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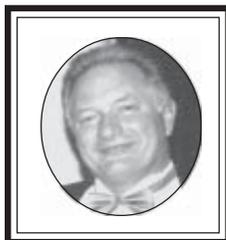


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 Chet Kozlowski, PER

The lodge year is half over now and it seems like our officers just took office. Our new lodge building is coming closer to a reality every day. Our Bond committee has met and by the time this article gets to you we should be well on the way to having the bonds printed and for sale to our members. Once we are sure we will be able to raise the needed funds we will work with our architect to come up with a final building design. The time frame from design to breaking ground is very hard to estimate. The city has been very helpful so far and they are as anxious to see our corner improved as we are. While the city is not able to discount our permit fees, they have stated that they will do all they can to help us get through the permit phase as quickly and painlessly as possible.

Our entertainment at the lodge has been very enjoyable and has increased the participation Friday nights in our lounge tremendously. There is one problem that goes along with success. There have been guests that have been showing up Friday nights "unescorted". Please keep in mind; all guests are to be accompanied by the member that is hosting them. A nonmember showing up as if we were a public lounge violates our house rules. It also puts our private club status in jeopardy. A solution, make these people members, have them pay their dues just like we do.

Our BBQ teams have been doing a great job but we have been getting one consistent complaint from our customers, why don't we BBQ on the first Saturday of the month? The reason is that we need a third BBQ team. Our PERs have agreed to train up another crew but volunteers are needed. It is a commitment to BBQ each first Saturday of the month. The total time required is about 6-7 hours a month. For that donation of your time our lodges monetary commitments are able to be met and our new lodge building can become that much closer to being paid off. Please contact any officer if you are interested in helping the first Saturday of the month.

The Fun Faire will be on the 11th of this month. This is a big opportunity for our lodge to raise money and have a good time doing it. There will be bands, food, games and much much more. Please come out, bring your fiends and support your lodge.

Thank you for all of your help and support, Barbara and I are honored to represent our lodge and to work with all of you. Elks, and especially Thousand Oaks Elks, are indeed the "Best People On Earth."

Exalted Ruler Greg Metzgus

FIRST LADYS CORNER

Barbara Metzgus, FL



In the month of August we were able to use our motor home for the first time this lodge year. Our trip went as far as the Oxnard Elks Lodge for a great week-end of wonderful food, and a full night of laughter and pictures of Exalted Ruler Greg and Treasurer Bob Hardy being inducted into the Jolly Corks. These guys gave some of the Friday night regulars on Hollywood Blvd a run for their money. Not a pretty sight but fun to watch.

The DDGER visitation was a very busy night, and much more dignified than the Jolly Corks. With the help of Tom Ryder and crew, Dee Swanson, Jay and Myrna Block, Joe Smith, Tom and Marilyn Corrigan and others, it was very successful. Corrigan's Restaurant opened their back room for 30 ladies to watch a Magician, Paul (a friend of Joe Smith) put on a wonderful magic show while the DDGER had his meeting in our lodge.

The Fun Faire will be held at our lodge on the 11th of October. Please sign up to help and come out and join in the fun. Thanks for you 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"

Leonard Kurmas

Born: February 20, 1936
 Initiated: August 19, 1992
 Died: September 2, 2003



**WEST CENTRAL COAST
DISTRICT PICNIC**

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FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Before the Jolly Corks took center stage the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 performed an impressive Flag Retirement Ceremony on August 23, 2003 at the Annual District Picnic hosted by the Oxnard Elks Lodge #1443.

Under clear skies and a warm summer day, 35 members and friends came and paid their respects to Old Glory. We were very proud of our officers ER, Greg Metzgus; Leading Knight, Jay Block; PER, Richard Goldner; Esquire, Jim Rochford and Chaplain, George Meehan. Their presentation of the Flag Retirement was flawless and reflected our love of Flag, country, and demonstrated Americanism and Elkdom at its finest.

THE JOLLY CORKS

Once upon a time over 139 years ago, it was winter and times were tough. The country was in the grip of a depression. A group of thespians united to give a benefit performance for some hungry and unemployed entertainers in order to help them through the winter.

Thus the birth of a group of actors joined together in benevolence and created the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks. Harkening back to those days when actors burnt the end of a cork to paint their faces to create a cosmetic effect on the stage, the Huntington Park Elks Lodge, Jolly Minstrals performed a Jolly Cork initiation at the Oxnard Elks Lodge, initiating ER, Greg Metzgus and PER, Bob Hardy in the Jolly Corks.

Since 1940 there have been over 2,400 Corks initiated. This proves that though many years have passed since that fateful day, we can still don funny clothes in order to get laughs, entertain an audience as those long ago actors and thespians did and the proceeds went toward the CHEA, Major Project, aid to handicapped children.



Greg Metzgus, ER, pays a visit to PER, Richard Goldner, State PR, Chairman, and CHEA, Public Relations booth with 'Special Citation, CHEA, 2nd Place Per Capita'

FROM THE TONY REDBURN FAMILY

Dear Exalted Ruler and BPO Elks,

Our family wishes to thank you all for your sincere expression of sympathy in the passing of our father, Tony Redburn Sr. The honor that was given during his funeral service and the beautiful luncheon was very much appreciated. We know that many worked hard to put on such a wonderful spread.

So many people came to say good-bye to Tony and we were touched at the outpouring of compassion and care for our family. Everyone was so kind and had a nice word for us. We now understand what the Elks Lodge is all about. Brotherly love and helping others.

Thank you all once again for everything. We would like to mention several people that really made this difficult time a little less painful. Ken & Mary Ann Keeler, Larry and Coleen Morris, Kirk & Sandy Keeler, Tommy Hartin, Dee Swanson and everyone that participated in the event. This was such a lovely gesture from all and we shall never forget it. It truly touched our hearts and we shall treasure the memory of such kindness.

May the good Lord keep each and everyone of you and bless you greatly for your good works. With deepest affection,

Tony Jr., Duby, and Lil' Tony Redburn

Elks Care - Elks Share



Jim 'Miss Coconuts' Diacono baring all for the fun of it

2003-04 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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

Last month I gave a brief description of the good works performed by the CHEA Major Project (Purple Pig), this month I would like to remind you all of "The Great Heart of Elkdom" known as the Elks National Foundation, or simply the ENF.

The ENF is a permanent trust fund for the furtherance of the charitable, educational and benevolent activities of the BPOE of the United States of America. The ENF was established in 1928. The principle in the Fund is not permitted to be used by the programs of the Order, but only the income derived and earned by the principle through investments by the Foundation's Board of Trustees. The principle in the fund has grown from around \$300,000 to over \$300,000,000. The good management by the Foundation has resulted in providing monies to all of the Programs for which the Elks are noted.

STATE CHARITIES- MAJOR PROJECTS - On average the Purple Pig receives around \$600,000 per year.

"MOST VALUABLE STUDENT" AWARDS- Students who are citizens of the USA, in the their graduating class and are deemed "outstanding" in the areas of scholarship, citizenship, leadership attainment, extra-curricula activities, and are in need of financial assistance are candidate for these awards. The yearly awards from the Foundation are over \$2 million.

EMERGENCY EDUCATIONAL FUND GRANTS - Children under the age of 23, related to members in good standing who are either totally incapacitated, or have passed away are eligible for financial assistance.

Some of the other programs, but by no means all of them, are:

Hoop Shoot, Drug Awareness, Elks Veterans Service Commission, Elks National Home, Elks Veterans Memorial Building, Eagle Scout Awards, and several funds which are allocated and distributed directly to State Associations for their dissemination.

As you can see, the ENF is one of the most important programs of Elkdom, and I urge every member to become a Participating Member by pledging \$10/yr for 10 years or by contributing a full \$100. For pledging a \$100/yr or a full \$1000, you can become a **FOUNDER**. Please get in contact with the ENF Chairperson Jack Malone, and sign up.

And remember

...Elks Care and Elks Share.

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 \$17/person. Tickets will go 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.

KENNETH E. HUBINA

Eagle Scout

An Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held for Kenneth E. Hubina at the Monte Vista Presbyterian Church on July 26th.

Kenneth joined the Cub Wolf Pack in 1992. Kenneth earned his Eagle Scout badge for raising \$390 to repair doors at the Presbyterian Church in Newbury Park. This project took 195 hours.

In earning his Paul Bunyon Badge he set a record for cutting a tree in half.

He is now a student at Long Beach City College and is a pitcher on the baseball team.



Kenneth Hubina, Eagle Scout, at his Court of Honor being congratulated by Esteemed Leading Knight, Jay Block



Monday Night Football at the Lodge
Food and Drink Specials Available
Watch the game with friends
Be part of the football cooking team
Sign up sheet behind the bar



EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Pat Von Wittenburg

AUGUST AT LAKE PIRU



Talk about amazing - it is a well known fact that a new site usually encourages good attendance at the campout - but as my dear ole grandma would have said "my stars and garters" who would have imaged we would have had 11 early arrivals on Thursday? Yikes - That's as many kampers as we've had on an entire weekend on some campouts! We eventually had a total of 16 kampers with the group and what a group we had!

Cheryl was among the early, early Thursday arrivals. Hey, Gene- you should have seen what all she managed to drag out of 18 feet this time! But it seems this may not be for long, there's more trading going on among the group. Got myself in trouble AGAIN! Seems I wasn't supposed to tell - Barb and Len Kurmas got a new rig, they didn't tell me I wasn't supposed to tell, but they don't have it yet, so they're looking for a buyer for their current rig - wouldn't that be perfect for Cheryl? Carol Neuner has just about had her fill of tent camping - she wants something small - wouldn't Cheryl's' rig be perfect? We don't know if all these quirks and turns are going to work out but it was certainly fun sitting around listing to all the IF THIS and MAYBE THAT'S!!

Capt'n Steve and First Mate Molly with assistance from Debby & Bruce Fitzpatrick: and it seems when Vicky Egan was joining a group indulging in adult beverage consumption -Walt summoned her! Therefore, I deduced the Egans were involved in the kabob preparation also. Among other preparations at the Chiszar campsite. Actually the whole Fitzpatrick family was involved, plus Christy's friends - those sharp-eyed, quick minded (brats) young women had the audacity to assist their parents as sheriff - and did a mighty fine job at it!



Boats abounded - the Chiszar's had a couple, the Neuners, the Maddox and the newest addition to the group the Robichau (more about them later). Steve lost the table out of the back of his pontoon boat on the way to the lake, but he was very cavalier about it - he didn't like it anyway. We thought we'd seen all of Steve's toys but Nay, Nay, he showed up with another - cute little dune buggy type scootin' all over the place.

I'm not exactly clear who started this rope light thing - but as I recall it was Steve Chiszar who JUST lit the walkway to his rig! Will Bill von Wittenburg has taken it to a higher level. White chasing lights; red, white & blue lights; red lights; the flag lights; a spotlight for the cloth flag. I guess I can get away with this cause I'm married to the guy - but the VW rig is lit up like a warehouse on payday night. The only thing that is really bothering me - is how the heck am I going to convert these to Halloween decorations in October? ? ?

Somehow or another, I think we're going to be see a few more rope lights. Cheryl already has one set and the only thing she really wanted out of the raffle prizes were the red, white and blue ones which she got! The Kurmases have a strand of white ones - and I overheard Veronica Robichau walking away muttering something about "wait till I get my lights!" Then her nephew Vincent won the rope light flag at the raffle. Hummm!

Now about those Robichau people! How absolutely delightful. There's Veronica, Kevin and little Nicolette; and Kevin's brother John and nephew Vincent. Some cruel soul or souls had Veronica so pumped about being "fined" by the sheriff, I think she was disappointed when few fines came her way. This was the first time out for them and it only took a couple of hours for them to decide they'd like to join the group. Saturday morning when Walter was struggling to get the breakfast crew off the ground, Veronica was more than willing to help - sure glad to have her on my team - since I ended up crew chief. Welcome to the Kampers! ! !

It's very interesting as I progress through life how many words I have to eat. When Bill joined the Lodge, I emphatically told him, "You don't do genealogy - I DON'T DO ELKS" Haven't done any genealogy for quite some time now - could I please have a tri-tip sandwich?

Joel and Beverly Erickson were excused from all kinds of "stuff" cause Joel was head judge at the Ventura County Fair Chili Cookoff for the umpteenth year - not sure exactly, but know it's in excess of 15 cause I saw the pin with the 15 year swinger on it. Beverly has one two because she's been the head scorekeeper also. I'd say that's quite a record. They were kind enough to return with a supply of those GREAT cinnamon buns from the Fair as requested - My goodness those things are tasty!

We had a couple Kampers return after several month's absence. Don and Doris were back and it was nice to enjoy troubadour Don again. Vicky Egan's dad was there to show us how he taught Vicky to jitter bug.

We hadn't seen Dave and Heather Maddox for so long - Doris Newcomer hardly remember what Heather looked like.

Walter was more than pleased to have Chaplain Marilyn Cissell back again, as were we all. Although Walter and Bob Thornton had done an excellent job standing in for Marilyn, absolutely no one can put the words together like she can.

All in all - this was a great campout - Steve is willing to do it again and even willing to be wagonmaster again - since he and Molly did an outstanding job - GO FOR IT ! ! !

Well, gang I'm on granny duty writing this from Lancaster therefore my resources for TeckTips are not available so have to skip that part this time.

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LOYAL KNIGHT Sally Claunch

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CONEJO VALLEY DAYS: Eddie Rice
LODGE ACTIVITIES: Tom Hartin
SCOUTING: Jacob Panczak, PER
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

Shamelessly copied from the B.P.O.E. website although the original Elks were actors and entertainers, members of other professions soon joined the organization. Today's Elks represent just about the full spectrum of occupations in America.

Throughout the course of the Order's history, many celebrities from the entertainment field, business and public service have been Elks. Presidents Warren Harding, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman and John Kennedy were all Elks. Former President Gerald Ford belongs to Grand Rapids, Michigan, Lodge, where his father served two terms as Exalted Ruler (Lodge president).

Of course, many members of Congress have been Elks, too. Former Speakers of the House Tip O'Neill, Carl Albert, John McCormick and Sam Rayburn all belonged to the fraternity. Former Speaker Tom Foley belongs to Spokane, Washington, Lodge. And the late Hale Boggs of Louisiana was also an Elk.

Entertainers Lawrence Welk, Will Rogers, Jack Benny and Andy Devine belonged, too. Devine was even Exalted Ruler of San Fernando, California, Lodge. And Clint Eastwood is a member of Monterey, California, Lodge.

From the sports world, the Order has counted among its members the likes of Vince Lombardi, Casey Stengel, Mickey Mantle, Whitey Ford and Jim Finks.

Dining and Entertainment

The month of October kicks off with Two Guys-Dennison and Neuner preparing their famous lasagna. However a little birdie told me that the real lasagna guy is really a gal - Carol Neuner. On the tenth Dos Hombres-Bianchi and Landry will be serving a Mexican feast complete with homemade tamales. Fish King Cooper is the featured chef on the 17th. I love to see men in the kitchen cooking!!! Rounding out the month are Chet and Shirley Kozlowski with their delicious salmon and beef dinner. I hate salmon, but in August when I tasted Tommy's salmon, prepared by Chet, I ate his entire piece. This month I am going to order my own and I am not going to share. Sorry husband Tommy.

Pete Padilla has outdone himself this month with entertainment. Bands and DJs will be performing throughout the day and night at the Fun Faire on the 11th. In fact guest celebrities will be making appearances. This is the event of the year. Please invite your neighbors, family, and friends to partake of the festivities. You will not be disappointed!!!

SICKNESS and DISTRESS

Sally Claunch
805-497-0577

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: Barb Kurmas and family on the passing of her husband Brother Len Kurmas; the family of Jean Edison on her passing Aug. 18th.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Jack Malloy is hospitalized with colon cancer; Jackie, Jim Kellogg's lady, is hospitalized with heart failure; Neal Hansen is in the VA hospital with pneumonia; Jim Rochford's brother-in-law is undergoing chemo.

ON THE MEND: Jack Loughran had skin cancers removed; Arlene Tellez had surgery; Rick Herrera had shoulder surgery; Mertice Nichols had surgery to regulate her heart beat; Kenny the jeweler had a car accident in St. Louis-bruised but ok; and Dick McCann is home from the hospital after hip replacement surgery.

Magic Castle Bus Trip

If you have not experienced an Annie Pearson bus trip, you have missed a fun filled event. Reading the itinerary may convince you to become part of the group. The deluxe bus complete with restroom facilities will depart the Lodge at 10 a. m. Liquid refreshments will be provided while you cruise leisurely to Hollywood. Upon arrival you will watch not one but three magic shows performed throughout the Castle, followed by a sumptuous lunch. Being a Magic Castle surprises and special guests are sure to appear. After the last happening, the bus will transport you back to Thousand Oaks at approximately 4 p. m. All this food and magic is offered for the mere sum of \$85. Please call Annie Pearson at 492-3707 to secure your reservation. The seats are going fast.

New Year's Eve Party

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.

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'd 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 doesn'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.

**Magic Castle Bus Trip**

Oct. 25 \$85

10 am to 4 pm

- Deluxe bus transportation
- Drinks on bus
- Lunch
- Three magic shows
- Surprises

Contact Annie Pearson
for reservations/info. 492-3707

PUBLIC RELATIONS**Elks School Plan Moves Into Phase 2**

Phase 2 of the Elks' School Plan has begun. For the past two and a half years, your Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee has been attending educational conferences, along with representatives of Soccer Shoot, Membership, the Elks National Foundation, and State Associations. Our goal has been to "educate" the educators about the programs the Elks have to offer to the schools at no cost to them. The National Recreation and Parks Association has also been included in these efforts. Beginning this past year, we have expanded to state level conferences. This was the beginning of Phase 2 of our efforts to spread the word about the good works that the Elks have to offer.

This year, beginning already in August, we will be exhibiting at a minimum of 18 different state level conferences, as well as at three remaining national conferences. More teachers, administrators, recreation directors, etc. are able to attend state conferences when they are not permitted to attend national events due to budgetary restraints placed on many school districts.

We are still looking for some additional conferences to attend. What we are looking for are elementary or middle school level conferences for administrators or teachers in the fields of English, Social Studies or Physical Education, or all levels for school counselors. State conferences for parks and recreation directors are also possible. In some states we will be participating in Parent/Teacher organization conferences. We will continue to exhibit at the National Recreation and Parks Association, National Middle School Association and National School Board Association conferences.

If you have information about a conference that falls into one of the categories above, please let your Area Member of the Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee or your State Association Public Relations Committee Chairman know and they will pass that information on to the Committee. We need everyone's help in getting the Elks back into the schools, whether it is through Hoop Shoot or Soccer Shoot, Americanism Essay Contest, Drug Awareness Program, or Scholarships. Don't forget about the many, many youth activities awards when you are talking to school personnel. Please help show America that indeed, "Elks Care — Elks Share."

Charles E. Buechman, Member
G/L Public Relations Committee

2003-04 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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

We are 7 months into our year with Greg Metzgus and a lot is going on. More BBQ teams formed which I am on the B team or the JV team which I like better because in high school when I tried out for sports I could not get past the B team. I knew I was not good enough for Varsity but I had my sight on J.V.. Never made it but with the Elks lodge I made J.V. and First Place Varsity Lecturing Knight at Ritual Contest. I was ecstatic to say the least. Also we are on our way to a new lodge. With different Financing ideas. And with Money in the bank that started in Don Bookers year Greg has kept it going up up up. Compared to a lot of other lodges we are sitting pretty good. I'm proud to be part of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge 2477.

The Lodge picnic is over. I hope you all had a good time. We didn't have a picnic chairman but it does fall under my chair so I went with it. Not everyone was happy with the way it went so for next year we need a picnic chair person. See who ever is Lecturing Knight next year and get signed up.

I have a daughter who turns 21 this year. I watched her grow like many of you have done with your own kid. If you are like me you hope they will pick up something from you. Some hand me downs to pass on to your kids 1. A lucky number 2. tax free growth. 3. About \$3000.00. An inheritance cuts your kid's ambition in half, robs them of the satisfaction of making their own way, and keeps them from lessons worth learning. So you spend it. 4. A team to love. It's durable pleasure, best passed from father to child. 5. A team to hate. 6. A will Prearrange a really really really inexpensive funeral, Money is best spent on people who are alive. 7. Love of country. 8. A decent carving knife. 9. A dented wheelbarrow. 10. A fragment of inspiring verse. Memorized, so they'll always have it when they need it. 11. Stories of your screwups. 12. A holy book. 13. Enthusiasm for two movies: one stupid, one stirring. Say Caddyshock and Braveheart. 14. A tattered road map. 15. A baseless prejudice in favor of a particular make of car. 16. A family catch phrase. 17. Respect for Baby steps. Most work gets done one inch at a time. 18. A coat. 19. A patented shot. You put the hoop up in the driveway, Didn't you? Tell me you did. Dad Name your fall-awaay

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B. L. T.

David Naccarato, Com. Chair.

Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato?? NO!!!!

Bequests and Living Trust!

FYI the London Pacific Advisors Alliance is the firm that handles the administration of the program. The commitment Trusts a charitable remainder unitrust that pays a donor 7% of the trust value each year. When a donor has passed on, the value of the trust is transferred to the CHEMPI program in order to help disabled children. There is a \$10,000 minimum to establish a commitment trust.

Based upon an individual's birthday, (or the birthday of the donor and spouse) a \$10,000 commitment trust will create an immediate income tax deduction for a portion of the initial contribution. The final figure depends upon the timing of the trust since the donors age(s), and an IRS monthly factor, impact the deduction calculation. In addition, the donor receives and annual income, paid quarterly, of about 4,700 initially. This amount will fluctuate. If the Trust earned more than 7% in the previous year, the annual distribution may increase. If the trust earned less than 7%, the annual distribution may decrease.

While past performances is no indication of future results, The CHEMPI trust investments have outperformed the 7% level with an annualized return of over 7% since inception.

More next month
 David Naccarato Lecturing Knight

***JIM DIACONO, DISTRICT DEPUTY
GRAND EXALTED RULER, 2003-04***



Jim Diacono was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. After graduating from Western High School he worked for General Motors for a brief period before enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps. He served his country in Korea and Japan as a field radio operator and was honor-

ably discharged on December 7, 1955. He settled in Santa Monica where he attended Santa Monica City College and was employed by Aerophysics Development Corporation. It was in Santa Monica where he met and married Dona. They moved to Santa Barbara when Aerophysics relocated. Some years later he joined General Telephone and Electronic, retiring from that company after thirty years of service. Since retirement Jim and Dona have moved to Solvang where they have resided for ten years. They are the proud parents of four children and eight grandchildren.

Jim has been a member of Santa Barbara Elks Lodge since 1972. He started as a greeter, then was appointed Inner Guard and worked his way through the chairs to become Exalted Ruler in 1980-81. Since then he has been chairman of various district committees including; Piggy Bank, Indoctrination, Ritual, Lapsation and Membership. Jim is a past president of the Past Exalted Rulers Association and the Grand Lodge Members Association. He has also served as the Esquire to the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. This past year Jim was the State Vice President from this district.

Jim was a member of the Santa Barbara County Sheriffs Reserve for fourteen years, attaining the rank of lieutenant. He has been a member of the Goleta Amvets #55, Commander of the American Legion Santa Ynez Post #160 and is a life member of the Disabled American Veterans.

THOUSAND OAKS-LODGE TALK

Jim Diacono, DDGER

Good Evening! Thank you all for coming out this evening. A special thank you to the many officers and committee men for their reports today.

It is so exciting to see this Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477 standing on the threshold of a new lodge building.- Because of all you hard working Elks your dream will come true. As we all know, the planning and raising funds for an endeavor such as this takes time, dedication and just plain old hard work. And you do all this while continuing on your usual charities and help in the community.

Your Junior Elks Program is great. I'll bet many of these young people will be joining us in Elkdom in the future.

GER, Mc Callum places emphasis on Lodge sponsored activities that increase family participation. Such as Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Scouts, Scholarships and Drug Awareness programs. We should make sure these activities are well publicized so that our communities will see the good works that we do demonstrating that Elks Care-Elks Share. As I have stated before McCallum also wants us to remember his goals for this year. Increase membership, expand community service and renew our commitment to the Elks National Foundation.

Keep up the good work.

Thank you for your hospitality this evening, it is appreciated by us all.

God bless you and God bless America!



Monday Night Football at the Lodge ❖
Food and Drink Specials Available
❖ Watch the game with friends
❖ Be part of the football cooking team

**Sign up sheet behind
the bar.**



Dick Churik, a member of the Jr. Varsity BBQ Team



Jim Allen, a member of the Jr. Varsity BBQ Team



Jim Horning, a member of the Jr. Varsity BBQ Team



Home on the new range compliments of the El Konejo Kampers

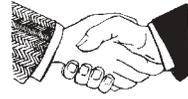


Friday night entertainment, Rockin' at the lounge with the Rider Band

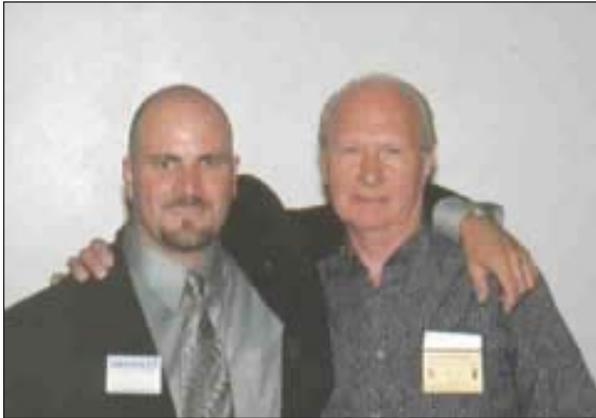


Jerry Serota, Editor, Jim Diacono, DDGER, and Greg Metzger with Grand Lodge Award for Best Bulletin, Div. III

WELCOME ABOARD



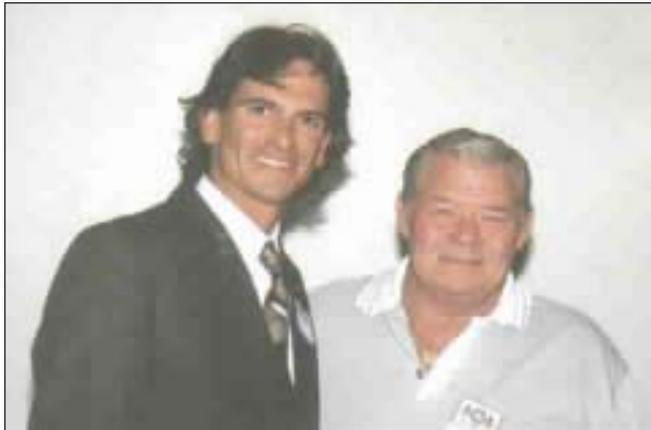
OUR NEW MEMBERS



David MacFarlane and sponsor Don Skinner, PER



Elise Murray and sponsor David Pearson



Craig A. Nilson and sponsor Harold Calvin



Philip A. King and sponsor Harold Calvin



**Bob Hardy, PER, and ER, Greg Metzgus
the newest Jolly Corks**



**Bob 'Splish Splash' Hardy, and Donna getting
a laff out of the antics**



**Bill Sterberg getting a handful of Greg 'Our
Lady of the Evening' Metzgus**

2003-04 COMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSONS

THE ELKS LADIES
Melinda Pekow

2003-04 COMMITTEE
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1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Karen Naccarato
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CHAPLAIN: Marilyn Cissell
MAJOR PROJECTS:
Carol Neuner/Deanna Savokinas
CVD: Dee Swanson & Marilyn Cissell
HISTORIAN:
SUNSHINE: Pat Smail



Greetings!

It's Fun Faire '03 time!

On Oct. 11th there will be a "Fun Faire" from 10:00 a.m. to midnight. It will be held on the Lodge grounds. There you will find the Ladies perhaps not hard at work but at work non the less. We will be selling baked goods. We hope that you will stop by and buy some goodies! We are still in need of some volunteers to work the booth and to bring baked goods to sell. So if you have an hour or two to spare that day, please come and help. You can call Myrna Block at 492-4016, she will tell you "where to go". Sorry, I couldn't resist the pun!

On a serious note. Marilynn Harding is moving back to Oregon with her mother. We were glad to see her join us at the Lodge the Friday before she left. If you would like to send her a line I will give you her new address. I am sure she would like to hear from you.

Marilynn Harding
13531 Clairmont Way Space 162
Oregon City, Oregon 97045

See you at the Fun Faire on the 11th. Talk to you next month.

May God Bless!

Alice Kennedy
Elks Ladies 2nd VP

BBQ Wagon at the Lodge
10:00 a.m. til Sold Out

October
Sat. 4, 11, 18, 25

YOU, GOD, WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE



So fearful yet determined, Lord,
no longer can we drag our feet,
We're out of time or options, now,
our only choice, we must complete

Such agonizing moments spent,
in visualizing what we'd do,
It happened all so naturally
when we asked help from you.

Amen



OCTOBER

- 10-12 Marilyn Corrigan
Deanna Savokinas
- 10-22 Charlotte Gessler
- 10-25 Betty Vega
- 10-29 Sarah Ely



HONOR ROLL



Greg Metzgas
 Dave Naccarato
 George Meehan
 Richard Goldner, PER
 Jay Block
 Sally Claunch
 Joe Palmintiero
 Jade Metzgas Martineau
 Glenn Miller
 Leo Massicotte
 John D'Ambrogio, PER
 Robert Jones
 Vern Jossy
 Harvey Flam
 Roy Ratcliffe
 Hershey Candy Drive

OCTOBER



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| 1. Duane Nightingale | 13. Pat Pipolo | 28. Albert Baca |
| 2. Bernhard Rieger | Garry Burcham | Don Corts |
| 3. Tom Tyler | Andrew Tortorici | Bob Cooper |
| 4. Jack Paulson | John Heaton | 29. Tony Gambino |
| 5. Phil Riordan | Russ Garrison | 30. Karl Stoy Jr |
| 6. Tim Hinsche | Cliff Jones | Kenneth Kenyon |
| 7. Ray Spencer | J.R. Savokinas | Floyd Lindquist |
| 8. Doug Ross | 17. Jeff Enger | 31. Jay Block |
| 9. Gary Sleigh PER | Tom Bolton | Chris Metzgas |
| 10. Claude Tait | Michael Tam | |
| 11. Richard P. McCann | Craig Nilson | |
| 12. Lee Gautreau | 18. Jim Porter | |
| 13. Raymond Taylor | 19. Michael O'Kelly | |
| 14. Robert Riebe | 22. Norman Panczak | |
| 15. Kenneth Kolde | 23. Bill Cairns | |
| 16. Russell Raabe | 26. Dick Hardin | |
| | Jack Loughran, PER | |
| | Tom Komprens | |
| | 27. Dennis Gillette | |
| | Peter Nolan | |

FROM THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE PROPOSED AND WILL BE BALLOTTED ON

Date: October 8, 2003

NAME	OCCUPATION	SPONSOR
Kevin Akrey	Production Management	Walter J. Eagan
Russell Oviatt	Owner- Oviatt Antiques	Pete Padilla
Frederick Anderson	Retired	Harold Calvin
Isabelle Prugh	Res. Mgr. Seminole Springs Mobile Home Park	Bill Lloyd, PDDGER
Joyce Mendelson	Retired	Bill Lloyd, PDDGER
Dan Steric	Banker	Bob McKee, PDDGER
James McPherson	Sales Manager, JC Industries	Reinstatement

CRYING TOWEL



August 6, 2003	\$25.00	#1407	Tommy Claunch
Lucky 13	No Winner		
August 13, 2003	\$50.00	#1378	James Rapp
Lucky 13	No Winner		
August 20, 2003	\$75.00	#1778	Robert Travathan
Lucky 13	No Winner		
August 27, 2003	\$100.00	#1674	Jacob Panczak 'WINNER'
Lucky 13	No Winner		

**A MESSAGE FROM THE ELKS
NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE
COMMISSION**

Several years ago we started publishing statistics which reflect the generosity of our Members and their spouses who work so hard to keep our pledge to the veterans of our Armed Forces. It is with a great deal of pride that the Elks National Veterans Service Commission lists the statistics for the 2002-2003 fraternal year.

**SURVEY OF VOLUNTEER VETERANS SERVICE
PROGRAMS FOR FRATERNAL YEAR APRIL 1, 2002 –
MARCH 31, 2003**

Compiled by the Office of the Grand Secretary

Participants in Programs: 853,632

Elks Who Worked 85,799

Helpers 42,209

Combined Total 128,008

Hours Donated:

Elks 488,779

Helpers 221,043

Total Combined Hours 709,822

Cash Value of Donated Hours *\$11,740,456.00

Miles Traveled:

Elks 2,060,582

Helpers 707,324

Total Combined Miles 2,767,906

Cash Value of Miles traveled **\$996,446.00

Contributions:

Cash \$1,894,677.00

Non-Cash 3,709,593.00

Hours Worked 11,740,456.00

Miles Traveled 996,446.00

Total Contributions \$18,341,172.00

*The Federal Government has determined that the cost of work done by charitable organizations like the Elks would average out to \$16.54 per hour if performed by social care and government agencies.

**Mileage computed at \$.36 per mile.

These statistics don't tell the complete story. A dollar value cannot be attached to the care and love our volunteers put into their work with those who served America in times of peril.

We thank our wonderful volunteers as they continue Serving Our Nation's Veterans.

Friday, Oct. 3

Two Guys Lasagna

Dennison/Neuner

\$8

WE TAKE PRIDE IN OUR KIDS

Joe & Betty Smith

To: MOM and Dad

Hooray!!! All right one doesn't get a chance to celebrate too often so this is a note to share my joy with my friends and family in a huge accomplishment. On August 23rd I will be graduating from the Monterey Institute of International Studies in Monterey, California! I will be receiving a Masters of Arts in International Policy with a Professional Certificate in Conflict Resolution. These last two years have been the most rewarding of my life and through my experiences here I feel that I have finally found my life's path. I have not only received an incredible education from this graduate school but have become a part of special group of people who see the world not just from the confines of the American border or as a place of strife, and confusion but as a place of endless opportunity. This school and the people that I now call friends have taught me the only way to make the world a better place is to get out there, roll up your sleeves, and do something, help where and when you can, learn from others and make your voice heard. In the last two years I have had the great opportunity to visit several different countries including Costa Rica, Holland, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Slovakia, England, France, Kenya, Cuba, Italy and this has greatly influenced the way that I view the world.

I have also just returned to California to graduate after spending my last semester as a full-time Intern at the United Nations High Commission for Refugees in Geneva, Switzerland. My time there with the Emergency and Security Services and my previous work experience with the American Red Cross is guiding my career into Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response. I am in the process of searching for a job and will let one and all know where I am heading, so you know where you can stay when you come to visit. I am aiming for a position that would base me in a in a somewhat civilized location like D.C., Rome, or Cape Town with the opportunity to travel internationally as a part of the work. So things should be getting interesting! Of course I could not have done any of this without the loving support of my parents (Joe & Betty Smith).

Sometime I think they just don't know what to do or think about this crazy daughter they have had, but I always knew they were behind me 100%. My Dad however, has issued a subtle challenge whether he knows it or not. I am going to get that man to Africa! Anyway I hope to find all are well and that we will have a chance to visit very soon. In the mean time grab life by the horns and hang on!

Karen

Magic Castle Bus Trip

Oct. 25 \$85

10 am to 4pm

Deluxe bus transportation

Drinks on bus

Lunch

Three Magic Shows

Surprises

**Contact Annie Pearson for
Reservations/Info. 492-3707**



**TO EVERYONE FROM
MARILYNN HARDING**

**WORDS CAN'T EXPRESS MY
THANKFUL HEART.**

Thank yous go to Jay Block, Herb Jellander, Rusty Kennedy, Tom Hartin for delivering and the setup of my hospital bed. **Thanks** to Cornelia Meehan for her nursing, food, packing, books to read, everything possible. **Thanks** to Flo Lloyd for fresh garden treats of food and flowers as well as prepared food. **Thanks** to Shirley Kozlowski for her specially homemade sausage and sauerkraut. **Thanks** for all the special visits to keep me company from so many I can't begin to list all of you. **Thanks** to Angie Prizzi for consistantly being present to pack. And for the icing on the cake thanks for the **Special Recognition Dinner** for me for that a big **thank you** to Barbara and Don Booker, Cornelia and Angie for the decorations with REAL linens. Chet and Shirley for the delicious meal and cake. **Thanks** for the nice remembrance certificate that evening and the pictures taken that were shared.

Thanks to everyone who was present to say goodbye. And also to those who could not attend and their many phone calls. My ALS disease has been so progressive that my lungs are only 30% of capacity and I'm using a breathing machine at night now. The muscles in my upper body chest, arms, hands are most affected, however, my legs are able to get around some. I'm looking forward to getting to Portland for a special ALS doctor in a ALS clinic there I will Email Jerry and Patti to keep you informed about me. I'm looking forward to being home in the mountains, trees, and waters in Oregon. If you are near in your travels please come and see me. I will miss all of you!

Love, My address is:
Marilynn Marilynne Harding
13531 Clairmont Way #162
Oregon City, Oregon 97045

Phone # 503-655-6457



Entertainment abounds as Pete Padilla rounds up first class lounge professionals for our listening pleasure.

Leila Rose was in fine voice as she accompanied herself on the piano with hit tunes from Broadway



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 noisemakers
- Champagne toast and cake

\$30 per person—tickets available Oct. 1
Call Sally Claunch for reservations
495-0577

Elks Care - Elks Share



AMERICANISM

Raven West, Com. Chair

At the 135th Grand Lodge Session in 1999 in Kansas City the following Resolution was accepted:

RESOLVED: THE MEMBERS OF THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PLEDGE AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE DOLLAR PER MEMBER (\$1.00) TO THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL, TO BE COLLECTED BY VOLUNTARY DONATIONS FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP.

I am pleased to report that Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477 is NUMBER ONE in the California-Hawaii Association to contribute to this program, and 10th the nation!

Nearly 59 years after the end of World War II, the National World War II Memorial will be dedicated in Washington, D.C., on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, May 29, 2004.

The National World War II Memorial is the first national memorial dedicated to all who served during World War II. The memorial, which was established by the American Battle Monuments Commission, will honor all military veterans of the war, the citizens on the home front, the nation at large, and the high moral purpose and idealism that motivated the nation's call to arms.

The Memorial Day weekend celebration on the National Mall will culminate an 11-year effort to honor America's World War II generation. The memorial was authorized by Congress in 1993. Construction began in September 2001 after several years of fund raising and public hearings.

The official dedication celebration will span four days and will include a WWII-themed reunion exhibition on the National Mall staged in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution's Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, a memorial service at the Washington National Cathedral, and an entertainment salute to WWII veterans from military performing units. The National World War II Memorial is being built at the Rainbow Pool site on the central axis of the National Mall. The Rainbow Pool is located at the eastern end of the Reflecting Pool between the Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument. The Second World War will be the only 20th century event commemorated on the Mall's central axis.

We should all be very proud of our lodge's commitment to this memorial and our continued support of the veterans who have served our country throughout the years.

*Editors Note

We wish to thank Bro. Jim Rochford for going the extra mile on a business trip to Washington D.C. for the following pictures. It brings us up to date on the World War II Memorial and provided us with its progress.



Site plan with Memorial Day 2004 as target date for dedication



WWII Memorial in progress

LECTURING KNIGHT (CONT.)

jumper (the dagger) or sky hook (death from above)
 Even memories require marketing. 20. US Savings bonds. 21. A handwritten decryption of a happy day. 22. A pleasure in people. Some get annoyed that people are so odd; lucky folks know that's the fun part. 23. A maintenance Jones. If they see you changing the oil in the driveway, they'll learn to get more service from their stuff and have deeper friendships. Thank you for reading my article and remember "to do good to one another for we pass this way but once".

David Naccarato



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

I realize that I just wrote an article last month, however a few things have come to light that might warrant you hearing about. First, our Exalted Ruler has got the bond issue for New Facilities off the ground. We had our first meeting on September 8, and settled the throes of getting a new committee off the ground. If we don't have a new facility in the next couple of years, it won't be Greg's fault. We'll try to have an update from the committee each month to inform everyone how things are progressing.

Second, our annual audit has come back from the auditor. We seem to be in really great shape overall. Everyone concerned in doing an outstanding job both in the officer corps and committees mandated by Grand Lodge. We took some hits on the condition of the lodge and grounds, but we expected them. We are going to make the facility habitable for the next couple of years, but if we are going to look at a new facility, there's not much sense in pouring a bunch of money into one that should be bulldozed soon.

What is really bothersome is our food costs. We have been having a lot of trouble in the past keeping them down, but last year was a real disaster. Food costs (what it takes to prepare a meal vs. our profit) should be around 35% according to Grand Lodge. It has kept creeping up yearly, until in the 2001-2002 year it hit 48%. That's really bad. Want to hear the epitome of bad? Last year it rose to 51%! In essence, it is costing us \$0.51 to put a plate of food on the table. We are realizing \$0.49 out of that meal. We at Thousand Oaks pride ourselves in putting out a good meal at a very low price. But when you start losing money to do it, then things have to change. Mind you it isn't all expense of food that is driving our food costs up. We have an awful lot of food that goes out the back door.

We have occurrences of missing 40 pounds of polish sausages at a time. We more than often miss salad dressing by the gallon! How long does it take to use a gallon of salad dressing? We miss butter by the pound, eggs by the flat, bacon by the 5 pounds, catsup, mayonnaise, and believe this one.

One of our good members stole a whole aluminum pan of lasagna off the counter in the kitchen before it could be served on a Friday night. Also stole an aluminum pan of beans before they could be served. But our brother Elks don't steal right? Part of it is the fault of the members who are cooking the meal by leaving the store room open during meal hours. Part of it is leaving the refrigerator unlocked. Part of it is serving more than ample portions. A lot of food is thrown away because it is just too much to eat. Carry-outs are the name of the game. Another part of losing money is the failure to price the meals correctly.

One cooking crew might serve a dinner for \$8.00, and another crew might serve the same meal for \$7.00. Often times the meal

is not priced out correctly. A lot goes into how much a meal should cost. A lesson in pricing might be in order, or possibly the House Committee should do it. At any rate, we can't stay in business long if we are giving the house away. Nice thought, and people love it, but not very profitable.

Membership is coming along great this year. We are initiating a lot of new members thanks to the few that bring them in. But we still need to close the back door and control the lapsation problem. A lapsation list will be posted in the lodge, and if everyone will contact a member they know and ask him/her to renew their dues we might once again be a plus in membership. We've been stagnant at around 550 members for years. Its time to change.

I've said enough for this month so I'll leave you with the foregoing to think about. If you see someone walking out of the lodge with a prime rib roast (it has been done), please ask that member if he/she will either return it, or pay for it. Have a happy and safe Halloween, and come to the lodge as often as you can.

And that's 30 for this month.

Bill

NOMINATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

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

Robert Hardy Member #158
James Wagner Member #015

These members will be nominated at a regular session of the lodge to be held on October 8, 2003 and will be balloted on at the meeting held on October 15, 2003.

Friday, Oct 10th

**Dos Hombres
Mexican Fiesta**

\$8

Bianchi/Landry



OCTOBER FUN FAIRE

Pete Padilla, Entertainment Chairman

What our lodge has been gearing up for since March is finally upon us. Our October 11th FUN FAIRE will be here within days! This faire can only be as good as we make it and I'm positive we members can make this the biggest and best!! In advance I want to thank each and everyone of you for your assistance and suggestions but the sad fact is I need more. The following is a list of what is still needed:

1. Volunteers
2. Donate a prize for raffles and games
3. Volunteers for the game and food booths.
4. Bake sale items -donate a pie, cake, cookies, fudge, etc. these will be sold by the piece/slice and small groups as in cookies.
5. Getting the word out that our faire will be held Saturday, October 11th.
It begins at 10:00am and will last until midnight. Our set up begins at 7:00am. Please be there to help.
6. Set-up volunteers in the morning of the event and clean up volunteers the following day.
7. Tug-a-war entry teams. Lodges, clubs, businesses can be promoted. For more information a flier is available.
8. Parking attendants, etc.
9. Jr. Elks and scouting volunteers: We also need you to spread the word and invite all of your friends, neighbors, classmates, and teammates. Remember please to stress "family friendly" prices and great prizes.
10. Entrance "greeters"
11. Volunteers

As the chairman of this event, this is Your event and it is really dependant upon you as a volunteer. PLEASE, everybody, offer your assistance if even for one hour only. We will fit our schedule to yours. Many events are geared towards children of all ages and, of course, adult activities including bingo will be held inside for your comfort.

While getting the word out regarding this faire, please also stress the "family friendly" prices BUT prizes will NOT be inexpensive. The following is a small list of some of the bigger prizes and this will be added to on a daily basis. We will also have all day and night entertainment. A Jolly Jump for the young which will add to the fun. Many new prizes such as a microwave oven, and an adult mountain bike, dinner tickets at popular local restaurants along with fast food prizes. A new, beautiful oak dining room table with eight chairs, and many more valuable gifts. We truly live in a wonderful, generous community and owe so many, many thank yous to our local merchants along with some not so local. They have really responded to our need. When you patronize these merchants, please offer them your personal thank you for their thoughtfulness.

We will also have a "mystery" guest to sign autographs and EVERYONE will recognize and be thrilled by this celebrity. Again our lodge has received a wonderful and generous donation of someones time and, again, we are truly grateful.

To cut to the chase, this event will be lots of fun but lots of hard work. I believe a former president coined the following phrase: "When the going gets rough, the rough get going" so, come on members-ladies and gentlemen, young and not so young, LET'S GET GOING!!

As always, I welcome your suggestions on how to make this a great, memorable community event.
CALL ME 495-9972

P.S. Since the preparation for this event has been so time consuming, I have not scheduled any further entertainment for the month of October. If this changes, I will get the word out thru notices at the lodge and word of mouth. We will also continue with more, great entertainment beginning again in November.

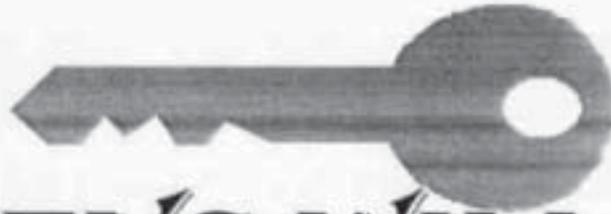
**ELKS
TUG-A-WAR CONTEST
ENTER NOW**

SPONSOR A TEAM TO PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS AT THE THOUSAND OAKS ELKS LODGE FUN FAIRE. CONTEST TO BE HELD OCTOBER 11th AT THE ELKS LODGE, 158 CONEJO SCHOOL RD. FUN FOR ALL AGES, ALL DAY STARTING AT 10:00AM UNTIL 12:00 MIDNIGHT WITH GAME BOOTHS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD BOOTHS, ETC. OPEN TO ALL TO LEARN WHAT THE ELKS ARE ALL ABOUT. LEARN ABOUT HOW YOU CAN BECOME AN ELK. MEMBERSHIPS ARE OPEN TO MALE AND FEMALES OVER THE AGE OF 21. BRING THE FAMILY AND ENJOY THE FUN.

ENTRY MONIES TO SPONSOR A TEAM IS \$50.00 WHICH IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE. PRIZES FOR THE WINNING TEAM AND A TROPHY FOR THE SPONSOR. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BEING A SPONSOR CONTACT PETE PADILLA AT (885) 495-9972. DO NOT WAIT. ENTRIES CAN BE MAILED TO ELKS LODGE ATTN: PETE PADILLA AT 158 CONEJO SCHOOL RD., THOUSAND OAKS, CA. 91362.

PICK YOUR TEAM OF EIGHT MEN OR WOMEN OR THE COMBINATION OF MEN AND WOMEN OVER THE AGE OF 18. THE ONLY RULES ARE A TOTAL OF EIGHT AND TO HAVE FUN.

**Friday October 17th
Starts at 5:00 p.m.
Fish & Chips
\$7.50
Roy Cooper & Crew
Scary Cake Sale
Jr. Elks**



5 KEYS WILL WIN

KEY NO# 1 \$500.00

KEY NO# 2 \$250.00

KEY NO# 3 \$100.00

KEY NO# 4 \$100.00

KEY NO# 5 \$ 50.00



**BUY YOUR KEYS NOW BEFORE THEY ARE
SOLD OUT**

**KEYS ARE \$2.00 EACH. ASK THE BARTENDER, DAVE PEARSON,
OR PETE PADILLA..**

THE THOUSAND OAKS ELKS LODGE WILL AWARD THE DOLLAR AMOUNTS ABOVE TO THE LUCKY ONES THAT OPEN THE GREEN DOOR AT THE ELKS FUN FAIRE. KEYS WILL BE SOLD AT TWO DOLLARS EACH. IF ALL 1,000 KEYS ARE SOLD THE LODGE WILL RETAIN 50% OF MONIES COLLECTED FROM THE SALE OF THE KEYS. THE OTHER 50% WILL BE AWARDED TO THE LUCKY KEY HOLDERS. PRIZES ARE 50%, 25%, 10%, 10%, AND 5%. OF THE SECOND HALF OF ALL KEYS SOLD. PROFITS GO TO VARIOUS LODGE PROJECTS.



PURPLE PIG/MAJOR PROJECT

David Naccarato, Com. Chair

Continuation on Sammy Otero
CHEA Poster Child 2003-'04

CHEMPI provided Judy an occupational therapist the advantage of continuing education for Sammy by the California-Hawaii Elks Assoc. She has been able to provide the most advanced therapy tools to help Sammy. Judy and Sammy have worked hard to increase breath control. And with the help of the school speech pathologist, his voice is louder and more easily heard. Sammy is learning to use a walker but is much more mobile rolling on the floor. Judy assists in adapting toys and games to meet his motor abilities. Its hard to predict what the future holds for six year old Sammy other than continued therapy. The goal is to help him be as independent as possible. Sammy's parents are grateful to the Elks for sending Judy into their lives. Not only is she a therapist but a friend to all members of the family.

Sammy hit home with me because he has hydrocephalus and so do I. He has a shunt in his skull and so do I. Also he required to under go many spinal taps and so do I. I feel for this little guy and know a bit of what is going on with him. Thanks to all who participated in the Major Project candy drive

Elks Care - Elks Share



POET'S CORNER

Looking for a Life

Searching for a sanctuary
with a tormented guilt,
looking for a repentant heart
to replace what's been built.

Faith envelopes our fear
necessities are a wanted relief,
escaping the sunset of our dreams
silhouetting the essence of our grief.

Comes the time, we must admit
when we cast aside the bad,
especially things that depress us
remembering the good we've had.

Now that things are in order
and our mind is clear of strife,
we can progress to a higher level
and enjoy the things of that life.

Written By:
Ken Muellerleile

Friday, October 24th

Salmon/Pork
\$8

By the Kozlowskis
NITE @ THE RACES
Mega Bucks
\$1 Off Oct. Birthdays

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In
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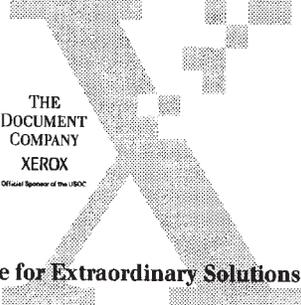
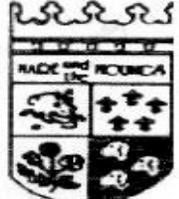
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