive. The children made out this year thanks to all of you.

Now all 330 boxes had to be filled. We had wrappers and packers and delivery persons who worked very hard. I want to thank Crystal Dool for making our Sloppy Joes this year. They were marvelous. I had a few speed bumps, a little learning curve but all in all a very rewarding experience? Again thank you to all who participated and we'll do it again next year

HORSESHOE NEWS

Our horseshoe pits have seen better days. With the construction next door and the building of the block wall and back filling near the block wall our horseshoe pits have gone by the wayside. But I've heard from a reliable source that the pits will be up and ready for our first quarter horseshoe tournament to be held March 18th. at 10 am. This Tournament is to benefit our Major Projects Program. That's what Elkdom is all about- having a good time raising money for our charities. Plan to come down and have a sandwich and play some shoes. It's a lot of good retro fun. To get your blood flowing check out the picture Jerry Serota took of our last tournament. He caught the shoe in flight. Also new member Mike Budinsky built us wooden score boards to be used at our tournament or at anytime we're playing. Thank you Mike. At our last tournament we ended up playing singles because we didn't have enough players. This time we may need to go partners so everyone can play and not wait around. But of course you can always have a BBQ sandwich and a beer while you wait. Look for the flyer and sign-up sheet in the lounge.



CRIBBAGE CORNER

Patti Serota, Com. Chair.

It's a date for sure, Sunday, April 2nd at the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge 2477 for our next Cribbage Tournament.

Sign up at 12 Noon, play starts at 1 P.M.. A flyer will be in the March issue of the Antler Antics.

Come join the fun and bring some friends.

Patti

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477's first quarter Horseshoe Tournament to be held March 18th at 10:00 am at the lodge in our newly refurbished pit area. The tournament is to benefit our Major Project Program. Entry fee is \$15.00, which includes a world famous barbecue tri-tip sandwich. Tournament will be team play. Sign up in our lounge or call David Naccarato at 805-375-1089 for more information. Look for future tournaments each quarter! See you there!!





ENTERTAINMENT

Judy Brayman

Hello Everyone,

Well we all survived the holidays and now we get to get ready for the big Super Bowl Party on Feb 5th. This is always a big day for the Lodge thanks to Dave and Annie Pearson and all their hard work.

Friday night Feb. 10th I will be offering a pre Valentines dinner, for this dinner we will have servers who will take your order at your table and serve your dinner selections to you. See the flyer in this Antler Antic's showing the menu selections choice of soup or salad, dinner entrée and dessert all for \$15.00. Ticket sales with menu choice and time of reservation will be required. Reservations will be from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Your reservation time will be the time that you will be waited on and served. At 7:30 p.m. in the lounge we will have Teresa Russell or Blue Diamond as our entertainment to dance the night away with. This dinner will be a fundraiser with all proceeds going to pay for our new banquet tables. So come in, relax have a nice dinner, enjoy good company, music and a 50/50 drawing.

On March 17th St. Patrick's Day this year will be even bigger than last year of course I won't run out of food. (was that what you were thinking?) HA! HA! We will start serving dinner at 5:00 and end at 7:00 p.m. We will have for your entertainment pleasure Tom who will be playing the bag pipes from 6 to 7 p.m. The Clog Dancers will dance for us at 7:30 p.m. I will be pre selling tickets starting on March 5th ticket price will be \$12.00 per person.

Please all cooks who use the kitchen do not throw empty boxes outside the door they go over by the BBQ pit, and all trash cans need to be emptied per cooking shift. All breakfast crews on Sunday you need to put all freezer items back into the pantry freezers (bacon, sausage, o.j. etc). All jellies & syrups go back into the pantry not in the kitchen refrigerator. All coffee pots are to be emptied and washed and instruct the dishwashers to put them away. All toasters should be wiped down and put away all left over pancake bag mix should be put back in the pantry. All of these items are just a few things that when I come into work on Monday I clean and put away. I have been doing this for almost two years organizing and cleaning out the refrigerators on a weekly basis as part of my job but as of March 18th I will no longer be employed at the Lodge. If everyone takes an extra 15 minutes or so to leave the kitchen in order and all items put away it will help the next person coming in. Thank you.

See You Soon,
Judy



VALENTINE'S DINNER

FRIDAY FEB. 10

FUNDRAISER FOR NEW BANQUET TABLES

Catered by Judy Brayman

Sit down served dinner

Followed by entertainment in the Lounge

\$15 PER PERSON

- Includes soup/salad
- Choice of entrée
- Dessert

Entrée choices: Chicken Marsala in wine mushroom sauce with red baked potato sprinkled with parmesan cheese, served with garlic green beans

Homemade Swiss Steak: with a brown tomato sauce and onions topped off with sautéed mushrooms served with mashed potato & gravy with garlic green beans

Baked Honey Glazed Salmon: served with wild rice & almonds, vegetable of mixed broccoli, cauliflower and carrots

**Pre paid-Reservations required – tickets available at the bar or phone in 496-4550
Deadline February 3rd—**

Limited to first 100

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

805-495-0577

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: PER, Jack Loughran and family on the passing of his wife, Yolie; the family of Floyd Lawrence on his passing; and the George Coberly family;

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Roxanne Horning and Dick McNeal, Bill Lloyd is undergoing surgery for his shoulder; Dave Naccarato is having surgery on his back.

ON THE MEND: Raven West's father had gall bladder surgery; Rick Herreras mother former First Lady from Lancaster has emphysema; Dick Johnson had angioplasty; Annie Pearson from a brief hospital stay.



EL KONEJO KAMPERS



ANOTHER GLORIOUS CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Pat von Wittenberg

As all of you who attend know, this is quite an experience. Those of you who didn't attend oughtta try it!

In my never to be humble opinion (grin) the Grand Vista lays out a magnificent buffet. If you can't find something there to fit any palate and/or diet - you ain't lookin'. There are several of us who truly enjoy "sea" food, with piles of shrimp, crab legs (parts) and mussels to name a few, we really indulged ourselves. Gene Ewald commented that he had questioned Carol at one time, wondering if a person COULD max out on shrimp. Apparently Carol bought him one of those 5 pound trays of shrimp - he found out - one CAN truly max out. Nice try "Big Guy".

Of course the dessert table was positively EVIL - evilishly delightful. Yup, throw all caution to the wind - what the heck it's only ONE day.

Cheryl Templeton has been in charge of this event for the past two years and really had it down to a science this year. As far as I could tell, everything came off without a hitch, despite the fact that she came down with "something". A special thanks to Donna and Ed Colleran for helping her transport all the loot!

Gene Ewald thanked his officers for their participation during his tenure as President - and acknowledged his slate of officers as his Harem. Interesting concept - especially when the new President, Ed Colleran, accepted his slate of officers for the coming year - as HIS harem. Beverly Erickson took over for Donna Hardy as Treasurer for the last portion of 2005 and remains treasurer for the coming year. I'm still secretary and the official correspondent for the Antler Antics (I dearly love my job(s), and Carroll Stewart comes on board as our new Vice President. We are losing Marilyn Cissell as our Chaplin, much to our chagrin, so if any of you Kampers would like to step up to the plate for that position, please let one of us know. Charlie Henry remains our "Sunshine" chairperson, so should you'll hear of any Kamper in distress, please let her know. Oh ha! Getting in touch with her, personally, takes an act of GOD - but she does check her messages.

Although Cheryl complained bitterly of shopping on "Black Friday" for some raffle prizes, when accused of loving to shop, she did acknowledge she actually LOVES TO BUY, and did an awesome job. (Rumor has it - she's even volunteered to do the Black Friday shtick again next year.) The purchased raffle prizes were one thing, but the hand-crafted and other donated items were splendid. I thought Carol Ewald and her daughter, Christa Harper, would have some sort of attack when Carol won the Patrone Tequila set. I have no clue how many tickets those two stuffed in that box, but I suspect there were quite a few.

For the first time for as long as I can remember, I

actually won a few things at the Brunch. I REALLY wanted the wreath made by Debi Drake for contributions to Manna; and the tree-skirt donated by the Jr. Elks and Carol Neuner and I got them. Speaking of Carol - seems she and Robert didn't fare too badly in the drawings either.

There was a very nice tool set in a case that Dave Pearson really wanted - poor thing - I believe he stuffed a box also - but someone else got the tools. I don't think I've ever heard David, whine, complain or utter a negative of any kind, but he REALLY WANTED that tool set and was just a bit disgruntled.

The lucky split the pot winners were Cheryl's friend, Charlotte Court, and believe this, Catherine and Robert Koeritz. Now, I heard Catherine's voice when the number was called - but later Robert was claiming the win. Wonder just exactly how that worked?

Well folks, by the time you read this the Holidays will have come and gone - ALL US KAMPERS WISH YOU THE VERY BEST FOR THE COMING YEAR. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

2006 KAMP OUTS

February 10 - 11

Oak Park - Simi

March 11 - 12

Travel Village - Valencia

April 7 - 8

Lake Piru



Catherine Koeritz winner \$250



Charlotte Court winner \$250

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LOYAL KNIGHT Catherine Koeritz

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STRAY ELKS: Herb Jellander
MOTHER'S DAY: Terry Baker



ENTERTAINMENT: Judy Brayman
WED. NIGHT TICKETS: Liz Bell
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 APPRECIATION:** Scott Dool
DISTRICT PICNIC: Tom Ryder, PDDGER
PRESIDING JUSTICE: Dick McCann
YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Heather Maddox

Catherine's Communication:

New Year's Eve party was a blast! The place was packed. We had great entertainment; great food and most importantly, we had a lot of fun!

We usually spend our New Year's Eve at the Pearson's, but since I was in charge of the party, I asked my friends and family to help and we celebrated the New Year together. We'll see you there next year Annie... I would especially like to thank my husband Robert, who sacrificed his night to work in the kitchen. Thank you to my cooks Bobby and Paula Williams. We even practiced three times to make sure we knew how to cook the tournedos of beef to our liking. Harry Brockwell gave me the great recipe for the sauce. Thanks Harry. I'm going to be using that for future meals. Thanks to our Krazy Krew; Toni & Pat Hartin and Bob Souza and Rick Eddy for all the hard work in the kitchen serving up those dishes. Our other chefs made life easier. John D'Ambrogio, with the help of Jim Mullen, who stayed and helped serve in the kitchen, made a wonderful minestrone soup; Sally Claunch prepared her delicious salad, and Judy made her most raved about dish, the broccoli casserole.

I hoped you enjoyed reading the placemats. The tables were decorated by decades and the placemats had memorabilia about that particular decade. It was fun. Thanks to a very generous couple, John and Cherri Peterson, for donating and coming early in the day to blow up the balloons and help Toni, Paula and I in decorating. Cherri even helped to greet our guests and assist them with their table assignments. I was particularly grateful that Cherri's daughter, Amanda, helped served. And Helen showed us all how to carry five plates at once. We needed a lot of help. I was so happy that Jack Loughran came to help. He hadn't missed a New Year's Eve party at the Lodge for years and didn't want to miss this one! I'm sure everyone was glad you came! I hope I didn't forget anyone. If I did, please forgive me. It takes a lot of people to put on a big event and I'm grateful for everyone's help.

We (the Officer's) performed our Memorial Service on Saturday. It was at the service that I realized how little we know about a person's life, their experiences and their accomplishments. We usually find out when it's too late.

When I was helping many other fellow members celebrate the life of Roxanne Horning on Sunday, I asked a few people what they know about her. Everyone has a kind word to say about her. She is described as being a "cool lady", a "doll"

NOMINATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The following member, having met the requirements outlined in Grand Lodge Statutes Section 14.260 by having been a member of the Order for at least 30 consecutive years, a member of Thousand Oaks Lodge for at least 10 years, and 65 years of age or older has requested nomination for Life Membership in the Order.

Russell Garrison, member #302

This member will be nominated at a regular meeting of the lodge to be held on February 8, 2006 and will be balloted on at the meeting held on February 22, 2006.

from day one, beautiful and a real "class act". She is an entrepreneur, who owned many businesses. One of those businesses was dry cleaning. Apparently, she is really good at finding items for people at Garage Sales. If she knows that a person is looking for a particular item, she always finds it for them. Whether it's a table, couch, or chair! She has kind words to say about her family. She is very complimentary. She loves to have fun and she can entertain in grand ways. She has a very generous and caring big heart. Well, Roxanne, we have had a lot of fun with you. I would like to thank you for all the memories. I'm sure there is so much more than I can ever put into words. Like many people, I am thankful to have met you!

I hope we can all take the time to ask our acquaintances about their life story. Perhaps, I can start interviewing our members. If you know of someone with an interesting life story, please let me know.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS & EVENTS

1/3 CHICKEN A LA CORNELIA - by Cornelia Meehan
 1/10 VALENTINE DINNER - by Judy
 1/17 FISH FRY - by Cooper & Crew
 1/24 SALMON & BEEF - by the Kozlowskis



AMERICANISM
Raven West, Com. Chair.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

Although the United States is young compared to other countries, its culture and traditions are rich because of the contributions made by the many groups of people who have come to its shores over the past three centuries. One of these traditions which made its way across the ocean is Valentines Day.

Historic research tells us that St. Valentine was a bishop living near Rome in the year 270 A.D. At that time, Roman Emperor Claudius-II felt that married men were more emotionally attached to their families, and thus, would not make good soldiers. So, to assure quality warriors, he banned marriage. In defiance, Bishop Valentine arranged to meet young lovers in a secret place and perform outlawed marriage ceremonies. When Claudius learned of this "friend of lovers," he ordered the bishop arrested and put to death.

While Valentine was in prison, his jailer, Asterius requested the Bishop pray for his blind daughter. It is said that through his faith, Valentine miraculously restored her sight. Just before his execution, he asked Asterius for a quill and parchment to write a farewell message to his daughter. The message was signed "From Your Valentine." Valentine thus became the Patron Saint of Lovers, and a spiritual overseer of an annual festival held on February 14, in which young men would offer handwritten greetings of affection to women they admired and wished to court. These "greeting cards" acquired St. Valentines name. One of the earliest "Valentine Day" cards was sent in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was a prisoner in the Tower of London. The card is now preserved in the British Museum. The tradition of the Valentines Day card and annual holiday is now celebrated on February 14 around the world!

Fortunately, American men of the twenty-first century don't have to be imprisoned to be motivated to send their sweetheart a Valentines Day card. Nor do they have to rely on mere quill and parchment to deliver warm thoughts to their loved one. Flowers, jewelry, candy and a romantic dinning experience make up the traditional Valentines Day package, but with a little imagination, traditional can turn magical. And if there's one thing the Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477 has in abundance is imagination!

To one and all the very best Valentines Day!

Raven West
Americanism Chair



**FROM THE OFFICE
OF THE SECRETARY**
Bill Lloyd, PDDGER, DL

The Holidays are now behind us, and hopefully things can get back to normal. It was a very busy time for the Lodge with so many jobs and functions going on that we were barely able to handle them all. Many kudos to Herb Jellander and crew for their tireless effort, without whose ever enduring dedication we would not have been able to have a successful Christmas Tree lot.

Nomination and election of Lodge Officers is knocking at our door again. Per Grand Lodge Statutes, nominations will be held at regular sessions of the lodge on the 1st and 2nd Wednesdays of February, and election to office will be held on the 3rd Wednesday. If you would like to be an elected lodge officer, you must have a member nominate you. A change to the 2005 Grand Lodge Statutes states that "Nominees are not required to openly accept a nomination, and need not be present." In such case, you'd better come to the meeting on election night, or you might be elected to an office you didn't know about. If you would like to hold a non-elective position (Inner Guard, Chaplain, or Esquire) please see Dave Naccarato and make your wishes known. I understand he needs a Lecturing Knight very badly. So if you would like to be involved and help administrate your lodge, you have an excellent opportunity now. Also, if you would like to chair one of the many lodge committees or even be on one, of which we now have approximately 48, please see Dave. We have several committees that are mandated by Grand Lodge and the State Association. These committees are vital to the success of our Order and must be filled. Major Project, Membership, Lapsation, Americanism, Drug Awareness, Elks Training, Lodge Activities, Elks National Foundation, National Veterans Service, Public Relations, Scholarship, and Youth Activities are some of the very important committees.

That's about all for this month. Hope everyone had a pleasant Holiday, and that you all have a healthy and prosperous new year. Come down and support your lodge in all of the many ways that we need you.

And that's 30 for this month.
Bill

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(L-R) The Red Hatters on parade at the Reagan Library, Barbara Booker, Shirley Kozlowski, Anne Ogden and Gladys Ennis



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Patricia Peterson, President of Omaha Woodman Lodge 247 and member of Elks Lodge 2477 Elks Ladies, is presenting to David Stull, member of Elks Lodge 2477, presents collected by Omaha Woodman Lodge 247 for the Elks Christmas basket project.



Dee Ansell, displays the happiness in helping others



Tom Ryder, PDDGER, and Chet Kozlowski, PER loading up for a delivery



Chuck Busch one of Santa Helpers making a delivery



Esteemed Loyal Knight, Catherine Koeritz making sure it is all there



Rick Herrera and grandson, Georgie Passantino loading up for a Christmas basket delivery.

SANTA'S HELPERS GIFT WRAP



Myrna Block and Patti Serota helped with gift wrapping for 213 children



Karen Naccarato one of the Elks Ladies helped get the job done



Jessica Stull was right there til the very end, amazingly they finished in one day



Vera Bailie always a beautiful smile for what she is doing could be counted on



Gladys Ennis was right there getting the job done



By the mountain of toys donated by everyone it will be a happy Christmas for the children

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MONTE CARLO NIGHT

We're really being catapulted into 2006 - where is the time going? Things happen so fast, you better keep your eyes open or you'll miss something really important. For instance, the wonderful MONTE CARLO NIGHT that the Elk Ladies are sponsoring on February 18th. If you haven't already bought your tickets, be sure to do so soon. You won't want to miss this night of food, frivolity and fun, not to mention you could win really big at the tables. Last time we had gambling at the Lodge, I won \$3,200. It was not enough to win the golfing package and, no, I'm not bitter, but whoever did win better look out because this time I'm going to give you a run for your money! Proceeds from this event go toward Special Projects. The evening promises to be great though I can't promise you James Bond. The up side is you don't have to fly to Europe to enjoy Monte Carlo. See you there.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Lodge linens need to be inventoried, in particular the tablecloths. We are looking for some volunteers that can help sort, count and possibly mark sizes for the linens. If you have some time you can donate toward this project, contact Alice Kennedy at 497-2504 with your availability. Thanks so much.

LOYALTY

Something keeps sticking in my craw and I think it stems from loyalty, or in this case, I might call it disloyalty. There is a lot of discussion going on about the new lodge and raising dues and other pertinent issues. People seem to be divided and all have their points of view. Some people have worked hard to present accurate information while others seem to criticize and suggest without benefit of research demanding that those who have researched, go back and re-research. Often, some people are disrespectful in their approach. It seems to me this is not Elk or Elk Ladies behavior. Each of us joined this Lodge with our own very good reason(s). Some joined because they like camping and joined that group; some because they like the patriotism associated with the Elks; some might love helping others through scholarships, etc; and others just because their friends belong. It doesn't matter your motivation, the fact is those ideals and reasons remain. Nothing has changed in what the Elks, local or national stand for, so why are people talking about quitting, transferring and other nonsense? Where is our **LOYALTY**? Someone once said "*Anything worth having is worth fighting for*" and I agree. Let's fight our way through these issues (though I don't mean fight as in fight, but rather fight for our principles with discussion, compromise and data) and resolve them.



TO PLEASE YOU, LORD

Marilyn Cissell

Dear God, we have a New Year,
with expectations to be met.
And if they slowly slip away,
it fills us with regret.

A simple resolution, Lord,
if we could keep this one,
We're sure our choice will please you.
it's - just be kind to everyone.

Amen.



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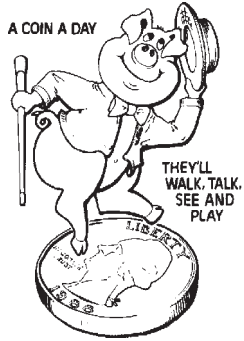
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*** Belated Greetings to:
Jan. 18 Carole Saynay

RESPECTFULLY. Don't turn your back, we are one team and we need to work together. Please think hard about this, I know I will be praying about it. There, I've finally said it and I feel so much better. Thank you for (eye) listening.

Sincerely,
Jessica Stull

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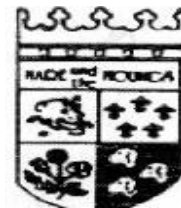
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