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'Elks For Scouting and Scouting For Elks'

Masked Charity Ball

*Chef Jesse Gonzales
(Direct from the Oxnard Lodge)
Presents Beef Wellington*

Or

*Chicken Cordon Bleu
Dancing to the Music of DJ "Chris"
Maui Trip Winner will be Drawn!*

Masks provided

*\$15 per Person, tickets on sale Oct 1st
see Jay or Myrna Block
also at the Bar in the Lounge*



*November 15, 2003
All Proceeds to the
Christmas Basket Program
Cocktails 6pm - - Dinner 7pm*

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By the time you receive this, Barbara and I will be traveling again to represent our lodge and to learn more about the wonderful world of Elkdom. We will be in Redding, California for the Mid Term Convention. We will be attending with Jay Block, our Leading Knight Terry Baker, the Chairman of the Board and their wives. Bill and Flo Lloyd will also be there representing the West Central Coast District. There will be sessions on lodge administration and suggestions from other California/ Hawaii lodges to improve our program. There might be a hospitality suite or two, I will check this out and let you know.

Cruise night was put on by the Elks Ladies and was a wonderful evening. I was glad that I was able to act as your Captain at this event. The food was great and the entertainment, how should I put it?was interesting. Please, don't any of you quit your day jobs. Thank you Katherine for being our Social Director and thanks to all that made this a successful event for the Ladies.

The entertainment on Fridays has been great. It is nice to see our members enjoying the lounge and the music. The Fun Faire will be held 3 days from the time I am writing this article. I am sure it will be/ was a success. I know Pete Padilla and his helpers have spent a great deal of time making sure it would be.

Our Bond Committee is still moving along. Everything looks in order, we are just trying to decide how we are going to pay the interest and retire the bonds. We should be wrapping up with our final meetings in October and then it will be time to start issuing bonds. I am still hoping to have a permit filed for before I leave office in March. Stay tuned for further news on this issue.

Once again, thank you all for your support. There are 5 more months left for this lodge year and there is so much more to do. With your help and support our goals for this year will be attained.

Exalted Ruler Greg Metzgus



FIRST LADYS CORNER

Barbara Metzgus, FL

The Picnic this year was a lot of fun, something happening all day. Softball games, Bingo, balloon toss and of course, Patti and her cribbage board. The kids did a number on "Sponge-Bob-Square-pants", the piñata and had enough candy to last them until Halloween. It was a beautiful day in a beautiful setting with fantastic people. Thanks to David, Karen, Eddy and everyone else that made the whole picnic a success.

Cruise night was a sell out. The food was wonderful and the entertainment was something to behold. Our Captain for the evening, ER Greg fit the part perfectly in his Captain uniform complete with white gloves. He was very busy that night but was not called to the Bridge once during the evening, not an iceberg in sight. All that was missing was the smell of salt air. Thanks to all of the Elks Ladies for putting the entire event together.

Greg and I are off to Redding to attend the Mid Term Convention and to learn even more about Elkdom. We will proudly be representing the wonderful people of the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge.

Thanks for your help everyone.
 First Lady Barbara

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”

Neil Leslie Hanson
Born: November 29, 1932
Initiated: January 24, 1979
Died: September 15, 2003

Lee Grindle
Born: November 28, 1933
Initiated: September 26, 1991
Died: September 25, 2003



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THANKSGIVING

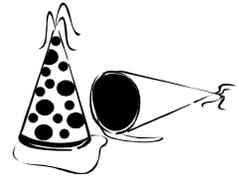
Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday. It is a time to share our love with family and friends. It is a time to be humble and thankful for the blessings that have been bestowed on us this past year.

We are thankful for the blessing bestowed upon our Lodge this year, the many members who have stepped up to the plate, who have been and are doing a magnificent job in giving our Lodge a push into the future. Just returned from a meeting by Pete Padilla and the many volunteers who will be on hand at the Fun Faire as he shared his vision on how this event is going to play out and we are sure it will be a homerun success. He has chaired this event before so he knows what he is doing.

We are thankful for the outstanding job our BBQ crews are doing. So much in the spirit of moving our Lodge forward and physically enhancing the growth of our facility. We are thankful for the unsung heroes who come in and trim the meat to get the job done. We are thankful for the Sr. BBQ crew; Jr. Varsity Team; PERs and all their volunteers who roll up their collective sleeves every Saturday to get the job done.

We are thankful for the cooking crews who are there every Friday. Where would we be without our Fish and Chip crews; the Dennison/Neuner crew; Joel/Beverly crew; the many breakfast crews who are there every Sunday; and the Wednesday night crews who provide the meals before the meeting. Every one of them deserve our extra thanks.

We are humble and this Thanksgiving when we say grace for our family and friends we will send up a silent prayer of thanks when we reflect on how everyone is pulling together to make our extended family team, BPO Elks 2477 an ever growing success.



Viva Las Vegas.....

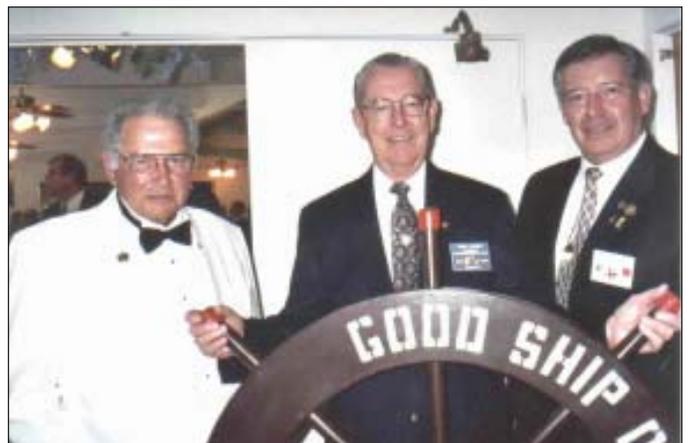
at the Lodge New Year's Eve Party

- Sumptuous 3 course prime rib dinner
- Vegas style band-Vanessa and Charlie
- Hats and noisemaker
- Champagne toast and cake

\$30 per person—
tickets available Oct. 15
at the bar or from officers
Call Sally Claunch
for reservations- 495-0577



Sally Claunch received a Citation of Merit for her Youth Activities Brochure from the CHEA from Greg Metzger, ER, who was escorted by Johnny D' Ambrogio, PER acting Esquire



(L-R) State Presidents Visitation at Oceano 5 Cities Lodge, Ed Rodgers, State VP, Doug Larsen, State Pres., Richard Goldner, CHEA PR

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LEADING KNIGHT

Jay Block

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MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:

Joe Smith

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

Jack Malone

CHRISTMAS BASKETS: Jay & Myrna Block

INDOCTRINATION: Jack Loughran, **PER MEM. CONTROL. COM.:** Herb Jellander
CVAC: Tom Hartin
COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Jerry Serota
OFFICERS ROUND TABLE: Jack Panczak
CHARITY DINNERS: Jay & Myrna Block

The Season of Giving is rapidly approaching. There is only a few weeks till we do our annual Christmas Basket distribution. We are actively making our lists and checking them twice, so that as many needy families and lonesome elders will enjoy the holidays as we do. This year your Leading Knight has provided a special incentive to all of our members and their friends to provide for ALL of OUR Charities (Christmas Baskets, Purple Pig, ENF), with the purchase of chances at \$2 each or 12 for \$20, for a week in Maui, airfare for two and a rental car to boot. Well here is an opportunity to increase your chances and feel good at the same time..... You can receive 12 additional tickets with the donation of a frozen turkey between 12 and 16 lbs, which of course will become one of the more important items in the Christmas Basket. But remember this offer of extra chances ends Friday the 14th of November, since the drawing for the trip will be the next evening at the Gala Masked Charity Ball.

All you have to do to donate a turkey to the Charity Basket program, is putting your name, address, and phone number on a TURKEY LIST which will be found behind the bar, but please keep it at home in your freezer until we contact you, since we do not have the room in our Lodge freezers. The list will be checked each day and your tickets with your name will be put in to the hopper in time for the drawing.

Speaking of the Maui Trip, the question has been asked as to when the winner can take it. First, it must be used during the calendar year 2004, on a time available basis. The airfare tickets (coach) will not be bought until a winner is picked and a date for use is decided. The same caveat holds for the car. It would be hoped that the winner has a membership in a frequent flyer program, so that he or she could upgrade the tickets under their individual program.

Don't forget the MASKED CHARITY BALL on NOVEMBER 15, tickets are \$15 and can be bought from behind the bar and of course from your Leading Knight or his Lady.

And remember

AS YOU GIVE THANKS, REMEMBER -



NOVEMBER IS ELKS VETERANS REMEMBRANCE MONTH

**In Honor of
 Our Veterans
 Rochford/Naccarato
 Present a:
 COWBOY BREAKFAST/BRUNCH
 Sunday November 2nd
 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
 \$8.00**

.....Elks Care and Elks Share.

YOUR LEADING KNIGHT

Jay Block

PS, Starting Oct. 3, 2003, we will be having 50/50 drawings every Friday evening to defray the costs of the Charity Ball, so as to keep the price to \$15/person. Tickets for the Ball went on sale Oct. 3, 2003.

PPS- Don't forget the Maui Trip Chances are still available and the winner will be drawn the night of the Charity Ball (get your chances from your Leading Knight or his Lady).



EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Pat Von Wittenburg

SEPTEMBER AT PORT HUENEME



Absolutely AWESOME! As all of us who have been before know, this campground is incredible. Being a military facility, clean does not adequately describe the place. Our daily shower takers eager to get in and truly enjoy those - except when the cleaning crew is in first thing in the morning and

one would think the place is getting a "spit" shine - create a little anxiety.

As always wagonmasters John and Gladys Ennis did a magnificent job. However, I did miss hearing about a "golf tournament". But we did have a few terrific stories. Jay and Myrna Block came up for a while on Saturday. If I understand the story correctly, Jay has an affinity for water - is that correct. If there's water about and he hits a shot, it goes either directly left or right - to find water! But then again, based on Walter's stories, John has a tendency to pass along tips that aren't always as accurate as they might be. Is that true, John? Are you trying to bugged the other's score by passing incorrect information?

Unfortunately we learned too late that the Bard Mansion would not be available for our dinner on Saturday nite - but not to worry - being true "survivors" everyone fended well. Although I believe I was advised that Carol Ewald was in a bit of a dither while preparing for this campout and made a statement something to the effect that "Doris would just have to feed them!" Well, that's not quite true - cause there's a few of us who truly love liver and onions and since Carol and Gene moved to Oxnard they have become very familiar with a place called "The Shores". It's been there for "many yars" and serves terrific liver and onions - so I know Doris didn't have to feed them at least one night! Then again - I heard Carol calling Don to dinner one night, so I think someone gave me some bum information. Jeez, can't rely on anyone.



Then I called Joel Erickson who I was counting on to be my "poker reporter". Foiled again! The only information I got from him was that he couldn't remember anyone being an outstanding winner or loser. He did seem to recall that Tommy Claunch who had been suffering a losing streak was out of the droll drums.

Ya know things do have a strange way of working out. A month or so ago when we dropped by the Henrys to check out their replacement rig, Charlie was in all sorts of a snit! There just wasn't a whole lot she really liked about the dang thing. She was convinced Jack bought it ONLY because it was blue. (Course I found nothing objectionable about that - blue happens to be my favorite color too.) Then I wanted to kick Bill in the kneecaps cause he had to agree with her that the couch was ugly. Don't men ever know when to keep their mouths shut? WELL - time certainly has a way of changing things! I don't think the smile left Charlie's face all weekend. If you hadn't seen HER NEW RIG - you sure as the devil were gonna! And it is Beautiful! She has put her signature touches

on it and a significant dent in Jack's wallet - but even Jack is smiling. As the old adage goes, "When mama ain't happy - ain't nobody happy!" Charlie even likes BLUE and PURPLE, now.

Truly, Cheryl isn't my whipping boy (girl) but there are stories I just cannot resist. She was all in a panic - sure she was going to have to come on the campout with an ice chest cause the refrigerator in her newly acquired rig didn't work. Thank goodness for Kevin Robichau - his shop is close by - when he took a look - how about this switch "On - Off". Perhaps removing your dark glasses would help. THEN - her generator wouldn't fire! It turns over - like it wants to start! How about the protective device built in so you don't run out of gas - like you need more than ¼ tank of gas before you can run your generator. Love this gal - but oh my goodness! ! Manuals - TO READ would be a good thing.

Random acts of kindness - you just never know when you will see one. The Ennises did a great job of gathering raffle prizes - it didn't take a brain surgeon to spot the one thing that Doris Newcomer was drooling over - an incredible "WITCH". I'd made up my mind I would give it to her if by chance my number was drawn and it was still there - but "OH NO" Carol Ewald got it and proudly announced "Won't it make a cute centerpiece - and I took it cause she wanted it!" (Doris' good friend, huh?) So okay - then more prizes were drawn and fairly evenly distributed. Then Carol, bless her pea-pickin heart - walked over and gave Doris the witch. Doris was elated.

When it was time for the 50/50 my granddaughter, Heather, got to draw the ticket. Think she'd pick mine - not a chance. She picked Mrs. Smilin' Jack Henry's. Yup! Charlie Henry won the 50/50. The final touch to a perfect weekend for Charlie. She is now convinced that Heather is her lucky charm and that I need to bring Heather to every campout. (I don't think so!)

The final wrap up, John and Gladys put out a glorious continental breakfast Sunday morning - guys you're gonna make it hard on the rest of us - spoiling everyone like that. Not much else can be said about a near perfect weekend - a good time was had by all!

Don't forget the November Turkey Fest a Kenney Grove - we have the entire park and the Ericksons tell us no one will be turned away! Also REMEMBER - help is needed and appreciated. Before and AFTER - also sign up for side dishes. Hope to see you all then.

**DECEMBER 14 Christmas Brunch - Grand Vista Hotel -
Simi Valley
Tickets \$22 per person**

TECH TIPS - PROPANE TANK REGULATOR

Had a VERY interesting experience just recently. As some of you know our rig is parked in our driveway in front of the house. One morning as Bill was leaving for the shop, thankfully without a cigarette - he heard a hissing noise coming from the motorhome. You got it - the propane main tank regulator had let go! This is what he learned when he took it to AmeriGas for repair.

There are TWO diaphragms in the regulator. There is also a breather hole in the regulator. If either of these diaphragms fail - you have a major problem.

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CONEJO VALLEY DAYS: Ed Rice LODGE ACTIVITIES: Tom Hartin SCOUTING: Jacob Panczak, PERa HOOPSHOOT: Tom Hartin WED. NIGHT DINNERS: DRUG AWARENESS: STRAY ELKS: MOTHERS DAY: George Meehan		ENTERTAINMENT: Pete Padilla WED. NIGHT TICKETS: Raven West LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE FIGHTER APPRECIATION: Scott Dool DISTRICT PICNIC: Tom Ryder, DDGER PRESIDING JUSTICE: Dick McCann YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Heather Maddox

RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM CLAUNCH

November is a time of reflection and thanksgiving. In keeping with that spirit, I would like to offer thanks to:

- Dave Pearson and crew for an exciting and well run golf tournament. Unfortunately my team did not come in first.
- Pete Padilla for spearheading the local event of the month, the Fun Faire. He fulfilled his twin goals of fund raising with a smile and providing the local community, a positive introduction to Elkdome.
- The Junior Elks and their advisors for having a car wash with all proceeds benefiting the local D.A.R.E. program. These fine young people acted like true Elks by giving back to the neighborhood.
- The four painting guys-Jay Block, Jim Mullen, Bob Jones, and Dave Naccarato, for painting the lodge room. It looks gorgeous. By next month, new paint will be appearing in other parts of the lodge.

DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT

As the weather turns colder, it seems that our bodies crave the comfort foods of our youth. And the menus for the month reflect this phenomena. On November 7th, the two guys, Dennison and Neuner, will be preparing fried chicken with all the side dishes. Next, on the 14th, meatloaf with mashed potatoes and gravy is back. Following the down home dinner, the ever popular Teresa Russell will entertain in the lounge. Plan on arriving early, as the lodge fills up fast. Back after a hiatus is Bobby Williams and wife Polly serving their killer pork chops on the 21st. After dinner, the PERs will roast Don Booker.

Please don't forget Bingo and Burger nite on the 20th. or Monday night football. The food is excellent with bargain prices.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

805-495-0577

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: the family of Lee Grindle on his passing; the family of Neal Hanson on his passing and the family of Darryl Vadnais on the passing of his nephew.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Vera Bailie has tumor on her head; Jack Loughran had surgery.

ON THE MEND: Ernie Pacheco's wife had her leg amputated; Dee Ansell's sister-in law had a liver transplant.

Mark your calendars for these social events being planned for December:

- Dec. 5th Children's Tree Trimming Party-6 pm
- Dec. 7th Elks Memorial Service- 10 am
- Dec. 9th Elk Ladies Christmas Party-6 pm
- Dec. 12th ER's Christmas Party-6:30 pm
- Dec. 13th Children's Christmas Party-11am-3pm
- Dec. 14th Kampers Brunch-10 am-1pm
- Dec. 17-19 Preparing Christmas Charity Baskets-during the day
- Dec. 20th Delivery of Christmas Charity Baskets-9 am
- Dec. 31st New Year's Eve Party-7pm

NEW YEAR'S EVE

On December 31st the Lodge will be transformed into a Las Vegas style nightclub for the annual New Year's Eve party. Starting the evening you will sip the beverage of your choice while tasting appetizers and mingling with friends in the Lounge. Upon entering the dining room you will be surrounded by music and Vegas décor. A three course sit down prime rib dinner will follow. For your listening and dancing pleasure Charlie and Vanessa's band will entertain during and after dinner. Later in the evening a champagne toast and cake will be served. Hats, noisemakers and balloons are all part of the package being offered. You can make table reservations by calling Sally Claunch at 495-0577. Tickets will be available at the bar or through the officers. The cost is \$30 per person.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Dave Pearson, Com. Chair

The Elks & Friends Golf Tournament was quite the success thanks to the many golfers and sponsors that participated. Your participation enabled us to raise over \$5000.00 for our Lodge. Our deepest appreciation goes to the following sponsors:

El Konejo Kampers (Main Sponsor)
Smith's Trophies (donated beautiful trophies)
Xerox
Scotty's Body Shop
Superior Paint & Body
Carpet-Tyme
Andrew Matsunaga, DDS

The scores were low again this year, so bring your "A" game to our next tournament in April of 2004. Here are the results:

Men/Mixed Division Low Gross		Men/Mixed Division Low Net		Women's Division Low Net	
1st	Terry Vineyard (57) Ray Spencer Gary Edwards	1st	Ron Hull (50) Rich Gedney Tom Flemming Stacy Shaw	1st	Anne Ogden (67) Gladys Ennis Toni Foster
2nd	Dave MacFarlane (58) Nilson Kirkpatrick Iker	2nd	Ken Krabel (53) Ken Krabel Jr Don Reynolds Bob Yturralde	2nd	Annie Pearson (71) Nancy Hull Marta Gedney Kristi Nino
3rd	Walt Eagan (62) Gordon Crook Greg Hynes Keipert	3rd	Paul Mueller (53) Tom Meisterling Bill Joseph Bob Guhl	3rd	Dee Swanson (74) Sally Claunch Crystal Dool Pam Mueller
Women's Long Drive:	Pam Mueller	Par 3 Closest to the Pin:	Crystal Dool	\$75	
Men's Long Drive:	Ken Krabel Jr		Steve Suchman	\$75	
			Jim Allen	\$75	
			Lonnie Salyer	\$75	
			Roy Ratcliff	\$75	

A really big thanks goes to the kitchen crew of Dick McNeal, Harold Calvin, Bruce Fitzpatrick, Ed Rice, and a few others I have forgotten to mention. Hugs & kisses go to Susie Ross, Jeanne Sandt, and Karen Kamm for their amazing abilities for selling Raffle Tickets. Robert Koeritz and Walt Eagan did a great job checking and posting the scores. Jack Loughran was a big help passing out the raffle prizes. Everyone seemed to have a great time on a beautiful day. Thanks again to everyone and I will see you again at our next tournament in April 2004.



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LECTURING KNIGHT

David Naccarato

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AMERICANISM: Raven West
FLAG DAY/FLAG RETIREMENT:
 David Naccarato
SCHOLARSHIP: Rick Herrera
GOVT. RELATIONS: Denise Goldner
MEMORIAL SERVICE: George Meehan
NATIONAL SERVICES: Jim Kellogg



KIDS XMAS PARTY: Chet Kozlowski, PER
GOLF TOURNEY: Dave Pearson
 TommyClaunch

LODGE PICNIC:
MEMBERSHIP:
CHRISTMAS TREES: Bob Hardy, PER
EL KONEJO KAMPERS: Walter Ogden

First we would like to address our Lodge Picnic 2003. It was successful and we could not have pulled it off without your help.

First we would like to thank Judy the bartender for tending bar; then thanks to Ed Rice for being our BBQ man who cooked all day long; thanks to Terry Baker for handling the corn on the cob and Bob Cissell for setting up the beer truck; thanks to Jay and Myrna Block for running the Bingo game; and to Patti Serota for acting as cashier for the day; and many thanks to Heather Maddox and Carol Nuener for having many activities for our kids; and to the participants in our baseball game put together by Herb Jellander. The whole day was fun with perfect weather, good food and great people. If you missed it then you missed out! See you next year.

Snooze and lose. If you sleep only 4 to 6 hours a night for two straight weeks, your brain will function about as well as it would if you'd stayed up for 3 nights in a row, according to research at the University of Pennsylvania. Lack of sleep may build up an excess of chemical adenosine, which is believed to make the brain fatigued says Hans p.a. Van Dongen, PH.D., lead author of the study. Don't hit snooze. Go to bed 15 minutes earlier instead. "The snooze bar disrupts and fragments your sleep, "If you need an alarm you are sleep deprived. Take a simulated nap. Close you're eyes for 10 to 15 minutes." Even if you don't go to sleep, your brain will go into alpha relaxation rhythms, which will help restore your energy." Stop napping. Take a 20 minute power nap only when you're truly sleep deprived. "If you're tired enough to doze during the day, you're doing something severely wrong at night" Catch up. But don't sleep in on weekends. Wake up at the same time on Saturday and Sunday, but take power naps during the day and go to bed 15 to 90 minutes earlier to get back on schedule.

Remember to do good unto others for we pass this way but once.



ENTERTAINMENT

Pete Padilla, Com. Chair.

As most of you may know, the report for the newsletter must be submitted by the 10th of the previous month for all to receive it by the first of the new month. This means I really cannot comment of the success of the FUN FAIRE since it is taking place on October 11th. I can, however, say thank you to all that have been working up till now and a thank you to all that will be working the day of the event. I also wish to comment on how successful YOUR efforts have been regarding the spirit of volunteering! We are all Elks which means we should all practice what we stand for and, as always, our Thousand Oaks Lodge showed we are the very best and most helpful to our cause. WE STAND TOGETHER and through all of our efforts we SUCCEED. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SPIRIT AND KNOWING WHAT IT MEANS TO BE PART OF ELKDOM!!

November being a busy month with Thanksgiving, etc. the one event I have scheduled at this time is a return of Theresa Russell by popular demand on Friday the 14th. Her Mom will be with her as always, which is added appeal to all of us with our various ages. I also plan to add at least one more entertainment night to the month of November but do not want to stretch any of us because of all the work involved with these holidays. I will be posting notices regarding any other entertainment for your information.

Just a little reminder to all of you that I need your input regarding what appeals to you, your families and friends. As always, this is OUR lodge and my efforts are to please YOU!!

As always, thanks for your continued support.

PETE

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Bill Lloyd, PDDGER, DL



Wow! Three articles in 3 months. Has to be a record. Thought I should get one more in before the new year though. First, congratulations to Bob Huffman for joining the ranks of the Life Members. It only shows that being a member of our Order has some benefits. Those members who have elevated themselves to that esteemed level have put a lot of time, energy, and money into making our lodge the success it is today. We need more like you Bob.

One of our members who has gone mostly unnoticed and definitely unrecognized is a lady who has put untold hours and effort into our youth program. She thought up the idea that we should be paying a lot more attention to the youngsters of our members, and possibly groom them for future membership. I was approached by her last year to see if I could help generate a charter and by-laws for her young group. A search was made all the way up to Grand Lodge to see if any such youth programs had been a part of Elkdom. One was recorded, but, alas after contacting them no information could be garnered. So the group grew by itself and is running better than could ever have been expected. As a matter of fact, it is the role model for the newly instituted Simi Valley Jr. Elks Program. Believe it or not, Heather Maddox has generated national acclaim through her efforts. Because of her interest in our youth, and her responsibility for having me bring to light at the Grand Lodge level the Jr. Elks at our lodge, a change to the Grand Lodge Statutes was made last July at the National Convention to incorporate a Jr. Elks program into the Order of Elks. Although the Grand Lodge program has a different name (The Antlers), it was brought to light by Heather. The main difference between the Grand Lodge program and Heather's is that she caters to all of our youth, whereas the Antlers only caters to youngsters between the ages of 12 and 21. Heather and her group have put on successful fund raisers, and are now known in the community for their efforts. She reported at a meeting in October that they have been invited to go to Pismo Beach to go horseback riding. If we all had the get up and go that she has, our lodge would be a much better place. Not only that, if the Jr. Elks keep it up, they're going to have more money than the lodge does. Want to buy a New Facilities Bond Heather? Congratulations to Heather and the Jr. Elks. And if anyone ever says that ladies don't work in the Elks, let me talk to them.

Our Bond Committee seems to be coming along quite well, and the further we get into it, the more pitfalls we encounter. But we haven't found anything yet that we can't handle. We'll keep you posted as things progress. Bonds should be printed in the not-to-distant future, so start thinking about a new facility.

Flo and I wish you all a very happy and safe Thanksgiving, and that's 30 for this month.
Bill

NO ARTIFICIAL FLAVORS ADDED!

What if you lived in a place so beautiful it's been the setting for movies and draws thousands of visitors every year? What if you eat better food served on time and piping hot instead of your current diet? What if your accommodations provided more security and comfort but also put you seconds away from a friendly, helping hand when you need it? What if your recreation had enough choices to fill 48 hours in every 24 including just leaning back under a blue sky listening to the peaceful sounds of nature?

Elks, if you're sitting at the kitchen table with a TV dinner you're too tired to eat after housekeeping, if there's nothing outside your front door except whatever's making all that racket, if the weather is rotten again, if the stuff on TV don't keep you entertained, **MAYBE JUST MAYBE** you're ready to find out what's going on at the **ELKS NATIONAL HOME** in Bedford, Virginia. No obligation, no salesman will call, no strings attached. Just reach over, pick up the phone and call 1-800-552-4140 toll-free. The **ELKS NATIONAL HOME** will send you all the information pronto! If you're bashful, drop them a line at 931 Ashland Avenue, Bedford, VA 24523-1399, or email: enhome@aol.com

EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Presents

2003 XMAS BRUNCH

December 14, 2003

At

**THE GRAND VISTA HOTEL
SIMI-CONEJO ROOM**999 Enchanted Way
Simi, Valley

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

\$22.00 per Person

DOOR PRIZES * RAFFLE PRIZES**50/50****GREAT FOOD with GREAT FRIENDS**Tickets Available from Lodge Bar after
November 15thOr from
John & Sara Kolb @ (805) 889-7278



The Pin-ata was a favorite with the kids at our Annual Picnic



Family fare Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chicken was a hit with the Metzgas family



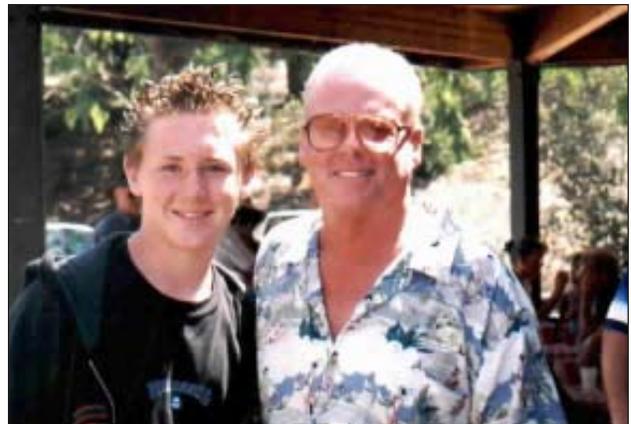
Jay Block, Leading Knight handled the Bingo



Karen and David Naccarato in uniform serving up the picnic goodies



Ernie Pacheco helped Patti Serota welcome the members and guest



We saw him when he was a small boy and now he is a young man, Dalton Vadnais and his dad Darryl

**WELCOME ABOARD
OUR NEW MEMBERS**



George Estok with sponsor Ed Ayril



Ron Mason with sponsor Dave Pearson



Richard Wixon with sponsor Rick Spampinato



(L-R) Brian Ginell 10 years old, Sally Claunch, Loyal Knight, handing the ball off is ER, Greg Metzgsu to start the Soccer Shootout , and Richard Goldner, PER



The soccer crew, Richard Goldner, PER, Greg Metzgsu, ER, and Tom Hartin, Com. Chair.



Jim Diacono, DDGER and Dona enjoyed the dinner at his official visitation

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ELKS LADIES

Greetings!

Due to other obligations Melinda Pekow has resigned as President of the Elks Ladies. Karen Naccarato is now our president.

We would like to ask that anyone taking home a brandy snifter with a fish in it from the "Cruise Night" please return the snifter as soon as possible. I am sorry for any misunderstanding, but the sniffers were **on loan** to us. I will be happy to supply you with a fish bowl to replace the snifter. Please call me at 497-2504.

The decorations are gone and all the hard work and preparations are a thing of the past, "Cruise Night" is over. All that is left are the memories tucked away somewhere to be brought out and enjoyed again sometime in the future. Thanks to Greg Metzgsu who was our "captain" (a finer captain I have never seen) and to everyone who worked so very, very hard to make it a success. Now...

November, November!! Did someone say that it is **November?** I just can't believe that the end of 2003 is in sight. November is the month of Thanksgiving. It's a wonderful time to enjoy the warmth of friendship that we have with one another and by giving thanks for all the bounty that we have been blessed with throughout the year. It also means we will be getting our coats out of the closet and turning the heat on in our houses. It's also time for...

The Masked Charity Ball

When? November 15th
What time? Cocktails 6pm – Dinner 7pm
How much? \$15.00 per person
Why? Proceeds to go to the Christmas Baskets
Will you see me there? Yes
Will I see you there?
See Jay or Myrna Block for your tickets.

God Bless
Alice Kennedy 2 VP



EVERY DAY OF LIFE'S A GIFT

Marilyn Cissell, Chaplain

Please, God, help us appreciate
each day, of life on earth, a gift.
From you wrapped up with blessings
to treasure as our spirits lift.

And every day's a mystery
with not a moment thrown away,
Enjoying all you've given us
until eternity with you one day



NOVEMBER

- 1 Marva D'Ambrogio
- Eula McKee
- 5 Flo Lloyd
- 6 Gale Figley
- 9 Jeri Miller
- 11 Vickey Eagan
- 16 Gail Corts
- 18 Barbara Ryder
- 30 Vera Bailie



Jack and Yolie Loughran enjoyed the hospitality of Capt. Greg Metzgsu aboard the good ship BPOE 2477

A HONOR ROLL



- Eugene Letourneau
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NOVEMBER

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| 1. Bill Allinson | 11. John Harness | 27. Louis Wolff |
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| 14. Kevin Robichou | 24. Lee Ingram | |
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| | 26. Pete Marston | |
| | 27. Don Allen | |
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Date:, November 12, 2003

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September 3 Lucky 13	\$25.00 No Winner	#2019	James Mullen
September 10 Lucky 13	\$50.00 No Winner	#1723	Michael Vince
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September 24 Lucky 13	\$25.00 No Winner	#1618	Robert Hehmann



AMERICANISM

Raven West, Com. Chair

It's A Military Thing

The Third Infantry Regiment at Fort Myer has the responsibility for providing ceremonial units and honor guards for state occasions, White House social functions, public celebrations and interments at Arlington National Cemetery. Among these responsibilities is standing a very formal sentry watch at the Tombs of the Unknowns.

The public is familiar with the precision of what is called "walking post" at the Tombs. There are roped off galleries where visitors can form to observe the troopers and their measured step and almost mechanical silent rifle shoulder changes. They are relieved every hour in a very formal drill, which continues uninterrupted all night, remaining unchanged from the daylight hours. To these very special men, the continuity of this post is the key to the honor and respect shown to these honored dead, symbolic of all Americans unaccounted for among the combat dead.

When hurricane Isabel tore through Washington, D.C., the Regimental Commander of the U.S. Third Infantry sent word to the nighttime Sentry Detail to secure the post and seek shelter for the high winds, to ensure their personal safety. The Sentry on duty replied, "I've got buddies getting shot at in Iraq who would kick my butt if word got to them that we let them down...I'm sure as hell have no intention of spending my Army career being known as the idiot who couldn't stand a little light breeze and shirked his duty."

Throughout the night, in winds that overturned vehicles and turned debris into projectiles, the measured steps continued. The military members assigned to the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They refused. Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment, it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a service person. The Tomb has been patrolled continuously since 1930.

In a time in our nation's history when media spin seems to have become the accepted norm, there beat hearts, the enlisted hearts that fully understand that devotion to duty is not a part time occupation. Throughout the night when most residents were home, safe and warm in their beds, these men proudly went about their assigned responsibilities unseen, unrecognized and in the finest tradition of the American Enlisted Personell.

Whether serving across the ocean, in the dry desert of the Middle East, or standing watch over the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, we are very proud of our men and women in uniform!

Please remember our Veterans on November 11.

SPECIAL REQUEST

A special request has been made for those sample bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotion etc. found in bathrooms of hotels and motels. If you feel flushed, travel size stuff can be purchased at most drug stores.

They would be a much needed touch added to the senior baskets prepared at Christmas time.

There will be a container in the lounge to deposit them in.

See Myrna Block



The National Monument Honoring our Korean Veterans



The National Monument Honoring our Viet Nam Veterans

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This year we invite you to come along:
 November 3 at 9am we are going to Knott's Berry Farm
 November 11 at 10:00 come and join us during our Veterans Day Event.

We are grateful for your concern and interest in our veteran patients. Your efforts are important for their welfare and make their stay here a bit more pleasant.

Thank you for bringing joy into the lives of our veterans.


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THANKSGIVING

The year was 1620
 the pilgrims have landed,
 looking for a place to give thanks
 hoping the natives would be candid.

So they went in search
 in the area where they were,
 not especially looking for food
 but, then the turkey did occur.

So they captured the turkey
 went back to the camp place,
 the elders decided it would be
 the meat of choice, they said grace.

Little did they know at the time
 the natives were watching them,
 listening to their laughter and gaiety
 for that they did not condemn.

They were invited to share the feast
 and they accepted the invitation,
 little did they know at the time
 it would be a day of celebration.



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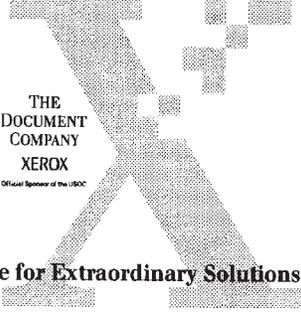
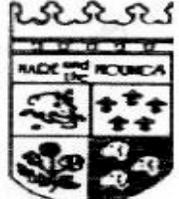
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