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EXALTED RULER



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*"LIVE THE MOTTO - ELKS CARE- ELKS SHARE"*

35th Annual Elks Lodge #2477

## INAUGURAL BALL

Welcome Our Exalted Ruler

*For the Year 2006-2007*

**DAVID NACCARATO**  
*and First Lady, Karen*



April 1st at the  
Thousand Oaks Inn  
75 W. Thousand Oaks Blvd.  
Thousand Oaks, CA

Ticket on Sale from Catherine Koeritz  
or the Lounge  
\$40.00 Per Person  
Choice of Beef or Chicken

Social Hour 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner 7:00 p.m.  
Grand Entrance 9:00 p.m.

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**Sally Claunch**

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 David Naccarato

### FINAL RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM CLAUNCH

For me the finish line is in sight!!!! For Dave it is the start of his turn around the track!!!

Into every Exalted Ruler's term of office, there comes a time to say farewell and write the last article as Exalted Ruler. Being March, the chimes of time have pealed forth the friendly message. Next month I will be joining the illustrative group of guys on the wall in the anteroom as the newest PER. But before I depart, I want to reflect on my Elk year. It went so fast that sometimes I felt like a speeding NASCAR on an Elk track. My time on the roadway ran smoothly because it was powered by well tuned Hemi V8s 454 officers who gave 150% effort in fulfilling their commitments, and hopefully had as much fun as I did.

Next the chairpersons of committees and events provided the high performance Firestone tires which kept the activities running smoothly throughout the year, without any blowouts. I tip my hats to you!! Supplying support the membership Taurus body held up the lodge, NASCAR, by providing assistance with their presence at functions, and lending hands at charity and social events. However their greatest feat to me was the concern and friendship shown me. Thank you.

Fueling the lodge with high octane gas were the BBQ teams, Megabucks Dave, and the Christmas tree sales chairs. Because of these hardworking people funds needed for our charity endeavors were raised. Kudos!!! To the crew, Marva D'Ambrogio, my first lady, who helped me stay on course and navigate through Elk proper protocol. Lastly the flagman, Tommy, will be waiting with open arms at the finish line to welcome me at the end of my run with a hug and kiss.

I believe that you will show Dave the same support, friendship and assistance that you have shown me throughout his turn around the track. He is a talented, dedicated guy who embodies the best virtues of an Elk. Our Lodge is fortunate to have him as our leader.

### SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Sally Claunch, ER

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO:** the family of Jim Horning on the passing of his wife Roxanne; and to Bob Thornton, PDDGER on the passing of his sister; and the McNeal family on the passing of Dick.

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Dick McNeal;  
 Hazel Lenahan

**ON THE MEND:** Ralph Vester, PER, ; Marva D'Ambrogio; Bob Brennan, PDDGER

### 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"

**Joe Fratella, Sr.**  
**Born:** September 25, 1923  
**Initiated:** January 26, 2000  
**Died:** January 13, 2006

**R. 'Dick' McNeal**  
**Born:** January 6, 1931  
**Initiated:** March 25, 1972  
**Died:** February 10, 2006



### EDITORS CORNER

jerryserota@earthlink.net

We place our fingers on the key board of our computer for the last time as the editor of the Antler Antics. Not with remorse but secure in the knowledge that we are turning it over to Sally Claunch, PER, a lady we respect and admire. She is most qualified academically and has demonstrated leadership as an Exalted Ruler, and one who loves Elkdom.

It is at this point we wish to show our appreciation to everyone who painstakingly agonized over an article to meet a deadline and has contributed significantly over the years to the Antler Antics. It is you who have made the Antler Antics an award winning newsletter we can all turn to with pride. You have earned our sincere appreciation and thanks. We would also like to acknowledge and thank our special proof reader Patti Serota for her critical eye with red pen. After her proof reading we are left bleeding for all the little inaccuracies in my typing skills. She is the reason for such clear and concise editing.

It is not with heavy heart, but elated that we turn the reins over to Sally who will do an outstanding job. You will still hear from me from time to time as your Public Relations Chair., as we are not ready to fade into the sunset.



### SCOUTING

Bill Miller, Com.Chair.

Here's some pictures from our troop field trip to Commerical Capital Bank in West-lake Village. Christopher Escalante, AVP, Client Service Manager, hosted our visit which included viewing several examples of bills showing the changes made to prevent counterfeiting, a full sheet of bills prior to being cut, and historical silver certificates. The girls also got to visit the vault. The highlight for eight year old Shelby Klaus was getting to hold several thousand dollars cash!

They learned about compounding interest, what the bank does with all that money and how important it is to maintain good credit and savings. Our visit was planned as a part of earning our "Penny Power" Brownie Try It badge.

Rebecca Llewellyn went on to complete the badge requirements by creating a business venture which involved making beaded earrings for her elementary school's Holiday Boutique. She presented her "income and expense" results at a troop meeting and came up with a decent profit for her labors! The girls can also put up a lemonade stand, hold a garage sale or budget allowance toward a special purchase.

The bank also generously provided "goodie bags" for each girl with some really cool stuff in them. The bank is running a promotion for young investors where they will contribute \$10.00 to a newly opened account. They have several fundraising promotional accounts and automatic contribution programs for schools and charitable organizations ... perhaps the Elks could benefit from one of these??

We have some exciting outdoor activities planned for the next months, so I'll keep you posted!

Thank you for your support of the Girl Scouts!

Jeanne Llewellyn  
Troop #339

PS. We are merging with Troop #711 and will be using that number in the future.



### NATIONAL JAMBOREE EXPERIENCES

On January 31st about 30 Cubs and Boy Scouts sponsored by Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge 2477 and some parents and other interested adults attended a presentation of Life Scout

Mike Ray's 2005 National Jamboree experiences. The Lodges of Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley and Oxnard helped Mike go to the Jamboree and he showed his appreciation by sharing some photos he took during the event and giving a very entertaining talk, answering many questions by the group. And, of course, ice cream and cookies were served after his presentation.

Bill Miller, Scouting Coordinator  
T.O. Lodge 2477



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BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS

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**ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE!**

December 30, 2005

Attn: Sally Claunch  
 Exalted Ruler, BPOE Elks Lodge #2477  
 P.O. Box 2110  
 Thousand Oaks, CA 91358

Dear ER Claunch;

On behalf of all the Officers and 325 members of BPOE Slidell Elks Lodge #2321, I extend our "Thanks" and utmost gratitude to you, Cherri Skoczek, John Peterson and Thousand Oaks, CA Lodge #2477 members for donating the \$1,850 in Wal-Mart and Home Depot gift cards to us. When Hurricane Katrina devastated our area, we had no idea so many individual people, lodges, state associations and the Grand Lodge would come to our aid and relief.

While Slidell Lodge's building remained intact, and what physical damage we incurred, will be covered by Marsh Risk & Insurance, many of our members lost their homes and contents that they worked their entire lives for due to storm surge flooding and or wind damage. Many others had roof damage due to falling trees.

We really appreciate all the hard work Cherri and John and Robert Koeritz did in helping us in our time of need. Those cards, and Cherri's cheerful emails, brought a little sunshine to us all during our darkest days and helped many of our members have a more "normal" Thanksgiving and Christmas. It was inspiring to hear Cherri's memories of her Dad and her growing-up at Slidell Lodge. For Cherri and John to organize and hold that wonderful Gumbo and

Jambalaya fundraiser for us was truly amazing. We really enjoyed seeing the photographs and reading your Antler Antics bulletin. Wow! What a truly outstanding lodge Thousand Oaks #2477 is!!

It has now been 4 months since Katrina hit, and our members and their families are slowly putting the pieces of their lives back together. Proceeds from insurance companies, SBA and FEMA are frustratingly slow in coming. But, we all had a nice Christmas and will have a great New Years Eve dance at the lodge to ring in the New Year. We are looking forward to 2006 as a year of recovery. Slidell Lodge is coming back stronger and faster due to the generosity of the Best People On Earth at Lodge #2477. Enclosed is a list of names of the members whose lives you have touched so recently.

"Thank You" for caring! We will never forget what our Brothers and Sisters in Elksdom from Thousand Oaks, CA did for us. I hope to meet some of you at the 2006 Grand Lodge convention in Orlando to thank you in-person.

Wishing You All a Very Happy New Year,

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**SLIDELL ELKS LODGE #2321**

I, and Slidell Lodge, are recovering nicely. I just had my house roof replaced and damaged ceiling and walls replaced with new sheetrock. Repairing the swimming pool and fence are next. It is a slow process due to tight-fisted insurance companies and a shortage of contractors.

The lodge is coming along slowly. We have received 2 insurance checks from Marsh Risk & Insurance with 2 more to come. We are soliciting estimates to replace our leaky lodge roof, damaged ceilings, tree-damaged tractor shed and our pool fence. We have had several dances and many charitable events since December. Things are getting hectic as I finish my ER term on March 31st.

I saw the February article in the magazine. Not only did 1000 Oaks help us to the tune of \$1800 - you and that fantastic Gumbo/Jambalaya dinner inspired us to persevere. On January 21st, I held a BIG chicken and sausage Gumbo for our Bayou State Elks camping Club members. This was the first time they all got together since Katrina to plan their next camp-out in April and elect new Officers. They really enjoyed it.

We had 17 families living on-site in RVs and now are down to - 8 families left. Several have received their FEMA trailers and returned home; some bought new homes in Slidell; rented apartments, etc.

Forever Grateful, ER Lee Guillory  
Slidell Elks Lodge #2321



**FROM THE OFFICE  
OF THE SECRETARY**

Alas, it has come time for me to bid you adieu. For the past 15 years it has been my privilege to have served as your lodge secretary. Now it is time for me to move on. For both health and time constraints, it is no longer possible for me to continue. I have said many times in the past few years that if it was possible to find a suitable replacement I would retire, and at long last I have found such a person. It has definitely been an experience by holding the position. There have been both ups and downs. Decisions must be made almost daily by the lodge secretary that could have a profound effect on the lodge. It is sincerely hoped that my decisions were the correct ones.

The one thing that must be done is to thank my office staff for the wonderful job that they have performed both for me and the lodge. Dee Swanson has been with the office for many years. As a matter of fact, she started as the only staff the office had after her dear husband Bernie passed away. That was before I joined the Elks, so she has been with us for at least 30 years. A job well done Dee, and you will never know how much I have appreciated your loyalty and hard work. If there was ever a person that showed 100% loyalty and devotion to the job, it would be you. The many hours that you have put in over and above normal working hours cannot be counted. You have every procedure, every action memorized. Not many people have the ability to memorize every lodge member's name and keep track of

it, along with the other thousands of daily activities that you perform over a short period of time. Were it not for you, our finances would be a shambles. Every penny has been accounted for since my tenure as secretary, and before that. I often recall the time you told me that you were still looking for 69 cents after 8 hours. I finally told you to give them the damned 69 cents; it had already cost me a full day's wages.

My other staff member has only been with us a short period, but in the 3 or 4 years she has worked, June O'Fallon has shown dedication and resourcefulness not found in many workers. She has found clever little ways of sneaking in better and faster ways of doing the administrative work, which definitely streamlines the activities of the office. When she came to work she was an outsider looking in, and had the astute ability to find procedures that were much better than those presently being used. By streamlining the procedures, she was able to increase the output of the office. She is a professional secretary and has performed beyond my expectations. I only hope that she stays on as office staff, and gives my relief the same devotion and friendship she has given me. Thank you June for all that you have given us in the past, and will give to us in the future.

It is my sincere belief that the right person as my relief has been found for the job. The man that has stepped up to the plate to take my place is well known around the lodge. Though he has been with us for what could be considered a short time, he has become very active in the lodge since coming to us. He is very capable, and has experience in administration, budgeting, and is a student of Grand Lodge Statutes, which is a vital requirement for the position of lodge secretary. He has held the position in another lodge where his only downfall was to do the best job possible. The lodge needs him, and I ask you all to give him the best support possible to ensure his success as the administrative arm of the lodge. I'm sure that by now you know who I'm speaking of. Elections have already been held and he will soon be installed. Please give Bob Saynay, a terrific and hard-working Elk, all the support he needs to do his job. He has the same responsibilities and decisions that I had, and he will perform them in an exemplary manner as he is expected to.

Bob, I wish you all the luck in the world. You might hate me before the lodge year is over, but at least it will be for all the right reasons. Do your stuff and show this lodge that your capabilities as lodge secretary are all that we expect of you. If you ever need help, you know my phone number. I might hope that you lose it, but at least you have it.

So again I bid you adieu, and hope that Flo and I will see you one and all in the lodge often.

And that's 30!

Bill

2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN	<b>LEADING KNIGHT</b> <b>David Naccarato</b>	2004-05 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
<b>MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:</b> David Naccarato <b>SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:</b> Sally Claunch <b>INVESTIGATION:</b> George Meehan <b>ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION:</b> Myrna Block <b>CHRISTMAS BASKETS:</b> Tom & Sally Claunch		<b>INDOCTRINATION:</b> Jack Loughran, <b>PER 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 CHARITY DINNERS:</b> David Naccarato

Its March which means as your leading knight it's good-bye. It's been a good year. With the help of great lodge members everything I set out to do was completed. Things that are expected of the Leading Knight also were completed. So fulfilling my job this past year make me eligible to take on Exalted Ruler next year.

I have a list of items I want to do this year so here we go again. But that's why we join the Elks. To stay busy with our Elk Lodge family and believe me we will be busy this year. A lot of fun a lot of helping people in our community and a lot of opportunity of getting our Elk name out to the community. First up the Inaugural Ball April 1st. Thousand Oaks Inn. Look for a flyer see you there.

**ELKS MAJOR PROJECT**

Just a clarification, if you see the statement it shows \$624.00 in our Elks Major Project account. We have more than that. When our account reaches \$3000.00 we send it to Fresno so any amount you see as our balance just add \$3000.00

As mentioned last month we are going to have a Horseshoe tournament with benefits going to our Major Project Programs. But as being the Major Project Chairman and the one who is putting on the tournament we can change our mind. Our lodge is running a CVD candidate this year and winning CVD brings in a lot of money to this lodge. This year we have **'TUMBLEWEED TOM'** Hartin, as our candidate so this first horseshoe tournament will go to Tumbleweed Tom's campaign. Next tournament will go to Major Project. I plan to have tournaments through out the year and each tournament will address a different charity program that we are involved with. I would also like to introduce you to a new member Mike Budenski who with Tom Hartin and Max Maxwell will put in our Horseshoe pits. Mike will also officiate and run for me. Mikes number for questions is 496-7873 or mine is 375-1089.

So to recap, the first tournament is March 18th at 10:00 a.m.. entry fee will be \$15.00 which will include a bar b que sandwich. Plan to participate it makes for a fun day with your fellow members. Sign up board will be in the lodge soon.

Thank you  
David Naccarato

**"TUMBLE TOM" HARTIN RIDES FOR ELKS IN CVD GRAND MARSHAL RACE**



The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge is running "Tumbleweed Tom" Hartin in this year's CVD Grand Marshal Race. Tom has been a very active member in our Lodge and is looking forward to "panning for gold" for our local charity endeavors. There are some awesome events planned for Tumbleweed's campaign,

so keep a sharp eye out for his schedule of events. It will be posted at the Lodge, in the newspaper, and at [www.conejovalleydays.com](http://www.conejovalleydays.com). Here are some scheduled dates:

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|-----------------------|--|
| March 3rd - Friday    | Meet "Tumbleweed Tom" Dinner at the Lodge                      |
| March 4th - Saturday  | Kick Off Picnic / Car Show at T.O. Civic Plaza Park            |
| March 25th - Saturday | "Blackout Bowling Night" at Harley Simi Bowl 6-9pm             |
| April 17th - Monday   | Tumbleweed Tom's Golf Tournament at Sunset Hills check-in Noon |
| April 21st - Friday   | CVD Final Countdown  |
| April 30th - Sunday   | CVD Chili Cook-Off   |
| May 6th - Saturday    | CVD Parade down Thousand Oaks Blvd.                            |

Campaign event dates for the following have not been determined at press time:

- Tumbleweed Tom's BBQ Night
- Tumbleweed Tom's Game Night
- Tumbleweed Tom's Auction Night
- Jail 'n Bail for Tumbleweed Tom
- Breakfast with Tumbleweed
- Tumbleweed's Rummage Sale
- Raffles, Prizes, Western Gear, and much more!

So keep your eyes peeled and come down and join in the fun! Help support "Tumbleweed Tom" and your community. Now let's go get 'em, Pardner.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIREFIGHTERS APPRECIATION

Scott Dool, Com. Chair.



On Wednesday, January 25, 2006, the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge held a meeting open to the public and conducted its **29th Annual Law Enforcement And Firefighter Appreciation.**

There were 100 members and guests present with a social period in the Elks Lodge lounge area. Dinner was served at 7:00 p.m. of BBQ Baby Back Ribs & Chicken. At approximately 8:00 p.m. the awards were presented.

**Left to Right Seated: Sr. Deputy Dean Cook, Ventura County Sheriffs Department, Captain Richard Sauer, Ventura County Fire Protection District, Lara Ray, Moorpark Area California Highway Patrol; L-R Standing Middle Row: Fray Lupian, Malibu/Lost Hills, Los Angeles Highway Patrol, Fire Fighter Paramedic, Layne Contreras, Los Angeles County Fire Department, James Murad, West Valley Area California Highway Patrol; L-R Top Row: Dennis Gillette, Charter Member and Mayor of the City of Thousand Oaks, Linda Parks, Member of the Board of Supervisors, County of Ventura, Exalted Ruler, Sally Claunch, and Scott Dool, Committee Chairman, Law Enforcement and Firefighters Appreciation**

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### FIRST AID

By Harry Brockwell

Doctors now say that if a victim can be treated within the first three hours of a stroke, they can reverse the known and expected dangers of a stroke. They tell us a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

**One, "Ask the victim to SMILE."**

**Two, "Ask him/her to RAISE BOTH ARMS."**

**Three: "Ask the person to speak a simple sentence. i.e. It is sunny out today... (Listen for coherence)**

If the victim has trouble with any of these tasks call emergency services immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

Upon determining that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weaknesses, arm weakness, and speech problems researchers have urged the general public to learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association's annual meeting February, 2005. Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent possible brain damage. Such a benevolent action costs only a few minutes of time.



## EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Pat von Wittenburg



### AND THE WIND DOTHS BLOW

January at the Palmdale Lodge

But who cares? Did we have a good time - you betcha! It is so-o-o refreshing when someone new steps up to the plate and takes on the job of wagonmaster. Carroll and Pete Stewart did an awesome job. We learned a few things about Carroll also - she is a real pip (giggle). You need to be

very careful - to determine whether or not she is quite as naive as she is pretending to be. WELL, she ain't!! She had everyone convinced she had no idea about this "Sheriff business", did she REALLY have to appoint one, on and on - till Saturday night. At that time we learned she not

only knew she should appoint a Sheriff - but had done so - very early. Yup, Gene Ewald was the man of the hour - and related his engine was not even cool, when Carroll approached (was going to use a stronger term - but I think not) him to be Sheriff for the weekend. What a kick!

Geez, I do have a problem getting ahead of myself - but try to stay with me people. I don't know about the rest of the Kampers - but that stretch from early November to January seems awfully long. It was a pleasure to have several couples with us this time that we don't see all that often. Frank and Jackie Coley arrived Thursday, and knowing that Jessica Stull is now "retired" kinda was hoping to see David and her earlier - but they did arrive on Friday. We also had the pleasure of the company of Jay and Pat (don't call me Patty) Peterson.

By Thursday evening we had eight campers in place. The air was crystal clear - had to be with the wind. But all in all it was not bad at all, at all. The poker players were still short a player and it was kinda nice to get to visit with EVERYONE.

Gene Ewald shared some news with us - which I will leave up to him if he chooses to divulge same further, but suffice it to say, I'm REALLY excited for him and just a bit envious also. He tells us Carol was rather surprised at his undertaking - but he believes he must be SERIOUS - or he wouldn't be telling all of us. (Curious aren't you?)

We learned our favorite bartender, Cindy, was still firmly in place and just as cordial as before. I'm tellin' you people - she goes out of her way to make us welcome. She even stayed over for our group Saturday evening. Amazing lady!

The Lodge's cabana is really fairly well equipped for inclement weather. They have a heater - which heats some-time, but all in all it provided shelter for the poker players

who assembled Friday, and our meeting on Saturday. Their showers are awesome also.

Friday evening was Taco night. They also had a karaoke set up in the bar. Well folks, you just may have missed a once in a lifetime happening. Ed Colleran sang - and did a darned good job - Elvis impersonators LOOK OUT. Of course, Don Newcomer made their Lodge members present very envious of the El Konejo Kampers having their very own troubadour.

Friday night around the fire - learned a lot about David Stull, riding motorcycles, and Jay Peterson - really lit Donna Colleran's fire. Let me tell you, neither of these guys are slouches. But Jay is really kinda honory - he was yanking Donna's chain - and wouldn't let go. I just sat and watched - completely in awe (and that's no small task).

OH POOR ED! Ya know, he stepped up to take on the presidency of this group, which has been pretty darned easy going the past several years. No major topics for lengthy discussion or heated (?) arguments. The luck ran out! First crack out of the box - a couple topics ran the meeting into over an hour.

Palmdale made their Lodge room available for our Saturday evening activities and as mentioned earlier Cindy stayed on for our convenience.

All in all - it was an extremely pleasant weekend.

March 10-11 Valencia Travel Village

The von Wittenburgs

April 7 - 8

Lake Piru

The Chiszars

May 19 - 20

Kenney Grove

The Kozlowskis

## Elks Ladies Installation Tuesday March 14, 2006

**Social Hour 6p.m.**  
**Dinner by Tom Ryder-**  
**6:30 p.m. (\$12.00)**

### Menu

**Salad and Rolls**  
**Choice of Prime Rib or**  
**Baked Salmon**  
**Hawaiian Rice**  
**Cheese Cake**

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**LOYAL KNIGHT  
Catherine Koeritz**

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**CONEJO VALLEY DAYS:** Ed Rice  
**LODGE ACTIVITIES:** Judy Brayman  
**SCOUTING:** Bill Miller  
**HOOPSHOOT:** Tom Hartin  
**WED. NIGHT DINNERS:** Catherine Koeritz  
**DRUG AWARENESS:**  
**STRAY ELKS:** Herb Jellander  
**MOTHER'S DAY:** Terry Baker



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

**Catherine's Communication:**

By the time you read my article, I think you get the general picture that the end of our terms is up. This is my last communication as Loyal Knight. The cooks have done fantastic and sometimes very creative wonderful dinners. The help that was extended to me is very much appreciated. I hope that everyone keeps up with those great dinners. Tom Ryder will be organizing the dinners now and I'm sure he would appreciate any volunteers.

Scot Dool did a fantastic job with the Law Enforcement and FireFighters appreciation night. The award recipients were very grateful and everyone raved about the food!!! Once again we showed them that Elks could cook!

Pretty soon we will be saying goodbye to Judy Brayman. She will leave us for South Carolina, but only after throwing a big St. Patrick's Day party on March 17th. Please read about it in her article this month. I thank you Judy for all your hard work J. You have certainly made my year in the kitchen easier.

**INAUGURAL BALL IS COMING - APRIL 1st**

Sally has been my inspiration and mentor and it's now time to wish her well as she leaves the Office of the Exalted Ruler. What can I say that most people have not said already? She has brought such class and organization as our captain. Sally, I'm glad you are who you are and I'm proud to be your friend.

I would like to extend a personal invitation to everyone to join in and welcome Dave Naccarato as our new Exalted Ruler. He has worked very hard over the years to make this a good lodge and deserves the honor. I can't tell you how much information he has passed to me as I have followed him up through the chairs. Please come to the Inaugural Ball on April 1st. Don't be a fool. (hee hee)

**CVD**

This year we are running a Conejo Valley Days candidate. Please help support **'Tumbleweed Tom'** (Hartin) by attending the dinner on 3/31 and all his events. **'Go Tumbleweed....'**

I really want to thank Jerry Serota for all his time and effort in being the Editor for the Antlers for so many years. Most of all, I appreciate his patience, his guidance and encouragement to me. He is passing the hat (or should I say pen) over to Sally Claunch. I know she will do a good job. I'm also sure you will put your good skills to work as Public Relations. Thank you Jerry and Patti for your hard work.

I've tried to acknowledge my Chairpeople for all the fine work they have done to support the Lodge and me during this year. So this is my last "THANK YOU" as Loyal Knight. I'm sure George will be just as appreciative as I have been.

**FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS & EVENTS**

- 3/3 **BEEF STROGANOFF - by Eddy & Jimmy**
- 3/10 **½ CHICKEN - by Jerry Serota**
- 3/17 **ST PATRICK'S DAY - by Judy**
- 3/24 **FISH FRY - ELK OF THE YEAR - by Cooper & Crew**
- 3/31 **BABY BACK BBQ RIBS - by Elks Ladies (for Tumbleweed Tom)**



Myrna Block, ENF Com. Chair. gets a pin from Sally Claunch for achieving our per capita goal for Elks National Foundation



### CLUB MANAGER

Judy Brayman

Hi Everyone,

Make sure you get your tickets for our St. Patrick's Day celebration Friday March 17th. Tickets are \$12.00 dollars and will go on sale March 3rd. See the flyer with all the details. This dinner is a fundraiser to help pay for our new banquet tables that John Peterson was generous enough to supply to the lodge. John has provided us with a very light weight manufactured table that will make it a lot easier for all of us to carry and handle when setting up the lodge room for our functions.

March 17th will also be my last day at the Lodge most of you already know that I am moving to Greenville, South Carolina at the end of the month. I will miss all of you and miss being apart of this Lodge I will definitely keep in touch and will be back to visit. I called and talked to Greenville's lodge secretary and found out that their membership is 150 I guess I'll have to get that increased. Look out Greenville Judy's coming to town hey I will be able to feed their entire Lodge with one of my dinners. I have been asked to leave my baked broccoli recipe, I am honored that everyone has enjoyed it that much and of course I will give it to the lodge. Leaving you this recipe you know with every little bite I will be right there with you ha ha.

At this point I believe Glenn may be given the opportunity to take my position as club manager. If this happens I want each and every one of you to give him hell as often as you can. (Only kidding Glenn) "I love ya man". Oh boy that saying is one of the things that will stick with me thanks to Mr. Jim Horning or how about winner winner chicken dinner by Mr. Cooper and Whootie by Mike & Woody and "I'll have one more and then I'm out of here" yeh right. Thanks guys for making the lodge a fun place to come into just by being who you are. Eagle & Sandtrap you're on your own now!

By the time this article is printed the committee should have chosen the new club manager and Glenn if it is you and I'm sure it will be let me be the first to say CONGRATULATION & GOOD LUCK. Some days you will ask yourself what did I get myself into but all the other days of the year you will know why you did it. Everyone at the lodge will make it all worth it because #2477 is the best. Glenn has a very impressive resume and comes to you with a lot of experience in management. Thank you Glenn for working by my side and performing duties well beyond your job description.

I will not say goodbye because that is too final but I will say see you some time in the near future. Thank you for letting me be apart of your lives I hope all the changes



### YOUR HELP IS REQUESTED!

Have you looked at your calendar?

There is a new Elk's year coming up, with a slate of new officers and new responsibilities. The position that I am interested in is the position of Loyal Knight, George Meehan. George is to be responsible for the kitchen and the foods to be presented for your eating pleasures. He wants it to be good and inviting to all. George wants to present **Something for Everybody!**

George has asked if I would help him in this area for the next year. Will do! With this in mind we are both working with the current cooking crews as to their availability for the upcoming year. We are also looking for a few good folks that would like to get involved and help this upcoming year. Need some new helpers and some new crews with new ideas. There are a number of you that like to cook but are afraid to step forward. George and I do not know who you are so please come forward and let us know what you would be interested in and willing to do. Can assign you to a crew or set up some new crews. Will build around you. Come on down, planning together can help us all!

Have set aside the afternoon of Sunday March 19 for a meeting of anybody interested in helping us work up a dinner and food presentation schedule for a full year's calendar. Need some thoughts as to what you would like to see, what you expect and what you can help with. Friday night dinners, Monday nights offers a good possibility, Wednesday nights meeting dinners and Sunday breakfasts are of prime importance.

### NEED HELP -

### YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Faternally

Tom Ryder - PER/PDDGER

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that took place during my three years will continue on with even better changes. I know Glenn has some good ideas of his own for the up coming year and he is excited to get started.

I don't know what I will do without my two private handy men Mr. Tom Hartin & Mr. Max Maxwell I guess I will just have to call you guys from South Carolina! I personally want to say thank you, thank you, thank you, for everything you two have helped me with love ya both.  
Judy

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JOLLY CORKS, CANOGA PARK ELKS #2190



Jay the Miss Polka Dot Bikini



Miss Rick the Splish Splash I was taking a bath



The finale letting their hair hang down and awaiting their bolo ties



This was the before



BBQ crew from T.O. doing the Tri-Tip dinner to rave revues (L-R) Greg Ryder, Leo Rodriguez, Dick Churik and Bill Rodarme

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### ROXANNE LEAVES HER MARK

While I never knew Roxanne Horning myself, I spent some time on the telephone with Betty Vega, Roxanne's best friend, just "getting to know her." Betty fondly recalls details about Roxanne that had us both meandering along the emotional scale from laughter to tears with lots of stops in between. Betty says Roxanne could sometimes be described as Lucy Ricardo, My Friend Irma or even The Perils of Pauline. When things could go wrong they often did, but made for some wonderful memories. This mixed with the spirit of Mother Theresa makes Roxanne's spirit live on as she made her mark in life and touched many people along the way. Roxanne had a zest for life and a generous spirit beyond which may have been evident to the outside world. As the main caregiver to her mother in law, Vivian, for over 20 years, Roxanne's time was limited, yet she still found the time to check in on "Little Anthony," her 80 year old neighbor, making sure he had food and the house was clean. She often took him for medical appointment or picked up his prescriptions. She also visited her friends Hazel Lenahan and Nancy Drake when they were ill. It gave her such joy to do things for people. Roxanne was legendary for her ability to seek out treasures from garage sales. Not all these treasures were for her, friends began asking her to keep an eye open for things they needed such as a refrigerator, pots and pans and other things. She always found them! One of her favorite activities was searching for ladies' and children's clothing, shoes, jackets, etc. that she promptly handed over to a friend that took clothing to the poor in Mexico. Her joy came from giving - giving of herself.

Roxanne had a natural beauty that propelled her through many exciting career moves. Whether freelance modeling or hostessing, her beautiful spirit superseded the physical beauty and drew people to her. Her beautiful attitude was evident even in her final days when friends visited - she never turned anyone away no matter how bad she felt. To the contrary she welcomed and appreciated her friends.

Calling Roxanne a fighter is like calling Mt. McKinley a rock. Not only did she fight and win against lung cancer long ago, she never let her most recent illness get the best of her. Aside from her love for Jim and her daughters, Terri and Rainy and of course the grandchildren, Roxanne had another passion - Black Jack. She loved getting out to the Chumash Casino and trying her hand at the tables. She loved the atmosphere and often won. She made so many friends there that the Casino was known to comp her a room on occasion. Betty kidnapped Roxanne on January



### YOU'RE THE MASTER OF SURPRISES

Marilyn Cissell

If we become preoccupied  
with anything we can not change,  
And life becomes confusing,  
with routines we won't rearrange.

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by making happen a nice surprise.

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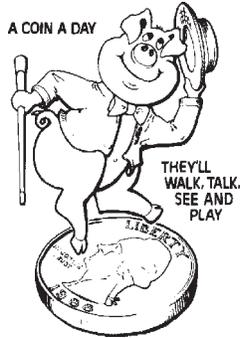


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3rd and took her to the Chumash Casino as a final hurrah. They both knew her time was very limited by now, and though they had pledged to remain best friends in life and after, Betty wanted to give this gift to Roxanne one last time. Weak, Roxanne seem to get an energy charge, like an adrenalin rush when they arrived. Her beautiful blue eyes sparkled - she was like a kid in a candy shop. Her smile was so contagious, all her friends from the Casino were affected and smiled though they knew this was probably the last time they would see her. Roxanne earned the golden key to enter heaven, Betty says, and her wish is that there is a big Black Jack table in the sky.

Roxanne, you have touched so many and some you never even knew.

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|    |                 | 18. | Tony Lerner        | 30. | Bill Jones          |
|    |                 | 19. | Joe Grecco         |     |                     |
|    |                 |     | Gary Clarke        |     |                     |
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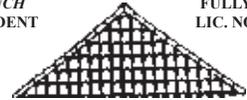
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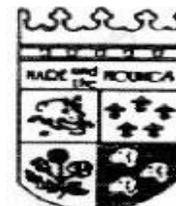


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