

Harry Brockwell
Exalted Ruler



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inviting all Elks and friends
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February 5, 2011



6-10 P.M.

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Elks Ladies Fundraiser for Major Project



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LODGE CLUB ROOM

Our Lodge Clubroom, commonly called, "The Bar" follows many traditions established during the days of colonial America.

In those early days our nation's taverns were the gathering places for citizens to refresh themselves, learn the thoughts and ideas of fellow Americans, and share in local celebrations appropriate for the time of year. They also shared opinions and of opportunities when gathering momentum for common worthy causes, as well as discussing many popular views of the day.

Often they delivered and heard opposite views, they entertained visitors passing through their area, they even resolved differences by dueling; thank heavens we seem to be immune to that today, and they learned from others what might be good ideas to explore for themselves. Taverns of the day were a learning and growing place without the formality of having a teacher, or facilitator, to lead group discussions, yet offering true education by sharing from experiences that benefited everyone.

Travelers regularly brought news from other 'cultural center' taverns of close proximity, as well as from far away towns and areas. This informal communications system eventually contributed to strengthen attitudes and desires for freedom lovers and those willing to commit themselves to growth.

It is incumbent for us to ask, if today's bar is any different. Not really! Just newer more technological topics because we still enjoy sharing our thoughts, ideas and even dreams amongst friends while enjoying the customs of the relaxed atmosphere our bar offers.

The camaraderie that exists during these enthusiastic sharing of "sea" stories, addressing a world of topics, some even about how each of us cook our own particular rendition of beef stew, or tacos. These kind of discussions often bring a sense of togetherness that can best be described as just another chance to enjoy a warming, understanding conversation. When we share ourselves in such an environment, we grant our approved considerations for the entire society to enjoy. Actions that truly make our world (Lodge) a terrific place to visit.

Lodge leaders need to be attentive when something of value is presented, and give hearty endorsements to new suggestions offered and easily identified as an immediate value to the Lodge.

Cheer on these bar patrons who bring us new ideas, but just keep the dueling pistols, swords, and other such combatant preferred weapons locked in the cabinets!

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LEADING KNIGHT

Steve Smith



Well, the Charity Basket Project is over and this article is dedicated to those who helped in every way. So many people came together in a variety of ways and at various stages of this project is something that I will never forget. Thanks to each and every one of you, this project was once again a success.

I want to thank in particular, several people and groups for their efforts and generosity in raising and donating money to this project. First I would like to thank the Kampers for their outstanding fundraising efforts and generous donation of over \$1,300. Next I would like to thank John and Cheri Peterson for their personal donation of \$1,000. I also want to recognize Jim Allen's Numero Uno barbecue team for their donation of \$300 toward the purchase of the boxes used to sort and deliver the food and toys to the families. I was also pleasantly surprised to bump into Toni Hartin in the grocery store when she handed me an envelope with \$150 collected from her coworkers. Also, thanks to all of you who purchased raffle tickets and participated in the *Ball in the Fall* fundraiser.

I also want to thank the efforts of those who helped in the sorting and distribution of food. And I also want to thank the Elks Ladies for always coming through with the wrapping of the toys. Volunteering in this way is a fulfilling experience. Those of you who gave of your time to deliver the food to the families enjoyed the added experience of seeing many faces light up realizing that their holiday experience would be just a little bit brighter.

By the way, I would be remiss if I did not give mention friends of our lodge. I would like to call your attention to David Pearson and Lister Rents. Dave donated the plastic bags used to sort the fruit distributed to the families as well as the labels used to organize the boxes. But that's not all. Dave also gave of his personal time to guide me toward a successful Charity Basket Project. And of course there's Lister Rents. The generous giving of their truck used to pick up and deliver the food from the U.S. Naval Commissary at Port Huenemme is absolutely special.

And last but not least, we received a heart felt \$200 donation from a non-member named Mike White who is a friend of Dan and Karen Martyn. He felt so moved by what our lodge does in our community that he was compelled to bless us with his donation.

Now that the Charity Basket Project is behind me is time for me to look forward to another project. I'm talking about another day at the races. Excursions like these, and the Laughlin trip we had this summer put the fun back in fundraising I would like to see us have more of these events and the future, because I think they are what bring our members together and attract new members. So start looking for the sign-up sheet I'll have posted in the lounge and mark your calendars for Sunday, March 13, 2011. Those of you who remember when the Elks Ladies sponsored these events, they were always a fun time. I'll have more details on what will be taking place and the time of departure in future articles.

Once again thank you for support. Now it's time to get ready for ritual practice.



LOYAL KNIGHT
Leo Rodriguez



LECTURING KNIGHT
Kira Wagner



New meetings schedule: Contrary to a previous announcement that the By-laws change would begin on April 1, 2011, it has been determined we need only to wait till April, if there is a dues change. Specifically, the following information was provided upon receipt of the approval. Re: Bylaw amendment Art IV Sec 1 "Dear Lodge Secretary; I am pleased to present you this official approval by the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary of action lately taken with respect to the above-referenced matter. With this approval, the change made shall be effective forthwith (except as to any change in your Lodge dues, which will become effective April 1st next, but not earlier.)" Committee on Judiciary Pricilla A. Schwab, Chair (By Robert Duitsman Committee Member, Area 7) Therefore beginning in January, we will conduct Lodge meetings 4 times each month, according to the following schedule.

- (1)One: Regular Lodge meeting (Purple Pig night)
- (2)Two: Trustees and House Committee meetings
- (3)Third: Regular Lodge meeting
- (4)Four: Initiation (includes regular session)
- (5)A fifth Wednesday, if occurring, will be a dark night

January 2011, just saying that has a surrealistic feeling to it. A decade has passed in the new millennium and, as always, time continues to keep moving forward.

With the Elks, we have a unique opportunity. Since our "year" starts in April we have a chance for two "New Year's Resolutions". I trust that 2011 will see a renewal of all that we hold dear and that we *inculcate* the principals of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. As a side note, when I first became a member, I had to look up the word "inculcate" and found that it fit so much in life. Although as a youth, I would have used the term "beating one over the head" and sometimes, even today, it could be viewed as "beating a dead horse". However, I digress.

In its entirety our mission statement reads: "To *inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share.*"

The significance of that statement is awe-inspiring and I believe that, in spite of our differences (opinions, actions, beliefs...), we come together for the good of each other and all those within our sphere of influence.

As a TEAM, we work toward increasing our charitable contributions, the well-being of each member, continued development of our communities' youth, instilling pride and support for our country and those who serve to protect, and more...much, more! Additionally, we have fun doing it.

I am grateful to you for your contribution – at whatever level. Without your membership – we would be less effective. I wish for each of you a year filled with opportunity and a renewed sense of hope.

To those that have the time to be more actively involved – a special wish that you find the road smoother this year than it has in the past and that you have the vision and fortitude to achieve the goals we have set forth at the lodge. In Brotherly Love, Kira Wagner

Never forgotten , Never forsaken..OUR ABSENT MEMBERS



- Larry Morris passed away on 12/07/2009
- James B. Wagner passed away on 3/08/2010
- Sharon Kagy passed away on 5/01/2010
- Jim Kellogg passed away on 8/27/2010
- PER Jack Loughran passed away on 8/15/2010

OUR LODGE ON YOU TUBE---HURRAY

<http://www.youtube.com/user/elks2477>



**On the right hand side you will see 3 videos.
Just below them there is a link called see all.
Click that to see all of them**

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While the history of our bars and taverns can be colorful, today we must remember that having a bar in our Lodge is only an accommodation allowed us through special licensing by the sovereign State of California. As such, we need to have activity and behavior rules that acknowledge we are in compliance with their laws and regulations.

Whenever they check, they assess us as a "club" with associated lounge/bar privileges. Not a licensed bar with an attached Lodge. The Lodge is our primary business.

MICRO MANAGING

Today micro-managing is described by many as a reviled phrase that interferes or distorts many planned efforts and programs. Managers with responsibilities for developing programs will sometimes act by involving themselves within work assignments they've initiated, and therefore reduce the effectiveness and the desired positive attitude of those who often have already agreed to an assignment.

Does asking someone to perform a task, then telling them in detail how it should be done assure accomplishing anything worthy? Probably not! Frequently a demeaning attitude of, "I should have done it myself surfaces" and subsequently a breakdown in communications is often the consequence.

Such breakdowns can lead to people not wanting to accept any responsible tasks because they don't relish being second guessed. Especially when those who are perceived as senior display their willingness to intrude into plans which suggest change. Retrospective counseling and detailed planning are always valuable and they should, and can, be shared without an appearance of micro-management.

In our volunteer society we need all the people we can gather to accept areas of decision making in helping continuing a healthy and prosperous Lodge. Therefore it is incumbent on each of us to extend our appreciation by being ready to favorably respond to committee chairpersons, Officers, and those willing to extend themselves on our Lodge's behalf.

They have said, "YES!" Now, let's help them! It is our collective responsibility to prepare for the coming years by aiding those who wish to serve our Lodge as leaders in the future. It may not be wise to put hurdles in their paths.

CHARITY'S SUCCESS IN 2010

While this article is being prepared before the actual completion of our 2010 Christmas Baskets program there is no uncertainty that anything but SUCCESS has been accomplished.

For months, Esteemed Leading Knight Steve Smith has applied extreme and encouraging pressure on himself to accomplish a high level of success due to goals that virtually mushroomed this year because of local degrading economic times.

For the first time in many years one could easily see the often discussed severe economic crunch was here – in

Thousand Oaks. Even in the Lodge, as a group we had difficulties in generating enough money from raffle sales to earn a worthy profit for the Christmas Basket program's needs. Yet, Steve went on staging his performances of pulling rabbits from hats to meet our needs. He worked tirelessly and hard while his spouse, Pam, was continually at his side.

Be sure to offer a warm and sincere, "Thank you" when you see him.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



SPIRIT OF AMERICA

Thousand Oaks Elks lodge awarded Abby Sunderland the 2010 Spirit of America Award at a dinner and presentation hosted by the Elks. Abby, the 16-year old world's youngest circumnavigator who's boat was hit by a rogue wave and capsized in the Indian Ocean, was also given 3 other awards including a special citation by Congressman Elton Gallegly. Watch an interview with Abby at http://www.elks2477.com/spirit_of_america/

Paul Wagner



L-R are Elks organizers Richard Goldner and Boyd Lindquist, and Abby Sunderland receiving the Elks prestigious award

Veteran's Appreciation Brunch

Traditionally called the Veteran's Memorial Brunch by Elks nation wide this year saw a slight change. In light of the honor we show to our visiting veteran's who are living, this year Elks Lodge #2477 hosted a *Veteran's Appreciation Brunch* on November 21st.

Arrangement's were made by our Veteran's Chairman Carl Lanterman that Vet's from both the Cal-Vet's Home in Saticoy and the Sepulveda Veteran's Hospital would join us for brunch as well as a brief ceremony in honor of those with us and those who have gone before us.

The meal was prepared by the members and served with the help of the Elks Ladies to the delight of all present.

In addition to pictures, please enjoy a video recap of times past - at: <http://www.elks2477.com/blog>

photos courtesy of Jerry Serota and Paul Wagner, video and article by Kira Wagner



IN MEMORIAM

THE CLOCK OF THEIR DAY HAS STOPPED AND ACROSS ITS DIAL A MOTIONLESS SHADOW MARKS THE HOUR OF ELEVEN, WITH US--

“THE GOLDEN HOUR OF RECOLLECTION”

Steve Gettleman

born: 9/13/1943
 initiated: 1/27/1987
 died: 12/11/2010

A Remembrance



We Just had Veterans Remembrance Month and I experienced something I'd like to share. There was a movie that Kevin Bacon made about a Marine who escorts soldiers who have died in battle home.

Being in a wheel chair I was the first to board the plane home from my father's house in Tacoma/Seattle. As I was being brought on the plane, I heard the flight attendant and pilot taking about H.R. on this flight. He asked her if it was military and she said yes. He asked if there was an escort. Right after me an Army Sergeant entered the plane perfectly dressed. He talked a bit with the pilot. He talked as if the soldier he was escorting was still alive. The pilot told him he had the toughest job in the military and thanked him for what he's doing.

About 30 minutes into our flight some commotion started with the flight attendant making many trips to the flight deck. I heard them talking that the family on board was the father, mother, wife and 2-year daughter of the soldier. The family was upset that they could not see their son loaded onto the airplane and asked if could anything be done. Two hours went by and we landed in L.A.

On the intercom we were told to be patient that all air ground traffic was being held for us. As we approached our gate we stopped short and the pilot again got on the intercom.

He stated that he had stopped short of our gate to make special announcement. He told us that we have a passenger on board who deserves our honor and respect. He could not give us his name, but he was a soldier who recently lost his life in Afghanistan. The Private is under your feet in the cargo hold. Escorting him today is Army Sargent XXX XXX. Also on board are his mother, father, wife and daughter. Your entire flight crew is asking for all passengers to remain in their seats to allow the family to exit the aircraft first.. We continued the turn to the gate, came to a stop and started I guess shutdown procedures. A couple of minutes later the cockpit door opened. The captain looked at all the passengers in their seats and as the family got up and gathered their things, a passenger slowly started to clap. Moments later more passengers joined in and soon the entire aircraft was clapping. Words of "God Bless You, I'm Sorry, Thank You, Be Proud" and other kind words were uttered to the family as they made their way down the aisle and out of the plane.

They were escorted down the ramp to finally be with their loved one. Many passengers thanked the pilot. He said nothing he could do could bring the soldier back. Looking out the window I could see the flag draped coffin being loaded into a hearse, with the family looking on.

I never served in the Military and I kick myself now especially as an Elk. These men die for us. They don't know us, but they were following orders. All we can do is remember them, and pray for them. My Mom always told my sister and I that a good way to exercise the heart is to reach out and help another up. Thank you for reading.

David Naccarato, PER Lodge Secretary



Carl Lanterman accepted check for \$650 from Heather and Ted Poliskey for Veterans Services



ER, Harry Brockwell presenting Gerry Gillies an award from Child Development Resources for train rides to children



COMING ATTRACTIONS

January 16th- Cribbage Tournament

February 5-Elk Ladies Buccaneer Bash

February 6- Superbowl Party

February 25- Police and Firefighters Dinner

March 13-Day at the Races

April 2- Blood Drive

ELKS CHRISTMAS TREE LOT-2010



Thanks to everyone who worked the tree lot, provided nourishment, cashiered, delivered trees, etc. Your help made the project successful.

Fraternally,
Terry Baker
Ben Rieger

Pull Tab Collection



A new year, a new home (we are finally in and out of the hotel) so it is time to get back to Elksdom. Thanks to the Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley Elks I was able to deliver a large quantity of pull tabs, plus several large boxes of toiletries, numerous stuffed animals to the Pasadena Ronald McDonald House. Plus delieving several boxes of toiletries and 74 decks of playing cards to the Veterans. A special thanks to Dorothy (Big Mama) Murray, Abe Gamble, Carol Steward, George Varga, John & Sharon Mello, John Freed, John & June, Mike Flannery and Dee Swanson. **Thanks to All** Remember all donations large or small count. Gerry Gillies

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

805-494-0330

Carl Lanterman

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: the family of Carl Lanterman on the untimely death of his granddaughter: the family of Steve Gettleman on his passing

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Our Armed Forces who are keeping us safe: Dick Flitner has Hospice

ON THE MEND: Shirley Kozlowski; Bill Dyer from heart surgery; Chirs Prince: Coleen Morris's mother from hip surgery and Dave Naccarato from back surgery

REMEMBER CARDS AND CALLS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!!!



ANNOUNCEMENT

Comming soon
Legions in Concert goes
COUNTRY
Another CAT-DAV production
Look for us this spring.
(need cowgirls who want some fun in Blue Jeans)

Call 375-1089 to sign-up for this skit.

ENTERTAINMENT



Jan. 7- Karaoke

Jan. 14- Pier 101-band

Jan. 21- Open Jukebox

Jan. 28-One Last Dance



Corinne Eddy, Bar Manager

CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

**Sunday
January 16, 2011**

Sign up at noon

**The more players
The Bigger the prize**

Please! Reservations by January 10, 2011

Lunch included



**\$25
Per Person**

**For Cribbage reservations Call
Patti: 805 497 1197**

**Elks Lodge #2477
158 Conejo School Rd.
805 496 4550**





WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



JDee Christenson with sponsor Jim Horning



Lee Tagliamonti with sponsor Leo Lambert



Pam Perrenoud with sponsor Bobby Williams



Nydia Williams with Carl Landerman standing in for David Naccarato



Suzanne Osgood with ER Harry Brockwell standing in for Jay Peterson

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LODGE-





**Pat VonWittenberg
Konejo Kampers**

Kenney Grove Turkey Feast

Kinda wonder why attendance at this function has dwindled. A few years back, we filled the entire park, but no more. We had only 15 rigs this year. However, it diminished the fun – not one bit.

The “Chain Gang” as the wagon master group has named themselves, made up of the Drakes, Collerans, LaFarrs and Kudras had everything organized to the max.

Our national travelers, Pam and Gene Ewald arrived on Wednesday. Numerous tales of their extensive travels made some of us very envious. The change in Gene’s attitude since Pam came into his life is amazing. He is no longer a grump, but still delights in grouching at me. I think I’m his favorite target.

Honestly one cannot determine which of Gene or Ed Colleran are the most eager to play poker. Gene was at the poker table first thing in the morning, often sitting there alone – just waiting.

Speaking of poker players, Jim Moye has become an eager participant. Nothing amazing about that, he had a game going which developed the largest pot ever seen on the table. There was a pile of coins larger than a dinner platter and at least an inch deep with green showing at the bottom. At the end, Jim won this pot and when Kathy walked up he proudly announced, “Honey, I’ve just paid off the house!” The fink didn’t even bother to count the winnings. Too bad Ed had not arrived yet with his scale that he weighs his pouch. Kathy was observed struggling to carry Jim’s bag back to their rig.

Our loyal motel kampers, Scott and Crystal Dool joined in without a problem. It is always a pleasure to have them with us.

It was good to see Steve and Sue Briggs, friends of the Drakes again. Since we were missing one of our retired firemen, namely Mike Flannery, Steve is still active and tended our campfires extremely well. Not sure how much Jim Mullen contributed but believe he had a hand in fire maintenance also. Deb is still working on the Briggs to become members, but Steve is busy as is Sue. Deb thinks she’ll bring them round when the time is right. Anyone out there have any doubts about that?

Believe it or not, both Jim and Ruth arrived together. As I recall, the last time Jim showed up alone because Ruth was off gallivanting around the country someplace. Since Ruth is also a sewer/crafter it’s always fun to compare notes. In fact, she had discovered a new technique that she was going to show me, unfortunately time slipped away – leaving me still wondering what magical item she was creating.

Steve Chiszar arrived with his lady friend, Denise Wallace. Denise is a recent transplant from Arizona, what a

delightful lady. I’m not easily impressed, but was truly impressed by Denise. This woman had never met a one of us, yet she volunteered to say the closing prayer and did a great job. Certainly hope to see a lot more of her. (She ain’t no bimbo, Steve – giggle)

Marva and Johnny D was among us again. It’s always great to have them with us. Johnny has a great sense of humor and isn’t a bit reluctant to let ‘er rip. Never mind the fact that both of them are excellent cooks.

Thank goodness we’ve had some different members step up to the plate for next year’s officers, mostly. Joel Erickson will be President, Jim Moye, Vice President, Deb Drake, Treasurer and Jessica Stull Secretary. Unfortunately, I’m still on the hook if Jessica isn’t at the campout. Pray she attends the majority!

I had mentioned in last month’s article that I would be coming to the Lodge from the campout to participate in the program by Playboy Mansion Chef William Carter. It was SO WORTH IT. In my never to be humble opinion, it is the absolute best function I’ve ever attended. Not only is Chef Carter easy on the eyes, he has a fantastic sense of humor, and a mountain of knowledge. When using aluminum foil, do you know which side should be on the outside? I didn’t, and learned I’ve been doing it wrong forever. The DULL side should be out to absorb the heat – not the shiny side which reflects. Who woulda thunk?

It’s my understanding that a presentation by another well known Chef may be in the planning stage. It’s a lead-pipe cinch, if even remotely possible, I’ll BE THERE!!!

Upcoming Campouts

January 14-15-Travel Village Valencia
February 11-12- California RV Acton
March 11-12-Camp Comfort
March 31/April 2-Newport Dunes
May 20-21-Kenney Grove



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to join call Bev Erickson 495-9715



Your Lodge Serving Our Community

- * Providing food baskets for 96 families this holiday season
- * Providing karaoke at Saticoy Vets monthly
- * Hosting bingo party at Sepulveda Veterans Hospital monthly
- * Passing out dictionaries to third graders in Pleasant Valley School District during meaningful assembly
- * Judging scholarship applications from local high school seniors
- * Sponsoring 17 Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops

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The Charity Pot at our last meeting Dec. 1st was designated for Manna and on December 6th we presented Mike Matthews, CEO with a check for \$100.

Remember when coming to the Lodge meeting please bring a can of food or bring a \$1.00 buck it all counts for the needy in our community.

When a need arises an Elk comes to the rescue. A special thank you to our Lodge member who generously donated a new electronic picture frame for our lounge. The old one had an ignoble end and died. Take some time and view all the pictures installed. It covers New members, Special events, Elks Memorial, Elks Ladies Christmas Party, ERs Christmas party and the Childrens party for it will gladden your heart.

Jerry Serota



Along with our Christmas Cheer Program/Christmas Basket Program or whatever name you want to give it, we supply a complete Christmas dinner and other staples for needy families in our area. Also every child receives a gift. Past experience showed us it's hard to buy for a teenager so this year Beverly Reis took it upon herself to take up a collection from our members. She went out and bought gift cards from Best Buy or a department store that a girl would like. Beverly did quite well. She raised \$380.00. In addition on the gift wrapping day, she again saw a need and purchased gifts for infants and small children. We would like to acknowledge those who gave. And give a special thanks to Bev for showing--Elks Care!!!!

- John and Cherri Peterson
- Harry Brockwell
- Ed Rice
- Robert and Catherine Koeritz
- Nick Schiele
- John Moran
- David Stall
- Dan and Karen Martyn
- Jane Watson
- Joe Claucy
- Dee Pedersen
- Beverly and Lou Reis
- Tom Harton
- Terry Gicking

- Chris Prince
- Julie Cook
- Ben Rieger
- Ronda Olsen

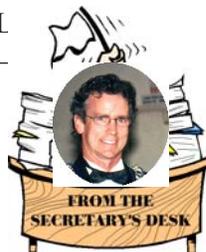


David Naccarato, PER
OUR STORY

THANK OUR VETS

December 31st 1946 Official end of WWII
 January 1st 1942 The Declaration of the United Nations is signed by the leaders of 26 nations.
 January 2nd 1942 Japan Captures Manila
 January 2nd 1943 Australian and U.S. Army forces under MacArthur fight back the Japanese at Buna in New Guinea
 January 17th 1991 Persian Gulf war Began
 January 27th 1973 Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord
 Conference concludes, at which Roosevelt and Churchill agree on "Germany First" policy
 January 14th 1943 Casablanca Conference begins. Allies agree Germany must surrender unconditionally and begin planning invasion of Sicily
 January 20th 1942 Germany Holds the Wannsee Conference in Berlin to find a "final Solution" for the Jews
 January 22nd 1942 The Allies land at Anzio Italy
 January 26th 1942 The first American troops arrive in Britain
 January 26th 1945 Japanese Troops retreat to the coast of China
 January 27th 1944 The German siege of Leningrad that began in September 1941 finally ends.
 January 27th 1945 Soviet troops liberate Auschwitz and Birkenau extermination camps, uncovering evidence of the murder of approx. 1,000,000 people
 January 28th 1945 In western Europe, the Battle of the Bulge ends. Americans suffered some 75,000 casualties and the Germans lost 80,000 to 100,000. The Germans cannot recover their military losses. Few people besides Hitler believe Germany can still win the war.
 In late 1944, it seemed that the war in Europe was all but over. Hitler's vaunted Wehrmacht was on the run, and some even thought that the war would be over by Christmas. However on December 16th 1944, the German Army launched a massive surprise offensive in the Ardennes Forest, taking the Allies by surprise. The result was the largest land battle of the war, Known as the battle of the Bulge. Lasting through some of the coldest weather on record, the Germans were finally turned back well after the new year.

On page 7 of Decembers Antler was an article for this years Americanism Essay contest. The dead line date was typed incorrectly. The subject matter is correct "Why I am proud to be an American". The deadline for submissions is January 10Th, 2011. The essay's need to be typed and 250 word count. Turn in essays to the office or to Grant Thistle, Chairman.



David Naccarato, PER, Lodge Secretary

Report from the Grand Secretary

2009-2010 California had a loss of membership to a tune of 2,343. Only gain in membership was New Jersey of 235 and Texas of 57. Although California Charitable contributions hit \$38,900,931. Total of all States \$306,662,378. United States Government measures our donated hours of labor at \$20.85 per hour and allows us .55 cents per mile.

We had two new Lodges instituted this past year Clayton, NM, No.2865 on 9/19/2009 and Mandarian/ St. Johns, FL, No.2866 on 6/26/2010.

2011 membership Dues notices will be going out soon. We need latest address and phone numbers and E-Mail information. If you have moved or changed your phone number, gone to cell phone only and got rid of your land line and or changed your e-mail provider please I beg you to call the office so we can update our records. We get many Antlers returned in the mail and when we do a mass mailing we get allot returned. We only have on file what was last given to us. We have a first place winning web site with the Elks organization. It would be a shame if you do not receive what our Web Masters put out for the members to view. Kira Wagner works hard on our web page and if you don't look at it or tell your friends to look your doing them and yourselves an injustice.

At the mid-term Board of Trustees meeting the board not to increase the annual assessment. See not everything is going up:)

With my father in Tacoma, Washington and my mother in Salida, Colorado, there are many times I turn to my Elk family. Family is what you get when you join this organization. And like any family there are those you're closer with than others, but in the end your still family. There is nothing you wouldn't do for them, if possible.

This Thanksgiving was spend with my Elk family. To set the tone we had the family of Alan Hardie with a table of ten right down the middle of the lodge room. Exalted Ruler, Harry Brockwell and First lady Madeline sat at the same table. (Allan being a long time member rates that type of company). When entering the room Mrs. Hardie would introduce everyone to you and you could not leave without remembering every-one's name. It reminded me of the Walton's. All the other tables fanned off the side of their table. The PER, Terry Gicking's girl friend sang a song and said grace. It was wonderful!!!

I shared a table with the PER, Bill Sternberg and PFL, Carol and PER, Robert Thornton and PFL, Margaret. The food was very good. Jerry Serota and Terry Gicking along with their crew deserve a round of kudos from those that attended. Our Bar manager Corinne Eddy had her eye on the event, the whole week prior. She made sure nothing was over looked.

Next year why cook and be stuck in the kitchen. Unless it's our kitchen and you have lots of help and do not need to be in it so long. Instead have Thanksgiving dinner with your Elk family.

2010-2011 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	THE ELKS LADIES Patricia Peterson	2010-2011 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
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Happy New Year! It is difficult to believe 2010 has ended. We don't know if you are making a New Years resolution or not but we always do and this year is no exception. We think that we all have wonderful expectations for the New Year and that is great. The thought of a new beginning brings new hope.

We must apologize for not acknowledging the wonderful people that made such a wonderful Halloween dinner. I want to thank Beth Kozlowski who headed such a great crew. The decorations and table settings were by Robert Jones, Angie Prizzi and Sharon Baker. Kathy Ryder, Niki and Rich Case, Steve Kozlowski, Beth and Dan Kozlowski, and Marva D-Ambrogio prepared the food. Thank you all for a very nice evening.

The ladies Christmas party was well-attended event with over 75 ladies attending. The event was co-chaired with Alice Kennedy and Patricia Peterson. We would like to thank Alice Kennedy, Patricia Peterson, Cornelia Meehan, Sally Claunch, Angie Prizzi, and Sharon Baker for doing a wonderful job decorating for our party. The food was great thanks to Tom Ryder, Chet Kozlowski, Al Koemmpel, Ken Krabel and Steve Smith. Our fantastic servers were Rick Eddy, Robert Koeritz, Robert Jones, Dan Martyn, Leo Rodriguez, David Stull, Paul Wagner and David Naccarto. We had Santa (AKA Terry Gicking) who gave presents to the ladies and took pictures with them. A fun time was had by all.

Shirley Kozlowski's birthday was December 12. At our Christmas party we surprised Shirley with a bouquet of roses. She has done so much for us over the years.

The next ladies event will be our Major Projects Dinner in February.

Have a healthy and prosperous New Year!
The Elks Ladies' Board



Shirley Kozlowski being presented with roses by Elks Ladies President, Pat Peterson

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Darlene Stogsdell-15
- Carol Fredericks-18
- Sheila Aitken-27
- Elaine Goldner-27



ELKS LADIES CHRISTMAS DINNER 2010



That lasting gift from you, Lord
You planned God-for everyone
In giving us a treasure
Your precious and beloved son.

May joy we feel at Christmas
Continue all year long
And God your love and blessings
Forever keep us strong.

Amen



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 LOYAL KNIGHT - Leo Rodriquez
 LECTURING KNIGHT - Kira Wagner
 SECRETARY - Dave Naccarato, PER
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 TILER - Paul Wagner
 ESQUIRE - Robert Jones
 CHAPLAIN - Rick Herrera
 INNER GUARD- Rick Eddy
 ORGANIST- Kirin Spreights
 OFFICER AT LARGE- Terry Gicking, PER

TRUSTEES

Sam Frankl 1 Year
 David Stull 2 Year
 Chuck Kudra 3 Year
 Richard Whitmire 4 Year
 Carl Lanterman 5 Year

MANAGERS

BAR MANAGER- Corinne Eddy
 KITCHEN- Loyal Knight-Leo Rodriquez
 WEB- Kira & Paul Wagner

2010-11 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Exalted Ruler

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 WED. NIGHT DINNERS: Leo Rodriquez
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MOTHER'S DAY: Rick Herrera
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GOLF TOURNAMENT:
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 MEMBERSHIP: David Naccarato, PER
 CHRISTMAS TREES: Terry Baker
 EL KONEJOKAMPERS: Joel Erickson
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HONOREES

ELK OF THE YEAR- Terry Baker
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- Sam Frankl
- Barbra Gibbs
- Harry Brockwell
- Karin Speights
- Gerry Gillies
- William(Max) Maxwell

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



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|--|------------------------|
| James Dills-1 | |
| John C. Kelly, PER-1 | |
| Karin Speights-1 | |
| Chuck Morsa-5 | Tommy Claunch-15-luv u |
| David MacFarland-8 | Lou Mages -15 |
| King of Rock and Roll Elvis Presley-8 | Michael Markey-15 |
| Prince of Rock and Roll Chris Prince-8 | Leonard Lambert-17 |
| Daniel Brown-9 | George Stigile-17 |
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| Jack Murry-11 | Denise Brady-20 |
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| Jonathan Preston-13 | Cheryl Templeton-27 |
| Stephen Pence-14 | William White-30 |

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YOUR FREE BIRTHDAY
DRINK

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or at Sat. BBQ
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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:

January 5, 2011

Candidate:
Joe Palmer

Sponsor:
David Burrows



Harry Brockwell
Life Membership

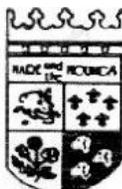
CRYING TOWEL

- 11/3/2010 Capsule Drawing -Tommy Claunch- not present
- 11/3/2010 Lucky 13 Sam Frankl- no winner
- 11/17/2010 Capsule Drawing- no winner
- 11/17/2010 Lucky 13- no winner



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1976-77 John E. Henry	2002-03 Don Booker
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1980-81 *Frank "Tex" Hastie	2006-07 David Naccarato
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1982-83 *A. John Nichols	2008-09 George Meehan
1983-84 John Nau	2009-10 Terry Gicking
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1988-89 Ted Lipka	1999-00 * Ralph Vester
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