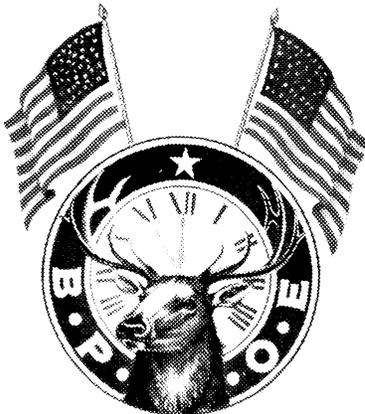


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THOMAS "TOM" RYDER, PER/PSVP DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER, 2002-'03 WEST CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT ~ CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS ASSOCIATION

Tom was born in Southampton, New York on September 4, 1933, grew up and completed High School there. He served in the Air Force from 1953 through 1957. While back in college after completing his service he met Kathy and they were married in 1960. Tom, Kathy and children, Mike, Tina and Greg were relocated from Long Island to California by his employer in January 1971. They have been Californians ever since. Tom retired from Northrop Grumman in June 1996.

Tom was initiated into the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 November 29, 1978, became very active and has been an active Elk ever since. Along the way he served his lodge as a cook, an Activities Chairman, Drug Awareness Chairman, Auditor, Trustee, Leading Knight, Exalted Ruler, Trustee again.

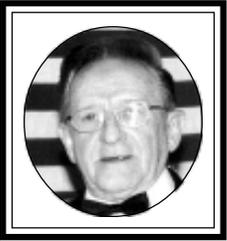
He has been very active in West Central Coast District inter lodge visitations, Elks conventions, performs convention district lodging and hospitality room coordination, has served as District Drug Awareness Chairman, District Public Relations Chairman. Tom has served as District PER Association President and currently is the Association Secretary/Treasurer. Tom completed two years as California-Hawaii Elks Association Public Relations Chairman.



He has also been involved in community and county activities having served on and been president of the Conejo Valley Substance Abuse Prevention committee, a committee reporting to the Ventura County Supervisor and dealing with community drug and substance abuse educational activities.

During his term as the West Central Coast District Vice President, 1999-2000, Tom worked with as many Elks as possible in support of the West Central Coast District Elks activities both in their lodges and in their communities. He is committed to getting more Elks participating in the West Central Coast District Elks activities and getting the members more committed in assisting the Grand Exalted Ruler Roger R. True with his goals in advancing the workings of Elkdom throughout the West Central Coast District and into the Communities of Elkdom.

*Elks are the Best People On Earth ~
Roger R. True - GER - July 8, 2002*

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We really enjoyed the convention in Reno. We learned how the national convention and the Grand Lodge operate, plus we met people from all over the nation. It was a rewarding experience.

We were proud to see Tom Ryder installed as our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler from our Lodge. We also took First Place in Division III for Lodge Bulletin, thanks to Jerry Serota our editor for our monthly bulletin the Antler Antics. We took 2nd Place in our division for Lodge Activities. I was very proud to accept these awards at the convention.

It is good to be back and see our Operation Facelift doing so well. Be sure to look at our patio and our kitchen when you come to the Lodge.

Thanks to all the hard work from our members, Jay Block will be naming all the people who helped do such a wonderful job on the kitchen. It really looks great!

The air conditioning is now working on the patio thanks to Roy Cooper, Bob Hardy, PER, Tom Ryder, DDGER, Bill Lloyd, PDDGER/DL, Greg Metzgas, Tommy Claunch and Bob Clark, plus many others who helped complete the job. I want to thank Sally Claunch, Dave and Annie Pearson for doing such a good job raising money for Operation facelift. We will be having a fund raiser on September 10th with dinner and entertainment. Be sure to be there.

Sally is asking for donations. This money will be used strictly for our Lodge. We are now getting bids for our stucco for the outside of our Lodge. Thank you everyone for your support.

Remember *"It's a Good Life!"*



FIRST LADYS CORNER

Barbara Booker, FL

Hi,

Where to start! The convention in Reno was wonderful! We stayed at a great hotel and learned so much about the Elks.

It gave us a much larger outlook on the whole national picture. We met some great Elks from other states and of course from our own District.

The clothes I took worked out well. I didn't wear them all, but had a choice anyway.

Now we get to Operation Facelift. Those of you who missed the Auction of Officers, did really miss it. We had so much fun and laughed all night long. If you miss the next one you will be sorry. The food was good and the Auction was so funny with Richard Goldner as the auctioneer!

Sally & Annie had everything set up great and we raised \$2200. Everyone thought it was well worth it.

Have you seen the patio and kitchen! They are really being improved. Just sit in the patio and see and feel how much better it is. Also take a look at our kitchen. It is so nice, brite and clean. I could just "Sit there" and look at everything. It feels so good to see Operation Facelift gaining momentum.

COMING SOON
RUMMAGE SALE - START PLANNING
NOW!!!
OPERATION FACELIFT



EDITORS CORNER

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Train Maintenance Fund



We owe a huge debt of gratitude to **Ray Hinton**, and his next door neighbor **Mark T. Noel**, and his crew at **NAC Effects & Prop Animation**. They were invaluable with their forklift in helping us attach our new trailer for

transport and **Bob McKee, PDDGER**, and all the supporting members of our **Elkomotive #2477 Train Fund**.

First and foremost for his generosity is **Ray Hinton**. By donating a trailer in which to haul our train for distant visitations, the parade in Santa Maria next year will be a reality. **Thank you Ray!**

For his patience, persistence and unflagging generosity in making the trailer a reality, thank you **Bob McKee, PDDGER**. If you have ever dealt with DMV and bureaucracy you know what we mean. **Thank you Bob!** Let us not forget Vern Jossy for being there when we needed him. **Thank you Vern!**

Getting the trailer in shape so it can pass DMV inspection we owe a debt of gratitude to all the supporters of our **Train Maintenance Fund** for without you there wouldn't be an Elkomotive #2477 to entertain the children and to represent Elksdom to our community. **Thank you Brother and Sister Elks!**

We are eagerly looking forward to our **Elk Picnic 2002-'03** and will give you a further update in our next issue.



WEST CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT PICNIC YR 2002



This is an invitation for all Elks, their families and friends to join with us for the Year 2002 Elks District Picnic Weekend at the San Luis Obispo Lodge October 11th thru the 13th. Activities being planned to appeal to everyone. Something for everyone.

Friday night is regular Friday night dinner and social gathering.

Saturday night the San Luis Lodge is having its annual **ELKTOBERFEST** night. Music, singing, dancing, German food and Bier. Wear your best German outfit.

No menudo cook off this year! Instead there is going to be a tamale cook off and tasting Saturday morning. Ezzy Pena is coordinating this. Call Ezzy for details.

Saturday Craft Faire is on again. Space will be made available to those wanting to display and sell home made craft wares. All that is asked is that you donate some of your profit to the VP's Major Projects fund at the picnic. Marva D'Ambrogio coordinating this. Call her at 805-485-1948 for more information about the faire and sign up!

Picnic will start about 10:30 AM with fun and games for all! A Continental Breakfast will be available Sunday Morning for those staying over.

There is an adult pool and a kids pool available for those that just want to lie about, swim a little or just soak up some sun. There is space for about 200 campers for those that want to camp out and good motels within close range of the lodge.

For camping reservations call San Luis Obispo Lodge at 805-543-0322.

Come for one day or come for the entire weekend. All we ask is that you join us for a fun time! Your Lodge Officers and the picnic committee are working to make this years picnic the best ever!

For more picnic information call VP Jim Diacono, Chairman, 805-686-4669, Tom Ryder, Vice Chairman, 805-497-1853, or the San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge, 805-543-0322.

~ ALL ABOARD FOR ELKDOM ~

Gene Chambers - President - CA-HA Elks Association
 (Come on aboard; its fun to be an Elk !)

Tom Ryder, DDGER Visitations

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| September 4, 2002 | Paso Robles Lodge #2365 |
| September 5, 2002 | Santa Ynez Lodge #2640 |
| September 10, 2002 | Simi Valley Lodge #2492 |
| September 17, 2002 | Lompoc Lodge #2274 |
| September 19, 2002 | Ventura Lodge #1430 |

2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

LEADING KNIGHT

Greg Metzgus

2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:

Dave Naccarato

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Sally Claunch**INVESTIGATION:** George Meehan**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION:** Jay Block**CHRISTMAS BASKETS:**

Don & Barbara Booker

**INDOCTRINATION:** Jack Loughran, PER**MEM. CONT. COM.:** David Pearson**CVAC:** Tom Hartin**COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Jerry Serota**OFFICERS ROUND TABLE:** Jack Panczak**CHARITY DINNERS:** Don & Barbara Booker

Our patio heating and air conditioning is up and operational thanks to the efforts of Brother Bob Clark. This was the second step in beautifying our patio, the first being the new furniture. There are more improvements to follow; we want to make everyone comfortable in our lodge.

The Charity Basket fundraisers this year will be a giant raffle of weekend trips to Palm Springs, Laughlin and Las Vegas. There will also be rounds of golf to be won and dinners out at some of our finest restaurants. Look for details next month and help support this most worthy project. The charity event this year (the plans are still in the works) will be held on the 15th of November so please mark your calendar.

Many thanks to our kitchen overhaul crew, they did a superb job. Some additional stainless steel work and a new sink are planned for the immediate future.

As for our weekly drawings at the meeting, there are now two capsule drawings each Wednesday with an opportunity to win \$500 for just showing up and purchasing a drawing ticket. Come and join us each Wednesday, bring your membership card and an appetite because dinner is always served before the meeting. You really don't want to see your name listed in the crying towel section of this newspaper.

See you at the lodge



Operation Facelift gives the patio some heating and air thanks to Greg Metzgus and his crew of tin smiths

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Heather Maddox, Chair.



I hope everyone read their July/August issue of the National Magazine, why? See page 26, which is the very center of the magazine, our T.O. Jr. Elks, a big

thank you to Jerry Serota. I got a call from Arizona's Regional Director of Soccer and he wants the 4 Lodges in his district to start a Jr. Elks, Michigan has a Jr. Elks Program and I know that one of Georgia's Lodge has also started a Jr. Elks. So it looks like the Junior Elks Program is taking off well. *Anybody that may still have their National Magazine*, we are asking for page 26, we would like to have enough of them to give to each of our Juniors. So if you do don't save them yourself would you please save it for us. You can either leave it behind the bar, in an envelope with my name on it or mail it to me at home: (Heather Maddox, 707 Rancho Road, T.O., CA 91362). Thank you!

Mark your calendar for: The SOCCER SHOOTOUT Competition on Saturday, September 14th, at the Soccer field on Janss Road, come out and enjoy the fun and competition. Also coming up soon is the Hoop Shoot Competition, we don't have an exact date set yet, but we will let you know.

The Jr.'s will be having their last car wash for this summer on Sunday, September 29th, so mark your calendar \$5.00 for cars and \$10.00 for Trucks/SUVs/Vans, the El Konejo Kampers will be cooking breakfast.

I would also like to thank all the behind the scene people that have and are helping support our T.O. Jr. Elks Program, you know who you are, so I don't need to mention names, that way I don't leave anyone out. But there is one person I'd like to thank and that is Carol Neuner, thank you Carol for everything!!

Thanks again to everyone!!

EL KONEJO KAMPERS

Pat von Wittenburg

www.elkonejokampers.netfirms.com

Wouldn't you know - the very first campout as the "official" reporter - I had to stay home - there are just some things over which we have absolutely NO control.

came 50/50. Tommy won and we all teased him unmercifully.

Ed Colleran, Joel, and Wayne decided to try flying kites. Donna C., Bev D, Ann O. and I went with them to watch and help out. The wind didn't cooperate and the men had difficulty getting the kites up. Us ladies spent more time helping fetch the kites and launching than they spent in the air.

First I need to thank Shirley Kozlowski for her long-term reporting - will have to work hard to keep up!

Secondly, thank you to Debbie LaFarr for standing in for me!

Hi fellow Kampers! This is Debbie LaFarr reporting for Pat von Wittenburg on the July Kampout at Flying Flags in Buellton. It was a wonderful time as usual, with most rigs arriving Thursday. It must be nice having both people in the rig retired. You can take off when you please, arrive early, stay over Sunday for an extra day or two... but I digress.

Special note - October Kampout at Pt. Mugu-- Ed and Donna Colleran wagon masters have asked all crafty and creative people that would like to, bring your crafts and stuff to sell at a boutique. You get to keep any money you make, this is just to provide an opportunity for those in our group that do crafts and such, to display their wares and give us a chance to purchase some of the pretties instead of waiting for the Christmas raffle chance.

Until the next time, happy camping! Debbie

Wayne and I arrived Friday about 7pm and were met with a wonderful surprise. The Hardy's were there with their new rig. That's right! Bob and Donna took the plunge and got a beautiful Bounder three weeks before the kampout, That's right, three weeks! People knew they were looking and had asked them if they had found something. But, our Donna, honest treasurer, said no, ...even to people that weren't going on the kampout! Congratulations Bob and Donna! Many happy miles and memories are wished for you.

Hi! It's me Pat - with additional TIPS! How many of us have gotten miles down the road - only to discover we have left something essential at home - like additional medication, our reading glasses, or prescription sunglasses (does this say something about our age, eek!).

I discovered a great check list in the July Trailblazer - which is obviously too long to print here but a great website was suggested from RV Alliance America - rvaa.com click on RV Safety, then on RV Driving Safety and then on Pre-Trip Checklist.

The whole group seemed to be in the mood to throw tradition to the wind and do things differently on this trip. Thursday saw some of the girls going on a wine tasting tour. Friday night everyone went to Federico's for margaritas and Mexican food. Saturday was the breakfast with champagne provided by the Hardy's. (Did I mention that they have a new rig?)

A couple of the items really struck home - hearing of some recent problems of our campers.

As wagonmasters, Bob and Donna figured on some people wanting to go into Solvang for a little shopping so decided to do the raffle, 50/50, and sheriff after the meeting. During the meeting, Beverly Erickson sat in for Pat and did the secretary's job, taking notes, reading the minutes from the last meeting respectfully committed (oops!) submitted by Pat. The treasurer's report came next with lots of heckling about a motor home payment. The raffle drawing saw many different winners selecting from great prizes (good job Donna). Next came the sheriff, Tommy and Sally Claunch. As we all waited to hear what we had been caught doing, Tommy decided to fine every rig \$3 so the shopping trip could begin. Oh, they wouldn't give change so if you only had a \$5 bill, that was your fine. Boy did we all scramble for one's. Then

1. Check that fluid levels are in operating range (oil, power steering, engine coolant, windshield washer, transmission, brake fluid, etc.) If you notice your engine temp has been operating on the high side - get that cooling system checked by a pro.
2. Since we most usually are camped with at least water and electric - it's real easy to neglect checking the generator - until we need it - oh, oh, it's often too late! It's advisable to run the generator for at least 10-15 minutes each time the rig is out - especially if only out once a month!
3. When packing the refrigerator, do not pack so tightly as to restrict internal airflow.
4. Check that refrigerator door is fastened securely. (A friend ended up with a lot of gooey stuff on her floor - neglecting this step.)

Check it out folks, it has some REALLY VALUABLE information, but as anything else - it's only valuable if you use it!



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| CONEJO VALLEY DAYS: Lee Grindle LODGE ACTIVITIES: Dave Naccarato SCOUTING: Greg Metzger/Gary Holton HOOPSHOOT: Heather Maddox WED. NIGHT DINNERS: DRUG AWARENESS: Tom Ryder, PER STRAY ELKS: David Pearson MOTHERS DAY: Jim Rochford |  | ENTERTAINMENT: Joe Smith WED. NIGHT TICKETS: George Meehan/Len Cardoni LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION: Scott Dool DISTRICT PICNIC: Tom Ryder, PER PRESIDING JUSTICE: Dick McCann YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Heather Maddox |

The very first thing I must do is thank the dedicated people who put forth a fantastic effort in renovating the kitchen last month.. Led by Frank Coley, yeoman energy was expended by Max Maxwell, Tommy and Sally Claunch, Ken Keeler, Joel Erikson, Lee Grindle, Steve McKee, Harold Calvin, and Jim Horning. Even the Exalted Ruler Don put his long experience to work in repairing the ceiling drywall. The Elk Ladies President, Myrna Block, assisted by Alice and Rusty Kennedy, Sally Claunch, and Vera Bailie, removed and inventoried ALL of the gear in the kitchen, then put every thing back, a Herculean task in its self.. Now it should be MUCH easier to keep it ship shape.

I tried to keep track of the time spent in doing this Operation Face-Lift Phase, and as close as I can figure, a total of over four man-months were put in by all.

Heather Maddox, who is our Chairperson for Youth Activities, informs me that she is in need of assistance to run the Soccer Kickoff which occurs on Sat. the 14th . She needs people to keep score, register the kids, and in general be there to support the Lodge. Please contact Heather if you can help. Speaking of our youth, did you see the wonderful article in the August Elks National Magazine showing off our Jr. Elks? They (Jr. Elks) are also going to have their last car wash of the year on Sunday the 29th, in conjunction with the Kampers Breakfast.

Joe Smith has lined up a great night of entertainment to benefit Operation Face-Lift with a Quartet from the Sweet Adelines (which will include our own Cornelia Meehan) on Saturday the 7th. Myrna and I will be preparing an Italian Dinner and the price will be \$10.

The Kampers are having their monthly outing at Faria State Park. During Coopers Fish Fry, Friday the 20th BINGO games will be called by Heather and myself. Remember, the Vet Visitation on the 19th. And again please take note of the time change that the Konejo Sporting Klays have initiated for their monthly activity..12:00 pm on the Sunday 15th.

ESQUIRES CORNER

Dave Naccarato



James V. Wallace joined the California Napa Elks lodge in 1952. James joined to be involved with the charity work that the Elks perform in the community and throughout this great nation. He immediately assumed the responsibilities of the Bowling and Golf tournaments held by the Berkley and Napa Valley Elks lodges. He demitted from Napa and became charter member of Thousand Oaks lodge 2477 in 1972. James served in the positions of Inner Guard, Chaplain, Lecturing, Loyal, Leading Knight and then Exalted Ruler in 1993-1994. With the experience he gained over the years, he was then asked to take on the responsibilities of District Chairman for Elks training. He has been available to the membership for help in many areas and has provided assistance in answering questions on 'how to' and 'what is' an officer of the lodge. As well as how to understand the Statues and help officers as they progress through the chairs. James has the information to share on how Grand lodge operates and the inner workings of a lodge. "Once your term is up as Exalted Ruler, District comes a calling, It is an honor to be asked and you should consider taking on a new roll as an Elk." The benefit is that not only your own lodge could use you help, you now have 11 other lodges needing asking too. Jim's spouse's name is Grace and to take a passage out of scripture" by Grace are ye saved" I'm sure as first lady she saved him many times.

NEWS FROM YOUR ELKS MAJOR PROJECT...

Dear California-Hawaii Elks,
I think your program is a wonderful thing! In addition to the valuable therapy, each child cannot help but benefit from the one-on-one (actually its two-on-one with the parent) "attention" that he/she receives. And Hedley (Hedley Uetake, Speech-Language Pathologist) is very creative with her choice of "tools" (toys, games, etc.) so that my son not only looks forward to therapy, but is also learning other things in addition to his therapy. Thank you so much California-Hawaii Elks Major Project.



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

We are now into the 5th month of the lodge year, and the office is still running full blast. We have a new office girl to help Dee, so maybe we can get caught up a little. Her name is Isabella (Bella)Wagnier, and is definitely an asset to our staff. Drop by and say hi to her if you get a chance.

We've been having some trouble lately keeping our finances on the straight and narrow, and your cooperation would be most graciously appreciated. One must remember that only the trustees of the lodge can obligate the lodge. That means that if you wish to buy something for the lodge without the permission of the trustees and then want reimbursement for it, you might run into trouble. If you have unauthorized work done that will create an expense to the lodge, you might well donate it. Finally, only the trustees or persons authorized by them are allowed to enter into contracts for the lodge. We're really having problems with that one. Right now we are out \$500.00 because of a contract not approved by the trustees. So please do everyone a favor, and if it involves money to be spent against the lodge or a contract, go through the trustees first. As an aside, if an expense is in excess of \$600.00 for any work whatsoever, it must go through the trustees. If it is a contract, then anything over \$600.00 must have at least 3 bids. Not my rules, they are Grand Lodge.

We received the results of our annual audit and came out with flying colors. Only thing that was mentioned was our kitchen costs, and we're trying to put a handle on that too. Congratulations are in order to the officers who are running your lodge in a most efficient manner. We have a tremendous amount of team work this year, which shows not only in the physical appearance of the lodge, but in the general administration as a whole.

Published in this months bulletin are the names of members who have requested nomination and election to Life Membership in the Order. There will be more I'm sure as more members return their paperwork. Congratulations to those members who have donated at least 30 years to Elkdom. At present they are all charter members of the lodge. They started a great lodge 30 years ago, and it has done nothing but get better. But we have a problem. Our lapsation right now is at 44 members. This is a problem of each and every one of us, and has to be brought under control. I will be publishing a list of lapse members in the bulletin next month. If you know any of them, or better yet if you sponsored any of them, please get them to renew their dues. Membership is the life blood of our

lodge. We need and want each and every member to be active. If they are not paid up, they are not allowed to enter the building or take part in any other functions. This is a lose-lose situation. Nobody wins this one.

Also included in this months bulletin are the results of some of the more important resolutions that were passed at the Grand Lodge session. Voting got pretty hot and heavy on some of them, but as a rule the delegates did an outstanding job of looking after our order.

This is getting pretty lengthy, so I'll cut it short. Please come to the lodge as often as possible and give all the support you can. We have some terrific cooks, and they do their very best to please everyone. Price is right too.

So that's 30 for this month. Everyone take care and have a safe and pleasurable Labor Day weekend.

Bill

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The following named members have applied for nomination and election to life membership in the Order, and are eligible in all respects in accordance with GLS 14.260. Balloting for these members will be at a regular session of the lodge on September 18, 2002.

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| Raymond Clayton | #0231 |
| Roy Cooper | #0210 |
| Joseph Grecco | #0238 |
| Robert Jennings | #0162 |
| Kenneth Keeler | #0169 |
| Vernon McNaboe | #0008 |
| Richard McNeal | #0211 |
| Edward Stogsdell | #0114 |

Congratulations to these members who have been loyal Elks for at least 30 years!

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| 2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN | LECTURING KNIGHT Sally Clauch | 2002-03 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN |
| AMERICANISM: Raven West FLAGDAY/FLAGRETIREMENT: Sally Clauch SCHOLARSHIP: Bobby Holm GOVT. RELATIONS: Marilyn Harding MEMORIAL SERVICE: Jay Block KONEJOSPORTING KLAYS: Don Cortis |  | NATIONAL SERVICES: Jim Kellogg KIDS XMAS PARTY: Chet Kozlowski, PER GOLF TOURNEY: Dave Pearson Tommy Clauch LODGE PICNIC: Bobby Holm MEMBERSHIP: David Pearson CHRISTMAS TREES: Terry Baker EL KONEJOKAMPERS: Bob Hardy, PER |

Kudos to Vern Jossy for having chaired the Americanism committee for many years. His articles were always informative and timely. His handling of the essay contest was professional and thorough. Now he states that he and Marmaduke are off for a respite from official Elk duties. Being a dedicated chairperson he secured his own replacement-Raven West. She is a new member with Elkdom in her veins. Her father is a PER from New York state. Welcome Raven !!

Also Kudos to our extraordinary Editor, Jerry Serota, and former trustee/officer, John Ennis, on their induction into the Jolly Corks. No, it is not a new wine but an elite group of Elks who are recognized for their contribution to the organization. Ask them to share their unique experiences about their initiation into the society.

Finally kudos to Ernie Pachecco on volunteering to chair the Christmas tree sales. Please personally thank Ernie and say that you will assist him in November. As you know this a one of the major fundraisers for the Lodge to continue our charity works for veterans, youths and seniors.

On your next visit to the Lodge please notice the subtle but significant changes to the kitchen and patio through Operation Face Lift. Campaign Kitchen and Patio have been successfully completed. The air conditioning and heating unit has been installed on the patio and the kitchen has been cleaned, painted, and maintenance work done. Kudos to the volunteers who made the campaigns successful. There is a display board in the Lounge detailing the progress of Operation Face Lift and saluting the volunteers who made it possible.

Now a financial update on Operation Face Lift- Kudos to the El Konejo Kampers for their generous donation of \$1000 and the Elk Ladies for donating \$750 to the cause. Revenues from the golf tournament and Sweet Adelines dinner on September 7th will be added to the pot.

But we need YOUR financial assistance to renovate the exterior and interior. During the month of September a letter and donation envelope will be mailed to each member explaining the operations planned and asking for your financial support. Please be generous for charity begins at home. In this case our home-the Lodge. As Elks we give to make other lives better now we are asking you to give to make our own Lodge better.

Please mark your calendars for activities under this station:
LODGE PICNIC-Sept. 1st 11am to 5pm
SPORTING KLAYS-Sept. 15-12 pm at the Lodge
VETERANS VISITATION- Sept. 19 meet at Lodge at 5pm
EL KONEJO KAMPERS-Sept. 20-22 Faria Beach

NEWS FLASH
MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL
BEGINS-SEPTEMBER 9TH

FRANK COLEY'S FAMOUS PHILLY CHESSE STEAK SANDWICHS KICKS OFF THE SEASON..DRINK SPECIALS-SIGN UP SHEET FOR COOKS IN THE LOUNGE

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

By Marilyn Harding



Here we are again and this month, instead of my interview, I'm following up on our National Convention with amendments to the Laws of the Order and our Constitution. Our Exalted Ruler Don Booker read all of them to us at our last meeting. I thought that this one was important enough to share with you in our newsletter. They were presented as proposals to amend and were passed.

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AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN

Raven West, Com. Chair

When Vern asked me to be the next Americanism Chair, I felt honored. I had read his column in the Antler Antics and was looking forward to writing for the next issue. August is a slow month, so it would be perfect for my first entry into this job to write something easy. However, he told me the August issue was already finished, so my first assignment was going to be for September. The single most important month in the recent history of America is the topic of my first column as Chair of the Americanism committee. Not an easy task by any means.

I've just returned from a trip to New York. Although the location was 200 miles north of Ground Zero, the events of 9-11 are felt much more strongly there than 3000 miles away. In California it seems most people have returned to their normal lives. Events of a year ago seem to have been forgotten, replaced with the usual daily routine. We've all gone back to "normal".

But in New York, "normal" is still very far away. New York television broadcasts places to go for help for those still dealing with the aftermaths of the event. Signs are posted throughout the business district which still carry scenes from ground zero. Everyone I spoke to either knew someone or knew of someone who had perished in the towers. They spoke of visiting the site, seeing the ashes, digging through debris and comforting those who lost loved ones. The entire town is still draped in American flags, and not one of them is torn or ragged.

Ellenville Lodge #1971 is hosting a memorial for a member who lost a friend in the towers. They are expecting 400 people to attend. All expenses will be paid for by the lodge.

Everywhere I went people had personal stories to share. The bartender at a local restaurant lost four friends in the towers. He told me he had gone to so many funerals and memorials, he stopped watching television and had to move out of the city. I could see by the expression on his face that life wouldn't return to "normal" for him for a very long time. Then, he gave me a little smile and said his therapist probably bought a new car just from his visits. And then I realized what it was about New Yorkers, and Americans that will keep us going. Our unique sense of humor. In the darkest of tragedies, this young man was able to make me laugh.

11TH ANNUAL ELKS FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY



The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477, located at 158 Conejo School Road, Thousand Oaks, on Sunday, October 20, at 1:00 p.m. will conduct their 11th Annual Elks Flag Retirement ceremony along with their sponsoring boys, girls, brownie, cub and explorer venture scouting units.

When patriotism is rekindled in our nation and flags flown daily there is a need to retire old and worn flags respectfully. Patriotism is first and foremost with Elks and this is a patriotic colorful inspirational ceremony made up by the scouting troops that the lodge sponsors. The public is invited to attend and pay their respects.

The scouts will be proudly starting the ceremony by presenting the colors. The Chaplain will make the invocation, and the Lodge Officers will present the flags to be retired. The scouts will conduct the retirement ceremony. There are 13 stripes representing the original 13 States and as they remove each stripe one at a time and lower it into the funeral pyre. a patriotic message is delivered i.e. "Rhode Island for the first of the 13 colonies to sign The Declaration of Independence."

An ice cream social will be provided following the service. the public is invited to bring their worn and torn flags that are no longer in service for honorable retirement.

Those wishing to have their flags retired can drop them off at the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 located at 158 Conejo School Rd. Thousand Oaks.

We will all remember 9-11. We'll cry for the loss, we'll get angry at the insanity of the events of that day. We'll celebrate the heroism of those who gave their lives and we'll fly our flags proudly. And we'll find a way to laugh through the tears.

Raven West
Americanism Chair



DDGER, Tom Ryder, WCCD, State VP, Jim Diacono, and ER, Don Booker, VP Visitation



Kathy and DDGER, Tom Ryder, at dinner introductions,



Marty Robertson, CHEA Trustee and Diane



Dona and WCCD, State VP Jim Diacono Acknowledging Introductions and First Lady Barbara Booker



PER, Richard Goldner receives a Special Plaque for his work as WCCD, Public Relations Chairman



PER, Gil Riding received Special Award for his work as WCCD District Piggy Bank chairman

138TH NATIONAL CONVENTION, 2002'03
Reno, Nevada



Tom Ryder sworn in as DDGER of the WCCD 2002-03



A pre party celebration as Tom Ryder, received his DDGER jewels from appointed Don Booker by all the current ER's in the WCCD. Dinner was in Tom's honor



Loyal Knight Jay Block and Heather Maddox manning the Bingo



Sally Claunch thanks Chuck Busch for his Pork Roast dinner and a goodbye card as he is moving to Apple Valley



Jim Diacono presented awards for Public Relations during hid visitation



Welcome our newest Snyder to Elkdome, Grandson of Mary and Dan Snyder, PER, is Carson with proud Papa John now playing for the Portland Beavers

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FROM THE ELK LADIES 2ND VICE PRESIDENT
Karen Naccarato

Hi Everyone! Not much to report this month. Our next meeting is September 3rd at 8:00 pm. The EL board meeting is September 17th at 7:30 pm.

Here's a little trivia for all you movie lovers:

And the Winner Is.....

The Academy Awards ceremony was broadcast on television for the first time on August 20, 1953, allowing movie-goers to witness firsthand the glitter and pagentry previously reserved for Hollywood alone. Audrey Hepburn won best actress honors for Roman Holiday, while William Holden received the best actor award for Stalag 17. From Here To Eternity, starring Burt Lancaster, Montgomery Clift, Deborah Kerr, Donna Reed, and Frank Sinatra, won for best picture of the year! Also - The longest laugh Lucille Ball ever earned on "I Love Lucy" occurred in "Lucy Does The Tango," episode #172...when Lucy has eggs in her shirt? Remember that one? Well, thats about it. If I missed anything important I will print it in the next article.



SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Sally Claunch

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: Esquire Dave Naccarato and his wife Karen on the passing of his step-father.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

ON THE MEND: John Ennis's son from a detached retina; Shirley Kozlowski, wife of PER Chet has a broken toe and Brother Bill Dennison had surgery for the removal of a cyst.

TO FACE OUR FEARS
Marilyn Cissell



You're always here to help us, Lord,
with problems or a dreaded task,
In looking for the answers, God,
some times we never even ask.

You often send us messengers,
a family member or a friend,
Whose wisdom or their sound advice
could bring that burden to an end.

We fill our lives with other things,
unwilling, God, to face our fears.
Our ears were closed to offers,
resulting in such wasted years.

Amen



SEPTEMBER

| | |
|-----|-----------------|
| 3. | Hazel Lenahan |
| 5. | Cornelia Meehan |
| 6. | Teri Rochford |
| 9. | Sarah Kolb |
| 12. | Annie Pearson |
| 17. | Dee Swanson |
| 20. | Donna Hardy |
| 21. | Doris Dellinger |
| 22. | Becky Krabel |

ELKS LADIES FASHION SHOW
Saturday September 28
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HONOR ROLL



No Donations this month



SEPTEMBER

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| 4. Tom Ryder, DDGER | Ed Louy | Boyd Lindquist |
| 4. Dick Churik | 15. Lee Taft | 25. Joe Fratella |
| Harry Brockwell | Jim LaRue | Randy Mainer |
| George Peckham | 16. James Doyle | 26. Marshall Knowlton |
| David Dennison | 17. Bill Lloyd, PDDGER/DL | Jeff Drake |
| 6. Ed Jones | Jim Glaze | 27. Robert Reed |
| James Mandich | Ed Rice | David Figley |
| Len Cardoni | Zie Austin | 28. Ron Dourlain |
| 10. Robert Trevathan | 18. Kirk Keeler | Steven Sewell |
| Bill Dennison | Chris Campbell | 29. Everett Boyce |
| 11. Edward Bianchi | Dale Grimes | PER John Nau |
| 12. Roy Cooper | Frank Mancuso | Brian Boals |
| John Cooper | 19. Bernie Fike | Fred Trzcinski |
| Joe Palmintiero | 20. Jim Kellogg | Lawrence Daniels |
| Dick McCann | Hugh Mulloy | |
| 13. Keith Orr | 21. Bill von Wittenburg | |
| Dennis Anderson | 23. PER Ed Stogsdell | |
| | Jerry Serota | |
| | Worth Grim | |

FROM THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE PROPOSED AND WILL BE BALLOTTED ON DATE: September 11, 2002

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CRYING TOWEL



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|----------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| July 3 | \$500.00 | #1814 | Rick Bennett |
| | 175.00 | #1508 | Bart Manzo |
| Lucky 13 | No Winner | | |
| July 10 | No Meeting | G.L. Convention | Reno |
| July 17 | S.V.P. | Visitation - Open Meeting | |
| July 24 | \$500.00 | #1357 | Jim D. Allen |
| | 200.00 | #1337 | Keith Orr |
| Lucky 13 | No Winner | | |
| July 31 | Open Meeting | | |

Proposed statement for public release on United Way of Ventura County issue

The Ventura County Council Boy Scouts of America appreciates it's past membership as an agency of United Way of Ventura County. This membership expired on July 1, 2002 because of a new policy the United Way of Ventura County Board of Directors adopted in June of 2001. This United Way of Ventura County policy states:

"United Way of Ventura County is committed to funding agencies that provide services and offer employment and volunteer opportunities to all, without discriminating on the basis of age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin or disability. Henceforth, each agency applying for funding shall be required to affirm its compliance with this policy. This policy is not intended to preclude agencies from offering nondiscriminatory programs to targeted segments of the population."

This United Way of Ventura County policy referring to "sexual orientation" directly conflicts with Scouting's position of not allowing any avowed or known homosexuals to be a leader in the Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity or Venturing programs for boys or young adults. The United Way of Ventura County adoption of this policy eliminated Scouting, and the Ventura County Council, from being a member agency of the Ventura County United Way.

We are disappointed, however, we respect the right of United Way of Ventura County, as a private organization, to establish its values and standards for agency membership; just as Scouting, as a values based and private organization, has a right to establish and live by its values and standards.

Some people have expressed outrage at this United Way of Ventura County policy and have indicated they will no longer support United Way. We don't believe this is the proper attitude or action, and we urge these people to reconsider their position.

United Way is an important fundraising mechanism for many worthy community causes. More support is needed for United Way, not less, and we encourage United Way

contributors to maintain, or increase, their financial support.

We also encourage those United Way contributors, who believe in Scouting's values, to exercise their right, as a donor, to designate their United Way contribution to the Boy Scouts of Ventura County. Such donor designations to the Boy Scouts of Ventura County will go directly to Scouting, less a small and reasonable deduction for United Way fundraising and administrative costs.

Donors, designating their United Way contribution (through any United Way in which they are located) will have their contribution go to the Boy Scouts of Ventura County, and their contribution will help build values, skills and leadership in over 8,000 young people involved in the values building programs of the Ventura County Council.

Individuals or businesses interested in making a direct contribution to Scouting may do so by writing their check to "Boy Scouts of America" and sending it to the Ventura County Council at 509 Daily Dr., Camarillo, CA 93010

Anyone with questions is invited to contact Ventura County Council Scout Executive Dave Graska at 805-482-8938.

UNITED WAY\ Proposed Board Statement for Public Release



The crew of Heather Maddox, Debbie Carafelli, John and Carol Neuner and the Jr. Elks donate \$115 to the Patio Fund



SCHOLARSHIP
Bob Holm, Com. Chairman

July 16, 2002

Dear Bob Holmes and the Elks Lodge,

Well, I have successfully finished my first year at California Lutheran University. Thank you again so much for your generous contribution towards my education. After my first semester at CLU, I decided to major in Biology. I then proceeded to take Calculus and an advanced Biology class my second semester (besides all of my other required classes like History of Art, Computer Applications, Religion, and Music). I'm finding that I really enjoy the sciences. As far as what I'm planning to do with a Biology degree, I'm either thinking of pursuing a Master's Degree in Biology or going to medical school. Ever since I was a little girl, I've felt a calling to perhaps become a medical doctor. As many of you know, I've had lots of experience with doctors through all my operations. We'll see what happens though ~ I feel like I have lots of possible opportunities.

Another highlight of my first year in college was being a part of California Lutheran University Choir. Only four freshman were accepted into this renowned choir of 50 young men and women, and I was one of them! In fact, in January of this year I went on tour with the CLU choir to London, England. It was the adventure of a lifetime as we had the opportunity to sing in thousand-year-old cathedrals in York, Coventry, London, and Stratford upon Avon. Seeing Europe is a memory I will never forget.

This summer I'm working full-time as a teller at a bank, and I'm trying to get ahead by taking summer school at night at Moorpark College. (She wants will transfer to CLU in the fall.)

I'm looking forward to school starting up again in the fall. The classes I will be taking are Chemistry, Genetics, Calculus II, and Beginning Acting. I hope to be cast in a school play at CLU next year, and I'm going to try and find a job working in a doctor's office.

God bless you all for continuing to support my education with the scholarship.
Sincerely, Wendy McLevige



ATTENTION:

Cribbage Players

Keep in mind possible date of Sunday Oct. 20th at the Canoga Park Lodge.

Confirmation to follow next month.

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empty apartments and hours of loneliness, irregular meals and never-ending chores for a palatial home filled with friends, activities, delicious and healthful food, and especially a self-satisfaction and sense of purpose which brings them awake with a smile as if every morning is Christmas. These are Elks like you who have found a new, rewarding life at the Elks National Home and Retirement Village, surrounded by rolling countryside and lush Virginia greenery. Would you like to “audition” for this “Star status” at the “Palace” in Bedford? This could be your “Big Break”! A one-to-five day visit to the Home costs under \$50-a-day per person, meals included, for any Elk in good standing who wants to sample what the “Good Life” here is all about. For more details, contact either your State Association’s Home Coordinator or “Director” Bill Pickett, Elks National Home, 931 Ashland Avenue, Bedford, VA 24523, (phone: 1-800-552-4140; Email: enhome@aol.com). Soon YOU could be in the “limelight”!

By way of parallel, there is a group of people who currently have that same exhilaration and special treatment that can only come after a lifetime of hard work. They have traded

RESULTS OF GRAND LODGE RESOLUTIONS VOTING

The following is the results of some of the more important resolutions that were voted on at the Grand Lodge session in July.

1. An amendment was added to our constitution and statutes that requires all applicants to pledge allegiance to and salute our flag. This amendment passed unanimously.
2. An amendment allowing members of the immediate family to witness the initiation was defeated.
3. An amendment to permit withdrawal of a complaint by an accuser prior to a subordinate forum was defeated. Once a complaint is served, it must continue through the judicial process unless taken care of at mediation.
4. A motion to reduce the statute of limitations for prosecution at a subordinate forum from 4 years to 1 year was defeated.
5. An amendment to reduce the required number of members to institute a lodge from 150 to 50 was passed.
6. An amendment to define who is authorized to sign checks against the lodge was passed. This amendment states that members of an immediate family (husband and wife, daughter, son, etc.) as officers cannot sign checks. Only one member (officer) is authorized to sign. This amendment settles conflict of interest issues.
7. An amendment was passed that will allow members of another lodge to propose a candidate in a lodge not their own. This does not mean that the candidate has to be accepted by the lodge.
8. An amendment was defeated that would allow members eligible for life membership in a lodge to automatically become life members without a vote of the lodge. The lodge must vote on each member separately.
9. An amendment was defeated that would allow the spouse of an Elk who has been dropped for non payment of dues, absolute dimit, or otherwise become an unaffiliated Elk to remain having visitor privileges in the lodge. The old rule applies - if you are an Elk and are dropped from the rolls, you become an unaffiliated Elk and lose all eligibility rights for admission to the lodge. Married couples who want to become "husband and wife teams" should take note of this rule. If you have any questions, please contact the lodge.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS (Continued from Page 8)

Amendment to Section 14.010 of the Laws of the Order, added part underlined:

"An applicant for membership in the Order shall be:

- a. A citizen of the United States of America who will pledge allegiance to and salute our flag."

Amendment to Article VII, Section 4 of the Constitution, added part underlined:

"Membership in the Order is limited to citizens of the United States of America who will pledge allegiance to and salute our flag, not under twenty-one years of age, and having such other qualifications as may be provided by Statute."

If you have been reading the Government Relations articles lately, I have been wanting to help you understand how important it is for us as members to keep our rights, being a private organization.

I'm really going to try and have an interview with a member next month, sooo smile, you're in Antler Antics, Marilyn

P.S. Here is a little area trivia for you.

Area Trivia

1. To what county did we belong before we became Ventura County?
 2. What are the three counties in the Tri-County or Gold Coast area?
 3. What counties are generally considered to make up Southern California?
 4. What is the name of Ventura County's new university?
 5. What is the largest city in Ventura County?
 6. What two cities in Los Angeles County are often considered to be part of Ventura County?
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10. An amendment was passed that changes the eligibility for a guest ID card. The statute now reads "the unmarried widow of a deceased member, a child or stepchild under the age of 21 of a member or deceased member. Spouses of course still eligible providing they do not fit into the category specified in (9) above.

If anyone has questions on any of these resolutions, please contact the lodge office.

POETS CORNER

By: Ken Muellerleile



Remembering 9-11

Of creativity, we will be, looking for an aspiring thought, word or deed.

And with the participation of all those around us, may we absorb nature without an affluent lust.

Peace and freedom was all we intended, but destruction and mayhem is how that day ended.

Unable to understand the terrorists mentality, they use, "The Holy War" as an excuse for fatality.

Many months have now past the memory will never leave, nothing more that we can do except to pray, and to grieve.

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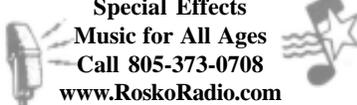
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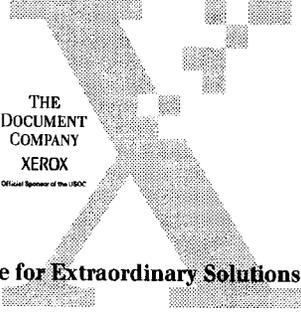
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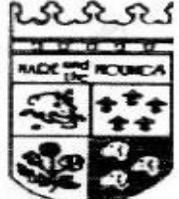
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 SECRETARY - Bill Lloyd, PDDGER, DL
 TREASURER - Bob Hardy, PER
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 CHAPLAIN - Jim Rochford
 INNER GUARD - George Meehan
 ORGANIST - Jim Wagner
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TRUSTEES

| | |
|-----------------|--------|
| Joe Smith- | 1 Year |
| Terry Baker- | 2 Year |
| Herb Jellander- | 3 Year |
| Walter Ogden | 4 Year |
| Denise Goldner | 5 Year |

PAST EXALTED RULERS

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1972-73 *Marvin D. Smith | 1993-94 Jim Wallace |
| 1973-74 Erle Pittman | 1994-95 *George Pekow |
| 1974-75 Richard Flake | 1995-96 Gil Riding |
| 1975-76 Bill Wagner | 1996-97 Jack Loughran |
| 1976-77 John E. Henry | 1997-98 John Kelly |
| 1977-78 Robert McKee | 1998-99 Chet Kozlowski |
| 1978-79 *Frank J. Rindone | 1999-00 Richard Goldner |
| 1979-80 Edward F. Stogsdell | 2000-01 Jacob Panczak |
| 1980-81 Frank "Tex" Hastie | 2001-02 John D'Ambrogio |
| 1981-82 Robert Hardy | |
| 1982-83 *A. John Nichols | By Affiliation: |
| 1983-84 John Nau | 1981-82 |
| 1984-85 Vern Ogden | Robert L. Thornton |
| 1985-86 Dan Snyder | |
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| 1990-91 Don Ansell | |
| 1991-92 Gary Sleigh | |
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