



ANTLER ANTICS



Terry Baker
Exalted Ruler

ELKS CARE ...ELKS SHARE

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ANNUAL CHARITY BALL

Saturday October 26, 2013

Dinner -Raffles -Prizes -Dancing

6:00 pm: social hour with hors d'oeuvres

7:00 pm: Dinner by Jim Porter

Salad

Rouladin

(German style stuffed rolled steak in gravy)

-or-

Paper wrapped Baked Fish

Jim's special roasted potatoes

Broccoli Au Gratin

Cheesecake w/fruit

Dancing to the sounds of KC Phillips



Reservations Only

Tickets available at the bar beginning October 1 through October 22

\$20 per person

PROCEEDS FUND OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM FOR THE NEEDY IN OUR AREA



EXALTED RULER
Terry Baker



We had a visit from the city and our lodge was cited for some minor infractions. I want to thank Dan Martyn for taking the lead on having all the wants of the city taken care of in such a quick amount of time. All the while he was packing for a trip to New York. Our lodge is so fortunate to have members like this that take the bull by the horns and "git der done".

Have you noticed the new officer picture board? Our Tiler, Gregg Miraglia built and installed for the lodge. It's a beautiful piece of workmanship. The grounds are always neat and trim thanks to our latest Elk of the Year Ben Rieger. All this while his knees have been giving him problems. Rick Herrera raises all the money for scholarship through the lodge recycling program. Our ladies group, Kampers Klub and the Past Exalted Rulers Association along with the Frank Rindone Fund sweetens the pot that allows us to give more to the deserving students. Every senior who turns in a correctly filled out scholarship application who may not have won one of the big prizes still receives a \$100.00 stipend. We are able to do this with the recycling program and the other groups in our order.

Our Bar B Que crews are at the lodge and out at off-site events. We get asked to cater events and that takes more member involvement. Rick Bennett and Jill Williams (siblings) organize and make it all happen. We have many other service organizations that meet at our lodge. We steer them to meet on Saturdays around 11:00 so it will be right at lunch time. A method to our planning. I'm glad to see all the activities going on at the lodge. Richard Goldner has rekindled the Sporting Klays.

Loyal Knight Jim Moye has been working tirelessly on putting activities together. Jim enjoys watching you all having a good time with members from the order. Jim and Kathy together put the right people in charge like Kevin Metzgas and the overnight deep sea fishing trip. David Pearson and the golf tournament. Even when David Naccarato was ready to throw in the towel on Bingo Jim asked for one more chance to put butts in the seats. Talking to David our last two bingo games had a average attendance of thirty players. You all work side by side at the BAR B QUE or in the kitchen but every now and then you need to do some fun things with the members you have met here at the lodge. Steve Smith is putting a bus trip to Santa Anita horse race track. He did not get a big response so instead of cancelling like we have had to do in the past, he got a smaller bus.

As summer comes to a close I want to thank you for supporting the Lodge and our winter months will be gratifying beyond expectations. **Terry Baker**

CHARITY



LEADING KNIGHT
Dan Martyn



Greetings from Detroit! Karen and I are here for a family wedding, but we did get a chance for some Elk's time.

After spending a week visiting us in California last year, with several visits to our Lodge, Uncle Brian returned to Michigan and joined Royal Oak Lodge #1523. We spent some time there Friday afternoon and returned on Sunday for the Lodge's Lions' tailgate party. To say the crowd was lively would be a gross understatement, with boisterous commentary which was colorful but devoid of expletives due to the fact, I was told, that ladies were present. Needless to say, the refs suffered much verbal abuse which, from a Lions' fan's point of view, was well deserved. The Lodge members and bar staff could not have been more hospitable, the bbq burgers, brats and dogs were great, and the Lions won! My sole regret about the visit was that LA does not have a home team to cheer on.

During our Sunday visits (yes there were two visits on Sunday, a second one to retrieve Karen's cell phone from the bar), I learned that the Lodge, which has roughly 400 members, used to enjoy a much larger membership and facility. Hanging out with the guys doing the bbq, I was told that recruiting officers is difficult, 10% of the members do 90% of the work, and recruiting and retaining younger members has been a challenge. Sound familiar? One member told me that even with shuffleboard, a pool table and games, some younger recruits lost interest, perhaps because they did not feel welcomed by more senior members. Turn the juke box down, etc.

We also attempted to visit the Troy Lodge, which some years ago had a large facility and several thousand members, but was now located in a much smaller facility in an industrial area. A few days before, at one of our favorite spots, Karen and I overheard a conversation several bar stools away. Based on what we heard, we introduced ourselves as Elks, and found that the folks talking included a PER and a member from the Troy Lodge. We made the trip, but our visit to the Troy Lodge late Sunday afternoon was only a trip to the parking lot, as the Lodge is closed on Sundays. It was pretty disappointing.

It was also disappointing to learn that the old Detroit Lodge #34, whose membership has, I was told, dwindled to fewer than 100 members, may merge with the Royal Oak Lodge in order to survive.

Why do I share this with you? First, to share with you the hospitality we enjoyed at a very welcoming Lodge #1523. Second, to let you know that many Elks Lodges face the same problems and challenges, and finally to emphasize the very real

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LOYAL KNIGHT

Jim Moye



Well here we are again in October starting the busiest time of the year. Many thanks to those of you who responded to my requests for volunteer help. Lets start with two guys who came down above and beyond what they normally do around the lodge and busted their fannies splitting and stacking wood, Dave Anderson and Gerry Gillies. Thanks Guys. Also many thanks to Sam Frankl, Billy Sternberg and Sherri Jones for taking up the Sunday breakfasts challenge. Couldn't have done it without you.

Our Labor Day "Picnic / Breakfast" was also a success thanks to the following fantastic volunteers. Sherri Jones and Jim Mullen manned the stoves; Jessica Stull and Kathy Moye served. Power Dave ran a fast and furious Bingo game and our ER Terry Baker conducted a wet T-shirt contest. You had to be there. Max Maxwell and Jim Porter rounded out the day with BBQ burgers and hot dogs.

Jim Porter and John Puckett hit one out of the park with a great Friday night Ritz chicken dinner and Jim Miller and his karaoke machine provided the entertainment. I must confess I didn't know that I had such a great voice, not.

Looking for something to do on Monday, Wednesday and Friday Nights? Come down to the Lodge for dinner, watch some football, attend a meeting or two.

And don't forget Power Dave's Bingo on the third Monday of the month, October 21st. Come down for dinner and stay for Big prizes and lots of fun.

Monday night football is back and the bowling league is back on a new night. Tuesday night leagues will start on September 24th. Sign up sheets will be posted on the lodge bulletin board. First come first served, it fills up fast.

Remember "Elks Care and Elks Share".



At the time a lot of you became members of our Elks lodge, e-mail was not even a word yet. A place to even enter an e-mail address on our application form was not even printed yet. But times have changed. Please give the office your e-mail address. that we may have another way of communicating with you.

We now have a suggestion box in the wall in the lounge. Fill out the card with your e-mail information and place it in the slot in the wall and I will retrieve it. And while you're at it send along a suggestion

Dave Naccarato, PER-Secretary



LECTURING KNIGHT

Robert Jones



need to focus on growing membership, particularly with younger members. More on membership in a future article.

While visiting another favorite local establishment, I discovered proof that the old saying about all the fruits and nuts being in California is false. A mailman was sitting at the bar, complete with Elvis hairdo and muttonchops, together with his wife. Apparently he believes he IS Elvis and she believes she is Patsy Cline. Oh well.

As I did in last month's article, I would like to thank a member for his or her contributions to our Lodge. This month, I would like to thank Jim Porter. Jim has become one of our regular kitchen creatures, and his reputation as an excellent cook is well deserved. Next time that he makes his famous chicken and dumplings, be there. Jim takes pride in his work, and tries to offer menu selections that differ from typical Lodge cuisine. Besides handling Wednesday night dinners, Jim also helps on other events and occasional Friday nights. Jim will be our chef for the Charity Ball on October 26, so please come and enjoy. Thank you Jim, for all you do.

**Dan Martyn
Leading Knight**

Terry Gicking, DDGER

Invites all Lodge Members to help
Celebrate his Homecoming
on October 12 featuring some of
his favorite foods-

*antipasto salad

*lasagna

*yummy dessert

prepared by Chef Boyd & Crew

\$12

social hour 6 pm

dinner 7 pm

followed by music and dancing

Carl Lanterman
 Chairman-National Services
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October 7, 2001 – Afghanistan War began
 October 13, 1775 – U.S. Navy Established
 October 23, 1983 – Grenada Campaign began
 October 27 – Navy Day

Repeat from 2012 – Navy day was observed through a regatta on the 27th. When it was later discovered that the actual establishment was on the 13th, the navy maintained its observation on the 27th.



Photo: Carl Lanterman (left), Chairman - National Veterans Services (USAF vet) and Art Urbano, Viet Nam veteran (US Army) both serve active military personnel & families and veterans through the Ventura County Military Collaborative Expo in Camarillo, CA.

The lodge supported the elks national *Army of Hope* veterans program by providing \$220 in food and gas gift cards to military families at the 2nd annual **Military and Veterans Expo** organized by the Ventura County Military Collaborative (VCMilC). The expo boasted about 100 organizations that help veterans, active duty military personnel and their families. It is estimated that 1,000 attendees took advantage of services from the V.A. – Ventura County Veteran Services Office (VA-VC VSO), psychological/PTSD help, training opportunities, job opportunities (CA-EDD and VC Sheriff's Dep't), housing and similar service providers.

In addition to monthly bingo and karaoke visits, you have provided support to the annual Ventura County Stand Down (VCSD), and give food, clothing, toiletries, movies, playing cards and medical devices when they are needed and an annual brunch and entertainment, including flag retirement ceremonies during Veterans Remembrance Month. For a lodge of 400 members to continuously support these and other veteran programs reflects a tremendously dedicated effort on the part of the committee and members.

The individually sealed **STARS** (seen on the table) are given to veterans in thanks for their service. They come from cantons of flags to be retired according to patriotic practices. The response has been overwhelmingly positive from those who have served being able to carry such a STAR in one's wallet or purse. On the back of the accompanying card reads,

I am part of the American Flag.

I have flown over a home in the U.S.A.

I can no longer fly. The sun and winds have caused me to become tattered and torn.

Please carry me as a reminder that YOU are not forgotten.

While attending my first Stand Down 4 years ago, I quickly became the VCSD Transportation Committee Chair. This was followed by an invitation from the Superior Court of Ventura County to participate in the Veterans Court and Mentor Program, and later resulted in the creation of the Ventura County Military Collaborative that sponsored the expo.

The bingo crew continues to visit Sepulveda V.A. Hospital on the second Friday each month @ 1:00 pm and the karaoke crew visits the CalVet Home on the 4th Thursday @ 6:00 pm.

COMING ATTRACTIONS



October- 5= Elk Ladies Luncheon
October 6- Day at the Races
October 12- Terry Gicking's Homecoming
October 12- Cribbage Tournament
October 26- Charity Ball

November -1/2 Mid-Term Conference
November-16 MASH- ENF fundraiser
November 17- Veterans' Brunch
November 28- Thanksgiving Dinner
End of November- Christmas Tree sales set-up

ENTERTAINMENT



October 1- Pier 101
October 18-Uncle Monkey



CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT
Saturday, October 12

11:30 lunch= tri-tip sandwich
Noon-=tournament
\$20
Call Rick Herrera 901-2394
for a spot in the tournament

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Coleen Morris
805-241-8928

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: Mke Ramirez's family on his passing

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Our Armed Forces and their families who keep us free; Roy Cooper; Phyllis Rding; John Leadam

ON THE MEND: Carol Stewart



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"**

Michael Ramirez

sponsored by
Leo Rodriguez
Born 12/29/57
Initiated 6/22/05
Died 9/7/13



October 21

6 PM \$10 BUY IN



David Naccarato, PER



Believe it or not I made a mistake. When I said our lodge had two District Leaders we actually had three: Frank Rindone, Bill Lloyd and Greg Metzgas.

The District Deputies from our lodge were Erle Pittman, Bill Lloyd, Greg Metzgas, Richard Goldner, Gil Riding, Frank Rindone, Tom Ryder, and by affiliation Bob Thorton and our latest is Terry Gicking.

Terry asked me to be his Auditor for the year. Bill Sternberg is his Esquire. What the District Deputy does is inspect the lodges in his district to be sure we are in line with Grand Lodge Statues and Guidelines. We inspect the books and check out the property for safety concerns and meet with all committee chairpersons to hear how it's going. I was real nervous when he asked me to be the Auditor, but I received help from Carl Lanterman and past Auditor Chet Kozlowski. Last year's Auditor Ray Hunting came out a week before we started our visits to go over everything with me. Ray has done it 5 times so it was time to give him a break. I'm glad now that I did it. Seeing how other lodges do things can only make me stronger in my job here at our lodge. I've already implemented some ideas I discovered in my travels. When we do the close lodges Simi Valley on October 8th, Ventura on October 10th, Oxnard on October 3rd come on out with us to the lodge meeting. Dinner is always at 6:00 with a 7:30 meeting start time. See what goes on at a visitation. It makes us look good when we have a strong presence at a visitation.

October 12th is Terry's homecoming. It will be held at our lodge. The visits are over and it's time to celebrate. Come out to show support.

I was sad to hear of the passing of Micheal Ramirez. We will be holding a vacant chair ceremony at the next general meeting. To remind some of our older members and to instruct our newer members. The hour of eleven has a tender significance. When the clock strikes eleven all proceedings stop to pay homage to our absent members. I hear members say "5 till eleven I gotta go" Trying to be gone before the eleven o'clock toast. It is a privilege to be here and give the toast

forget them by toasting them in this way, Elks live on and are never really absent- they are always present at Elk activities, festivities, events and celebrations.

At Elk meetings there was always food and any member who maybe was new in town or had not been paid yet was free to take home any leftovers from the meeting. That is why we always have food at the lodge. Not, we all have a kitchen, that's why

This August we had our BBQ crews going here at the lodge and two days out at the Camarillo airport. It was hot, hot, hot. Rick, Jill and their crew did a great job. I want to say thank you to the crews of the BBQ. Richard Goldner was approached by a past member who had let member who had let his membership lapse. Richard got him a reinstatement application and got the wheels turning on getting him back in. Good job

Richard

Our newest Grand Exalter Ruler who is the man that Terry is District Deputy for is Millard C. Pickering. Let me tell you what type of people the Elks put in charge of our Order. Millard is in law enforcement and was named prosecutor of the year in 1991. He was Past President of the Association of Oklahoma Narcotic Enforcers.

Millard enjoys an active lifestyle with many diverse interests including aviation, martial arts, cooking, travel, mixology, and cross country motorcycling. He is an accomplished vocalist and has formed many groups in various locations including Branson MO and the Tulsa Performing Arts Center. He himself has been in over 30 performances. He's married, has children and is a charter member of the Knights of Columbus. And he still has time to travel for the Elks. Goes without saying his normal life will be on hold for a year but a year to remember

I want to take a moment and talk about Jim and Kathy Moye. When you're Loyal Knight you are in the thick of things all the time. I remember when I was Loyal Knight, I could never had done it if it were not for my wife Karen. The same goes for Kathy. I see her here all the time and is always so positive. Jim, she's got your back! Kathy is not satisfied with serving from the kitchen window. She's out in the lounge, the Lodge room or outside at the picnic benches making sure you are being taken care of. They are two among many that we need to be thankful that they are a part of our lodge. And again I see a pattern forming here. Rick Herrera is the one who sponsored Jim into this lodge. Good

people begets good people. Jim was a project manager and that shows in the way things are done here bingo was going by the wayside he brought it up. When it looked like another Lodge picnic was going defunct he and Max Maxwell picked it up. When I was here who did I see....Kathy

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Jim enjoys BBQ, bowling, bingo, shotgunning, fishing and camping. A perfect fit for the Elks Lodge. Let's not burn them out. We can give them all the help they need to make it a little easier on them.

Let me talk about Bingo. We now have games on the third Monday of the month. We have had 15,30,28 at the last three games including the lodge picnic. At the lodge picnic I had Jessica Stull back from Russia. She helped me call bingo at the picnic. More players means bigger pots. We play up to 10 games but now we are implementing other games such as "you pick em" bingo or "Bonanza Bingo" and this month we will have "Double Action and Horse Race" bingo. What does this mean to you? What does this mean to our Major Project? Answer... more MONEY. Come down and have dinner, stay for bingo and I promise no jokes. Well maybe one. Come on just one. Plus you need to find out what all the excitement is.

WOW FACTOR Jim Moyer, Kathy Moyer, Jill Williams, Rick Bennett, Richard Goldner, James Porter (another great dinner) Gerry Gillies, Dave Anderson, Allan Hardie, Max Maxwell, Robert Jones for doing Karaoke for the Veterans every month in Saticoy. The group that goes to Sepulveda to play bingo with the Veterans. We thank you.

Dictionary Project

Elks are part of The Dictionary Project. As an Elks charity established to assist 3rd graders in learning to read, this project has spread from a small town where it began to a national program—and the Elks are both serious sponsors and presenters.

In fact, 2,398,506 dictionaries were given to students in 2011 and overall, 17,145,332 children have received a dictionary to date. The California-Hawaii Elks Association is proud to be an active contributor of time and resources to The Dictionary Project.

The **goal of this program** is to assist all students in completing the school year as good writers, active readers and creative thinkers by providing students with their own personal dictionary.

What's in the Dictionary?

- Words for large numbers (do you know what 10 to the 100th power is?)
- Common Standard International Unit symbols (like km=kilometer)
- Standard International Factor Prefixes (so what's 1,000 gigabytes called?)
- Periodic table of Elements
- Multiplication table
- Roman Numerals
- History of the United States Flag
- Basic Civics Lessons
- The Declaration of Independence
- The United States Constitution
- Bios of all the United States Presidents
- States of the US and statistics about each one
- Maps of the World
- Facts about each country of the World
- The Planets
- Sign Language
- Braille
- The World's Longest Word

These dictionaries contain all of this information and the **Elks simply GIVE them** away to delighted and eager 3rd graders in a show that excites them even more with the participation of Elroy the Elk and Richard Goldner, PDDGER acting as MC.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LODGE visit our website for pictures-www.elks2477.com

A MESSAGE FROM C.H.E.A. PRESIDENT

Hello and Aloha!

Claudette and I have begun our travels around this great Association of ours. We just returned from our Grand Lodge Convention in Reno in mid-July. What a great turn out from California and Hawaii! Everywhere we looked in the convention center we saw blue coats. I want to thank all of you – your enthusiastic participation made Claudette and I so proud to represent the California-Hawaii Elks Association!

In April, we attended the Nevada Elks Association Convention in Carson City. It was a fun time! While the Nevada Elks Association is much smaller than CHEA, they are just as dedicated to Elkdom as we are.

Then, of course, we had our annual CHEA Convention in Anaheim in May. What a great turn out! Again Claudette and I want to thank everyone involved. After the Convention, we went to the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo. What a great job they do and have been doing for the past 70 years, raising money for their local charities. Our next stop was to the Metropolitan District where we visited five lodges. It's great to see the good things that all of the lodges are doing in their communities to "Pass Elkdom On."

When we left the Metropolitan District, we went to Mesquite, NV, for their annual Mesquite golf tournament. A little hot, but a good time. We raised over \$800 for the Major Project because of the participation by Elk members from lodges in California.

Now that the Grand Lodge Convention is over, we are back on the road spreading the word of Elkdom and what we, as Elks, are all about. We look forward to meeting all of you when we come to your District to find out what you are doing in your lodges and communities. Our visitation schedule is on page 4 of this issue.

In the previous lodge year, we raised just over three million dollars for our Major Project. In order to reach that goal again, I'm asking each of you to donate just five dollars more – that's right – just five dollars more than you gave last year. If every Elk in California and Hawaii does that, we will be able to continue to help all of the children that need us. I know we can do this – "BUT IT'S ALL UP TO YOU."

You won't receive your next issue of the magazine until after the Christmas Holidays, so Claudette and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a most enjoyable fall season and a most blessed Christmas and Holiday season and God Bless All.

"ELKDOM, PASSIT ON"

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Dick McDonald

Richard L. McDonald, President

California-Hawaii Elks Association



CHEA Programs

The [Major Project](#) is the primary program which is overseen by a committee of the California-Hawaii Elks Association that pledges its commitment to addressing the unmet needs of children with disabilities throughout the states of California and Hawaii by developing a program of supporting services to aid these children at no cost to their families and without discrimination.

California-Hawaii Elks support and sponsor various fund raising activities for kids of all ages including [Scouting](#), [Hoop Shoot](#), [The Dictionary Project](#) for 3rd Graders, [Drug Awareness Program](#), Americanism Essay Contests and [Scholarships](#)

CHEA assists our country's [Veterans](#): as Elks we are committed to those that have fought for our freedom and the future of our country



ENF Programs

The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We provide tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with lifelong skills; honor the Elks' pledge to never forget our veterans; help the state Elks associations accomplish their charitable objectives and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

At its meeting in San Antonio on February 13, 2013, the ENF Board of Trustees approved appropriations and distributions for the 2013-14 fiscal year totaling a **record \$26 million**, an increase of 10 percent over the current year.

Community Investments Program

\$8.5 million

State Elks Association Grants

\$8 million

Scholarship Programs \$3.74 million

Elks National Veterans Service Program

\$1.144 million

Elks Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest \$692,750

Elks Drug Awareness Program \$682,200

Elks Memorial Building Maintenance \$653,380

Claim your Lodge's Gratitude

Grant – To thank Lodges that meet the

GER's \$4.50 per-member-giving goal, the Elks National Foundation is offering these Lodges \$2,000 Gratitude Grants. Gratitude Grants, part of the ENF's Community Investments Program, can be used to serve your Lodge's community by meeting a local need. Visit www.elks.org/enf/community for more information on these and other CIP grants.

Gift deadline approaching –



**PLEASE MAKE FRIDAY NIGHT
DINNER RESERVATIONS BY CALLING
THE LOUNGE
496-4550 OR WITH ANY BARTENDER**



LODGE ROOM RENTALS

Attention Members: Are you planning a party, banquet, wedding, birthday or other special event? Our renovated Lodge Room is available for rental at very reasonable rates. Catering can be arranged. Contact Brooke at 805 496 4550.

Your Lodge Serving Our Community

- *Hosting Blue & Gold Ceremony at Lodge
- *Providing karaoke at Saticoy Vets monthly
- *Doing bingo party at Sepulveda Veterans Hospital monthly
- *Hosting blood drive for the community
- *Participating in BSA Court of Honor
- *Sponsoring an appreciation dinner for youth in our community
- *Participating in CVD and Chili Cook Off
- * Holding Toys 4 Tots drive
- *Being a partner in Special Kids Day at CVD
- *Hosting flag retirement ceremony with Boy Scouts-open to the public
- * Cooking for Brownlympics & Scouting Events
- * Providing use of lodge room for Girl Scouts Bridging Ceremony
- * Giving VFW free monthly meeting room
- * Sponsoring hoop shoot for local youth
- * Providing meeting place for community clubs
- * Preparing and delivering food baskets
- * Hosting Easter Egg Hunt for community kids
- *Providing meeting place for Marine Corp League

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT GRAND

2013-01 Permits social quarters to remain open during Lodge meetings on a limited basis and without bar service
YES 1398 NO 1447

2013-02 Requires advance publication of a preliminary Grand Lodge Budget and presentation of the final budget during the legislative session
YES 1179 NO 1658

2013-03 Amends the Constitution to allow Lodges to affiliate with an adjoining State Association subject to certain conditions
YES 1653 NO 1183

2013-11 Increases the deposit on appeals of Executive Orders and allows for the refund of the remaining deposit upon the voluntary withdrawal of appeals
YES 1523 NO 1310

2013-12 Provides that suspensions do not run during the time in which a Member is delinquent in the payment of dues
YES 2542 NO 293

2013-13 Increases the time dropped Members may reinstate as a right
YES 2264 NO 572

2013-04 Amends the Constitution to allow 2013-14 Allows a reduced Initiation fee for up membership to citizens eighteen years of age or older, subject to State and local laws YES 544 NO 1296 YES 742 NO 2099

2013-15 Allows a Lodge to appeal an Executive
2013-05 Amends the Statutes to allow membership to citizens eighteen years of age or older, YES 1583 NO 1248
Order appointing a Special Representative(s) subject to State and local laws

2013-16 Designates the Board of Directors. or
YES 764 NO 2078 Trustees as the "Board" and identifies which Board

2013-06 Requires different color Membership cards for Members under twenty-one (21) years of age YES 2493 NO 333

2013-17 Clarifies the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors of an incorporated Lodge

LODGE IN JULY 2013

2013-07 Allows reduced dues for Members under twenty-one (21) years of age
YES 2645 NO 189

2013-18 Requires the submission of a general revision of House Rules with any By-Laws general
YES 416 NO 2420

2013-08 Amends the Constitution to eliminate the positions of Grand Tiler and Grand Inner Guard
YES 2128 NO 701

2013-19 Provides an expedited procedure for resolution of judicial controversies
YES 1242 NO 1597

2013-09 Amends the Statutes to eliminate the positions of Grand Tiler and Grand Inner Guard
YES 2555 NO 272

2013-20 Reduces the period for filing an appeal
YES 1245 NO 1594

2013-10 Requires State Associations and related entities to submit organizational documents to the Committee on Judiciary for approval
YES 1508 NO 1322

brief after a Local Forum decision



A big thank you to Dean Riecle for installing the fan in the BBQ room. A member who saw a need and took it took care of it.

To Tony Gomes who is looking out for the family of another Elk member.

To Harold Constantine, Harold was the member who got the city to install a light at the intersection of Los Feliz DR and Conejo School Rd. Harold walked to lodge meetings and asked the city for the light and got it. Harold has had to move and when he was packing came across some high priced libations that he has donated to the lodge that we will auction of at future lodge functions. Thank you Harold.

EL KONEJO KAMPERS



AUGUST AT POINT MUGU! -Pat Von Wittenburg

First, I want to thank the ladies who stepped up to the plate in my absence to write the Kampers' article, Cheryl Templeton, Beverly Erickson and Jessica Stull.

This is one thing I truly enjoy doing for/with the Ksmpers but due to circumstances beyond my control I just haven't been able to go camping.

Through the kindness of Cheryl, I WAS ABLE TO GO CAMPING! YEAH. It worked out very well (though I didn't think I'd do it again a while back) because I could pack up my stuff in my car and drive to Mugu and use as needed.

It's too bad we don't have more members with access because this is a very desirable camping site. Haven't figured out if it is the cost or location, most likely a combination of both.

When Jim Porter and crew arrived, I swear his rig looked like it was 50 feet long. It was very surprising to learn his 5th wheel is only 33 feet. Our wagonmaster, John Puckett, stepped out followed by Sherri and Kim's dog was in the trailer.

Thursday was a very amusing afternoon. Many people were concerned about mosquitoes and were discussing different means to avoid the nasty critters. The most popular solution at the moment seemed to Bounce in the bra or should that be said, "more bounce in the bra?" Guess the guys were out of luck (giggle).

Joe and Judy Nemtusak had their granddaughter with them, what a beautiful, charming young lady

The Kampers were a bit spread out and when Jim Moye was walking between campsites, he tripped over someone's doggie tie out. Didn't spill a drop, but kinda messed up his knee and skinned his elbow. Guess that wasn't the hand holding his glass!

Missed the beginning of the story, at any rate the steps on the Flannery's trailer were missing. Poor Mike got his ear chewed a lot because the temporary steps were not at all to Mary's liking. Rumor has it that one night, after Mary went in for the evening; Mike removed the temporary steps to insure that she was truly in for the night.

Friday was pretty much the usual camping day, visiting, poker of course, reading and relaxing. Jane Watson arrived after sundown. Because she was a paid camper, but there was no open site for her, she was asked if she minded being in the dry-camping area for FREE! Because Jane is accustomed to occasional dry camping, at the price, she didn't mind at all.

Friday evening, appetizers, cocktails and more visiting – until someone decided it would be tequila time. Several of our group such as Donna Collieran and Mike Flannery, probably Cheryl also, are quite well informed or at least have very definite opinion as to what constitutes a GOOD or VERY GOOD tequila. So the shots began. It was surprising how long the GOOD stuff lasted; apparently there was a fairly good supply among the group. However, it's somebody's rule that all good things come to an end; therefore, the not so good stuff was brought out. It seems the not so good stuff was nearly intolerable, perhaps it would work well if mixed with some really great mixer, but as a

"shot" it was awful. It was suggested that the bad stuff be left on the table overnight, hoping it would be stolen. No such luck, that bottle was still there in all its glory the following morning.

Saturday morning was a lovely morning and slowly but surely the group began to gather. There are some unusual placed people carry their cell phones. Jane was standing there, everyone began laughing – her boob was ringing.

I've probably mentioned, on more than one occasion, that I don't gamble because if it wasn't for my bad luck, I'd have no luck at all. Seems it doesn't only apply to gambling. I had no more finishing my bowl of Cheerios, when John came round saying that there's a group going to Neptune's Net. Drat – seafood is one of my very favorite.

We have our very own group of "Charlie's Angels" or little devils as the case may be. Saturday afternoon, Jane Watson, Sherri Jones and Kathy Moye decided they'd take a walk up the beach. Earlier in the weekend we had been advised that some areas were out-of-bounds because of some training exercises. You guessed it; these three meandered into one of these restricted areas. They claim there were no warning signs posted or at least they hadn't seen any. These three could have been so absorbed in their "yakking" the likelihood of their even noticing is questionable. At any rate, they were sitting on some type of dock, when they noticed what they assumed to be fishing boats coming awfully close, and then realized those were NO fishing boats. About the time that realization hit, they were being approached by a military vehicle. Needless to say, it was strongly suggested they return to camp. The supposition is that they may have been seen on a satellite and may be bound for Gitmo (giggle)!

After our abundant potluck dinner, Sherri was the acting Sheriff, nasty little thing! I mistakenly had said that I quit smoking and for the most part have, but she caught me sneaking a real cigarette instead of using my e-cig and joyously fined me. Thanks ever so much Sherri.

Hope to be camping again in the not too distant future!

UPCOMING KAMP OUTS

October 11-12 - Flying Flags

November 7-8 - Kenney Grove

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Ladies appreciation luncheon rescheduled for Saturday October 5th. Guitar entertainment, Carol Stewart will be selling clothes, the ladies will get a percentage of everything sold. Don't forget the sale of Xmas wrapping paper and cards at the Kampers Brunch on Sunday October 27th. The ladies donated \$100 to Kidz Matter an organization for prevention of Bullying in the Schools.

BIRTHDAYS

October Birthdays
10-12 Deanna Savokinas
10-22 Charlotte Gessler
10-25 Betty Veaga
10-27 June Leadam
10=29 Sarah Ely



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Understands you
Values you
Walks beside you
X-plains things you don't understand
Yells when you don't listen and
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More from Websters Dictionary
Abdicate....To give up all hope ever having a flat stomach.
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Starting in November Marian Anderson will be doing the article for the Antler.
Myrna Block

Let us Pray....Thank you for the gift of today. Thank you for allowing us to work, serve and rest.
Thank you for Isaiah 40.29-31. He gives power to those who are tired and worn out, he offers strength to the weak.
Every youth will become exhausted and young men will give up. But those who want on the Lord will find new strength. They will fly high on wings like eagles. They will walk not Faint. I thank you Lord for these promises.
Amen



Elks and T.W.A.

We have quite a few retired airline pilots in our membership. We have one more joining our ranks so I was given this bit of history that I thought I would share with you. In 1938 Transcontinental and Western Airlines later to be known as Trans World Airlines(TWA) began serving Clark County in Nevada. With the government contract to build Bolder Dam(later to be renamed Hoover Dam) it was believed Boulder City would be a more marketable location for a airport than nearby Las Vegas, an oasis in the middle of nowhere. With Thousands flying in to work on the Dam project, the airport was thought to be the hub for aviation during the early years of flight in the 1930's. Of course we now know that Las Vegas grew into this bustling metropolis and the terminal that was built for TWA in 1938 served in that capacity until the airline moved to Las Vegas in 1949. Now how does this pertain to us and why am I wasting space in our Antler Antics. In 1958, the Boulder City Elks Lodge #1682 purchased the building. Since then, the lodge has operated the building as it's home, maintaining the historic structure. Though expanded, the original TWA terminal building continues to greet visitors to Boulder City. So next time you are in Las Vegas take a ride over to Boulder City Elks Lodge, show them your membership card and share some history with them.

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- Plastic cups
- Salad dressing containers
- Aluminum foil



Thank You for your continued support, Rick

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OCTOBER 2, 2013

- Pati Harrod proposes Kathleen Edwards
- JB Bre proposes Elizabeth Buckner.
- Harrold Ellis wishes to transfer from a closed lodge in Cottonwood Utah #2344.
- PER Don Ansell proposes John Kiely Ball.
- Jim Moyer proposes Mike Violano.
- Jim Moyer also proposes Jim Moyer jr.
- Richard Goldner is having David Moodie Reinstated

CRYING TOWEL



- August 7th 2913 capsule drawing \$425.00 James Bragg not present
Lucky 13 \$30.00 James Porter no winner
- August 21st capsule drawing \$450.00 Mark Rediger not present
Lucky 13 \$45.00 Karen Martyn no winner
- August 28th capsule drawing \$475.00 John Moran not present
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