



Antler Antics

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS
B.P.O.E. LODGE #2477, THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA

Chicago Speakeasy

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A Note From The Editors:

We trust that you are finding the new layout of the Antler easy to navigate and that the index is helpful. There are so many wonderful pictures that are submitted--we wish that we could use them all! However, it is fortunate that we have a website where we can always post the latest updates and so much more.

As we continue, please help by making sure that if you have something to submit you send it to kira@kirawagner.com by the 5th of the month. As it gets later in the month our members (YOU) have to wait for the publication and everyone's scheduling is important if we want them to come to our events.

As we mentioned last month, we are thrilled to be back working with all of you and we hope to see you at a meeting or some other event throughout the months and weeks to come.

Keep Moving Forward!
Paul & Kira Wagner

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A Look to the Future

In addition to the regular calendar, we will attempt to give everyone a heads up so that those that plan ahead can keep their calendars free for special occasions!

Police and Firefighters

Appreciation Night

2/6/14

6PM Dinner 7PM Program

\$12.00 Chicken and Ribs

Announcement of "Elk Of The Year"

3/21/14

Inaugural Ball

3/29/14

Easter Egg Hunt

4/20/14



Your Lodge Serving Our Community

- *Hosting Blue & Gold Ceremony at Lodge
- *Providing karaoke at Saticoy Vets **monthly**
- *Doing bingo party at Sepulveda **monthly**
- *Veterans Hospital **monthly**
- *Hosting blood drive for the community
- *Participating in BSA Court of Honor
- *Sponsoring an appreciation dinner
- *Participating in CVD and Chili Cook Off
- *Awarding scholarships to high school seniors
- *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

A Message From The Exalted Ruler Terry Baker



For the 20 plus years that I've been a member, every article from the Exalted Rulers after the holiday says the same thing, and mine is no different. I am so lucky to have an officer corps like we have. We met for a general meeting December 4th and the House Committee on December 11th. With those two meetings Dan and

Karen Martyn, with the help of David Pearson and countless other put together another year of Elks Lodge 2477 giving to the community. Dan raised the money needed to fund our Christmas Cheer program. The Christmas tree lot headed up by Elk of the Year Ben Rieger really came into its own at just the right time. Our coffers were getting low and they were the shot in the arm we needed. Tom Hartin got us on base to purchase food at the commissary. I had heard comments about doing that, but note that we had three families we had to go buy for at a grocery store and what we paid times the 75 we fed we are saving money at the base. I want to thank everyone who delivered on Saturday. Help was down this year so many made two trips, which is OK but more members involved would be good to. We did have new member John and Sharyn Mello come out to deliver and our favorites that we can depend on every year. You make my year so smooth. Then Jim Moye with the New Year's Eve Party. I mean home run. I had comments that everyone would be gone at 9 PM, the New York ball drop. **Didn't happen.** We had a 50/50 drawing at 9 PM so after that we started another one. At eleven o'clock we held the eleven o'clock toast. You know everyone tries to get out of the lodge by 11. **Didn't happen.** We all went into the lodge room and held hands and I gave the toast. I had gone over it with David a few times but when the moment arrives and Jim says "Its the hour of recollection" I just get nervous. But I got through it. One wife who was not keen on her husband being an Elk thinking we are just a drinking club came away with a different point of view after hearing the toast and knowing what its for. It makes me feel good. We held our 2nd 50 /50 drawing (by the way the two winners were a man and wife from the same family. How often does that happen). I know Jim took a lot of heat for not having dinner but when we were giving out prizes at the end Secretary David Naccarato asked if anybody was hungry. No, was the answer. If we had a big dinner everyone would be full and then slow down and start looking to go home. Donna Leary put together a finger food feast that would rock any Wolfgang Puck or Emeril Lagasse. If you got hungry you nibbled. We nibbled all night long. David had his casino games out. These weren't some board games you bought at Target. He had 3 full size blackjack tables complete with 6 deck shoes, full 0/00 Roulette wheel with a mahogany wheel not a plastic wheel; a single dealer craps table that could fit 10 players comfortably. John Peterson took on the task of

box/stick man and had his job cut out for him. David tried to give him some help but he was in the zone. We had a chuck -a-luck table and the wheel of fortune. All the dealers that helped make the evening a success I thank you. It felt good to see the members having fun down at their lodge. Ever see Jim Mullen with his hair down? He even won. 12:00 came for the 2nd ball drop and every one was still here. The band "Big Adventure" was amazing, not only can they sing, they had this whole light show going on in the lounge. I went in to get a coke, yes a coke, and I was hit by a few laser beams. New Years had it all. If you wanted to eat we had it. You wanted entertainment we had it. If you wanted casino action we had that too.

I was down at the lodge today and Gerry Gillies Dave Anderson, Max Maxwell and Tom Hartin were chipping up the last of the Christmas trees we could not sell. It was not for lack of trying—they sure smelled nice. Their work is never done—we have good people here.

Now to finish my comments regarding the obligation I began last month to remind everyone why we raised our hand:

- I will never reveal to anyone , not an Elk, the name of a member asking or receiving aid or relief from the order (we sometimes help out a member; it's a private matter).
- I will not directly or indirectly use my membership for business or commercial purposes. (Don't join the lodge to network your business.)
- I will never introduce into the order anything of a political or sectarian character, nor in any way by my conduct bring reproach upon it. (We don't talk politics nor push our own beliefs...and your actions would put a black mark on the order.)

My last installment next month.
Terry Baker, Exalted Ruler

ELK OF THE MONTH

Gerry Gillies



Please congratulate Gerry Gillies on being chosen as Elk of the Month for his contributions to the Lodge. Gerry is the "train guy", who operates our Lodge train at various civic events and most recently utilized the train for parking lot transportation during Sally Claunch's memorial and reception at the Lodge. Gerry also is active in veteran's matters, Ronald McDonald House pull-tab collection, and barbeque, and he never hesitates to lend a hand when needed.

Thanks, Gerry, for all you do.
Terry Baker Exalted Ruler

A Message From The Leading Knight Dan Martyn



With the holidays behind us, it's time to report on some recent Lodge activities and thank those members who helped out.

Charity Baskets

This year we raised enough funds through individual contributions, 50-50 sales, raffle ticket sales and large donations from the PER Association, Kampers and Coleen Morris, to deliver 75 baskets to needy families and to elderly residents at Senior Concerns.

Without assistance and guidance from David and Annie Pearson, there would have been no charity baskets. Period. David is one of the most organized people I know, and without his showing me the way, every bit of the way, we could not have completed this task. Annie Pearson could not have been kinder and more generous with her time, providing much needed and appreciated support to my wife, Karen.

Thanks to Tom Hartin for his help with the food order and pickup from the Port Hueneme Naval Base. In particular, I appreciated Tom's guided tour of the base, where some of the structures in which Tom lived and worked while serving are still actually standing. I forgot whether Tom's Navy service included a tour on the Monitor or Merrimack, but in any event, his help is greatly appreciated.

The Elk Ladies came through, along with other volunteers, donating and wrapping toys and filling baskets. Elaine Goldner's legal professional group also pitched in with donations of toys.

There are too many other members to name who pitched in, loading, unloading, wrapping, packing, delivering, and on and on. My sincerest thanks to all of you, without whom our Lodge would not have had a successful program. The annual charity basket program gives us all a chance to work and have fun together, while serving the needy in our community in the true spirit of Elkdom.

Please take a look at the thank you note from one of our charity basket families which appears in this edition of the Antler.

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A Message From The Loyal Knight Jim Moye



We have had some absolutely great turnouts. Starting with Leo and Lynns potluck dinner and gift exchange. Everyone had a great time. If you missed it, put it on your to-do list for next year--you won't be sorry.

Maybe our membership is running out of grandchildren. We were kind of short this year on participation for our Children's Christmas Party. Next year remember to invite the neighbor's kids or grandkids.

The El Konejo Kampers had a good turnout for their annual Holiday Brunch. We had lots of prizes, good food and fun.

The Christmas tree lot once again came through. Kudos to Ben, Ed, Herb and all of those who donated their time to the tree lot this year and once again made it one of the lodge's most successful endeavors.

What a fantastic job Dan and Karen Martyn, Annie and David Pearson did coordinating the Christmas Baskets. Thanks to all who worked on filling and delivering baskets to those in need. I'm sure that they were appreciated.

And then there was our Casino Night New Years Eve Party. Shades of Laughlin, thanks to Donna Leary (Elk of the Month) who put out some fantastic hors d'oeuvres, David Pearson who peeled the eggs and David Naccarato who furnished the gaming equipment, we had a fantastic evening followed the next morning by a "Hair of the Dog Party", coordinated by Dan Martyn. It was great.

As always I'm looking for people who want to donate time to our lodge activities. I would like to appoint a chairperson and set up a subcommittee. The goal of this committee would be to staff several teams to set up the lodge room for various functions such as general meetings, private parties, Sunday breakfasts etc. If you are interested in becoming involved please let me know. It would help greatly to share this responsibility.

It takes involved Elks to make an Elks Lodge successful and enjoyable. That's you. Please get involved and come down.

Remember "Elks Care and Elks Share".

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Coleen Morris
805-241-8928

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Barbara Gibbs on the passing of her mother.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Keith V Orr

ON THE MEND:

Bill Burmiester, back surgery
Karin Speights, at St. Johns Hospital
Sam Frankl, flu
Steve Woodlief, pneumonia
Chris Metzgun, colon cancer

Remember: reports of Sickness and Distress are always welcome! Please call Coleen with any updates. Thank you!

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New Year's Eve Celebration

Congratulations to Jim Moye on running a very successful New Year's Eve party. The casino activity, band, and food all went well, so my thanks go out to Jim and his crew of volunteers.

Hair of the Dog II

Our New Year's Day gathering was an outstanding success thanks again in large part to David Pearson, who helped make the Rose Bowl more interesting than it already was, to the participants in the Southpaw Bowling Tournament, and to all those who brought dishes for the potluck. Congratulations to Pati Harrod, for snagging the 50-50 pot, to Mary Flannery, for winning the \$100 potluck drawing, and to John Puckett, who must be ambidextrous, for winning the Southpaw Bowling prize. Thanks to all who participated and helped to make New Year's Day a fun day at the Lodge.

Needless to say, the bar did very well, so there must be something to the old Hair of the Dog remedy after all.

Dan Martyn Leading Knight

Duty Officers

Feb 1-3	Steve Smith
Feb 8-10	Sam Frankl
Feb 15-17	Jim Moye
Feb 22-24	Pam Price
Feb 28-3/2	Darryl Kopacz

Calendar Highlights

Saturday 2/1:	Private Party 2:30 PM
Sunday 2/2:	Superbowl Party 3 PM
Thursday 2/6:	Police & Firefighters Dinner
Saturday 2/8:	Leading and Loyal Knights , Clinic-Lompoc
Saturday 2/8	Chicago Speakeasy
Sunday 2/9:	Private Party Time TBD
Friday 2/14:	Veterans Bingo, Sepulveda, VA
Thursday 2/20:	Karaoke @ Cal-Vets Home
Friday 2/21:	Big Adventure Band (this was the NYE band).
Tuesday 2/25:	New Member Orientation

Purple Pig Honor Roll

Coleen Morris (Century Club)

Abe Gamble

Carol Stewart

Debbie Hawthorne

Jeff Hawthorne

Joel Erickson

Greg Metzgun

Bill Sternberg

Robert Jones

Max Maxwell

Pam Price

Pati Harrod (Century Club)

Dan Martyn

Karen Martyn

Steve Smith



A Message From The Secretary David Naccarato



Let me tell you about the evolution of the New Years party at our Elks Lodge. When I turned 21 and started going to Las Vegas I was all caught up in the lights and sounds and the thought of hitting it big. Well I soon found out the Bellagio was not built on winners but on losers. I soon found that I had just as much fun behind the tables as in front. What I mean is, when I got into gaming, I built a coffee table that had a glass top on it that contained a craps table. Not very big but every New Years for years my friends would come over and we would play, sitting around that little table on our knees. Then one asked me to bring it over for a birthday party, then another, and soon a light bulb went off so I built full size tables (as well as I could--count my fingers, missing one). I built these tables and went into the business at home Monte Carlo Nights. I still have the equipment and only break it out if someone is willing to come get it, for I can no longer deliver and set up. Anyway we recently had a convention party for the Exalted Ruler of our district here at our lodge. This year the convention was in Reno, Nevada so it was easy to pick a theme. **Jim Moye**, who knew he would have to put on the New Year's party this year, asked if we could do a Casino theme party. I said "sounds good" but I would need more tables to handle the crowd. Gregg Miraglia, who was handling the craps table, overheard the conversation and asked me what I needed. **Gregg Miraglia** is a Master



Craftsman. He built the two oak panels that houses the Officers and the Lady's pictures. I didn't ask for anything mind you, just told him what I thought we would need. I didn't know what he was going to do. Gregg came in two days later with two ash regulation size table tops all with bevelled

edges and sanded down. I was so excited that I *did* mention that I always wanted a money wheel. One day later Gregg comes to the office and rolls in a 46-inch wheel. Now I'm committed--so I got on the phone to order my felts and card shoes and card discard holders.

Now here's where a team gets together. Gregg supplies the wheel. I'm no engineer so I showed **Greg Metzgus** my idea of how I plan to spin the wheel, bearing-wise. He says "half way through the night it will be rolling out the door". Greg Metzgus faxes me a drawing of a professional collar and bearing setup that will support the weight of that wheel. Greg orders the bearing for me so now I have the wheel and a bearing--now what do I do? Next enters **Terry Gicking** who is a contractor and he comes over to the house and with a quick trip to Home Depot I have all the necessary parts to put this money wheel together. My felts arrived and I stapled them to my 21 tables. I finished my Chuck-A-Luck table and finally had my money wheel.

Now here we are on New Year's Eve and Gregg Miraglia, Greg Metzgus and Terry Gicking, all who had a hand in the building of my new additions, were NOT able to come to the party. But all had a good time and the way I know is no one left. I had a lot of help.

David Stull worked my new money wheel. **Jessica Stull** was one of my Black Jack Dealers. Jessica has helped me out many times with Bingo and she was here for me again. My daughter Fallon was another Black Jack dealer and Alysa was the third.

John Peterson ran the craps table for me--that is a tough job alone--knowing the odds, paying everyone and keeping it going. Any down-time and people get bored and leave. (Did I already say no one left?) **Julie Cook** handled Chuck-A-Luck. We had some confusion at the start--when I played the game it was called "Skibob" and after the dice were thrown the winning squares would light up. We didn't have that option but all good. I worked the Roulette table. **PER Don Ansell** helped me with sorting the chips after the marble found its mark and that was a big help.

Jim Moye and **Ed Bianci** loaded up my equipment and Terry Gicking and I set it up. **Tom Hartin, Max Maxwell** and Jim Moye brought it back for me till next time. The idea of no dinner was the best move yet. It kept some people away but a full dinner means you will feel full and uncomfortable. **Donna Leary** created finger foods beyond imagination. We were able to snack all night long. We held a 50/50 at 9 pm and after the drawing (and no one left) we started another to be drawn at 11. We held the Eleven O'clock toast had a 2nd 50/50 and *still* no one left. We called over after that and gave out prizes to the winners. How we did it was for every \$10 you won, you received a raffle ticket. That way even if you only came away with \$100 you got 10 chances at the prizes. It was received by all very well. It was good to see so many Elks having a good time together which is what our lodge is ALL ABOUT.

David Naccarato PER
Lodge Secretary



You're invited to roll back time and space with exclusive membership to a

CHICAGO SPEAKEASY

Saturday, February 8, 2014

5:30 pm Social

6:30 Dinner

\$25 per person

Choice of Chicken Picata or Pot Roast with all the trimmings, including dessert



Chicago was a wild time in the 30's with Flappers, Mobsters, Revenuers, Sports Players and Fans. Choose a costume from this list, make up your own or don't dress at all (well, within reason). Join your friends and make new ones as we flip our noses at Prohibition.

This is an Elks Ladies Major Project Fundraiser. For further information or questions, contact Jessica Stull @ 805-371-4023. Tickets on sale now behind the bar and from your favorite Elks Ladies. Everyone is welcome.



Raffle

50/50



Roaring Fun



Surprises

Christmas Tree Lot

My hat's off to our Christmas tree crew. December was VERY cold. I know how heavy a tree is and that's when I'm only carrying one into my home. These guys had to unload and set up 450 trees and then attach tree stands, and make sales. We have a lodge and with that we have bills that need to be paid. We are a private lodge--not open to the public. Here's a tribute to all those guys that helped out day-after-day for 10 straight days. AWESOME!



Gerry Gillies was helping a customer pick out and load a tree to the top of their car. When finished Gerry thanked the customer and the man answered "I had no choice."

"My son received a dictionary from the Elks and told me 'We are buying our Christmas Tree from the Elks.' 'So here we are!'".

The PER Corner

The purpose of this article is to impart what I believe, as PERs, is our mission to you, our members.

Grand Lodge mandates that every subordinate lodge maintain a Past Exalted Rulers Association. Whether or not it is sought, our advice and counsel is readily available to your officer corps.

What else do the PER's do? At our lodge, they staff every fifth Saturday BBQ and a breakfast every month within which there are five Sundays. The funds raised from these events support the "Frank Rindone Scholarship Fund".

Frank Rindone was an Exalted Ruler of our lodge. Frank had a passion for the future of the youth in our community. It is in his memory, and with his same passion, that the "Frank Rindone Scholarship Fund" exists through the efforts of the Past Exalted Rulers Association. This is a devoted focus of your PERs.

Your Past Exalted Rulers truly care for the future of your lodge. They have heart and soul equity invested in your lodge and they yearn to witness continued success and growth within it. Over the past years they have contributed thousands of dollars in support of our lodge scholarship program.

There are those of you whom I am certain wish to participate in the operation and growth of your lodge. I encourage you to talk with an officer or Past Exalted Ruler to learn more. Find out how you can contribute. Start as a committee member or chairperson. Then, grow from there. Rest assured, support is at your disposal, always.

Fraternally,

Steve Smith, PER
President, PER Association
Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477

Your Lodge Web Site

I hope your holiday season was one of joy and good cheer. May your new year be prosperous and fulfilling.

The purpose of this article is to bring to your attention some of the features of your Lodge web site, www.elks2477.com. The site will be going through some updating with more current information i.e. officers, committees etc. Certain static pages will remain the same as they provide the public with information regarding the B.P.O.E. and our lodge that does not change.

For those of you who participate in Facebook and Twitter you should have already seen postings/tweets from the lodge Blog. The Blog is on our web site and can be found in the menu bar at the top of the Home page. Information forwarded to elks2477@gmail.com from members regarding events such as parties, dances, BBQs, memorials, youth activities etc. are posted on our web site Blog.

You can find us on Facebook by searching for "Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge" and on Twitter at [@1KOaksElks2477](https://twitter.com/1KOaksElks2477).

If you do not participate in these social sites simply go to our web site and click on the Blog button to stay updated on lodge events.

Remember, the Antler Antics is also posted on our web site.

If you have any postings you would like to submit to the Blog please send them or any questions you may have to elks2477@gmail.com. Please include names of people in any photos submitted along with a description of the event and the venue.

Thank you for helping make our web site a part of your lodge experience.

Fraternally,
Steve Smith, PER

In The Kitchen

The breakfast officially known as the "Newbies" was held on January 5th. It was designed to give new members a chance to come and be involved in their lodge. We planned to serve 30 and prepared accordingly. What I should have remembered is that all of Sally's family was in town for her memorial...and Tommy brought them down for breakfast. However, it was an exciting scene to watch Baptism by Fire. The new members pulled together and did not lose their cool.

We had Lyndie Nelson on eggs and next to her was Shawn Levens on grill cooking up pancakes and French toast. Next to her was Jim Lovato on toast. It takes just a moment to get the speed of the track the bread rides on to get just the right amount of toasting on the bread. Lyndie's husband Jon was working side-by-side with Sharyn Mello for plating. I would take the order and call out how the eggs were to be cooked and what type of toast. If biscuits and gravy were on the order I would open the bun warmer, burn my arm, and take out a biscuit and cut it open getting it ready for gravy.

We introduced an Elks scramble where we had a layer of sautéed potatoes with peppers and onions, mushrooms covered with gravy and topped with an egg. They went fast and were gone by 11. The lodge has started a tiered pricing policy for breakfast of \$4, \$5 or \$7 for breakfast. If you are a new member and have not served on your breakfast crew yet let me know and I'll get you on one. The members I see who have jumped in getting involved with BBQ, Christmas trees, recycling program or just coming back to the lodge I probably won't hassle you. It's the new members I don't see that I'll be bugging.

David Naccarato PER



These are the new kids on the block that prepared breakfast for the lodge on January 15.

From left to right:
Jim Lovato, Lyndie Nelson, Shawn Levens and Jon Nelson (spouse) Crew.

Chief David Naccarato not pictured. Served 41.

Not bad for first timers!

February Menu from the Kitchen -- WooHoo!

Sunday		
Feb 2	TBD	Breakfast
Feb 9	Newbies	Breakfast
Feb 16	Officers	Breakfast
Feb 23	Kampers	Breakfast
Monday		
Feb 3	TBD	\$7
Feb 10	Tacos Ed & Jim	\$7
Feb 17	Pulled Pork Sandwich Qwelks	\$7
Feb 24	Mac & Cheese Jim Porter	\$7
Wednesday		
Feb 5	Spaghetti Dinner Porter	\$8
Feb 12	Clam Chowder Bread Bowl Porter	\$8
Feb 19	Meatloaf Dinner Porter / Puckett	\$8
Feb 26	Steak Dinner Porter / Miller	\$10
Thursday		
Feb 6	Chicken and Ribs	\$12
Feb 20	Chili Dogs	\$2
Friday		
Feb 7	Shepherd's Pie	\$10
Feb 14	Chicken & Dumplings	\$10
Feb 21	Fish Fry	\$10
Feb 28	Cook Your Own Steak	\$10

Veterans - by Carl Lanterman

It is truly a pleasure representing a lodge with such a great support mentality for our veterans as has the Thousand Oaks Lodge membership. At every turn, you have responded to the requests for clothing, food, cash and other items that have been used by so many veterans and their families.

It was a great disappointment for me to miss the holiday season of giving, but I want to thank Dan & Karen Martyn, Jim & Kathy Moye and the many others who helped with the Christmas baskets, including two military families. And, Terry Gicking and his elf at the first Snow Flake Festival put on by the VC Military Collaborative. It was such a great (surprising) success that already the founders are looking forward to this year's event. And, let's not forget the great karaoke team led by Robert Jones and Kira Wagner along with David Naccarato, Terry Gicking, and Paul Wagner at the Cal Vet Home – Ventura. Thanks to all of you.

And now, let's look forward to a great 2014. The July Stand Down, the November brunch and the monthly visits to Sepulveda and Ventura are the mainstays of our program. Beyond that, helping the reservists and their families and the older generation veterans who are just now realizing that they have needs they never had before are becoming a growing challenge. I know that you will be with me for those events.

Our veterans fund has done great with all the support that you have given. We now need to build the cash fund for the coming year. If anyone has a donation for the veterans fund, cash or gas & food gift cards, please take it to the office. David will give you a receipt and all of us will thank you.

Carl Lanterman
Chairman-National Veterans Services
carl.lanterman@verizon.net
(805) 630-8110

Famous Veteran Dates

February 12, 1973 – Operation Homecoming Began

February 15, 1898 – Sinking of the USS Maine

February 19, 1945 – U.S. Marines Landed on Iwo Jima

February 23, 1945 – U.S. Marines Raised Flag on Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima

February 24, 1991 – Operation Desert Storm Ground Campaign began

Also remembering the scouts;

February 8, 1910 – Boy Scouts of America Founded



Police and Fire Appreciation Night: A 30+ Year Tradition

The following is an excerpt for the VC Star February 2013:

“At any moment, firefighters are called to fires, car accidents and other dangerous situations. Law enforcement officers know that responding to a simple traffic stop or family dispute could turn into a life-or-death situation. Often, their work is unsung.

That was the message Friday night at the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge, where Ventura County sheriff’s Deputy Corey Nichols and Ventura County Fire Department Engineer Chris Sharp were honored at an Officer/Firefighter of the Year awards dinner.

“These are the heroes of our community whose careers revolve around helping others,” said Paul Stein, awards committee chairman and a retired fire chief with the Santa Monica Fire Department, said.

The ceremony, which included a barbecue dinner for the honorees and their friends and family, started 37 years ago because the Elks thought law enforcement officers and firefighters got little recognition in the community.

The honorees were nominated by their peers and supervisors and chosen by the Elks....”

Please join your fellow lodge members in honoring our unsung heros of the valley.

February 6, 2014

6:30 Social Dinner & Program to follow

\$12 Chicken and Ribs

Do you remember these? From 2011 and 2013





Notification was received by Life Line screening. Life Line Screening has once again rented our lodge room to hold their screenings. A wellness package runs \$149. They are offering our members a discount rate of \$139.

To take advantage of this discount call 1-888-653-6441.

The screenings, sponsored by St. John's Hospital, will take place March 7th starting at 8:30 AM and *by appointment* only. The series of 5 screenings take 60-90 minutes. Scans look for Blocked Arteries, Abdominal aortic aneurysms, atrial fibrillation, bone density and vascular tests.

Visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

Max Maxwell: How Elks Take Care of their Own.



Every now and then Max Maxwell will act as designated driver at one of our Elks events. Sometimes our members may indulge a bit more than they should and not let it show that they should not be behind the wheel. Max volunteers to stay on Snapple for the evening in order to get our members home safely.

It takes a defining moment in one's life to make an educated decision. One Friday night, it was about 1am. I was the duty officer. Max was heading for the door and I stopped him. Max, I asked "should you be driving"? "I'm fine" he bellowed back at me and at 6 foot 6 and 245 pounds he gets his way. Now I would never have believed the following if I hadn't been there and saw it myself.

After Max turned onto Conejo School I yelled to Brooke "I'm gonna follow him".

No sooner did we get on Erbes Rd when the Red and Blue lights lit up. I pulled up behind the squad car which happened to be driven by Officer Dennis Ford who we had awarded officer of the year on January 28, 2004. He recognized me but paid me no mind. I walked up in time to hear officer Ford ask Max "Where are you going at this time of night?" (now we all know sometimes they do stake out our place but tonight was not the case)

Max answered "I am going to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body."

Officer Ford fires back, "Really? Who is giving that lecture at this time of night?"

Without missing a beat Max replies "MY WIFE". and with that what could Officer Ford do? He told me to follow him home and then to me "get home yourself".

Honestly, that's the way it happened, and ever since then Max has made sure everyone gets home safely.

David Naccarato

February Birthdays

Jennifer Hassell - 01
David Biedebach - 03
Terry Gicking - 04
Suzanne Osgood - 04
Nick Schiele - 04
Elizabeth Buckner - 05
Craig Burns - 07
Richard Eddy - 07
Allen Zatkin - 07
Richard Herrera - 08
Dolores Randell - 09
Robert Scudder - 09
Kathleen Ryder - 10
Pattie Queen - 11
Joseph Smith - 11
Arnold Antle - 13
Richard Whitmire - 13
Jim Wiens - 14
James Brown - 16
Charles Pedersen - 16
Dean Reichle - 16
Robert Phillips - 18
Charles Christensen - 20
Christine Harrison - 20
Antonia Hartin - 20
Robert Huffman - 20
William O'Shea - 20
Terry Baker - 21
Kevin Gullick - 23
James Abbitt - 24



The Crying Towel

Capsule 1 Tori Rogers not present.

2nd capsule drawing Ed Cassese not present.

Lucky 13 No Winner Gerry Gillies.

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



PLEASE MAKE
FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER
RESERVATIONS BY
CALLING THE LOUNGE
BY WEDNESDAY

496-4550 OR WITH ANY
BARTENDER

Scratch notes

"No mountain is too high to climb when you trust in yourself and believe. Achievement is not measured by heights attained but by obstacles overcome."

SUGGESTION BOX

This month we had 2.

- 1) Give a Christmas bonus to the bartenders. We do.
- 2) Have Potluck during Thursday night football. Sounds great, and remember, this is your lodge so if you want a Thursday night potluck, just tell the Loyal Knight (Jim Moye) so he knows and then ask around--and offer to set it up. (Yeah, I know, next year).

David Naccarato Secretary

SUPERBOWL PARTY

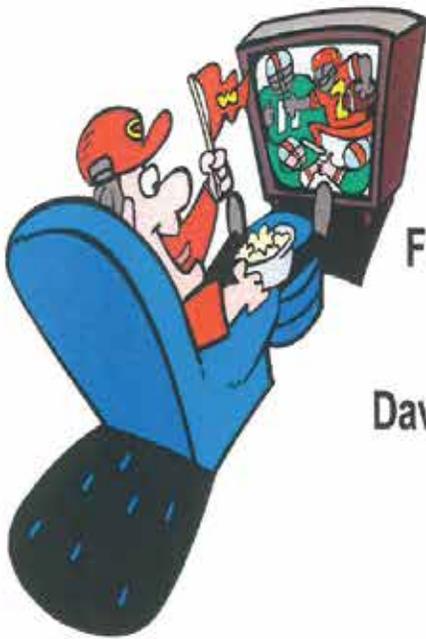
Where: Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge

When: February 2nd

When: 3pm kickoff

**DON'T FORGET THE FOUR "F" WORDS:
FOOD - FUN - FOOTBALL - FRIENDS**

**PLEASE BRING AN HORS D'OEUVRE TO SHARE
FOR A CHANCE TO WIN \$100**



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES

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Important: 2 Motions for General Member Notification

At general lodge meeting held on January 8th, 2014 two motions were read to the members present and laid over till notification to all members of date for discussion and voting on the motions. Exalted Ruler

Terry Baker has assigned February 5th as the meeting date.

Motion 1: To Amend our by-laws Article IV Section 1

The Regular meetings of this lodge shall be held on the first and third Wednesday evenings in each month throughout the year. The second Wednesday evening in each month during the year is reserved for the House and Officers committee meetings.

Motion 2: To Authorize the House Committee to use up to \$110,000 for Renovation

Use of lodge funds currently held in the restricted New Facilities Account which, as of January 7, 2014 had a balance of \$349,488.42 for the sole purpose of renovation of the lounge.

Use of such funds shall be subject to approval by the House Committee based on it's review of a plan and budget to be submitted by the Renovation Committee.

Lodge Renovations

by Dan Martyn, Leading Knight

Did you miss this last month?

Last month my article on renovations discussed plans and rationale for renovating the lounge. To date I have had minimal feedback from members, all of which have been positive in supporting the renovation of the lounge. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, please share them with me.

In the event you did not see the article you can download it from the website

Dan Martyn
Lodge Renovation Committee Chair



HOLIDAY BRUNCH AT THE GRAND VISTA - - YEAH!!!!!!

The issues of the past were mostly resolved, so we're BACK!

This article is probably the most difficult to write because everyone is well dressed and have their Holiday manners on.

In the past, the table in the corner nearest the entrance usually occupied by the Koreitz's, Pearsons, Williams, etc. was the "lucky table" and historically have opposite end of the room – their "luck" held to the degree that David Pearson won the 50/50! Boo – Hiss – well actually congrats!!

As usual, Cheryl Templeton brought her entire staff (I think) and several friends. I seem to recall their winning a few raffle prizes also.

It was great to see a number of people we don't always see at campouts and only occasionally at the Lodge, and then one awesome bartender, Tom; we do see him frequently.

Again we were treated to the songs and routines of the choral group from Westlake High. An extremely talented and beautiful group. Mr. Rose, their director, is planning retirement, sadly, and a number of the students are seniors. Bummer, I certainly hope there are plans in the works to continue this long standing custom.

The powers that be, decided to let Jim Porter, last year's TV winner, draw the number for this year's winner - - BAD DECISION! He drew Sherri's ticket – his friend – something is rotten in Denmark.

To say Deb Drake left some Big shoes to fill is an understatement. Let's see if I can recall all, if I miss someone please pardon me. Cheryl took over Manna; Jessica and Kathy took care of table center pieces. They all did a great job – two to replace one. Interesting, what?

Our new officers are some repeats and some new. Joel Erickson was more than a bit happy to give up the President's spot to Jim Moye, Mike Flannery came back on board as VP, Sue Osgood remains as Secretary, and Cheryl Templeton took over as Treasurer. Faye Stevens will be our new Chaplain, I will continue writing the Antler Antics as often as possible.

Again I'd like to thank Cheryl, Jessica and Beverly for picking up the slack last year and I'm sure they will be needed some time during the coming year. Yup, team work is a wonderful thing.

Upcoming events

Feb 14-15 - California RV, Acton

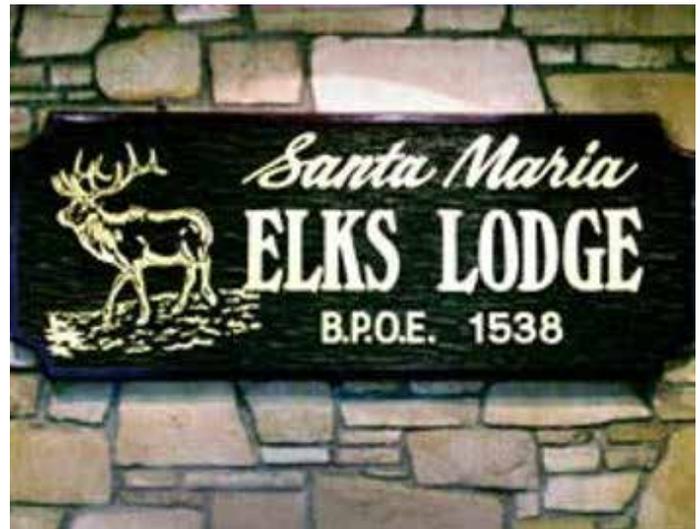
March 6-8 - Santa Maria Elks, Santa Maria

March 13-15 - Newport Dunes, Newport Beach w/ Simi Elks

See more at:

<http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com/schedule.html>

Pat von Wittenburg Chairman, El Konejo Kampers



2013-2014 Committee CHAIRPERSONS

1st VICE PRESIDENT: Jill Willims
 2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Marian Anderson
 SECRETARY: Jean Miraglia
 TREASURER: Anne Frankl
 AUDITOR: Beth Kozlowski
 COMMUNICATONS: Mary Flannery
 Carol Fredericks

THE ELKS LADIES Lynn Rodriguez



2013-2014 Committee CHAIRPERSONS

PARLIMENTARIAN:
 CHAPLAIN: Barbara Gibbs
 MAJOR PROJECT: Jessica Stull
 SUNSHINE: June Leadam
 HISTORIAN: Carol Fredericks
 CVD: Jill Williams

As we start into the New Year, we are gearing up for the **Elks Ladies Major Projects Fundraiser**. This year Jessica Stull is Chairing the "Chicago Speakeasy" on Saturday February 8, 2014 and it promises to be a wonderful evening and for a great cause so we hope to see you there.

Our February meeting will be a little different in that we will be starting an hour early at 6:30 pm after a short program that Jeri Miller will be hosting on Genealogy.

Finally, it is the time that we are looking for our 2014-2015 Board. We need members to come forward and participate. It's a great way to get involved, bring new ideas to the table and meet your fellow members in our organization. We encourage you to come to the February meeting for nominations and the March meeting for the Election.

February Birthdays

4 Sue Osgood
 8 Pam Smith
 10 Kathy Ryder
 12 Ann Kilrain
 14 Karen Naccarato
 16 Margaret Thornton
 24 Kathy Jenkins
 29 Jan Stockton



Elks Ladies Christmas Gifts & Charity Wrapping



OFFICERS 2013-2014

EXALTED RULER Terry Baker
LEADING KNIGHT Dan Martyn
LOYAL KNIGHT Jim Moye
LECTURING KNIGHT Robert Jones
SECRETARY Dave Naccarato, PER
TREASURER Pati Harrod
TILER Gregg Miraglia
ESQUIRE Billy Sternberg
CHAPLAIN Karen Martyn
ORGANIST Karin Speights
OFFICER AT LARGE Bill Sternberg, PER

TRUSTEES

Daryl Kopacz 1 Year
Pam Price 2 Year
Sam Frankl 3 Year
Steve Smith, PER 4 Year
George Meehan, PER 5 Year

2013-14 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS - reporting to Exalted Ruler

DICTIONARY PROGRAM: **CHAIRMAN NEEDED**
ANTLER ANTICS: Paul & Kira Wagner
Calendar: Terry Gicking, PER
Distribution: Jessica Stull, Juanita Feamster
PUBLIC RELATIONS: Lynn Rodriguez
GREETER: Dorothy Murray
LODGE RENOVATION: Dan Martyn
LODGE VISITATIONS: Terry & Sharon Baker

AUDITING: Chet Kozlowski, PER
PER ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT: Steve Smith, PER
BEQUESTS & LIVING TRUSTS:
MEDIATOR: Greg Metzgus, PDDGER
PROTOCOL: Karen Naccarato
BBQ TEAMS: Terry Baker/**CHAIRMAN NEEDED**
BLDG. MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS: Ben Rieger
PARLIAMENTARIAN/PRESIDING JUSTICE: Dick McCann
HISTORIAN/SCRAPBOOK: Jill Williams

2013-14 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS - reporting to Leading Knight

MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG: David Naccarato, PER
SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Coleen Morris
ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION: Donna Leary
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Dan Martyn

ORIENTATION: Terry Gicking, PER
CHARITY: Dan Martyn
CHRISTMAS BASKETS: Dan Martyn
MEMBER CONTROL. COM.: David Naccarato, PER
Investigation: Alan Hardie & Dave Anderson

2013-14 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS - reporting to Loyal Knight

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY: Jim Moye
LODGE ACTIVITIES: Jim Moye
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS: Jim Moye
WEDNESDAY NIGHT TICKETS: Gregg Miraglia
MOTHER'S DAY: Karen Martyn
SCOUTING: Bill Miller/Bill Sternberg
YOUTH ACTIVITIES: **CHAIRMAN NEEDED**

STRAY ELKS: David Naccarato, PER
CVD: Tom Hartin
LAW ENFORCEMENT DINNER: Paul Stein
HOOP SHOOT: David Naccarato, PER
DRUG AWARENESS: **CHAIRMAN NEEDED**
INAUGURAL BALL: Jim Moye

2013-14 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS - reporting to Lecturing Knight

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY: Bill Sternberg, PER
AMERICANISM: **CHAIRMAN NEEDED**
KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY: Robert Jones
SCHOLARSHIP: Rick Herrera
NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICES: Carl Lanterman
MEMORIAL SERVICE: Karen Martyn
CHRISTMAS TREE LOT Ben Rieger

GOLF TOURNAMENT: David Pearson
EL KONEJO KAMPERS: Joel Erickson
MEMBERSHIP: David Naccarato, PER
LODGE PICNIC: Lecturing Knight
PHOTOGRAPHER: Jill Williams
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS: **CHAIRMAN NEEDED**

Letter and Cards Received

"Dear Secretary, as new members we just saw your note in the Antler Antics regarding dinners and had to e-mail our support and suggestions.

One of our saddest observations of this generation is that, with everyone working, there is no longer a central home for friends and extended families to gather and enjoy a home cooked meal. When we found the Elks we realized that there was indeed such a place.

Our girls love the lodge. We have begun attending dinners when schedules permit and the food is always delicious. After we had Jim Porters pot roast, which reminded me of my grandmothers cooking, I e-mailed my cousins and told them we should all gather after the holidays for a lodge meal. They liked the idea.

But, (here it comes) if we might be honest, we really hope that the lounge remodel is voted in and finished before they come. We agree wholeheartedly with what Leading Knight Dan Martyn wrote:

I believe our members should have a lodge at which they can enjoy themselves and a lodge at which they will be proud to bring family, friends, business associates and other potential members."

The idea of our bar being along the lines of Claim Jumper, Brendan's or Fridays would do justice to the quality of the meals served. Our lodge would be as warm, fun and inviting as the members it will be home to. We would indeed be proud to bring family and friends. Like ourselves, my cousins all have (older, well behaved) children. In the new lounge perhaps games (if even needed or present) will be accessible.

Researching the Elks, we have read current stories where other lodges are a community and family hangout. We know ours has that potential and sincerely hope dinners will be able to remain."

Respectfully M.S.V.

"Dear Elks, thank you for sharing food, toys, and love with my family. We were excited to receive your gifts and feel thankful for your generosity."

~The Pratt Family

"Dear Patriot Chairman Veterans Activities

On behalf of Chapter 750 Military Order of the Purple Heart and the Veterans we serve, I wish to express our sincere appreciation for your donation towards signage for the Purple Heart Trail.

This gift supports MOPH's efforts in our commitment to raise the visibility of our veterans in the public eye and instilling pride in those who served.

By participating in this effort you can take pride in your contribution, knowing that you made a difference in the community at large of and in the community of veterans."

~Sincerely Michael Cook, Commander

"Please accept this donation in the name of Sally Claunch for an Elks charity program she was most passionate about.

Sally was a wonderful giving person, Mom, Grand Mom and friend. She made everyone feel like family and she will truly be missed."

~The Heithecker Family



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LOUNGE HOURS

Mon, Tue, Thur: 10 - 8 PM
Wed, Fri: 10 AM - Closing
Sat: 10 AM - 6 PM
Sun: 9:30 AM - 6 PM

Meetings



House Committee: 2nd Wed of the month @ 7:30 PM
Officers Meeting: Immediately following.
Trustees meet the 2nd Wed @ 6 PM

**Your input is valued. Your attendance is welcomed.
Come for dinner and stay for the meetings.**

PAST EXALTED RULERS

1972-73 *Marvin D. Smith	1995-96 Gil Riding, PDDGER
1973-74 Erle Pittman, PDDGER	1996-97 *Jack Loughran
1974-75 *Richard Flake	1997-98 *John Kelly
1975-76 Bill Wagner	1998-99 Chet Kozlowski
1976-77 John E. Henry	1999-00 Richard Goldner, PDDGER
1977-78 *Robert McKee, PDDGER	2000-01 Jacob Panczak
1978-79 *Frank J. Rindone, PDDGER	2001-02 John D'Ambrogio
1979-80 *Edward F. Stogsdell	2002-03 Don Booker
1980-81 *Frank "Tex" Hastie	2003-04 Greg Metzgas, PDDGER, DL
1981-82 *Robert Hardy	2004-05 Jay Block
1982-83 *A. John Nichols	2005-06 *Sally Claunch
1983-84 John Nau	2006-07 David Naccarato
1984-85 Vern Ogden	2007-08 Catherine Koeritz
1985-86 Dan Snyder	2008-09 George Meehan
1986-87 Bill Lloyd, PDDGER	2009-10 Terry Gicking, DDGER
1987-88 John E. Henry	2010-11 Harry Brockwell
1988-89 *Ted Lipka	2011-12 Steve Smith
1989-90 Don Skinner	2012-13 Leo Rodriguez
1990-91 Don Ansell	
1991-92 Gary Sleigh	By Affiliation:
1992-93 Tom Ryder, PDDGER	1981-82 Robert L. Thornton, PDDGER
1993-94 *Jim Wallace	2001-02 Bill Sternberg
1994-95 *George Pekow	1999-00 *Ralph Vester
	2002-03 Russel Robison

*Deceased

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