

# ANTLER



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EXALTED RULER



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*"Catch the Spirit of Elkdom"*

## **MAC CLARK, State Vice Preseident, CHEA 2004-2005**



My name is: Malcolm (Mac) Clark and my wife, Mary Lou, have been married for 26 years. Between us we have 5 children, 5 grand children and 2 great grandchildren. I was born in Santa Maria and spent my childhood in Orcutt, California. The grammer school I attended was Orcutt Union School and the high school was Santa Maria Union high school. following gradua-

tion from high school, enlisted in the United States Navy. My hitch in the navy was mostly spent aboard the USS Alamo, LSD 33 as a cook and baker. After being honorably discharged, and finding employment at Vandenberg Airforce base with General Dynamics Astronautics in the transportation department until there was a layoff. Our next endeavor was with Union Oil Company of California on a temporary basis. Working at various jobs from a roustabout up to the level of area mechanical maintenance supervisor and retired from Unocal with 33 years of service in 1995.

We joined the Santa Maria Elks Lodge #1538 in April 1981 shortly there after become a greeter and then other committee jobs followed; Friday night cook your own steak crew, table set up crew, BBQ crew, secretary for the motorcycle club, etc. Then became an officer of our lodge and served as the Inner Guard and continued on to the prestigious office as the Exalted Ruler of the lodge for the year 1993-1994. Along the way held various chairmanships, Americanism, Flag Day, Friday night cook your own, building committee, bingo and a few others within the lodge committee list, this also included being on the board of trustees for 5 years one of which was Chairman of the

Board. Over the past few years have served the West Central Coast District as District Chairman for the Elks National Foundation, Americanism, Indoctrination and Government Relations, served as the Esquire to the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 2003-2004. We had the distinct honor to be asked to serve as the State Vice President representing the West Central Coast Dicitrct for the Lodge Year 2004-2005. This position was greatly accepted.

### **2004 - 2005 SVP Visitation Schedule**

- Ventura #1430 - Thurs. - May 27, 2004**
- San Luis Obispo #322 - Tues. - June 1, 2004**
- Paso Robles #2364 - Wed. - June 2, 2004**
- Oxnard #1443 - Mon. - June 7, 2004**
- Santa Barbara #613 - Tues. - June 8, 2004**
- Atascadero #2733 - Thurs. - June 10, 2004**
- Simi Valley #2492 - Tues. - June 15, 2004**
- Thousand Oaks #2477 - Wed. - June 16, 2004**
- Santa Ynez Valley #2640 - Thurs. - June 17, 2004**
- Oceano 5 Cities #2504 - Tues. - June 22, 2004**
- Lompoc #2274 - Tues. - July 13, 2004**
- Santa Maria #1538 - Thurs. - July 15, 2004 (Home Coming)**
- CHEA President Visitation - Aug. 20, 21, 22**
- Host Lodge - Santa Maria #1538**
- Visitation - San Luis Obispo #322**

*Elks Care - Elks Share*

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN



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2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

**ANTLER ANTICS:** Jerry Serota, Editor  
**NEW FACILITIES:** Greg Metzger, PER  
**HISTORIAN/SCRAPBOOK:** Jerry Serota  
**GREETERS:** Jack Loughran, PER  
**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Jerry Serota  
**BUILDING MAINT. :** Wayne Flittner



**PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Bill Lloyd, PDDGER, DL  
**LODGE VISITATIONS:** Jack Loughran, PER  
**BBQ WAGON:** Eddie Rice  
**AUDITING:** Tom Ryder, PDDGER  
**ELKS TRAINING:** John D'Ambrogio, PER  
**BEQUESTS & LIVING TRUSTS:**  
 Chet Kozlowski, PER

**"Keep on CATCHING THE SPIRIT OF ELKDOM"  
and**

**!!!REMEMBER!!!  
!!!BUY BONDS FOR THE NEW LODGE!!!**

To say that April was a banner month for the Lodge is the height of understatement. "Calamity Annie" Pearson's outstanding win in the CVD Grand Marshal contest, and doing it in grand fashion by setting an all time fund raising record, and I want to thank all of you guys and gals who did such a fantastic job with Annie's Grand Marshal campaign. And how about Rick Herrera's taking the honors in the "Whiskeroo" contest. Last but not surly not least, your Lodge Officers winning the WCCD Ritual Contest. The month was then truly capped off by our initiating a record number of candidates as new members. As of this writing (5th of May), the Lodge Officers are looking forward to competing at the State Convention, and if I may be so bold as to forecast the event, we HAVE done the Lodge Proud.

June is the month for Santa Maria's Rodeo and Parade. Again our Train well be there and I hope we have a large contingent there to cheer us on. This month also sees the start of Visitations by our State Vice President Mac Clark and his lovely Lady Mary Lou. They will be visiting our Lodge on the 16th. The last weekend of the month sees our annual Elks Ladies Trek to Laughlin. Check with our Leading Knight Sally Claunch, or Annie Pearson to see if there is any room on the Bus.

It is encouraging to see several of the new members have already volunteered for duty on our BBQ teams, thus demonstrating their understanding of *Elks Care and Elks Share*. Speaking of our BBQ teams, now that we are having BBQ every Saturday, plus going off site to various venues, our Captains are always in need of help. So please contact, Eddie Rice, Herb Jellander or Jim Rochford, and find out what you can do to bring our **BEST IN THE WEST BBQ**, to our community.

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**FIRST LADY'S CORNER**

FL, Myrna Block

Hi:

As we all know, June is a very busy month, what with graduations, Father's Day, and weddings. This is my tribute to all of them.

**HERE COMES A HUG**

It's wondrous what a hug can do.  
 A hug can cheer you when you're blue.  
 A hug can say "I love you so"  
 Or, "I really hate to see you go".  
 A hug is "Welcome back again",  
 And great to see you! Where've you been?  
 A hug can soothe a small child's pain,  
 And bring a rainbow after rain.  
 Hugs are great for fathers and mothers,  
 Sweet for sisters, swell for brothers;  
 And chances are your favorite aunts  
 Love them more than potted plants.  
 Kittens crave them, puppies love them;  
 Heads of states are not above them.  
 A hug can break the language barrier,  
 And make travel so much merrier.  
 No need to fret about you're store of em;  
 The more you give, the more there's more of em.  
 So stretch those arms without delay  
 And give someone a hug today.

**IN MEMORIAM**



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

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**"THE GOLDEN HOUR OF  
 RECOLLECTION"**

**Joe Urbina**

**Born:** April 7, 1920  
**Initiated:** May 25, 1988  
**Died:** April 24, 2004



**EDITORS CORNER**  
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**CALAMITY ANNIE,  
 GRAND MARSHAL, 2004**

Conejo Valley Days started with the opening day CVD Picnic and ended last night with the Final Countdown at the Goebel Adult Senior Center. Both candidates earned over a record 60,000 dollars with a total turn in of \$122,000 for their respective charities. **'CLAMITY ANNIE', Pearson** came out on top by a few thousand dollars and is the CVD Grand Marshal for 2004.

The true stars of the Conejo shined and showed what they were made of. Not many members in our Lodge could have the talent, skill and stamina to mount such an awe inspiring race and our hat goes off to **'Calamity Annie'** and her campaign manager Bro. Dave Pearson. Without the full support of our Lodge and their many friends victory would not have been possible. Toward the end they both showed signs of wear and fatigue.



Annie was living up to her name and shed calamitous tears of joy when it was announced she won Grand Marshal 2004



'Rawhide Rick' Beal put up a great fight and the Kiwanis could be proud of their efforts. When an event for charity takes place everyone wins and there are no losers. Just some wear a bigger smile.

Leading the CVD Parade was Grand Marshal, **'Calamity Annie' and Dave Pearson**. Our train hummmmmmed down the parade route like a champ. Picture this if you will we hosted the the Tiny Tot contest winners and piled 5 adults and 6 tiny rug rats into our little ol' train and ran the parade. The kids loved it even if the adults felt like sardines.

A very speccial thanks to ace mechanic Bro. Kevin Robichau for the excellant work he and his staff did on our train. The axle was replaced, the transmission no longer left a trail of fluid in its path and it performed like a champ. On the parade route PER, Greg Metzgs took pictures to show that it did not have to be pushed like it did last year at the Sant Maria Parade.

Our BBQ crew was out in full force and the image of Elkdom had a winning day. On this day Elkdom was most visible at its very best showing Thousand Oaks residents that BPO Elks Lodge #2477 Elks, **'Care and Share'**.



Behind the wheel was Engineer, Vern Jossy, tootin' the whistle and waving to the crowd.



A couple of Elks showed up in disguise as the clowns Buggs & Choo Choo

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN	<b>LEADING KNIGHT</b> <b>Sally Claunch</b>	2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
<b>MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:</b> <b>Joe Smith</b> <b>SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:</b> Sally Claunch <b>INVESTIGATION:</b> George Meehan <b>ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION:</b> <b>Jack Malone</b> <b>CHRISTMAS BASKETS:</b> Tom & Sally Claunch		<b>INDOCTRINATION:</b> Jack Loughran, <b>PER</b> <b>MEM. CONTROL. COM.:</b> Herb Jellander <b>CVAC:</b> Tom Hartin <b>COMMUNITY RELATIONS:</b> Jerry Serota <b>OFFICERS ROUND TABLE:</b> Jack Panczak, <b>PER</b> <b>CHARITY DINNERS:</b> Tom & Sally Claunch

### RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM CLAUNCH

#### GOT INVESTIGATION??

Yes, we do. The notion of an investigation could conjure up images of Columbo or Joe Friday. It could be a federal investigation for a security clearance or a background check for a job. However to Elks, investigation means the first connection a prospective member has with our Lodge. After filling out the application form for membership, a prospective member comes before the investigation committee. It is their first impression of who we are and what we are all about. In our Lodge for the past three and a half years, George Meehan (past Inner Guard and Chaplin) is that smiling informative face. He is the able chair of the investigation committee.

What is the function of this committee? You ask. According to the Bible, Grand Lodge Statues, the chapter and verse is as follows:  
 Sec. 12.020 The Investigating Committee shall carefully examine into the character of all applicants for membership, verify their statements made in the application and report thereon at the next regular meeting of the Lodge. The committee shall require that applicants personally appear before the committee and may require the proposer( sponsor) or proposers of the applicant to appear before the committee.

As in all aspects of Elk duties the Grand Lodge has produced a manual that guides the committee in its work. There are suggested procedures, which includes sample application forms, and letters to be sent to prospective members. On the first Monday of the month a prospective member and her/his sponsor meet with George for approximately 30 minutes to review the application form for correctness. At that time he also explains and outlines the charity and social activities our lodge performs for our members and the community. As George says to potential members; "I am the tip of the iceberg. Listen at the indoctrination and learn more about Elkdom."

Perhaps you have seen the monthly headline in the Antler Antics entitled **FROM THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE PROPOSED AND WILL BE BALLOTTED ON---**. This is the result of the work done by George and his committee. Got Investigation?? We got George.

### EXALTED RULER Cont.

I hope you will not get tired of my asking you to support the BOND sales, but you must believe me when I say, **WE WILL HAVE A NEW LODGE!!!!** But it will take all of our members to support and participate. For more about this subject see PER, Greg Metzgus's article. Also, if you have ideas or suggestions on promoting sales, please bring them up to the Bond Committee, or come tell the Officers at our meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. By the way, I encourage all members having any issues with anything at the Lodge to come to our Officers Meeting.

Thank you all for you continued support.

Exalted Ruler Jay Block

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### SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

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**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** PER, Bugsy Ansell from a lung ailment; PER Bob McKee is back in the hospital.

**ON THE MEND:** Organist Jim Wagner from a fall; Eula McKee is home from the hospital

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Got ritual???

Yes, we do. In other columns and articles in this bulletin you have read about our team's results in the District contest. But I would also like to lend my voice in giving thanks to our ritual coaches-Gil Riding, Richard Goldner, Jack Panczak and Jack Loughran, and the ritual team. It was the combined effort and dedication to work and discipline by both the coaches and team that earned the coveted prize of first place.

Got ritual??? We got the gold.



**SMALL GROUP AT  
FAR WEST RESORT  
(STECKEL)**

Pat von Wittenburg

It appears that some are scared off by the fact that we only have 9 sites here, so there was some last minute scurrying (telephoning). I was even called a "pushy broad" can you imagine? It got results though - on Tuesday we had 5, by Friday we had 8 - only 1 short! But with that being the final weekend for Calamity Annie's campaign and I certainly wouldn't begrudge ANY help given to that - we did just fine. We missed the Ericksons who were home packing 35+ years of "STUFF". Of course one of our dear, sweet, beloved Kampers had the audacity to have a birthday on Saturday (Happy Birthday, Veronica) so that took them out of the loop - oh well enough whining and no I don't want any cheese, thank you! We really did have a good time.

Shirley and Chet were wagonmasters, however, when we arrived Thursday afternoon they were reclining, indulging in adult beverages and Walter Ogden jumped up directing the parking. How come?

Something happened on this campout that has never before been seen. Perhaps never again - John Ennis showed up with a VERY DIRTY coach. Yup, Gladys was the Sheriff and he was fined for it. More about her job as Sheriff later.

Anne Ogden had fallen and hurt her wrist, but that certainly did not deter her from swinging a golf club, the Ogden and Ennis foursome were off bright and early Friday morning to Elkins Ranch to practice up for Monday's Golf Tournament.

I had a doctor's appointment in Oxnard on Friday and just had to visit the Sewing & Crafter's Fair at the Ventura Fair Ground. Awesome! But unfortunately ran out of time before I got to explore both buildings. Saturday after the meeting, Marva, Peggy and I returned. I had orders from a couple of campers for sleeve clips so it wasn't ALL about me. Besides I had to show Marva & Peggy the terrific, time-saving items I'd purchased on Friday, and attend an embroidery class I'd missed. I did a real good job of spending their money, too.

As we were returning to the campground, we drove through an absolute downpour in Santa Paula. When we got to the campground, the cell had passed and the re-

mainder of the evening was just fine. As usual Shirley's sauerkraut stuff was wonderful and the "dogs" were too. Had great food!

Then came the raffle - things got really hysterical! John Ennis was in unbelievable form. Never have I seen or heard a person become totally obsessed with a raffle prize, a platter of DRIED FRUIT! He wanted that dried fruit. Peggy Mullenau won it and there was no negotiating at all. The last thing I heard that night was John still complaining about his platter of dried fruit. Good grief - would someone PLEASE get that man a platter of dried fruit?



As I said, Gladys was Sheriff and a vicious one at that. I should have taken notes cause she was very clever. Fining her own husband, then fining me for spending \$150 at the craft show (how she knew what I spent is not quite accurate) and bringing Bill a \$3.00 pair of shears. Hey - I brought him something! You should have heard Ms. Perfect Templeton squeal when she got fined, come on now, your halo is just a tad tarnished!

This 50/50 thing is getting really depressing! We've been camping 10 years now - we have won once - a very meager \$25 pot! It's either Charlie Henry (she wasn't there) Marva or Peggy. Not only did Peggy take John's dried fruit, she won the 50/50 also. John didn't make a peep about that - it was still the darned dried fruit! ! !

As usual - departure day dawned bright, sunny absolutely awesome! The Kozlowski, Ogden, Ennis crew whipped up a magnificent breakfast and everyone was duly impressed.

Upcoming campouts:

May 14 -15	Kenney Grove - Ewald
wagonmasters	
June 3,4,5	Santa Maria Rodeo
July 9 -10	Flying Flags - Buellton -
vonWittenburgs	
Aug. 6-7	Oceano Elks Lodge -
Coleys	

May those who love us, love us  
And those that don't love us,  
May God turn their hearts,  
And if he doesn't turn their hearts,  
May He turn their ankle,  
So we'll know them by their limp!

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

## LOYAL KNIGHT David Naccarato

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**CONEJO VALLEY DAYS:** Ed Rice  
**LODGE ACTIVITIES:** Greg Metzger, PER  
**SCOUTING:** Bill Miller  
**HOOPSHOOT:** Tom Hartin  
**WED. NIGHT DINNERS:**  
**DRUG AWARENESS:**  
**STRAY ELKS:**  
**MOTHER'S DAY:** Rusty Kennedy



**ENTERTAINMENT:** Pete Padilla  
**WED. NIGHT TICKETS:**  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE FIGHTER  
 APPRECIATION:** Scott Dool  
**DISTRICT PICNIC:** Tom Ryder, PDDGER  
**PRESIDING JUSTICE:** Dick McCann  
**YOUTH ACTIVITIES:** Heather Maddox

A few points to touch on in this months article. Tom Ryder cooks our Initiation meal but last month he and Mrs. Ryder took a much deserved vacation to Europe. So being Loyal Knight, dinner fell to me. I would like to Thank Elk of the year Dick McNeal for stepping up and helping me and my wife with dinner. We had 15 candidates and their sponsors and the regular attendees. Bro. McNeal ordered the meat and the salad, cooked it and instructed us on serving. Then when the time came he recruited Harold Calvin to assist us in serving and without hesitation he stepped up to help and with all this help dinner went off without a hitch. Thanks again.

Now that we are on the subject of the kitchen a couple of points need to be addressed. I understand no one likes to throw food away so if you put left overs in the refrigerator you must either tell me or date the item and mark what it is other wise it will have to be thrown out for safety reasons. We have a woman who comes in monthly to give our kitchen a thorough cleaning but we need to wipe down the cabinets, to help keep food from caking up on the cabinets. Thank you for your help and understanding.

With our New Exalted Ruler liking to fish have you ever heard about the time he decided to go ice fishing. He went out onto the ice cut a hole and started to fish when all of a sudden a voice loomed from above "there's no fish here" So Jay looked up and took it as a sign and got up and moved a few yards away and cut another hole and started to fish again when all of a sudden he heard that voice "there are no fish here". Again Jay got up and moved a few yards away cut a hole and sat down to fish when a third time he heard that voice "there's no fish here" Jay looks up and asks "GOD IS THAT YOU?" the voice replied "NO I'M THE RINK MANAGER".

Words of wisdom from Harley Dave  
*Rise on wings of hope and courage, and soar the skies of endless possibility.*



## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

It's been a few months since I've written an article, so I thought it was about time. Time seems to get away from me somehow. Since I've fully retired, I have less time to get things done than when I worked.

Due to a lot of hard work from some very dedicated members, we wound up with a plus one in membership last year. It's been a few years since that happened. From the outside looking in, it would seem a very easy thing to do. All you have to do is get a few new members in and your membership soars. Quite the contrary. With all of the members we initiated last year, we only gained three. When you stop and consider the transfers out of our lodge to another (transfer dimits), members who no longer wish to remain in the Order (Absolute Dimits), deaths, members who are lapse in paying their dues, and other reasons, it takes a multitude of new members to make up the shortfall. At the beginning of last lodge year on April 1st, we had a starting membership of 529. On April 1st of this new year we have a starting membership of 532. A net gain of 3! I have a minor request. Let's all pay our dues, and beat the bushes for new members. We cannot exist without them. Membership is the life blood of the Order.

The Bond Committee, due to the lack of participation so far from the membership, has decided to open up bond sales to members of other lodges. There have been numerous requests from other members to take part in our program. Letters will be sent to West Central Coast District and other local area lodges to purchase them if they so desire. We have only until next February to raise enough money to start construction on our new lodge. Seems strange, for the past two decades or so all you could hear was when were we going to get a new facility? Now that it is a reality that we may do so, no none wants to build it. It takes a lot of money to build a new lodge, and if we want one, then we're going to have to chip in and pay for it. If every member bought \$2,000 worth of bonds, we would have more than enough money to put the building up. It could be, and should be a dream come true. Those members who have purchased bonds and have not signed for them as yet, please do so as soon as possible. Drop by the office anytime during normal office hours and we will be glad to accommodate you.

Come down and support your lodge. There are a lot of things going on now, and we would like for you to be a part of it.

And that's 30 for this month

**AMERICANISM**

Raven West, Com. Chair.



Anyone who has served as chairman of a committee for the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 knows that it is almost impossible to resign their position. After my article appeared in the Antler Antics, I was inundated with telephone calls and emails of compliments for the job I was doing and how much I would be missed. What finally changed my mind were the people who came forward asking to serve on my committee and to help with whatever I needed to make the job easier. With that much support, I am pleased to report that I will continue as Americanism Chair for the 2004-2005 term.

On May 7th, I was proud to meet and honor the six winners of this years Americanism Essay Contest, **"Why I Am Proud To Say The Pledge of Allegiance"**. Reading through over 200 entries from 15 schools in the Conejo Valley was a very encouraging experience. Having to decide only the top three in each Division was, as it was last year as well, an extremely difficult one, as they were all excellent.

In addition to the fun, the dinners, the parties and other activities our Lodge is famous for, the importance of awarding scholarships to the next generation of our country's leaders is one of the major reasons why we are a strong and vital organization, not only in Thousand Oaks, but throughout the Nation.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEARS WINNERS!****Kayla Horwich Brown**

First Place, Division I, \$300 United States Savings Bond  
6th Grade Los Cerritos Middle School

**Jonathan Griffin**

Second Place, Division I \$200 United States Savings Bond  
5th Grade Acacia Elementary School

**Lilli Turner-Graham**

Third Place, Division I \$100 United States Savings Bond  
6th Grade, Los Cerritos Middle School

**Megan M. McNulty**

First Place, Division II \$300 United States Savings Bond  
8th Grade, Redwood Middle School

**Ele Griffin**

Second Place, Division II \$200 United States Savings Bond  
8th Grade, La Reina High School

**Shannon Pearson**

Third Place, Division II \$100 United States Savings Bond  
7th Grade, Redwood Middle School

**Lodge Bulletin - Contest 'D' Winners**

The Grand Lodge-Lodge Activities/State Associations Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the 2003-2004 Lodge Bulletin Contest "D."

Division 3 (501 thru 700 Members)

1. Thousand Oaks, CA Lodge No. 2477
2. Sikeston, MO Lodge No. 2319
3. Dallas, TX Lodge No. 71

**NEW FACILITIES**

Greg Metzgus, PER

Please attend the Bond Rally on the 30th of June (see enclosed flyer). The Architect will have a preliminary floor plan for everyone to see and the building and bond committee will be there to answer any of your questions. There will be a free dinner for members and their spouse. Any guests will be charged a nominal fee to eat.

The latest rumblings that have been circulated around the lounge concerning building need to be addressed. Here are a few that have gotten back to the building committee:

There is some concern that if we build a new lodge building that we will not be able to open our lounge until 3 pm. This is not true. This very issue was taken up with the city and they told us that there will be no change in any requirements for the operation of our lounge.

There is also a talk around that we plan to do away with the smoking area. That is also untrue. It would be irresponsible of our officer corps and management not to take into consideration the comfort of our smoking members. We are trying to make a lodge building that will be more comfortable for all of our members.

There is concern we can't build a new lodge for a million dollars. Many hours have been spent putting together a budget for the new building. It can be built for the price if we start building now. What we shouldn't do is sit on our butts in the lounge and discuss all of the things we can't do. That is why we have been unable to build so far. We may not be able to build a lodge as nice as Santa Barbara or San Luis Obispo but our new lodge will be many times better and more functional than the one we have been living in since 1972 or so.

There is talk that we can't raise a million dollars. Well, we can't unless everyone that is able participates. We need to average about \$1900 per member. I know there are members that have trouble just affording dues each year. There are other members that can afford more than the \$1900. All we are asking is that each member participates to the best of their capability.

These issues and others will be addressed at our Bond Rally. Please plan to attend; this project can not succeed without your help.

Greg Metzgus, PER

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

## LECTURING KNIGHT

### Catherine Koeritz

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**AMERICANISM:** Raven West  
**FLAG DAY/FLAG RETIREMENT:**  
 Robert Jones  
**SCHOLARSHIP:** Rick Herrera  
**GOVT. RELATIONS:** Denise Goldstein  
**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** Rusty Kennedy  
**NATIONAL SERVICES:** Jim Kellogg



**KIDS XMAS PARTY:** Chet Kozlowski, PER  
**GOLF TOURNEY:** Dave Pearson  
 Tommy Claunch  
**LODGE PICNIC:** Catherine Koeritz  
**MEMBERSHIP:** Every Lodge Member  
**CHRISTMAS TREES:** Bob Hardy, PER  
**EL KONEJO KAMPERS:**  
 Bill von Wittenburg

### OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS:

Opportunity has afforded me to be elected as the Esteemed Lecturing Knight. I have now finally become official and will now take on the responsibilities of this station. No, I will not be giving anyone any lectures (unless you need it). I want to thank everyone for their support, my family and friends who will be there when needed, my sponsor Denise Goldstein, Sally Claunch for nominating me, my mentor, John D'Ambrogio and especially my husband Robert. Without that support I wouldn't be able to give my time and dedication that this position deserves.

I am still learning of all my opportunities, so please be patient as I may ask you one or two questions now and then.

I am happy to announce that we will be keeping our wonderful people to chair the activities that this station is responsible for. Jim Kellogg will continue his charge of the Veterans activities, Rick Herrera will once again chair Scholarship and Raven West will continue with Americanism. I want to thank all the people who had graciously accepted and volunteered to participate in any of these activities. I will continue to make announcements on different activities and/or the chair people as I get more information.

### WELL HOWDY FOLKS!!!

We have all been living and breathing Conejo Valley Days and are very proud of our new Grand Marshal, Calamity Annie. Yeh! Everyone has worked hard in making her campaign a success. The great news is not only was it good for her but our lodge is going to benefit from all the hard word and donations generated during this big fundraiser. Congratulations Annie and Dave Pearson for a record breaking job!

Special Kids day was a great success. Heather & Carol, Christine Fitzpatrick, Robbie Neuner, Jack Loughran, Dave Naccarato and Ed Rice were at the lodge bright and early to

cook up the hamburgers to bring to the CVD site. Robbie and Christine handed out DARE coloring books to the special kids. Our volunteers at the site were very busy serving all the 488 hamburgers we cooked and the Zontas got an additional 150 donated from McDonalds! Whew! Thank you everyone for donating your time for this event. I'm sure the special kids and their parents appreciate it.

### Veterans Visitation:

? B.I.N.G.O. - Six Elks went to the hos-pi-tal and Bingo is what they played-oh.? Thank you for providing refreshments and visiting the 17 members there at your monthly Veterans hospital visitation. If you would like information about the next visit, please see Jim Kellogg.

### CATHERINE'S CONNECTION:

So what's my connection in all of this? It started with Hector Tellez, married to my Mother, Arlene Tellez. I started coming to the lodge when I was a teenager and as time went on, I married Robert who also became a member. We brought our Children to functions like the Easter egg hunts and Christmas parties. (Bugsy was organizing the egg hunts even then!) My father, Paul DeNubilo became a member 11 years ago and when my sister, Toni Sheridan moved down here a couple of years ago, she became a member. She is now married to Pat Hartin and now I have a brother-in-law that is an Elk too. Then my Mother, Arlene who should have been initiated before my sister Toni (hospitalization would do that to you) also became a member. And now, I'm a member. What a connection!

### SPEAKING OF MEMBERS:

Our Membership drive has been fantastic! With every new member that has joined comes the potential of their friends joining our lodge as well. Our existing and new members must be proud of our lodge. Keep up the good work and remember to "grasp the hand in friendship" to our new members as well as to our friends we see every day.

WELCOME ABOARD OUR NEW MEMBERS



Gerald Feldman and sponsor Dick Rogge



(L-R Top Row) John Good and Cobby Oxford  
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(L-R Top Row) James Andrews and sponsor Pete Padilla  
(Bottom) Dean Nash and sponsor Jim Wallace, PER



(L-R Top Row) Kevin Gullick and Jack Loughran standing in for sponsor Bob Hardy, PER (Bottom) Caren Longson and sponsor Jack Malone



(L-R Top Row) Ken Carroll and C. George Wolters with sponsor John D'Ambrogio, PER

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**(L-R) First Lady, Myrna and ER, Jay Block, and Past First Lady, Barbara and PER Greg Metzgs**



**Master of Ceremony, PER, Gil and Phyllis Riding**



**Jay and Myrna started the Grand March then linking up with PER, Greg and Barbara uniting the new with the old for the year 2004-2005**

Letter to the Editor:

**Subject: CVD Grand Marshal Race**



Calamity Annie Pearson sponsored by the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge, would like to thank Rawhide Rick Beal and the Kiwanis for a close, exciting, and record breaking race. Together, these two clubs raised over \$122,000.00 for Conejic Valley Days and their community charitable work. We are very proud of this accomplishment and felt fortunate to compete against such a fine organization as the Kiwanis and their outstanding candidate, Rawhide Rick. These two organizations worked very hard and the real winner was charity.

Calamity Annie would also like to thank the Thousand

Oaks Elks Lodge for their sponsorship and generous support. To the Konejo Kampers, Elk Ladies, and Elk BBQ Team goes our deepest appreciation. To the many business that overwhelmed us with their donations goes a heartfelt debt of gratitude. Lastly, there are no words that can express our thankful feelings for our many friends, Elk members, and volunteers that supported us with both their time and money. It was through the efforts of these people that made the joyous ending of this campaign possible. Our thanks and love goes out to all.

Sincerely,

David Pearson  
Campaign Manager for  
Calamity Annie  
2004 CVD Grand Marshal

*CHILDRENS EASTER PARTY*



Childrens Easter Party orchestrated by the biggest kid of all  
Don Ansell, PER



What's a party without a clown like Valentine and  
a bubble machine!



The kids were all attention before the Easter Egg Hunt



Even First Lady Myrna had to check Mr. Rabbit out!



And what is that Mr. Rabbit doing to Dee to get such a smile?



Dave Pearson said "Is this Mr. Conejo we know and love?"

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Hello Everyone,

Can you believe it's June? Kids will be Graduating and Summer will begin! It just seemed as though we all just got through the Holidays and before we knew it, it was Ritual Practice for the New Officers. Then running our candidate, Annie Pearson for Grand Marshal. Well the New Officers were elected for the year 2004-2005 and went to Ritual Contest, they not only all placed in their individual categories they took **1st Place Over all!!** And they thought Ritual Practice was over! Good Luck at State!

Richard Goldner, Gil Riding, Jack Loughran and Jack Panczak also took home 1st in their categories. Congratulations to you all! Annie Pearson won the Grand Marshal Race for Conejo Valley Days. Way to go Annie!

On Tuesday June 1st for those that did not receive their letter in the mail or over looked it, this meeting is one you don't want to miss, we're voting on the New Proposed Changes of Our By-Laws. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm. If ever you need a ride to this or any of our meetings, Please contact Carol Neuner @ 492-6980 Karen Naccarato @ 375-1089 or Alice Kennedy @ 497-2504, we would love to give you a ride to the meetings or arrange one for you! Please don't let the lack of a ride for what ever reason stop you from coming. WE would all love to see you there! Give Us A Call .

Important Dates to Remember :

June 1st; Ladies Meeting 7:30pm (Voting on Revised By-Laws)  
 June 20th; Father's Day Brunch (\$10.00 adults,\$5.00 for child)

June 30th; Wednesday night (bond Informational Night) Open meeting for all In Good standing Elk members and their Wives, the issue of purchasing Bonds for the New Lodge and how it all works. Don't miss it !

Coming in August the Ladies; will Host a get acquainted buffet for the New Members spouses. Further info will be announced.

And so this year is off to a WONDERFUL start for Lodge



## THE GIFT OF FRIENDS

Marilyn Cissell, Chaplain

**You know our every need, Dear Lord.  
 this changing world with endless  
 trends,  
 So few things are forever, now,  
 yet bonded friendship never ends.**

**We're grateful God for many things,  
 you do for us in different ways.  
 The friends you bring into our lives,  
 are treasured gifts, and you we praise.**

Amen



## JUNE

- 1 June Smith
- 9 Ginny Gabel
- 14 Carol Ewald
- 16 Marge Britton
- Pat Jellander
- 17 Anne Ogden

#2477!

I wish everyone Well and Happiness,

Carol Neuner

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## JUNE

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|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Bill Ratcliffe  | 10. Lamont McMamara | 22. James D. Allen |
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| 3. Bill Moran      | 12. Lee Westenhiser | 24. John P. Miller |
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| 13. Mark Barnes    | 22. Ronald Hull     | Pat Flowers        |
| 14. Elise Murray   | 23. Jock MacKelvie  | 30. Jim Horning    |
|                    | 24. Jerry Gilmore   |                    |
|                    | 25. Buddy Craig     |                    |
|                    | 26. Robert Bastone  |                    |
|                    | 27. Charles Maslin  |                    |
|                    | 28. Walter Ogden    |                    |

## FROM THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE PROPOSED AND WILL BE BALLOTTED ON

Date: June 9, 2004

NAME	OCCUPATION	SPONSOR
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## CRYING TOWEL



April 7	\$500.00	#1275	Pete Jackson
	\$25.00	#1993	Mel Baker
Lucky 13	No Winner		
April 14	\$500.00	#1965	Worth Grim
	\$50.00	#1963	Glen Gatlin
Lucky 13	No Winner		
April 21	\$500.00	#1771	Dale Grimes
	\$75.00	#1723	Michael Vince
Lucky 13	No Winner		
April 28	\$500.00	#1867	William McKenna
	\$100.00	#900	Richard Conant
Lucky 13	Joe Clancy		WINNER

## *SPECIAL KIDS DAY CONEJO VALLEY DAYS*

The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 with the help of the Jr. Elks cooked and served 580 hamburgers for Special Kids Day. This is a day which is set aside for handicapped children to ride free on all the carnival rides during Conejo Valley Days. All the carnival workers volunteered their services for this event.

Our Elk Clowns were there to greet them with balloon animals and balloon hats to start the day off. Each child has a volunteer to help them on the rides and conducted them at the petting zoo.



**Grand Marshal, 'Calamity Annie' was there waving the kids on to a good time**



**Jimmy Jo (Jim Brown) gets the smiles started**

At lunch time the Elks and Jr. Elks passed out the 580 hamburgers to the kids and their volunteers.



**Choo Choo (Ken Gage) the clown had a big smile and balloon animals for the kids**



**Special Kids Day,  
Conejo Valley Days Carnival**

(L-R standing) Jr. Elk, Christine Fitzpatrick, Youth Activities, Committee Chair., Heather Maddox, Carol and Jr. Elk, Robbie Neuner, Special Kids Day volunteers who helped cook and later served the kids lunch



**Crystal and Scott Dool stopped by the Lodge to display their trophy to 'Calamity Annie' and Dave Pearson after the parade**

*Elks Care - Elks Share*

**'IN DUBLIN FAIR CITY'**

We are handed some photographs of a recent trip by the McCanns and the travelogue begins in Dublin where a statue of a lady who made the city famous in song. There stood Sweet Mollie Malone and her wheel barrow hawking *'Cockles and Muscles alive, alive Oh'*.

Then next came a picture of the Blarney Castle that houses the Blarney Stone, where a kiss of the stone gave you the gift of gab for a lifetime. A short distance away from the castle stands a pub established in 1620 called 'Dirty Nellies' where the gentry from the castle could find solace in the company of ladies with easy virtue and have their whiskey to boot.

These pictures tell a brave story, when somewhere along the line a McCann left his homeland to start life anew in the New World. From his humble beginnings a family of descendents returned to Ireland to pay homage to his memory and make their connection to that girl of song and maybe hear a distant echo of *'Sweet Mollie Malone, as she wheeled her wheel barrow through streets wide and narrow singing cockles and muscles alive, alive, oh!'*.



(L-R) Shanon, Dick, Annie and Tim McCann at the Guinness brewery in Dublin, Ireland



**SCOUTING**

Bill Miller, Scouting, Com.Chair.

On Sunday April 18th a Court of Honor was held for the 28th Eagle Scout to be so honored from sponsoring BPO Elks Lodge 2477.

Nicholas Norton earned 28 merit badges and is a member of BSA Troop 754. The Court of Honor was held at the Rockwell Science Center. There were over 100 friends and relatives to see him so honored and a nice reception followed.

Nicholas is 17 years old and a senior at Newbury Park High School. He is active in the band, choir, Honor Student, and accepted at UCSD, UCLA, Redlands University.

His service projet was to dig out a hill and build a retaining wall & brick patio for Ride On, a therapeutic horse ranch in Newbury Park for children with special needs. The project required 100.5 hrs. and he enlisted the aid of adults and scout members to complete the job.



Making the presentation of American Flag and Honor Certificate from Elks Lodge #2477 is Bill Miller, Com. Scouting Chair.



***From the Desk of the Administrator:***



In just a few days, "Old Man Winter" will be making his official exit, and Hope will Spring Eternal. Unless you are a fervent fan of Alpine skiing, ice-skating, ice hockey, etc., I am sure you look forward to the many pleasures of spring. The temperatures are warmer, the grass comes up in all its beautiful shades of green, trees are budding, and all of nature starts its annual reproductive cycle that has ensured the continuance of life since time immemorial.

Spring is a time of going forth. We look forward to Good Friday and Easter, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day.

Many of our younger brethren will get out the old familiar baseball bat and glove. Those of us a little more advanced in years will get out the golf clubs, or a fishing rod and reel. I know that Sandy and myself will soon be at Smith Mountain Lake, trying to catch the elusive 20-inch striper.

Whatever your pastime or pleasures are, Sandy and I Hope that Spring will be a time of great joy for all of our Residents, Employees, and Brothers and Sisters in Elkdom.

God Bless You All,  
Darryl Garrison



**WEST CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT  
FUND RAISER**

The Annual District fundraiser will be held at Santa Barbara Elks Lodge August 28, 2004. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM and the drawing to follow at 7:00 PM. This Annual event is held to support the WCCD and assists the local 12 Lodges in sharing the District Elks expenses with the hospitality room at State and Mid-Term conventions, Hoop Shoot, District Ritual contest and a donation to the winning team of the District Ritual team to compete aa the State level. Contact your local Lodge PER's for tickets, donation \$100.00.

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an enemy they did not know.

Many men lost their lives  
fighting for their free nation,  
some of them were POW''s  
even those were held in admiration.

Over sixty years has past  
since that dreadful day,  
memory of those lost soldiers  
has now been put on display.

A wall with names  
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Written By:  
Ken Muellerleile

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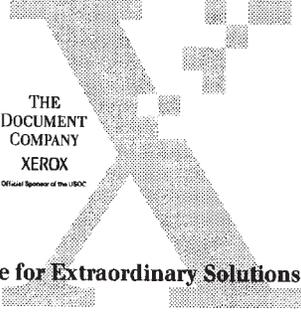
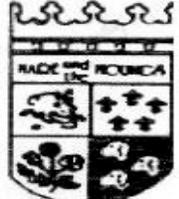
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