



ANTLER ANTICS

ELKS CARE ...ELKS SHARE



Terry Baker
Exalted Ruler

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TERRY GICKING DDGER 2013-2014 WEST CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT

Terry moved to Thousand Oaks in the summer of '59 at the age of 3. He has basically never left.

After graduating from High School, Terry got into the construction industry, which was booming at the time. It seemed like half his graduating class did as well.

With his Father as sponsor, he became a member of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 along with his two of his brothers in May of 1981. He quickly became involved and was elected Secretary during 1984-85. In 85-86, He also assisted the ritual team as the candidate and Thousand Oaks won the District competition, the first time for their lodge.

Terry weaved his way through the appointed chairs while his kids were growing up. He also coached both Bryan & Carol Ann's sports teams. Finally he got serious in going through the Chairs, becoming ER in 2009-10.

Terry is a past President of the T.O. Elks bowling league, and past President of the PER association. During the last 2 years he is a member of his lodge's Veterans committee, and very active in the Ventura County Stand Down for the homeless Veterans.

As District Piggy Bank Chair-Challenge the last 3 years, and was 13". The district as a whole helped do this year!

His oldest son Steve became a member and now resides in Oregon. Youngest son, Bryan, was just initiated by his Dad last February 2013 on PER night. Terry also has a Daughter, Carol the Elks in Moreno Valley, CA.

Terry's hobbies include soft-trees, (golf)

During his 32 years of being primary goals of the men who started his have fun with others while doing activities that benefit our community. He is proud to be a part of the BPOE! "Best People On Earth"!



Since 2010, He is the Orientation Chairman for his lodge. men, he helped rally the lodges to win the Leading Knight's recognized as "Outstanding District Chairman North, 2012-nate over \$200,000, helping CHEA reach the \$3 million mark

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ball, fishing, boating and hitting the little white ball into the

involved with his lodge, Terry has always remembered the lodge and Elkdom in general. Elks Lodges are a place to

Terry is also proud to carry the message of the new Grand Exalted Ruler, Millard C. Pickering, throughout the district. "Elks Live, Elks Give" which goes hand in hand with our official motto "Elks Care, Elks Share". Be sure to visit Terry when he comes to your lodge. He is always looking for those friends he hasn't met yet!

VISITATION SCHEDULE

September 3rd San Luis Obispo
 September 4th Paso Robles.
 September 5th Santa Maria
 September 10th Santa Barbara
 September 12th Atscadero
 September 17 Oceano/Five Cities

September 19th Santa Ynez
 October 01 Lompoc
 October 03 Oxnard
 October 08 Simi Valley
 October 10th Ventura
 October 12th Thousand Oaks Homecoming



EXALTED RULER
Terry Baker



First, I want to thank the lodge for a splendid Going Away Party. I know it was for all our district Exalted Rulers and their spouses but Sharon and I had a lot of fun, and learned allot about the gaming system .As a result I love 3 Card Poker. One thing that Grand Lodge hoped to happen did happen. I was able to visit with other Exalted Rulers, not just from California but from all over the country. What I found is we all have the same problems, the same issues that plague each and every lodge - cash flow, declining membership, obtaining members.

We are a volunteer organization no way around it. We are non profit but that does not mean we go broke. We do have a lounge where our members can come down and “everybody knows your name”! We hope to cover the expenses of the lodge with monies left over to help out the many wants and needs of our charities. We are a private lodge. Membership is by invitation only. Our only customers are our members. If the lodge does not get the support of our members the lodge goes away. Don't think it does not happen.

Just for show and tell, we signed up our 2,410th member in our lodge. Our membership total is 410. That means two thousand members have joined and quit this lodge. Many factors contributed to this and it's happening to lodges all over. Our lodge # is 2477. The latest lodge I can find is in South Dade, Florida #2870. If my addition is correct and there are only 1,986 lodges in Elkdom. That's 884 lodges that have gone defunct. We are picking up a member right now from Cottonwood, Utah whose lodge just went under. It's tough out there. I'm not trying to sound all doom and gloom but this trip opened my eyes. Dan Martyn my Leading Knight went to New York and visited Lodge #1. #1 is where it all happened and they are only open twice a week.

Our lodge needs you; I need you, the 20% that does 80% of the work needs you. When you joined the Elks, #2477 became your lodge. There is a lot to do here. We are not going to knock on your door. Our Antler tells you what needs to be done. Become proactive. Come down on a Friday night or any other night. I know the first thing is all new members put on a breakfast. It's a good way of getting familiar with your lodge. David told me last month he could not get any new members that had not already done their breakfast to work the “new kids on the block” breakfast. We had to ask members that already helped out, to again give a little more. I know they all told us at orientation they wanted to help out and give back. Flipping eggs is easy.

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LEADING KNIGHT
Dan Martyn



Fall will soon be upon us, and we will be hard at work on our Charity Basket program. Our annual Charity Ball will be held on Saturday, October 26, and it promises to be a very special event with great food by Jim Porter and dancing to the sounds of K. C. Phillips. Please mark your calendar and plan to come and have fun. Details will be published in the October Antler and posted in the Lodge in the near future.

In other news regarding charitable events, Donna Leary is planning a M*A*S*H party for Saturday, November 16, to benefit ENF, and Steve Finnerty is planning an auction to benefit Major Project on Saturday, November 23. Both Donna and Steve will need help for their events, so please let them know if you are interested in helping out.

In reading other Lodge's monthly publications, I noted that a number of them have an Elk of the Month. While we do not have such an official designation, I would like to use this column to thank certain members and acknowledge their contributions to our Lodge. This month, I would like to thank Gregg Miraglia and his wife Jean. Gregg is our Tiler, and is frequently found working in the kitchen on breakfast crews, \$2 Tuesdays and Friday nights. He is also an excellent carpenter, and he has made several items for use in the Lodge. Gregg's most important contribution is that he always has his wife Jean with him. Jean is secretary of the Elk's Ladies, cooks in the kitchen and, being from Brooklyn, she and I share the same language, both when speaking and when using our hands. Thank you Gregg and Jean, for all you do to make our Lodge a better place.

Finally, I again ask members to attend Wednesday meetings. Come down and enjoy dinner beforehand, and come to the meeting to find out what's happening at the Lodge. The meeting format has been shortened substantially, and most meetings, including initiation, last between 60 and 90 minutes.

That's it for this month. See you at the Lodge.



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

LOYAL KNIGHT

Jim Moye



Can you believe it's the end of summer? "Wow" that was fast. Now we are facing the beginning of a busy fall schedule of events. Let's run down the events that are scheduled for September.

Starting with the Labor day Picnic at the lodge. Come down for a pancake breakfast. Then have fun throughout the day games and prizes. This will be a Biker theme event with biker movies shown in the evening. Hamburger's and hot dogs in the afternoon.

Hurry up and signup for the Texas Scramble, September 16th at Sunset Hills. Tell your friends and makeup a foursome and get signed up. Deadline for signup is September 2nd.

Just in case you haven't seen the fliers or signup sheets around the lodge, Rick Bennett is still accepting applications for BBQ helpers. Starting September 6th the crew will be cooking at the lodge and serving at the "Wildwood School" from 2pm to 5pm. Scheduled for September 15th is the Redline Corvette Show. September 19th through the 22nd they will be on site at the "Simi Valley Days" event.

Looking for something to do on Monday, Wednesday and Friday Nights? Come down to the Lodge for dinner. With the low turnouts that we have had lately we might be forced to cut back on some of these meals in the future. Any participation and suggestions are welcome.

And don't forget Power Dave's Bingo on the third Monday of the month, September 16th. Come down for dinner and stay for Big prizes and lots of fun.

Bowling 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.

See You in September.



BROTHERLY LOVE



LECTURING KNIGHT

Robert Jones



FUNDRAISING DINNER 4 FELLOW LODGE MEMBER

MIKE RAMIREZ

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH

COCKTAILHOUR 5:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.
DINNER SERVED AT 6:00 P.M. UNTIL 8:00 P.M.

DINNER PUT ON BY
TWO GUYS AND A LADY
WITH GUEST CHEF TOM CORRIGAN

Menu:

- *BOYD LINDQUIST'S
MOIST & TASTY PORK CHOPS**
- *KATHY MOYE'S
HAWAIIAN EYE COLE SLAW**
- *TOM CORRIGAN'S
HEAVENLY RICE PILAF**
- *TONY P. GOMES'
BEST BAKED BEANS**
- *DESSERT**

MIKE RAMIREZ SUFFERED THE TERRIBLE LOSS OF HIS SON LAST YEAR. HIS WIFE JAN IS ALSO ILL.

NOW MIKE HAS LEUKEMIA AND LUNG CANCER AND THE COUPLE IS FINANCIALLY STRAPPED.

50/50 TICKETS AVAILABLE THE DAY OF THE EVENT FROM JESSICASTULL AND KAREN MARTYN

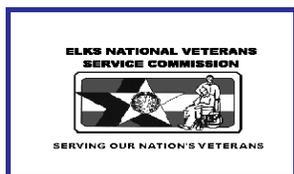
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(DONATIONS WELCOME IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND)

PROFITS GO DIRECTLY TO MIKE AND HIS FAMILY

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Carl Lanterman
Chairman-National Services
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September 2, 1945 – V-J Day, Japan signed formal surrender
 September 1, 1962 – U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Incorporated
 September 11th – Patriot Day (9/11/2001)
 September 14, 1814 – Star Spangled Banner written by Francis Scott Key
 September 17, 1787 – U.S. Constitution approved
 September 17, 1914 – Ladies Auxiliary VFW organized
 September 18, 1947 – U.S. Air Force established
 September 20, - POW/MIA Recognition Day
 September 29, 1899 – VFW Day, VFW established
 September 29th – Gold Star Mother's Day
 September is a memorable month for veterans. Source: VFW calendar

The Ventura County Stand Down for 2013, the 21st year is complete, and what a success.

JB Bre was instrumental in collecting more than \$65,000 worth of government surplus goods and \$11,000 worth of Operation Gratitude Packages for veterans. More than \$25,000 in goods was given to veterans at the stand down while the others will be taken to the CalVet Home-Ventura and other veteran organizations. Thanks to JB, Tom Hartin & Rick Herrera for a long drive in a bumpy truck to bring this to Thousand Oaks.

JB, Tom, Richard Goldner, Rick & his Kiwanis/Elks friends and other Elks were on hand Saturday to serve about 300 lunches that took a lot of preparation before Saturday (ask JB about that). As in past years, Terry Gicking organized the pick-up of water and the preparation of 200 brown bag lunches for Sunday's departing of vets.

Art Urbano went to great pains to take up the slack in Carl's absence for providing transportation for vets to the stand down and returning to original locations from WLA to Santa Barbara, including Ojai. Jim McHarg, Art & Carl spent many hours to make sure that all details were covered, and when a late request came in to transport an additional 22 vets from WLA & Sepulveda, the CalVet Home and DAV drivers, including long time stand down driver Bill Edwards, responded to calls from Art & Carl to provide the buses and vans.

And let's not forget other elks such as Pat Von Wittenburg, who has been volunteering for almost anything at the stand down for several years, and Jill Williams with her camera. JB also entertains and provided a Sunday morning program- she's everywhere. My apologies to anyone who was missed in this article.

FOR A LODGE WITH A MEMBERSHIP OF 400, THIS IS A GREAT SHOWING!

(Thanks for the photos: Jill Williams, Jim McHarg, Richard Goldner)

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.



This year's Stand Down took place July 26-28 at the California Army National Guard Armory in Ventura. Organizers invite homeless veterans from Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Los Angeles counties.

Founder, Claire Hope, organized the first Ventura County Stand Down in 1993 after going to one in Long Beach. Hope was in awe of what she saw and how all the volunteers, including doctors, lawyers, nurses and judges, were willing to give so freely of their time "More than 20 years later, the Stand Down is as important as ever," Hope said. Homeless veterans were picked up from locations in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties between 7 and 10 a.m. on Friday, and brought to the armory and taken back to their points of origin at noon Sunday. During their stay the veterans had access to legal aid, drug and alcohol counseling, housing information and other government benefit programs. The veterans also received haircuts, and medical help that included eye exams, dental, hearing repairs. They were able to pickup clothing, shoes and various grooming items.

Some of the veterans attended court in an attempt to have their small infractions removed from their records. They went before a judge who assigned them community service. When it was verified that they had completed their service, infractions were removed.

The majority of veterans who seek services in Ventura County are 45 to 55, and most are men, said James Rodriguez, a veteran's claims officer for the county **Jim McHarg**

COMING ATTRACTIONS



Sept. 2-Labor Day/Lodge Picnic
 Sept. 14- Mike Ramirez Fundraiser
 Sept.-16-Golf Tournament
 Sept.-26- Jr. PER Roast

Oct. 6-Day at the Races
 Oct. 10- DDGER, Terry Gicking's Homecoming
 Oct. 26- Charity Ball

Nov. 1/2-Mid Term Conference
 Nov. 10- Flag Retirement
 Nov. 16-ENF Fundraiser--MASH
 Nov. 17- Veterans Brunch
 Nov. 23- Major Project Fundraiser

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Coleen Morris
805-241-8928

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Our Armed Forces and their families who keep us free;; Roy Cooper; Phyllis Rding; Mike Ramirez is at UCLA for cancer treatment: Bob Thornton is in rehab after a fall at home
 Joe Palmer's wife has bouts of depression
 Corrine Eddy had thyroid surgery and is recovering
 Harry Isaman hurt his back
 Harry Brockwell would appreciate visits, but call first

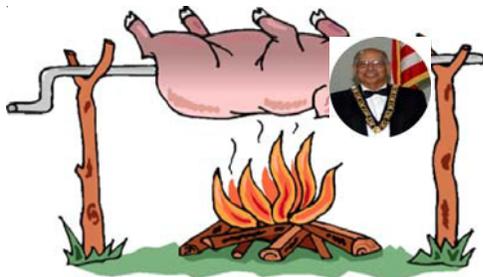
From the Bar Manager- Brooke

James Bond "Shaken not stirred" The reason is simple. If you stir, you will use a special spoon so as to not chip the ice cubes. Chipped ice melts faster and weakens the drink. Shaken definitely chips the ice, but according to Ian Fleming a shaken martini is usually colder than one that has been stirred. The ice has had a chance to swish around the drink more. In a vodka martini, cold is king; a vodka martini that is not ice cold tastes like lighter fluid. So you shake them. Also shaking a martini dissolves air into the mix; this is the "bruising" of the gin you may have heard seasoned martini drinkers complain about-it makes a martini taste too "sharp". Lastly a shaken martini will more completely dissolve the vermouth, giving a less oily mouth feel to the drink. A vodka martini substitutes vodka for the gin (or adds it to the gin as Bond does) Why? Because martini purists are snooty. Come down to our lounge and check out our weekly drink specials and find your snooty drink

ENTERTAINMENT



August 6-Jim Miller- Karaoke
 August 20- Runamucks
 August 26- Jr. PER Roast



September 16 6 PM \$10 BUY IN

LABOR DAY

LODGE PICNIC-TAILGATE PARTY
 SEPT. 2ND- pancake breakfast 9 am
 BBQ- MUSIC-CAR SHOW-
 CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE CONTEST

Keeping with the decades old Lodge tradition, of roasting and toasting the newest, PER, on September 26th the tradition lives on. Leo Rodriguez is this year's honoree. All Elks are invited to partake in the program, either as a speaker or part of the audience laughing at the antics. If you wish to roast Leo, please contact the office 496-2477 or Sally Claunch 495-0577. Yes, Leo will be allowed to have rebutals. See you all there.



David Naccarato, PER



First, let me apologize, I received a countless number of phone calls on my article that it was cut off and not finished, so here is the ending:” By 1940 the Elks membership stood at 490,000 almost exactly where it stood 22 years before. These are the kind of people who join the Elks.”

Second, let me say. I did not have a WOW Factor last month. I don't award the WOW FACTOR just Willey Nelly. But for the month of July **WOW!!!!** We have many members this last month who qualified. But I have to say top dog is **Ed Rice**, Past Elk of the Year, Past BBQ Chairman. Here is the story. I take a phone call in the office for a room rental and BBQ catering. I say sure no problem. PROBLEM. The food just does not materialize on its own. I didn't mind committing to something when I know I can handle it myself. Now things have changed. After I hit a few roadblocks on getting it catered, I mentioned, just mentioned in passing that I had a BBQ dinner for 60 or more at \$15.00 a plate. What do I do? He said don't worry about it. Ed came down early Sunday, got current Elk of the Year **Ben Rieger** down here to help. **Tom Hartin** also an past Elk of the Year (see a pattern here) was down to help and was our PR man for the day. Louis Reis came down to sharpen his slicing skills. With that group and Bar Manager, **Brook Okray**, and Bar Steward, **Tom Kozlowski**, how could any thing go wrong. We looked good, the Elks looked good, I looked OK. It was a nice party and we made a few bucks for the lodge.

We had a trio of members who made the WOW factor this month. Tom Hartin (sound familiar) Rick Herrera and JB Bre drove 9 hours to Marysville to pick up Arctic sleeping bags, canteens, and mess kits for the homeless Veterans at this year's Stand Down in Ventura. First the trip took them to Van Nuys Armory to pick up Operation Gratitude boxes for the Veterans, about a 24 hour trip plus loading and unloading. Then on Saturday at the Stand Down JB Bre and her crew served lunch for 200 homeless and made a sack lunch on Sunday. When I get their names I will share that information with you.

We had a member who took to the high seas in the name of ELKdom. **Dave Anderson** earns the WOW factor. On August 24th the Anacapa Yacht club had a Disabled Veterans Sail Day. Dave Anderson owns a sail boat and with the help of Trustee **Sam Frankl** and his wife **Anne**, **Carol Fredricks**, **Jim McHarg** and **Gerald Feldman** and his dog **buddy** they were on hand to help with the loading on and off of the Veterans. Sam and Anne drove up a pallet of Gratitude boxes. These gratitude boxes contain a t-shirt, toiletries, cookies and items from home. It is nice to receive if you're out in a fox hole in Afganistan. Do they use foxholes anymore?

MaxMaxwell had an idea for a pancake breakfast on July 4th. It was well attended. He now has an idea for Labor Day, September 2nd. It is still in the works but as information arises I will pass it on to you

Our Exalted Ruler, **Terry Baker**, gets the Wow Factor. While in Reno, Nevada he wins \$400.00 playing 3 card poker. Terry came back and donated \$100.00 each to Scholarship, Purple Pig, Veterans and ENF.

On a side note for our New Year's Eve Party, it will be a Monte Carlo Theme. Greg Miraglia is building me some table tops for my gaming tables. I was going to add another Black Jack but maybe I will add a 3 card poker table. If anyone would like to help out at the New Year's Eve Party by being a dealer, let Jim Moye or myself know. It will be alot of fun. At the Going to Convention Party everyone had a blast. Even though it is not real money (illegal) it's still fun.

Here at the lodge Catherine Koeritz and I have an intra lodge non-profit company called Cat-Dav Productions. Non profit because we don't charge. We from time to time have put on shows together here at the lodge. I have been trying here recently, but can't seem to muster up any interest. I'm taking a different approach. We are going to bring back the hits of the 60's with a modern twist: such as from the Herman Hermits "Mrs. Brown you've got a lovely walker". Or maybe the song by Ringo Star "I get by with a little help from depends". Even the Bee Gees, "How can you mend a broken hip" Paul Simon - "50 ways to lose your liver". Commodores-"Once, twice, three times to the bathroom." We could jazz Temptations -"Papa's got a kidney stone" Even ABBA can get into the act with "Denture Queen". Helen Reddy's "I am Woman;hear me snore or Leslie Gores "It's my procedure, and I'll cry if I want to" and do not forget country music Willie Nelson's "On the commode again".

WIDOW/WIDOWER CARD

If you are a widow of a member of this lodge and would like to have an ID card, please call the office. These cards have been available since April 1 2013. It is not an automatic procedure for many do not want one. The requirement for receiving a widow or widower's identification card is that the member must have been a member in good standing when he/she passed away and you have not remarried. The widow's card allows you to come to lodge social functions but may not go to lodge meetings or propose or refer a new member

ODDS AND ENDS

I just got out of the Wednesday night lodge meeting and I have to say it was one of the best. 415 members and we had 35 in attendance. The dinner was prepared by member, Jim Porter. Home Run!! Good by Mr. Spalding. He made a type of shake and bake chicken that was moist, tender and very tasty. I'll admit it, at first I was skeptical. How could a guy delivering boxes in brown shorts cook?. Well I'll tell you very well. Thank you very much .In the past Jim prepared spaghetti and meatballs. With a name like Naccarato you think I'm going to pass that up ? Not a chance. Jim cured and seasoned the meat himself and rolled each meatball that were 5 inches around. The sauce was homemade and next to my grandmother's is the best I've tasted and he's ours. We'll loan him out to Sheri Jones from time to time. He then went on to make us a lasagna dinner, another home run. Even his Sheppard's pie isn't just for Sheppard's any more.

Why am I running off at the mouth about this? There are two things. First he has agreed to cook dinner for our Charity Ball this year (be sure you attend). 2nd if we don't get more customers at dinners we'll lose him. We have to prepare so many dinners to make it pay to even cook one and then we need to sell so many just to break even. Just breaking even won't pay the bills. We are our only customers. If we don't support it will go by just like the lotto. I am not saying you have to be at every dinner we offer (all though some are). But we have enough members to rotate customers. This lodge has some great cooks, chefs, and BBQ's.

In the order of Elks, we can be proud of our lodge. We have been around 42 years and we have had eight District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers chosen from our lodge. We have had five State Vice Presidents from our lodge and two District Leaders. We have some great members and the members that have joined us in just the last few months have not been ghost. They have been coming to meetings and giving us some input. It's nice to see we are doing it right. Rick Herrera has brought in members from his Kawanis Club. We call them Kwelks. They been down, rolling up their sleeves and lending a hand.

I want to thank Brock Yonker, PFL Myrna Block, Jay Block, PER and my wife PFL Karen for helping me out at my last breakfast. Brock has not been around but when the chips were down he came through.

The 21st Ventura Stand Down is over. We have a lot to do with it. Many people are mentioned throughout the Antler but I want to mention that 2 week old member Sharyn Mello was at the facility helping with lunches along

with JB Bre and others. I've said before we are going to cut loose 34 this year for unpaid dues. Some said the reason was nothing to do. I won't argue the point. You need to be proactive. Come down for a dinner sit with someone you don't know. We are an extended family. Richard Goldner was just in the office updating our members' interest database. You may receive an E-mail, a call or a letter telling you of an upcoming event that you showed an interest in. Answer the call and you won't regret it.

Just off the top of my head we have a trip to Santa Anita race track, an overnight fishing trip, golf tournament, bowling dates, lodge picnic and our BBQ crews need help on Saturday and Sunday, August 17th and 18th at the Camarillo Air Show, Redline Corvette Car Show September 15th. 7:30am to 4: pm, Wild wood School October 25th from 4: pm to 8: pm, Monty Vista church September, 29th Sunday 11:00am to 4: pm. Our Lodge Charity ball is coming October 26th. We have a live auction in November. November is Veterans Remembrance month. We will provide a brunch for Vets and hold a flag retirement at the lodge. For all the new members and old, if you have never been to a flag retirement, don't miss it. Remember the Elks were started by a group of entertainers "The Jolly Corks". We have rituals for everything. It's a must see event.

David Naccarato, PER



Lodge Labor Day Picnic

- *Starts at 9:am with a pancake breakfast
 - *Eggs and bacon available
 - *Westerns playing before noon
 - *At noon games begin
 - *BBQ Hamburgers/Hot-dogs starts \$3.50
 - *Corn on the cob \$2.00
 - *Wet t-shirt contest \$2.00
 - *Corn Hole Contest? Team Play
 - *Target shooting
 - *Karaoke All day
 - *Chocolate chip cookie contest
 - *Bingo at 2: pm \$5.00 buy in
 - *Bikers welcome /special parking
 - *4: pm Easy Rider on the big screen
 - *Members with vintage autos encouraged to Bring em down for show and tell
 - *Train Rides for the kids
- For more info contact Max Maxwell/Robert Jones**

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



Our Lodge Train Piloted by Gerry Gillies Waiting for the Start of the Simi Valley Car Show



Duke Kopacz the newest CC Member Receiving his Certificate from Steve Smith, PER



Our Newest Members-Sharyl & Johnny Mello with Sponsor, (c) Al Hardie



speaking with Claire Hope, Ventura Stand Down Founder, and her Husband Cal Farmer by Old Glory, is Elk member Art Urbano



Entertainment and program at the Stand Down provided by JB Bre



Over Night Deep Sea Fishing Trip

- New Boat Out Of Channel Islands
- September 21st & 22nd
- Leaves 21st at 9:PM
- Mingle/Sleep and wake up at the furthest Channel Island on the 22nd
- Drop a Line & Reel em In
- \$135.00PP
- Full Galley and Bar Extra Cost
- Great Food
- Top Cabin Boat Crew
- First Come First Served
- Only Room for 24
- Prize for Biggest Fish, Most Fish

**Contact Kevin Metzgas
657-2266
Call Office 496-2477**

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April 1st will be coming around and when the dues notices go out, you'll toss it in the trash because you didn't give us a chance. If you don't stand for something you'll fall for anything. David says we are going to cut loose 37 for nonpayment in October. For me to have a +1 year we will have to replace those members first. Rick Herrera brought in 11 last year to replace the ones we let loose last year. Sponsors do a double take when bringing in a new member. Make sure they have a clear understanding of why they want to be an Elk. Some join so they can travel in their motor homes and stay at lodges for inexpensive camping spots, some join for the cheap drink and food prices. It all comes at a cost. We have Veterans, Disabled Children, Scouts and Scholarship Programs that need our attention. Our Motto has been "*Elks Care Elks Share*". Our new Grand Exalted Ruler, Millard C. Pickering, has a new take on this. His motto for the year it is "*Elks live- Elks Give*". We are Elks by choice and because of shared values, we practice the American way of life and we choose to help others. *Elks care Elks share* was adopted back in 1997.

The theme this year *Elks live-Elks Give* is intended to highlight the formula that has fueled our Order for generations and perhaps to explain what invites us all to care and share. OK, that's it; I'm done. Thank you for listening. I only hold this position for one year and I wanted to say what is in my heart.

Now onto another matter. For my E.R. Christmas party.....Yeah yeah it may be early but let me explain. For the entertainment portion of the evening we will be having our version of the "*Newlywed Game*" remember that show? But I'm going to shake it up a bit, "*Been there done that*". December 13th is a Friday night and we will have our game. Everyone is invited so between now and December 1st I'm looking for contestants to be on stage for the game. A requirement is you have been married for 20 years or more and an Elk member or spouse. Please give me your name that you are interested and willing to participate.



**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



The office has received an invitation to play in the Fred Gant Memorial West Central Coast District Golf Tournament on September 25th 2013. Play is being hosted by the Santa Maria Elks Golf Club. It's a challenge between all Central Coast Elk lodges. (12) They would like us to enter a team to knock off the reigning champions (Santa Maria Elks Lodge #1538). Teams will be composed of 5 members and the only requirements are that each golfer must be an ELK MEMBER or a SPOUSE of an ELK. Teams will be 5 players. PGA rules of golf will apply. The winning team will be the team with the lowest net average for the entire 5 person team. The winning team of the challenge Tournament will have their lodge's name inscribed on the tournament trophy and will have the cost of GOLF and CART refunded FOR ALL FIVE TEAM MEMBERS. Individual prizes will also be awarded. Putting contests, longest drive and closest to the pin contests on all par 3 holes. Price for tournament is \$50.00 if age is under 60 years of age. \$43.00 if over 60 years of age. 1st tee time 9:30 @ Rancho Maria Golf Course. If you can put a team of Elks 2477 together call the office and get more information and the entry form. C'mon they beat us in Ritual and All American Lodge. Let's take em in golf!! Call the office if interested.



WE GET LETTERS

To the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge,

Thank You so much for the generous scholarship that you have so kindly given me. I appreciate the faith that you have in my future. I promise that I Will not let you down. This scholarship will not only help to pay for my education, but also will allow me to pursue my goals.

Thank you again. Erika Moxley

Dear Past Exalted Ruler Association.

It was a pleasure to help out at the party last Saturday night. Carlyn and I both enjoyed ourselves. It was a great going away party. Thank you for inviting us
. George Barnes, ER. San Luis Obispo



MAJOR PROJECT

The Benevolent and Protective order of Elks is divided up into 8 Grand Lodge areas. We are in area 7. We are a part of CHEA-The California Hawaii Elks Association. We are in the West Central Coast district. We have 12 lodges in our district which runs from Simi Valley up to Paso Robles. We have 19 districts in California along with 182 lodges. Every State Association has their own Major Project that all lodges contribute to. Ours is for disabled children. Nearing the end of 1949 CHEA noticed a desperate shortage of trained therapists and which led the Elks to come to the aid of children with disabilities. We have our own therapists that we send to the patients home to perform the therapy. It started with a mobile therapy unit and it grew from there. We also teach the parents how to do the therapy so they can continue on a daily basis. This service is provided to families with no charge to them.

We employ 34 trained professionals who on average provide over 14,000 therapy sessions per year and screen 45,000 to 50,000 children for vision problems every year. The goal of the program is to raise 3 million dollars each year to fund the program. We hit the mark for 2012-2013 with a few thousand to spare. We serve children from birth to 21 years of age. Our Major Project was added to our State Constitution in 1950. In 1951 we hired our first therapist who began their work in the town of Eureka, Calif. 1960 was our 10th anniversary and in 1964 our hospital grant program was established. It was 1965 that we added both speech language pathology services and preschool vision screening.

It was 1974 when a one million dollar budget was adopted. In 1976 we instituted a quality assurance committee. The Elks already big in giving scholarships to seniors, in 1981 the Disabled Student Scholarship program began. It was in 1984 that the (BLT) Bequests and living Trusts committee was approved. It worked so well that in 1991 a BLT Legacy Fund was created. CHEA was awarded a Public Service Award from the California Speech-Language-Hearing Association. By 1995 we have sent one million preschoolers through our eye program. We had our 50th anniversary in the year 2000. We look forward and accept the challenge of what the next 50 years will bring.

David Naccarato PER

Purple Pig Chair, Major Project

EL KONEJO KAMPERS

SOME CHANGES ARE FOR THE BETTER...

By Jessica Stull

The Santa Maria Elks Lodge is a great place to camp for so many reasons. The El Konejo Kampers spent Thursday through Sunday there, and a few stayed longer than that. While the weather at home was hot, sticky and humid, the weather there was pleasant with a cool breeze. Camping was a little different since there was no meeting at the campout. Yes, the EKKs have voted to hold their meetings at the lodge on the last Sunday of the month after the breakfast. One reason for the change is there are many members who seldom go out and would like to know what is going on and can attend meetings at the lodge. For that same reason we have fewer campers and a few people were voting on items that affected everyone. So for now, things will be in harmony, and the meetings will be at the lodge.

The EKKs are an active bunch for the most part and cook breakfast as was mentioned before on the last Sunday of the month. We serve the AA Group early, then the Elks after that. In June we served 88 AAs and 43 Elks – that's 131 breakfasts! We wash our own dishes too! There is always a special item such as Eggs Benedict, Huevos Rancheros, Omelettes, or Cheese Blintzes. If you haven't tried the Kamper's Breakfast, come on down and give us a try, your tummy will be happy you did. A BIG thank you to the Ericksons, Moyes, Stulls, Flannerys, Jim Miller, Patty Bauman, Collerans and Sue Osgood, who were the June cooking crew. You're a great bunch to work with too.

Six rigs were at the campout and we went to dinner at Jocko's on Thursday – another must if you've never been. A nothing place for ambiance, but the beef there is delicious and the portions are large. Be prepared for a wait at dinner, even with reservations. Friday night we ate at the lodge with cook your own steak, chicken, fish or ribs with all the trimmings. It is a huge lodge, yet they always make us feel welcome and special. It was strange not to have Joe and Judy Nemtusak at the campout as they make almost all of them. We all wish Joe well on his recovery from hip replacement surgery. He is our usual bacon and sausage guy at the breakfast and he was missed there too. Dave and Mary Hobart were at the campout and Mary was so happy to be out again she made us all Strawberry Margarita Jello Shots. These were beautifully hollowed out strawberries with the tiniest slice of fresh lime on it. We've taken a photo and I'm hoping it makes it into this issue. I'm sure Mary will share her recipe if you're interested. These are very gourmet, folks. Thanks Mary.

I had not been camping since February, what with all the motorhome issues and vacations I'd planned. It felt so good to be back, it's like coming home for the holidays. Don't forget the last Sunday of the month meetings. Everyone is welcome.



THE ELKS AND VETERANS

True peace did not come to America or the world at the end of WW2. We and our Allies were deeply engaged with the Soviet Union in a conflict known as the "Cold War". There were still Americans in uniform standing ground around the world. Grand Lodge asked that Rehabilitation Committees be set up in every lodge, to make certain that no man or woman who had served the nation would ever be forgotten or forsaken by its people. In 1946 The Elks National Veterans Service Commission came into existence. In its first year, the commission staged 2000 programs in 152 hospitals in 41 states.

Today our Lodge goes to the Sepulveda VA Hospital and play Bingo with the Veterans. On The 4th Thursday we go to Saticoy, Cal-Vet Home and sing and visit with the troops. Many of them get up and sing. Everyone is invited.

Despite this maelstrom of shrinking memberships surrounding all service organizations, the Elks continue their agenda of charity with increased dedication throughout the 1980's. The order passed the \$1 billion milestone in benevolent expenditures as of 1990. Through 2010 expenditures topped \$4.9 billion. Before fundraising had actually begun the Elks donated \$1.5 million to the statue of liberty foundation in 1986. One problem in the 1980's was government cutbacks in a broad spectrum of assistance programs.

Answer The need for more volunteer programs to supplant them, an era in which Elkdom has pioneered since 1868. President Reagan and his successors called the nation's attention to our example with ever-increasing frequency. Next month more problems and answers

David Naccarato, PER

UPCOMING KAMP OUTS

September 13-14- Santa Barbara Elks Lodge
 October 11-12 - Flying Flags
 November 7-8 - Kenney Grove
 December 8- Annual Brunch- TO Elks Lodge

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The ladies purchased two tickets for the Reverse Drawing, wish us luck.
 Donating money for new egg frying pans for the kitchen. We will be selling Xmas paper and cards at the Kampers Brunch in Oct, and also at the BBQ's. Really good prices. Major Projects event in Feb. Theme "Speak Easy"
 Hoping the Calendar mtg. can be put back to the 1st Tues. of the month, so that we can have the information the same night as our meeting.

More ABC'S of friendship A friend
 Quiets your fears
 Raises your spirits
 Says nice things about you
 Tells you the truth when you need to hear it
 More from Websters Dictionary
 X-ray An image often used by persons interested in becoming bone models
 Yoga A Sanskrit word that means "Heal your back without health insurance."
Myrna Block, 2nd Vice President

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Cornelia Meehan	5th
Jean Miraglia	10th
Annie Pearson	12th
Dee Swanson	17th
Becky Krabel	22nd
Evie Bystrom	26th



God, grant me the serenity to accept the Things
 I cannot change
 The courage to change the things I can,
 And the wisdom to know the difference.
 Living one day at a time,
 Enjoying one moment at a time,
 Accepting hardship
 As a pathway to peace,
 Taking this sinful world as it is,
 Not as I would have it,
 Trusting that you will make all things right
 If I surrender to your will, so that I
 May be reasonably happy in this life
 And supremely happy with you in the next

Amen

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YOUR FREE BIRTHDAY DRINK

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Bring your aluminum cans,
plastic and glass bottles to
the Lodge

Drop off at Wed. meetings
or at Sat. BBQ
by rear entrance to the bar
parking lot

Please do not drop off non deposit plastic items
for recycling.

for example:

- Milk bottles
- Engine oil bottles
- Plastic alcohol containers (IE Tequila)
- Medicine bottles
- Plastic cups
- Salad dressing containers
- Aluminum foil



Thank You for your continued support, Rick

**FROM THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE
PROPOSED AND WILL BE BALLOTTED ON:**

September 4, 2013

- Eddie Rice proposes Beverly Taylor
- Don Ansell, PER, proposes J. Kiely Ball

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July 3rd capsule drawing \$325.00 Steven Pence not present.
Lucky 13 E.R. Walter Kroetsch from Simi Valley
WINNER!! \$15.00 donated \$5.00 to our Major Project

July 17th capsule drawing Ed Cassese not present \$350.00
Lucky 13 Robert Jones Lecturing Knight WINNER!!
\$15.00

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