



# ANTLER ANTICS

ELKS CARE ...ELKS SHARE



Terry Baker  
Exalted Ruler

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## MEET OUR NEW CREW CHIEF FOR 2013-2014



TERRY BAKER

Terry was born in Los Angeles in 1942 to Francis and Teresa Baker. After graduating from Downey High School without missing a day. But he missed serving his country in the military . Thus Terry joined the Army. Even though he enjoyed working on engines, the infantry was his destination, spending six months pounding down the jungles of Vietnam. When he returned home, he tried college a few times but got tired of being broke. His enjoyment of working on engines turned into a 35 year career in Aerospace for Rocketdyne and Northrup testing the F-1 rocket motors. Receiving the “Golden Handshake” at a young age, he went to work for a building contractor. But power and speed got into his blood and he entered the world of stock car and sprint car racing, by driving and owning cars that competed at Saugus and Ventura Speedways..

After his introduction to Elkdom by Gil Riding, PDDGER 20 years ago, he has been living the motto, ”Elks Care Elks Share”, by serving on bbq teams, Sunday morning breakfast and any other special event that needed a crew, such as Conejo Valley Days, Special Kid’s Day, Hoop Shoot, and Soccer Shoot. Also he has served in the officer corp. many times when it was needed as Trustee, Lecturing Knight, Chaplin, Leading Knight and now finishing as Exalted Ruler. Members have seen his woodworking projects around the Lodge--Elk in the parking lot, signs on Conejo School Road, and the sign-in stand to name a few.

Terry in his own words stated, ”I married Sharon in 1968 and it has worked out well for me. She is active in the Elk Ladies, known as the basket creating queen. When I first told her I was joining the Elks she asked, what will I have to do? I answered nothing.”

His Elk journey has been fun and rewarding. According to Terry, ” Until you walk into that home with food and presents at Christmas and see those kids’ faces, you can’t imagine the effect it has on you as a member. When we visit the Veterans and bring them bananas and play Bingo with them, the same thing. To be able to help someone in the community with work around their house or put on a fund raiser dinner, it makes it all worthwhile, and Sharon is right there with me.”

Terry’s final thoughts, ”Sharon and I did not have any kids. Our folks are gone and a brother and sister live out of state so I guess you all are stuck with us. I look forward to representing our lodge as Exalted Ruler and Sharon as First Lady. It will be work, but it will be fun at the same time. Don’t plan on many big changes. I want to keep things flowing, computers on-line, freezers freezing and the Bar B Q cooking, with Charity and Community Activities going forward. Thank you again for putting your trust and confidence in me. The year will be fun and exciting.”

Peace and Love Terry and Sharon



**EXALTED RULER**  
**Terry Baker**



I want to start out by saying thank you for allowing me to be your Exalted Ruler for the year of 2013-2014. Some things will change, some for better, some different than what we are used too. One thing I hope to accomplish is more lodge participation. I see from the history of ticket sales to events at the lodge, the tickets are sold on the day before the event. This tells me you are waiting to see if a better offer comes along, before committing to the Lodge.

I want our Lodge and its programs to be at the top of your list. I'm starting off right now with the Installation of Officers/Inaugural Ball/ Party. First we incorporated both the Installation of Officers and the Inaugural Ball into the same fun filled evening. Other Lodges have done it with success, so we will also try it.

Second- talking with Hospitality Chairman, Dan Martyn and Chef Boyd Lindquist they have put together a prime rib or salmon dinner with all the fixings and entertainment for \$20.00 per ticket. Where else can you go and get a deal like that? It is not going to happen. Spend the evening with Sharon and I, and your lodge brothers and sisters. When you joined our Lodge you inherited an extended family. I know visiting family members are like fish, after 3 days they begin to stink. But this is maybe 5 hours. I would really appreciate a huge turnout for the first event of the new Elk year.

On another topic, I want to say last year we did qualify for the Grand Exalted Ruler's award for lodges that have an ENF per capita of \$4.50 per person. We can now request a grant for \$2,000.00 to be used for charitable purposes. We raised \$1,700.00 and got back \$2,000.00. That is not a bad deal. It will happen again this coming year. The Grand Exalted Ruler has the privilege to set his own parameters. When they announce what it will be, I will let our ENF chairman know. He or she will come up with some fun fund raising ideas and pass them on to you.

This brings me to my next topic. PDDGER, Tom Ryder has served as ENF Chairman for many years and the time has come for him to turn over the reins Tom made it look easy and I'm sure will pass on his methods that have stood the test of time. Donna Leary has stepped up to the plate and is assuming the chair of ENF. Thank you Donna!!!

The Elks National Foundation is an independent, non-profit foundation governed by a Board of Trustees. Started by a grant in 1928 by Grand Lodge, its mission is to help lodges build stronger communities where Elks live and work. To put it in perspective right now, we have scholarship awards. Our Lodge will give \$6,600.00 to the seniors that won from our area. These

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**LEADING KNIGHT**  
**Dan Martyn**



Although I had played with a band at the Elks for some time, I never gave much thought to becoming an Elk until my good friend Pete brought me to the Lodge for cook your own steak night five or six years ago. I enjoyed the meal and the company and then received a very gentle membership nudge coupled with this admonishment: Whatever you do, don't get involved in the politics.

Shortly after I received that advice, my wife Karen joined the Elks and on a fairly regular basis I was informed by my friend John that I was "only a spouse and my opinion did not count" – which I suppose was John's way of recruiting a new member. In any event, after several months of taking such good-natured abuse, I became an Elk.

In short order I became a member of Eddie Rice's BBQ crew, helped with Sunday breakfast, helped Max with cook your own steak night, became a Trustee, Loyal Knight, Renovation Chair and finally Hospitality Chair. While these activities involved a significant time commitment, through my participation in them I made new friends and came to know our Lodge and what being an Elk is all about. The more you put into your membership, the more you will get out of it, and I encourage you to step up and volunteer, participate in Lodge activities and voice your opinion.

With regard to voicing your opinion, I encourage you to attend meetings, particularly House Committee meetings where you have the opportunity to participate in discussions regarding Lodge policies and business matters. It does no good to voice your opinion at the bar. Voice your opinion at a meeting.

And while we are talking about meetings, you should be aware that there has been a significant reduction in meeting requirements, both for regular Lodge meetings and for initiation. The formal opening and closing for regular meetings have been shortened, and the alternate short form initiation, which will be used at our Lodge, should reduce the initiation ritual to about 15 minutes. We are hopeful that these changes will result in greater member attendance at meetings.

Finally, my station is focused on Charity. As such, I will be working with David Naccarato on Major Project/Purple Pig, and with Donna Leary, who will succeed Tom Ryder as ENF Chair. I thank Tom for his contributions to ENF, and I look forward to helping Donna with Tom's continued assistance and guidance. And I am sure I will be looking for volunteers when it comes to the Charity Ball and our annual charity basket program.

In closing, let me mention that during initiation the Leading Knight refers to charity in thought, word and deed. Let's try and be charitable to each other in our words and actions. Every Elk deserves to be treated with respect, to be given the benefit of the doubt, and to be welcomed into the Lodge. Although it may be hard sometimes, perhaps we can all make an effort to be more welcoming to our Elks brothers and sisters, have some fun, and do some good.

Thanks for your support, and I look forward to a great year working with the chair officers and trustees.

**LOYAL KNIGHT**

**Jim Moye**



This is the beginning of our 2013 Elk year. As the new Loyal Knight I will have much to learn. I'm sure of one thing, I will have many friends to support me in my efforts. We still have many members who remember the humble beginnings of this Lodge . I for one have only heard the stories and seen some of the pictures.

History and memories are what make things what they are. I would like to extend my gratitude to those who were here at the inception of the Lodge and those who dedicate time and energy to make sure that we continue to thrive.

Going forward over the past year we have been thriving. Thanks Leo for a job well done. Terry Baker and team are ready to take on the challenge of continuing in the right direction.

Great start on our new year, Jimmy Allen's Numero Uno BBQ team did over \$4,000.00 on the first Saturday of March and we had a new member, Art Urbano, who plans on joining one of the BBQ teams. Thanks Art.

My goals for this year will be the expansion of our Lodge activities programs, to motivate and promote involvement of our new members as well as encourage our existing passive members to come on down and join in. It's a lot of fun. The goal is to provide an atmosphere of prosperity, entertainment and fun for all. Doing that we can fulfill our obligation as Elks to our community.

I look forward to the new year and thank you for your support.

**Exalted Ruler from page 2**

same winners will move on to state and national levels where 2.296 million dollars will be given out to 500 high school seniors nationwide. That is what ENF pays for. Our Lodge will donate \$13,000 to the Purple Pig/Major Project, but that program takes 3 million to operate for only the lodges in California and Hawaii. ENF pays the rest. And the list goes on.

In conclusion, come to the Installation of Officers/ Inaugural/Ball Party, and let's have a great start to the new Elk year. Also be prepared for some surprises.



**LECTURING KNIGHT**

**Robert Jones**



**Elks Firefighter and Law Enforcement Recognition Event**

On February 8, 2013, our Lodge conducted our annual Police and Firefighter appreciation night. Being retired from the Fire Department myself and helping with the event last year I had the pleasure of being the MC for this year's event. The two recipients were Engineer Chris Sharp of the Ventura County Fire Department and Deputy Corey Nicholas of the Ventura County Sheriff's Department.

In addition to the awards presented by our Lodge, Chris and Corey received commendations from Supervisor Linda Parks and Thousand Oaks Mayor Claudia De-la Pina.

The event was a tremendous success thanks to the efforts of many Lodge members. First let me thank David Naccarato for guiding me through the organization and coordination required for the event.

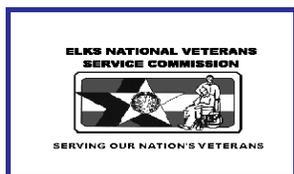
Special thanks to the Chefs Rick Bennett and Jesse Garcia for the delicious meal they prepared. We had many compliments regarding how wonderful the dinner tasted. Rick also helped me with the meal menu and coordination. In addition to Rick and Jesse, Fay Stevens and Jill Williams were a great help in the kitchen.

Other Lodge members that helped making the event a success were Lynn Rodrigues who coordinated the press. Her efforts helped the Lodge receive terrific written press coverage. Bill Miller whose Boy Scouts presented the colors. The Lodge greeters who did a great job were Dorothy Murray, Ed Jones, and Bob Phillips. Also, thanks to Brook Okray who took time away from her bar manager duties to help us with the table decorations along with Ed Rice who just happened to be at the lodge. They exemplified a typical Elk attitude by jumping in to help where help is needed.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank my wife Cheryl for her help and advice to make the event a great success. A great time was had by all. The only thing that would have made the event better would be if more Lodge members attended.

**Paul Stein  
Event Coordinator**

**Carl Lanterman**  
**Chairman-National Services**  
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April 9<sup>th</sup> – National Former POW Recognition Day  
 April 11, 1991 – Persian Gulf War Cease Fire

Thanks again to those who have helped our veterans in need. There have been no less than 30 members who have helped in some direct way. We have had three specific veterans who could not get help elsewhere and we were able to assist. Few other organizations have the ability to obtain resources on a short notice like the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge. I am proud to serve as your veterans representative to the community.

Thank you for your continued donations of clothing and toiletries and stationery for the veterans. I can tell you first hand that they are well received.

Five elks volunteers saw 28 residents for our February bingo in Sepulveda, but the karaoke at the CalVet home in Ventura was not well attended due to illness, family visits, etc. We are still in full force for March and every month as long as they want us. March 28<sup>th</sup>, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, or shortly after they finish dinner. Please come just to visit with the residents. There are some very interesting people who have made this their home.

Please drop off your goods for our platoon in Afghanistan. The container is in the lounge near the door. Contact Terry Gicking for more information.

Veteran of the month – Bill Aubery – U.S. Army

## Pull Tab Collection



### Elks Care – Elks Share

Thanks everyone for your continuing support to the Ronald McDonald House Charities pull tab collection program. And to the Veterans toiletries and book collection programs. This last month I divided the toiletries in thirds, 1/3 Ronald McDonald Houses, 1/3 to our local Veterans and 1/3 to our troops in Afghanistan. I have also found another outlet for our used books. The Soroptimist will take any of our leftover books, so keep collecting those pull tabs, toiletries and books. A special thanks goes out to Dorothy Murray (big momma), The Metzgas Family, David MacFarland, Star Gallo, Michael Flannery and Jet Perry.

### ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE

Gerry Gillies



## Bequests and Living Trust

How would you like to make some money?

**PLUS** get a tax break?

**PLUS** build the future of the Major Project?

**PLUS** help children with disabilities?

The answer is: **The BLT Commitment Trust**

**You invest \$10,000 or more and receive an income of 7% annually. Plus, you get a tax break depending on your age. Yes, the \$10,000 or more stays in the Commitment Trust, growing and providing for the future of the Major Project.**

Not a bad deal.

You profit, the Major Project profits, and the **children with disabilities have a chance to walk, talk, see, and play**. You and your spouse will receive the income from the trust until both of you have passed away. What a wonderful way the help the children in need and make it possible for them to have better care in the future.

The creation of the Bequests and Living Trust (BLT) Committee in 1984 set the stage for ensuring the financial future of the Major Project. Amounts under \$500 go directly to help underwrite Major Project expenses for the year in which they are given. The establishment of the Bequests and Living Trusts Legacy Fund in 1991 designated gifts of \$500 or more to be placed in a special account.

Collection bin in the lounge  
 awaits your donations for

**MANNA**



COMING ATTRACTIONS



April 19- Pin Night  
April 28- Chili Cook Off

May 2/5- Conejo Valley Days  
May 4- Kentucky Derby Party  
May 5/11- Elks National Youth Appreciation Week  
May 10- Youth Appreciation Night Awards  
May 12- Mother's Day Brunch  
May 15/18- CHEA State Convention

June 9- Flag Retirement Ceremony  
June 16- Father's Day Brunch

ENTERTAINMENT



April 5- Pier 101  
April 12- KC Phillips  
April 19- Karaoke by Jim & Patty  
April 26- Runamucks

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Coleen Morris  
805-241-8928

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO:** the family of Dave and Annie Pearson on the passing of her mother Shirley; the family of Grace Wallace on her passing; the family of Gregg and Jean Miraglias on the passing of their son-in-law

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Our Armed Forces and their families who keep us free.; Kathy Ryder; Roy Cooper; Phyllis Rding; Dee Swanson ; Margaret Thornton to have surgery

**ON THE MEND:** Angie Prizzi from cancer



KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

MAY 4TH 1 PM SNACKS-SALSA TASTING CONTEST  
HAT CONTEST- HORSE RACES



BEST HAT CONTEST

Watch the sport of kings on multiple tvs..... followed by our horse races



SALSA TASTING CONTEST  
MAY 4TH



The salsa contestants need to sign- up and bring one (1) quart of their salsa to the kitchen by 12:30. A table with chips and the salsa in bowls will be identical and will be numbered. Everyone is open to tasting but to vote you will need to purchase tickets. \$3.00 gets you 5 voting tickets.



**David Naccarato, PER**



**First I want to say thanks to a member that went above and beyond.** Karen and I have been doing some rearranging in the office boxing up some old files and moving them to storage. I had a member who was going to handle the moving. His time is taken up and he has a home life so what am I to do? In walks **Terry Gicking**. I had all the boxes filled, taped and labeled and asked, "Hey you got 20 minutes"? (Like anything takes 20 minutes) .Terry moved them for me. Really cleaned up the office. It doesn't look so cluttered. Who do you think walked in after the last box was put in its place? You guessed it. Either way he works hard around here and I appreciated Terry for moving our files.

**Scholarship; Julie Cook** was able to set up a schedule for **Rick Herrera** to pick up recyclables from Bogey's Bar and Grill for our Scholarship Program. Thank you Julie. Rick Herrera loads up weekly and takes them to where he gets the most return on CRV. Our Scholarship is one of the very few programs that is totally self supportive because of all the members who help out by bringing down their recyclables and the efforts of members like Julie. Our bar also allows Rick to take our recyclables to fund his program.

**Photography; Jill Williams** has been taking pictures down at the Lodge and at different events. If you are having an event, we need it documented with pictures and a report. If it's done right we can submit it to Grand Lodge and get it in one of our monthly State and National publications.

This is the time of year that dues are due. We offer an opportunity to give a little extra if you're able. Donations are down this year most likely to the economy. We did have members who were able to help out with what they are passionate about. The Major Project is an ongoing all year long program to help disabled and handicapped children from 6 months to 18 years of age. As members donate their names appear in the Purple Pig Honor Roll. The members who added a little extra with their dues check were: **Jerry Serota to Purple Pig; John Preston to Veterans; Kenny Keeler to Veterans- ENF- Purple Pig-Scouts-Scholarship and the Memorial Fund; Jerry Gilmore to ENF; George Vivlamore to the Major Project; Bill Smail donated \$300.00 to ENF and \$300.00 to lodge Improvements. Thomas Walsh** donated to Veterans. Tom was a recent Century Club recipient. **Eugene Letourneau donated \$100.00 to the Major Project. Jay Schmidt** to Veterans-ENF- Purple Pig and Scouts. **Bobby Williams also did what I call a Round Robin with \$5.00 to each, Veterans-ENF-Major Project-Scouts-Scholarship and Memorial Fund.** Another Round Robin was **Allen Gottlieb. Max Maxwell** donated to the Memorial Fund. **Richard Shaw** a transfer from Las Vegas took advantage of the Round Robin with \$5.00 to each. **Coleen Morris donated**

**\$100.00 each to the Veterans, ENF, and the Memorial Fund. Also \$30.00 to Scouts and Scholarship- thank you Coleen. Joel Erickson** to Scholarship, **Roger Paskell** to Scouts for \$100.00, **Dennis Scully \$10.00 each to Veterans ENF and \$5.00 to Purple Pig.**

**Steven Finnerty** donated \$20.00 to Veterans, ENF, Major Project, Scholarship and the Memorial Fund. **Micheal White \$150.00 to Hoop Shoot.** Being Chairman for Hoop shoot and Purple Pig/ Major Project, I appreciate it. I want to thank all those who were able and make mention here in our bulletin. Remember you have till April 1st to receive an early bird sticker. Cards went out March 4th.

**Newbie breakfast (new members cooking breakfast)** was February 17th. they served up a great breakfast. Wendy Stuart was on grill. Don Yates was on toast and his wife Lee Yates on plate arranging and delivery. On eggs we had Craig Burns who missed his **Newbie** breakfast. I was around for support and to get in the way. I was told I did that very well. **Jill Williams** arrived and helped out with delivery. It's always feast or famine. Thanks Jill. Next Newbie breakfast April 14th.

If you missed membership meetings, we will be having a synopsis in our Antler Antics. I realize members have joined and never been to a meeting other than their initiation. You're only doing yourself a disservice. Nothing says you must attend every week, but at least once a month just to learn what's happening at the lodge.

**February** holds Past Exalted Ruler's Night. In the past as officers advanced through the chairs as we call it, they were learning the Initiation Ritual by memory. The Past Exalted Rulers handle the Initiation in February.

Grand Lodge voted and passed that the Ritual does not have to be performed in long form by memory. Our new officers are not practicing their parts for competition, but the Past Exalted Rulers did the initiation anyway. Being the coach I have to say their rendition was top cabin. **PDDGER, Greg Metzgus and George Meehan** were word perfect. **Steve Smith** as Leading Knight had everyone to tears. It was so moving. **Terry Gicking** as Exalted Ruler was in top form especially since his son was being initiated. **Sally Claunch** as Inner Guard was a first place Inner Guard when she performed that part as part of Johnny D' Ambrogio's team. Sally also took first place as Exalted Ruler. Chaplain was **Jay Block**. When Jay was Exalted Ruler his team (which I was on) won district and went to state competition. In Sally's year, we also went to state competition. **Bill Sternberg** filled in as Esquire. Bill was Esquire at Oxnard Lodge for many years, just like our Robert Jones. **Karin Speights** played the organ for us. The organ adds the right touch to the Initiation. We're not sure the future of Ritual competition We'll fight to keep it but times are changing. Associate Member, Harold Constantine commented on how well we did. I'd better close before I start rambling. Oh wait I already am. **Don't forget Pin Night April 19th.** It's also our Fish Fry

# HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LODGE visit our website for more pictures-[www.elks2477.com](http://www.elks2477.com)



## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Sponsor Bobby Williams with Art Urbano



Vanessa Koeritz with her sponsor Katie Koertiz



Bryan Gicking with his sponsor/dad Terry



Bob Phillips with Dolores Randall



Julie Cook received a Certificate of Appreciation from Scholarship Chair, Rick Herrera



Coleen Morris and Tom Walsh Century Club

### Blue and Gold



### Flag Retirement at Cal-Vet Home



ER, Leo Rodriquez, Barbara Gibbs, Carl Lanterman, Bill Sternberg, PER and Billy Sternberg answered the challenge to perform the Elks' Flag Retirement Ritual at the Cal-Vet Home. Each resident wished to retire a flag. The first flag was retired by a WWII Vet in the blue jacket who was also the first resident of the facility.

Grand Lodge has named this event Old Timers Night. I say speak for yourself. I say "longevity pin night" with the Fish Fry on April 19th. Here's the list. Call the office to make a reservation. David Naccarato, Secretary.  
 PS Have a beverage of your choice on us, if you are attending.

**5 YEAR**

- Douglas Bevan
- Dennis Bock
- Misty Boykin
- Stephen Buczynski
- Bryant Burns
- Doug Carroll
- Julie Cook
- Chuck Costigan
- Allen Erickson
- Robin Foley
- Anita Gorino
- David Grannis
- Patricia Hawm
- David Hobert
- Teena Jones
- Carl Lanterman
- Karen Martyn
- Dan Martyn
- Brian Mattson
- Joe Medrano
- John Moran
- Ben Morris
- Joseph Nemtusak
- Patti Queen
- Kimberly Rediger
- Lynn Rodriguez
- 5 YEAR**
- Fred Schaffner
- Richard Shaw
- Robert Wyman
- William Stukes
- Larry Thompson
- Julianna Vashaw
- Bud Vashaw

**10 YEAR**

- Dave Anderson
- Myrna Block
- Joe Clancy
- Juanita Feamster
- Gerald Feldman
- Stephen Finnerty
- Tony Gomes
- Peter Gordon
- Kevin Gullick
- Clint Howard
- Harry Isaman
- Chuck Kudra
- John Micheal
- Cherri Peterson
- Erin Pierle
- Dean Reichle
- Carol Stewart
- Mitch Strunk
- John Tracy
- Steve Woodlief

**15 YEAR**

- Dennis Anderson
- Jay Block , PER
- Richard Case
- David Ely
- Mike Ferragamo
- Abe Gamble
- Jef Harriott
- Ronald Hull
- Ken Krabel
- Bob Phillips
- Cheryl Templeton
- Jack Murray
- James Porter
- Jim Rochford
- Susie Ross

**20 YEAR**

- Terry Baker
- Carlos Carbajal
- Rick Goldner
- Tom Hartin
- Bill MacIntyre
- Lamont McNamara
- Jacob Panczak, PER
- Carmine Prizzi
- Tom Tyler

**25 YEAR**

- Jim Horning
- Kirk Keeler
- Charles Maslin
- Dick McCann
- Pete Padilla
- Bill Smail

**30 YEAR**

- Tim Kelly

**35 YEAR**

- Leonard Lambert
- William Rodarme

**40 YEAR**

- Clifford Jones
- Jay Schmidt

**50 YEAR**

- Erle Pittman, PDDGER

**55 YEAR**

- David Burrows
- Marshall Matz



Notary service is available to members of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge in the office during business hours of 10:am- 3:pm  
 Non Members \$10.00 per signature

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



John Moran presents....

Pesto Pasta with Sausage  
Mardarin Salad  
Garlic Naan Bread  
\$10

Music by Pier 101



Tom Kozlowski prepares  
his grandmother Shirley's meatloaf  
with all the fixings  
\$10

Music by KC Phillips

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



by Bennett's Bunch

\$8

April 19

Pin Night

Karaoke by Jim & Patty



Reggie from Ventura  
Fried Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes  
Corn on the Cob  
\$10

Always a sell-out

Music by the Runamucks

## 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
  - \* 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
- \*Providing meeting place for Marine Corp League



### Elks - Partners In Scouting

On Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, one of our sponsored Cub Packs – 3776 – held their Blue and Gold dinner at the Lodge. The Pack has grown to its largest size since the beginning of our association with them about 8 years ago. The Lodge Room was full to overflowing (I counted over 120 people) as awards were given out to the Cubs and a slide show broadcast a reminder of all the activities that were shared during the past year. Blue and Gold events typically include the “bridging” of Webelos II Cubs into Scouting and this year the Pack sent 11 boys into Troop 765 and two more into Troop 745. Although this depleted their ranks considerably, they still have 4 Tigers, 8 Wolves, 17 Bears and 3 Webelos I boys remaining and a bunch of eager moms and dads in their supporting cast. Along with the “graduation” of the large number of Webelos several key adult leaders accompanied their sons into the Scouting troops, including the Scoutmaster, Fred Hall, the Committee Chair, Treasurer, and Advancement Chair. However, replacements have volunteered to fill these slots and the Pack remains active, healthy and the kids seem to be having a good time.

by Bill Miller, Scouting Chair



## HOSPITALITY CORNER



As the Elks year begins, we are in the process of switching a few chairs within our committee and clarifying the roles which the committee will play with regard to the bar, kitchen, activities and Lodge room rental/banquets. More to come on this next month. In the meantime, we have a full schedule of meals and events on the April calendar, so please check it out.

I thank those members who have taken the time to call and make Friday night dinner reservations. This is a tremendous assist for us in planning our meals and we encourage you to call the bar (805-496-4550) to make your reservations. We are aware that this line is frequently busy and rolls over to the main office line, and we are in the process of correcting this situation in order to facilitate the reservation process. In addition, we are aware that there have been a few issues with coordinating reservations between the bar and the office and the kitchen. We are working on this as well and we apologize to the members who called in and arrived at the service window only to find that the dinner, or their selection, had been sold out. **WE WILL FIX THIS!**

Let me point out a few April highlights. On Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, John Moran returns to the kitchen in an attempt to repeat his previous sellout. This time, John is featuring a very special pasta meal including Pesto Pasta, Mandarin Salad and Garlic Naan Bread. Obviously, John’s palate has become much more sophisticated since his days of Marine SOS. Stay after dinner and dance to the music of Pier 101. On the following Friday, April 12, Tommy the Kid Kozlowski cooks up his famous Grandma’s Meatloaf Dinner, followed by musical entertainment by KC Phillips.

Friday, April 19, brings in the Fish Fry and Pin Night, along with Karaoke by Jim and Patty (which is a fast growing Friday night favorite), and on April 26, Reggie and the Venturians return with their famous Fried Chicken Dinner, followed by dancing to the sounds of Runamucks. Last time Reggie graced our Lodge, we had 75 reservations and served 83 meals! Soooooo, if you want to join us for Friday night dinner, PLEASE call 805-496-4550 and reserve your dinner!

Our Monday nights have been tremendously successful, and this month marks the return of Joe and Craig with Pulled Pork Sliders (yes – they sold out last month) and – hold the presses – Leo and Lynn are back with their popular Potato Night. As always, you can count on Patti, Gary, Jim and Eddie for their great Monday night dinners – all of which are priced at \$6 each.

Check the calendar for all the details on our Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday features, along with Sunday breakfast, which is still the best deal in town.

Thanks to all for your patronage, and remember that kitchen volunteers are needed and welcome!

Dan Martyn, Chair



## EL KONEJO KAMPERS



### What the HAIL is this? By Jessica Stull

The El Konejo Kampers found themselves at the California RV Park in Acton, a campground we often get surprising weather from, and this weekend was no exception. Some of you might remember a few years back a photo hanging in the lodge with us bundled up and the ground covered with snow.

We crammed into cars on Friday for visits to the Lancaster and Palmdale lodges where we had a nice time. Coming back to Acton it started hailing. We laughed and said what next? By the time we got to Acton we found out – it was snowing, AGAIN! Despite the cold and snow we had a wonderful time.

The theme for the weekend was Chinese New Year. As the wagon masters for this outing I got to do my thing, and made little goody bags for everyone. My little bags were either covered with little Chinese dolls or fans and being the year of the snake, it contained of course, a snake, the traditional red envelope with gold coins (chocolate), a fortune cookie and an almond cookie. On Friday evening I read the following to the group which I copied from the internet concerning the year of the snake:

*The lunar new year promises a clear focus on details,  
a desire to embrace adventure and discovering simple  
new ways to succeed. Far from foreboding,  
the Chinese  
believe seeing a snake brings good fortune. (I believe you  
have to stay far enough away from him,  
however)*

The words resonated with me so thought I'd share it with all of you.

Folks were told they had the option to bring Chinese food, or not, to the potlucks. I tasted egg rolls, orange chicken, potstickers, wontons and pork fried rice among the many dishes. It was a nice change. After our meeting on Saturday morning we had a chopsticks contest with each participant transferring grapes from one bowl to another. Because my volunteers had previous experience with chopsticks – I changed the rules a little and had them do it with their opposite hand! What a hoot. Each participant had his own judge to make sure there was no cheating. Everyone was a winner.

Though a smaller campout, we had a wonderful time. We had new members Don and Lee Yates out for the first time. Nice folks who enjoyed learning the game of Left, Right, Center. The core group of Joel and Beverly Erickson, Jim and Kathy Moye, Mike and Mary Flannery, David and I (Stull), and Sue Osgood were all there. Only ones missing there was Joe and Judy Nemtusak who hated missing it, but had a home emergency. Also joining us was Cheryl Tempelton who makes most of the outings and Pete and Carroll Stewart from the Ventura

Lodge who have re-joined the group. Welcome back. Ed and Donna Colleran had hoped to be with us but had a family emergency last minute. Our thoughts and prayers to the two of you.

Not sure we mention it much, but the Kampers cook breakfast for the AAs the last Sunday of each month, then breakfast for the Elks. If you haven't tried our breakfasts, you're in for a treat as we have a different special each month. In January we served 124 total breakfasts – do we have experience – you betcha. You're always invited.

For the curious and for those that just want a good laugh, check out the photos on our website at [Elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com](http://Elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com) or use the link on the Lodge's website.



The HAIL

### UPCOMING KAMP OUTS

- April 11-13- Pechanga Resort
- May 17-18 - Oceano Elks Lodge
- June 7-8- Ventura Ranch
- July 12-13 -Santa Maria Elks Lodge
- August 9-10 -Pt. Mugu
- 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 ELKS LADIES**  
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**MAJORPROJECT:**  
**SUNSHINE:** June Leadam  
**HISTORIAN:** Carol Fredericks  
**CVD:** Jill Williams

Dear Ladies.

It is hard to believe that another year has come and gone. I think it has been a good year. We made many new friends and increased our membership. Lynn did an especially good job in bringing many new members to the group. I hope they will remain active and involved in the Ladies organization. As we have found out, we have supported the Elks and had fun at the same time. In conjunction with the PER's and the Kampers, we were able to provide new chairs for the Lodge room. They have been put to good use.

The officers and membership have been instrumental in making this a good year. We had a wonderful Major Project event chaired by Niki Case and her committee and we were able to give a substantial donation to the Major Project funds.

As usual Beth Kozlowski did a wonderful job auditing our books and keeping us on track. Charlotte Gessler kept our finances in good order. Lynn kept us up to date on the calendar of the Lodge each month.

We donated to Conejo Valley Days and to the Scholarship fund and treated the men to a Father's Day brunch. We established guidelines for Lifetime Member Awards.

Marilyn Cissell moved to Colorado to be near her daughter. She is missed but sends her inspirational message each month.

Sadly, we lost some members this year; Vera Bailey, Marva D'Ambrogia, Grace Wallace,

Sincerely,

Cornelia Meehan, President 2012-2013



New Elk Ladies Officers, (l-r), Charlotte Gessler, Jean Miraglia, Myrna Block, Jill Williams, Lynn Rodriquez

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**



Madeleine Brockwell- 8  
Elverna McNaboe- 14  
Mertice Nichols- 14  
Mary Flannery- 19  
Theresa Kingsland- 21  
Trudy Phillips- 24

**WE AIM TO PLEASE YOU LORD**

**WE ARE YOUR CREATIONS LORD,  
WHO ONLY YOU CAN UNDERSTAND,  
AND ALL WILL BE SO DIFFERENT,  
EACH ONE OF US UNIQUELY PLANNED.**

**OUR BLESSINGS ARE SUPRISES GOD,  
OF COURSE WE KNOW THEY COME FROM YOU,  
AND EACH DECISION THAT WE MAKE,  
WE AIM TO PLEASE IN WHAT WE DO.**

**AMEN-Marilyn Cissell's last inspiration**

I can't tell you how honored and touched I was (not to mention surprised!), to receive the Elks Ladies Appreciation Award for 2012-2013. It's been a joy working with such a dedicated, supportive and FUN group of women - I should be the one handing out the award to all of you!! Thank you from the bottom of my heart - I will treasure the beautiful award and have found the perfect place to display it. I'll think lovingly of each and every one of you every time I look at it!

Hugs to you all, Carol



Carol Fredericks

## OFFICERS 2013-2014

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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

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 SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Coleen Morris  
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 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Dan Martyn

ORIENTATION: Terry Gicking, PER  
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 MEMBER CONTROL. COM.: David Naccarato, PER  
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 WEDNESDAY NIGHT TICKETS: Billy Sternberg  
 MOTHER'S DAY: Karen Martyn  
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 YOUTH ACTIVITIES:  
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| • Richard Shaw                     | • Daryl Kopacz                   |
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| • Dennis Scully                    |                                  |

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 2nd PDDGER, Greg Metzgas | 16th Carol Stewart  |
| 3rd Joseph Kilrain       | 17th Teena Jones    |
| 3rd Rosemary Prince      | 18th David Hobart   |
| 3rd Leonzo Rodriguez     | 19th Mitch Strunk   |
| 6th James Bragg          | 20th James Rinaudo  |
| 6th Henry Vega           | 22nd Jef Harriott   |
| 9th Allan Gottlieb       | 23rd Salvatore Argo |
| 9th Kenneth R. Krabel    | 23rd Coleen Morris  |
| 10th Ted Barnes          | 24th Steve Chiszar  |
| 10th Robert A Foley      | 24th Angela Porter  |
| 10th Joseph Nemtusak     |                     |
| 11th Erin Pierle         |                     |
| 11th Thomas Walsh Jr.    |                     |
| 12th Joe Clancy          |                     |
| 12th Allan Erickson      |                     |
| 12th James Vills         |                     |
| 13th James Hamilton      |                     |
| 16th Chuck Busch         |                     |



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Roy Ratcliff under the good of the order proposes John Ray Barr

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February 6th capsule drawing James Vills Not Present  
Lucky 13 Paul Stein no winner

February 20th capsule drawing Jay Block, PER Present  
"WINNER" \$300.00

Lucky 13 Jerry Serota "WINNER" \$165.00

February 27th capsule drawing Karen Martyn Not Present

Lucky 13 Myrna Block "WINNER" \$15.00  
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