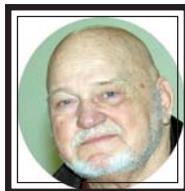


BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS B.P.O.E. - LODGE NO. 2477 - THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA



Harry Brockwell
Exalted Ruler



ANTLER ANTICS

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LET'S DO IT

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge 2477 Inaugural Ball

At Lindero Country Club
5719 Lake Lindero Drive
Agoura Hills, CA



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Saturday, March 26, 2011
6:00 Cocktails
7:00 Introductions
8:00 Dinner

Music by One Last Dance

Choice of:

Roasted Chicken Breast w/ San Marzano Tomato

or

Beef Stroganoff

Tickets on Sale at the Lodge Bar

\$25.00 per person

No tickets available after March 16, 2011 (No exceptions)

**EXALTED RULER****Harry Brockwell****ENCOURAGEMENT**

Since we're all pursuing common goals of improving our image and style as an outstanding family of Elks, shouldn't it hold true that to gain such success means complimenting and promoting the efforts of others?

When a member volunteers to lead our Lodge in a special effort wouldn't it improve their odds of success if they received a heavy dose of encouragement rather than unwarranted challenges?

We can remedy that quickly when we applaud ideas another member espouses upon accepting a new task. When changes are imminent, more energetic applause is justified so the principal can realize they are being genuinely supported in pursuing their new ambitions. Such encouragement is also thought to be a confidence builder and building another's confidence often brings many positive returns downstream. A hint: as the clapping begins to recede, start new offers of helping.

Sometimes the entire Lodge needs a round of appreciative applause, and now is one of those times because our members have selected a "blue ribbon" team as our Board of Trustees.

This selection process has yielded a Board with outstanding skills and history in major concerns of financial planning, technical expertise and personal temperament to bring rewards to our Lodge.

Collectively they are familiar with important business techniques and individually possess advanced knowledge about Strategic Planning for our needs; Accounting procedures; Scheduling so our income can best be used accordingly; Business to business recognition; and importantly they know they can establish and honor good internal business procedures.

This Board's anticipated contributions will bring Exalted Ruler-elect Steve Smith and the Lodge freedoms in developing many strong Lodge committees, and enjoyable fruitful operations.

Because of their diversity, this team has been honorably described as potentially the best group of Trustees in this part of the nation. Their individual skills compliment each other and coupled with very professional attitudes assures our Lodge of progressive and worthy future results.

As other Lodge entities develop, perhaps we should offer a similar sense of endorsing the skills of all our committee members who will be bringing focus to activities which expand our future. All traces of cynicism and related jealousies we so often hear called challenges and/or criticisms should be eliminated. Others will learn to accept and admire our role model image.

Continued on page 4**LEADING KNIGHT****Steve Smith**

It's March Madness! Watch out for the Elks Ladies dinner on the first Friday of March to kick off the frenzy.

I know we all regard basketball as an all American sport created in America, but how many of you knew it was invented by a Canadian born professor at a Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) in Springfield, Massachusetts.

The following was taken from kansashistory.org. I hope you find it interesting.

Dr. James Naismith is known world-wide as the inventor of basketball. He was born in 1861 in Ramsay Township, near Almonte, Ontario, Canada. The concept of basketball was born from Naismith's school days in the area where he played a simple child's game known as duck-on-a-rock outside his one-room schoolhouse. The game involved attempting to knock a "duck" off the top of a large rock by tossing another rock at it. Naismith went on to attend McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

After serving as McGill's Athletic Director, James Naismith moved on to the YMCA Training School in Springfield, Massachusetts, USA in 1891, where the sport of basketball was born. In Springfield, Naismith was faced with the problem of finding a sport that was suitable for play inside during the Massachusetts winter for the students at the School for Christian Workers. Naismith wanted to create a game of skill for the students instead of one that relied solely on strength. He needed a game that could be played indoors in a relatively small space. The first game was played with a soccer ball and two peach baskets used as goals. Naismith joined the University of Kansas faculty in 1898, teaching physical education and being a chaplain.

James Naismith devised a set of thirteen rules of basketball:

- *The ball may be thrown in any direction with one or both hands.
- *The ball may be batted in any direction with one or both hands, but never with the fist.
- *A player cannot run with the ball. The player must throw it from the spot on which he catches it, allowance to be made for a man running at good speed.
- *The ball must be held in or between the hands. The arms or body must not be used for holding it.
- *No shouldering, holding, pushing, striking or tripping in any way of an opponent. The first infringement of this rule by any person shall count as a foul; the second shall disqualify him until

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LOYAL KNIGHT
Leo Rodriguez



Well another year has come and gone and this will be my last message to you as Loyal Knight. I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who volunteered and cooked meals for Wednesday, Friday nights and Sunday breakfasts and all the other meals in between. Your support is very much appreciated and does not go unnoticed. I hope that you keep up with the fantastic support you have shown me this past year and continue the support next year for Kira Wagner.

To all of those who were my Committee Chairmen as Loyal Knight, I take this opportunity to thank you for your help. Without your outstanding support the work would not have been done, you all made it possible.

I will close at this time and ask that you all attend the Inaugural Ball on March 26, 2011. It promises to be a wonderful evening and the opportunity for you to be introduced and welcome your 2011-2012 Exalted Ruler, Steve Smith. Greg Metzgus, our MC for this event, will also be introducing Steve's Officer Corp. This year's Ball will be at the Lindero Country Club in Agoura Hills. The evening promises to be a 5 star experience with great food, great service and great people. Tickets are available at the bar until March 16, 2011. No exceptions. Don't be left out! Let's all show Steve our support for a great year in leading our lodge.



Thank a Veteran – free postcards provided by Xerox and the link is on our Veteran's Page <http://www.elks2477.com/veterans.html> – a moment of your time will give someone... who is laying their life on the line for your freedom... the knowledge that someone cares Even though we think of this most often during the holidays – these notes are appreciated year round



Remember Manna
Collection Bins in Lounge



LECTURING KNIGHT
Kira Wagner



I welcome you to this station, which is dedicated to Brotherly Love. Upon our alter it is symbolized by the Antlers of protection...the words and their meaning are forever written in my mind and heart.

Therefore, wrapping up the year as your Lecturing Knight, it has been quite a ride, filled with education and inspiration from each of you.

As I leave this position, I will share a few words regarding those that were "under my station" and made my year memorable.

Grant Thistle has continued to ensure that the youth in our school system are involved in our Americanism program with the annual essay contest that is currently underway. I am grateful that he was on board to support our programs!

Robert Jones' passion for the Flag and all related activities helped to make our Flag Day Ceremony and Flag Retirement ceremonies both a success.

Rick Herrera has headed up the Scholarship Committee for several years and this year, with 40 applicants and each of our top six going on to State, he helped to make it one of the most impressive to date. I am glad he has been here to help ensure the success of our youth!

Sally Claunch made sure that the kids had a wonderful Christmas Party this year as her heart and soul has come through for this and so many other activities!!

Finally, with the passing of our long time National Services Chair, Brother Jim Kellogg, Brother Carl Lanterman has stepped in and so ably filled the position. He took it to heart and has flown with it. Overseeing the activities at the VA Hospital as well as the Cal-Vet's home, the Stand Down in Ventura County and reaching out to many others in the community with some wonderful plans and ideas yet to come I know we are in good hands and the Veteran's will always be remembered under his watchful eye.

The dozens of other members and groups, including the Elks Ladies and El Konejo Kampers without whose contributions our picnic would not have been such a success, all reside in my heart and I thank you for the words of encouragement and support. To the Officer Corps that I've had the pleasure of serving with this year, I wish all the best as change comes and sees many individuals in new positions including our Exalted Ruler Harry Brockwell joining the ranks of the PER's.

Here's to new opportunities, new beginnings, old and new friends and further exploration through the world of Elkdom! Thank you one and all!

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Offer your help to someone who can use it.

March is a whirlwind month around our Lodge. Many new good ideas will be surfacing and many chances to excel at whatever Lodge assignments you accept will be needed to help Exalted Ruler elect Steve Smith and his corps of officers a chance to get the new year started with strong, positive accomplishments. Don't pass up the chance to help them.

This note represents our last chance to offer every member a sincere word of thanks for the support and guidance you have provided me during the current year.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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”**

Richard Flittner

Born: February 1, 1932
 Initiated: October, 1972-Charter Member
 Died : February 3, 2011



Six of our local Elks scholarship winners have advanced to the state level. With 40 applications this year, each applicant at least was awarded \$100.

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the next goal is made or, if there was evident intent to injure the person, for the whole of the game. No substitution shall be allowed.

*A foul is striking at the ball with the fist, violations of Rules 3 and 4 and such as described in Rule 5.

*If either side make three consecutive fouls it shall count as a goal for the opponents (consecutive means without the opponents in the meantime making a foul).

*Goal shall be made when the ball is thrown or batted from the ground into the basket and stays there, providing those defending the goal do not touch or disturb the goal. If the ball rests on the edge and the opponents move the basket, it shall count as a goal.

*When the ball goes out of bounds, it shall be thrown into the field and played by the first person touching it. In case of dispute the umpire shall throw it straight into the field. The thrower-in is allowed five seconds. If he holds it longer, it shall go to the opponent. If any side persists in delaying the game, the umpire shall call a foul on them.

*The umpire shall be judge of the men and shall note the fouls and notify the referee when three consecutive fouls have been made. He shall have the power to disqualify men according to Rule 5.

*The referee shall be the judge of the ball and decide when it is in play in bounds, to which side it belongs, and shall keep the time. He shall decide when a goal has been made and keep account of the goals with any other duties that are usually performed by a referee.

*The time shall be two 15-minute halves with five minutes' rest between.

*The side making the most goals in that time shall be declared the winners.

In addition to the creation of the basketball, James Naismith graduated as a medical doctor, primarily interested in sports physiology and what we would today call sports science and as a Presbyterian minister, with a keen interest in philosophy and clean living. Naismith watched his sport, basketball, introduced in many nations by the YMCA movement as early as 1893. Basketball was introduced at the Berlin Olympics in 1936. Naismith was flown to Berlin to watch the games. He died in Lawrence, Kansas, in 1939.

Today basketball has grown to become one of the world's most popular sports.

Did you Know?

· Last year the Elks provided contributions for charitable works of cash, non-cash, hours worked and miles traveled in the amount of **\$38,900,931** in California-Hawaii and over **\$306,662,378** nationally.

· Over \$3.4 million in college scholarships is awarded annually by the Elks.

COMING ATTRACTIONS



March 11-Elk of the Year Dinner
March 13-Day at the Races
March 18-St. Patrick's Day Party
March 23-Installation of Officers
March 26-Inaugural Ball

April 2- Blood Drive
April 28-30-Ritual Contest at TO Lodge

May 1-7-Youth Appreciation Week
May 4-8-Conejo Valley Days

ENTERTAINMENT



March 11- One Last Dance
March 18-Jim & Patty-Karaoke
March 25- Bingo with Power Dave



Corinne Eddy, Bar Manager

OUR LODGE ON YOU TUBE---HURRAY



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

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

BEQUESTSANDLIVINGTRUSTSCOMMITTEE

The creation of the Bequests and Living Trusts (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.

BLT gives all Elks an opportunity to participate in the Major Project through a living trust fund. There are also other options available through the BLT Committee



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Carl Lanterman

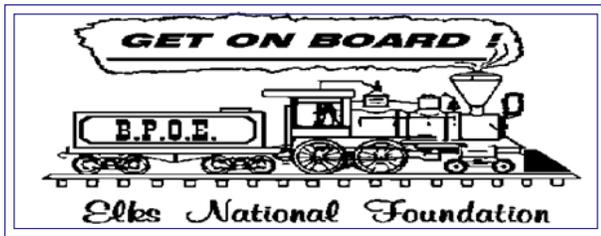
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OUR CONDOLENCES TO: the Flittner family on his passing-

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:Our Armed Forces who are keeping us safe: Roy Cooper; Phylis Riding

ON THE MEND: Shirley Kozlowski

**REMEMBER CARDS AND CALLS
ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!!!**



Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge has donated \$3,890 for the 2010-2011 Elks year. That's a per-capita of \$10.08. We have bettered the Grand Exalted Rulers Goal of \$4.50.

The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge is as of this date first in the District in per-capita and through additional fund raising we hope to stay there.

Mark your calendar! Saturday night March 5th there will be an ENF fund raiser dinner and fun fest. The PERs are putting on a PEEL YOUR OWN SHRIMP feed. Come on down and get messy! See flyer for more information. Your \$15 donation will be appreciated. Please make reservations at the lounge, 805-496-4550, to help us plan ahead. All funds above costs will go to Grand Lodge to help Thousand Oaks stay NUMBER ONE in the district.

You ask as to how our lodge or you can get ENF Funds, We or you have to request it from CHEA or Grand Lodge. With the request for funds an explanation of how the funds are going to be used must be included.

Go online at www.elks.org and check under ENF for available Scholarships and requirements for your children or grandchildren!

Tom Ryder – PDDGER – ENF Chairman



OPERATION FACELIFT

TomRyder~PDDGER

The “**OPERATION FACELIFT**” committee is on the move. Projects are in the planning stage and looking for volunteers. You know ~ GRUNTS!

NEED SOME NEW GRUNTS

All Projects will be reviewed and approved by the Officers and House Committee

Operation Pride

All Elks are asked to join **Operation Pride!** Your lodge buildings and grounds need to be presentable. Please help us pick loose garbage and litter. A more presentable facility will attract more new members! !!

Outside Grounds Lighting

Need to better light up the parking area behind our lodge building. The Officers/House Committee are working on a plan for installing some new lights in the back parking lot.

Additional Picnic Tables

The Elks Ladies have given the lodge funds to purchase 5 new picnic tables for our picnic area. Thank you ladies. Terry Baker has volunteered to chair the set up of the new tables and fix up the old tables as required.

Privacy Gate and Fence

.Plans and funds for the privacy fencing and gates has been approved. Currently soliciting grunts to get the job underway.

Parking Lot Repair/Coating/Striping

Officers/House Committee have approved proposal and estimate from a contractor to repair, coat and stripe the paved parking lot. Should be started soon.

Volunteers/Grunts

Your lodge is in need of volunteers. If you have some free time, consider lending a hand at an upcoming event or project. Contact the office, any officer or me to volunteer.

There is something for Everyone to help In. Its your lodge ~
Volunteer ~ Talk To An Officer !!





TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER; How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the unknowns and why? 21 steps. It alludes to the twenty one gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why?

21 seconds for the same answer as before.

Why are his gloves wet? To prevent losing his grip on the rifle.

Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and if not ,why not?

He carries his rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.

How often are the guards changed? Guards are changed every thirty minutes, Twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

What are the physical traits of the guard limited to? For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10 and 6'2 tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30" Other requirements of the guard is they must commit two years of life to guard the tomb. live in a barracks under the tomb and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform or the tomb in any way. After two years the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin. The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt. There are no wrinkles,folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full- length mirror The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone, nor watch television. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are President Taft. Joe Lewis, and Audie Murphy (the most decorated soldier of WWII. Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty. In 2003 as hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington DC, Our Senate/House took two days off with anticipation of the storm. On the ABC evening news, it was reported that because of the dangers from the hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of the unknown soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They respectfully declined the offer, "No way sir!"

Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm. They said that guarding the tomb was not just an assignment, it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a service person. The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930



We received some thank you letters that I would like to share with the Lodge: David Naccarato

CHRISTMASTREES

We moved to Thousand Oaks in August of last year, so we celebrated our first Christmas in our new townhouse. This past December we went looking for a tree in the pouring rain. We found your tree lot on Thousand Oaks Blvd by chance. The next half hour was filled with kindness, charity and Christmas cheer. We bought a beautiful tree from you, and were filled with the Christmas spirit to last throughout the entire season. Thank you for making us feel so welcome.

Blessings, F.C.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Richard Herrera and the Elks Lodge, thank you so much for your time and for choosing me as a scholarship candidate. The scholarship will help and I feel real honored. Thank you for also keeping me updated with me regional performance. I'm crossing my fingers that I'll keep moving forward. Thanks again.M.R.

DICTIONARYS 3rd graders from Santa Rosa Technology Magnet

Dear Mr. G and Elroy

Thank you so very much for the dictionaries. Now I know the declaration of Independence, the periodic table of elements. multiplication table and the world's longest word. It's awesome in every way. Now I know sign language and Braille. I can't thank you enough love J.B.

Dear Mr. G and Elroy

The dictionary that you gave me is great. I use it to check the spelling of words that I'm not sure of. I also enjoy the second half of the dictionary. I know it will help me in my life. Thank you for the dictionary and the bookmark. I really appreciate it. K.N.

Dear Elks,

Thank you for making me a better scholar with the dictionary you put upon my hands. I most certainly liked page 364 like you recommended. I use it for learning about planets, weights and measures and best of all sign language. This dictionary is very helpful. I love my dictionary. Thank you so much A.

Dear Mr. G and Elroy.

I love my new dictionary. Thanks now I'm learning roman numerals. The longest word in English is cool now no one has to wait to use the dictionary and no one has to share. I use my dictionary for tons of things.

Sincerely,

A.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Joe Palmer with sponsor David Burrows



Alan vanCleave with sponsor Bobby Adams

SHARE THE EXCITEMENT

SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER

With the resignation of our 3 Year Trustee, Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge was pleased to find that the vacancy was quickly filled with an able and willing candidate. Nominated by member Dick McCann, Dan Martyn was voted in as our newest trustee.

Dan has been a familiar face at the lodge for some time as a guitarist for One Last Dance Band here in Southern California. Moreover, he can also be seen working for Ed and Ken on the Cutups BBQ team 2x per month. In his words, "You can recognize me by the combined smell of smoke and dead meat."

A lawyer with Danner & Martyn, L.L.P., we are grateful that he brings a new energy and perspective to our Board of Trustees in addition to a high level of continued support for the lodge and the Order.

Be sure to share your appreciation the next time you see him at the lodge.-Kira Wagner

Pictured is PDDGER, Greg Metzger, installing Dan Martyn into his new position.



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LODGE-AWARDS



Dave Anderson received his 52 pin for donations to the Purple Pig from our incoming District Purple Pig Chair Terry Gicking.



Richard Goldner, PDDGER was awarded a Centurian for Major Project contributions



**Pat VonWittenberg
Konejo Kampers**

WOW - WHAT A GREAT TURN-OUT

We had TWELVE rigs - and a lot of fun.

January at Travel Village - Valencia is always a turkey-shoot as far as weather is concerned. One year it's so cold our water hoses froze, another it's as warm as summer (almost), guess that's typical California. Look outside and see.

We had a bit of wind this year, at least enough to do damage to the Stull's awning. Fortunately it wasn't torn completely off, just took several guys to get it retracted and secured.

My younger daughter, Kelly, came to visit Friday afternoon. She's in love with Costa Rica so a visit with Cherri Peterson was definitely in order. Those two chatted on and on, nearly wearing me out with their enthusiasm.

The Kudras were supposed to be wagon masters, but a man that Judy had worked with for years, passed away and they were otherwise occupied. So the Collerans and Drakes stepped up to the plate and did a great job. Donna has this "thing" about decorations. When we walked into the clubhouse, all the tables were covered with very bright table cloths and each table had three brightly color tissue paper like flowers in the center.

I'm told everyone enjoyed appetizers and cocktails Friday night. YUP, Bill and I missed it. After my daughter left late in the afternoon, thought I'd read for a while and woke up at 6:45, have no idea what Bill did but he sure didn't wake me up. I looked out the window to see the headlights of everyone's vehicles returning. How embarrassing.

Saturday brunch as usual. What fun it was to see an entirely new Board take over their first meeting. Well that isn't quite true, Joel Erickson just hasn't been on the Board for a number of years. Mike, Beverly and I just sat back and relaxed.

The guys were all ready to head back to the clubhouse for some poker, but it seems several had other plans. Not sure how Ed Colleran handled "poker" withdrawals, but he seemed to hold up fairly well. Jim Moye really cast the cat amongst the pigeons when he traipsed off to a gun show or some such.

With the blustery weather, soup seem an appropriate choice for dinner. Several have asked for the recipe, but before I give it up, there will have to be some kind of agreement that all of us do not make the soup at the same time. Daughter, Kelly, returned for the evening functions, won some raffle prizes and afterward around the fire, wanted to know if she could become an ELK? She said that she now thoroughly understands why BopBop (Bill) and I enjoy the Kampers so much. Humm - think we may have another Elk in the family. Gotta find her a sponsor from the Lancaster Lodge, since that's where she lives.

It was great to have the Stewarts and the other Petersons, Pat and Jay, out with us. Haven't seen those people for a while. They even stayed over Sunday night, as did the Ericksons and vW's. Guess I'll forgive them for running off to the Saugus swap meet without me - LOVE swap meets, because Sunday afternoon Pat walked over to check with Beverly and I to

see if we'd like a cocktail. She makes such a great one, I don't think anyone in their right mind would refuse. This then turned into a invitation for a game of Mexican Train - by their rules. Beverly and I certainly had no objection, but I think both of us were confused for a while (not sure I have their rules firmly in my grasp yet) but it was really fun. They offered to switch back to the way we usually play, but Bev and I stuck it out. Always good to learn something new.

As you who have played Mexican Train know it can be a lengthy game even with only four playing. As daylight began to fade, poor Jay and Pete where sent scrounging for lights so that we could finish the game. We were determined to finish. They rose to the occasion without too, too much grumbling.

Hope to see more of you soon!

Biscuits and Gravy

Biscuits

Pork Sausage

Flour

Milk

Pepper & Salt

Tabasco Sauce

Bake (if using the refrigerated kind) biscuits in the oven.

Fry up the pork sausage. Save the rendered fat.

Make a roux with the fat (leave the sausage in the fat) and the flour.

Add milk to make the gravy. Season with salt, pepper, and Tabasco sauce.

Serves 50 kampers.

Upcoming Campouts

March 11-12-Camp Comfort

March 31/April 2-Newport Dunes

May 20-21-Kenney Grove

June 10-11 ventura Ranch

July 4- Channel Islands Harbor



visit the website:

<http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com>

to join call Bev Erickson 495-9715



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
- * Delivering dictionaries to third graders in Pleasant Valley School District during meaningful assembly
- *Participating in BSA Court of Honor
- *Sponsoring an appreciation dinner for for police and firefighters

BE PART OF THE ELK VOLUNTEER TEAM

CALL THE OFFICE OR COMMITTEE CHAIR TO PARTICIPATE

Welcome to the Elks Veterans Memorial



A monument in the truest sense, the Elks National Veterans Memorial was built in 1926 to honor Americans whose profound sacrifices for the nation can never be recognized by mere words. With its massive dome, heroic sculptures and intricately detailed friezes, the Memorial is a distinctively American interpretation of classical greatness. On this website, you can explore the Memorial without leaving your chair. You can [learn more about the Elks](#), [read about the building's history](#) or [take a virtual tour](#). And when you're ready to come and see the Memorial in person, you can [plan your visit](#), too.

<http://www.elks.org/memorial/default.cfm>

Pull Tab Collection



When you have finished your favorite canned beverage, please remember to save the pull tab and deposit the tabs in the container located in the Lounge. Remember your donation helps the Ronald McDonald house exist and prosper.



ANNOUNCEMENT

Comming soon
Legions in Concert goes
COUNTRY
Another CAT-DAV production
Look for us this spring.

Call 375-1089 to sign-up for this skit.
(need cowgirls who want some fun in Blue Jeans)



VETERANS' HISTORY— SIGNIFICANT MARCH DATES

March 1, 1941- Bulgaria signs the Tripartite pact, becoming part of the Axis

March 2, 1965- Vietnam War began

March 3, 1931- "Star Spangled Banner" made U.S. National Anthem

March 7, 1945- The Allies capture two significant targets in Germany: the Remagen bridge over the Rhine and the city of Cologne.

March 9, 1945- U.S. firebomb Tokyo. Kill 85,000 Japanese.

March 11, 1941- The US Congress passes the Lend-Lease Act giving Roosevelt the authority to sell, transfer, or lease war goods to the government of any Allied country, thereby effectively ending American neutrality.

March 12, 1938- Germany invades Austria and annexes it. The next day on March 13, 1940 Finland surrenders to the USSR, ending the brief Russo-Finnish war that began when the Soviets invaded Finland on November 30, 1939

March 15, 1939- German troops enter Prague and complete the invasion of Czechoslovakia, ignoring the Munich Pact.

March 19, 1944- German troops occupy Hungary

March 19, 2003- Operation Iraqi Freedom began

March 25, 1941- Yugoslavia signs the Tripartite Pact, briefly becoming part of the Axis, but the German government is toppled two days later

March 26, 1945 US troops complete the capture of Iwo Jima from the Japanese at the cost of 20,000 American casualties.

March 30, 1941- The German Africa Corps begins its offensive in North Africa. 1945 Soviet troops capture Danzig.

March 31, 1939- Britain declares that it will support Poland in the event of an attack.

The Battle of the Rhine- The Third Reich was beginning to crumble in March 1945. Soviet troops were rapidly advancing in the East, capturing the city of Danzig. The Western Allies seized Cologne and crossed the Rhine River over the bridge at Remagen. American forces passed through the vaunted Siegfried Line with ease. Hitler ordered a final offensive in the East, in a failed attempt to save the oil field in Hungary. It was now clear that Germany would be defeated.



David Naccarato, PER, Lodge Secretary



You may have heard the buzz going around the lodge about "volunteerism". This is a very important duty for the survival of our tax free status. As you know the government is looking at all ways to raise more money. The Grand Lodge has asked all members, spouses and widows to keep track of your volunteerism, including miles driven to and from your activity. We have many in our lodge that do volunteering, and the act has not been recorded to the lodge each month so that we can report the totals to Grand Lodge. Please take the time to call the office and report your activities to me so I can get it recorded. Thank You David Naccarato, PER, Lodge Secretary

The Ritual is something you all went through when you joined our organization. The Ritual is something our officers practice for 3 months before they even start their new positions. Besides handling their own personal lives at home, they are now taking on the responsibilities of the office they agreed to chair. The officers also have to memorize our Initiatory Ritual. The Ritual is the first view of Elksdom our new members see. We want it to be impressive. Like the Ritual says "the impression is likely to be lasting".

So I said all that to say this. Give your officers a break. They have a lot to contend with at the start of the Elk year. This year is Thousand Oaks turn at hosting the Ritual competition. It will be held at the Hyatt Hotel on Friday and Saturday April 29th and 30th. Competitions start Friday at noon and Saturday at 8:00 a.m. with the awards banquet Saturday night. All are welcome to attend and root on the home team. I am happy to be this year's District Ritual Chairman. Tom Ryder, PER is helping me with the arrangements at the Hyatt. Terry Gicking, PER and Richard Goldner, PDDGER and myself are this year's coaches. That weekend you may see many unfamiliar faces in our Lodge as we will have many visitors from other lodges. Be sure to say hi and welcome those you see. Thank You

As Lodge Major Project Chairman, I am happy to announce the appointment of Terry Gicking to West Central Coast District Major Project Chairman. Which means my monthly reports of members who donate to the Major Project go to Terry Gicking. It makes it easy and convenient. The State Major Project has just celebrated sixty years of service. Sixty years ago the first year's donations were a modest \$78,991.37. This past year the donations topped \$4.2 million.

For those who may not know what the State Major Project is, it provides physical therapy and occupational therapy for disabled children. We have a preschool eye screening program that goes out to the schools to find eye problems that may be correctable when found early. The program started in 1950 with two mobile therapy units established in Eureka, CA. We now offer expanded therapy services to many areas of California and Hawaii. We offer funds to support unmet financial needs of those with vision deficiencies and scholarship funding for students with disabilities

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The Buccaneer Bash was a great success. Thank you Sally Claunch and all of the people that helped. Including the kitchen crew led by Catherine Koeritz and assisted by Pam Perrnoud, Toni Hartin, Paula Williams and Alice Kennedy. Handling decorations were Melinda Pekow, Sharon Baker, Jeri Miller, and Sally Claunch. Entertainment was provided by fortune teller Jessica Stull and photographer Lynn Rodriquez. Our lovely ticket taker Patti Serota, eyepatch girl, Pam Smith, tattoo putter oner Beth Kowlozski, and raffle sellers Carol Fredericks and Cornelia Meehan contributed to a successful event with 95 people in attendance and nearly \$2000 raised for Major Project

I hope that you have returned your reservations for the Installation Dinner on March 8th. Come support your new officers.

The winner of the 50/50 was Dee Swanson \$34 and winner of the bubble drawing was Pat Peterson \$20.



Pat Peterson, President Elks Ladies presented check for new patio tables to Tom Ryder and Harry Brockwell

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Ruby Metzgs-1
Jet Perry-1
Angie Prizzi-1
Phyllis Riding-4
Dee Ansell-6
Crystal Dool-11
Jessica Stull-25



BEHAVING LIKE STUBBORN CHILDREN



When looking for an answer, Lord
Have we first turned to you?
Too often, we can't get through.

We struggle and you're waiting,
Why don't we call your name?
Are we like stubborn children,
Playing a childish game?

Amen



Isn't only about basketball.....

It's Elks Ladies Friday Nite Dinner-

March 4th

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wacky veggies

insane salad

delirious dessert



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TILER - Paul Wagner	
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CHAPLAIN - Rick Herrera	
INNER GUARD- Rick Eddy	
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OFFICER AT LARGE- Terry Gicking, PER	
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	BAR MANAGER- Corinne Eddy
	KITCHEN- Loyal Knight-Leo Rodriquez
	WEB- Kira & Paul Wagner

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ANTLER ANTICS: Sally Claunch, PER, Editor
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MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:
 David Naccarato, PER
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 ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION:
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 CHARITY DINNERS: Steve Smith

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LODGE ACTIVITIES: Sally Claunch, PER
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 HOOPSHOOT:
 WED. NIGHT DINNERS: Leo Rodriquez
 DRUG AWARENESS: John Moran
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MOTHER'S DAY: Rick Herrera
 WED. NIGHT TICKETS: Rick Eddy
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AMERICANISM: Grant Thistle
 FLAG DAY/FLAG RETIREMENT: Robert Jones
 SCHOLARSHIP: Rick Herrera
 GOVT. RELATIONS: Harry Brockwell, ER
 MEMORIAL SERVICE: Rick Herrera
 KIDS XMAS PARTY: Sally Claunch, PER

GOLF TOURNAMENT:
 LODGE PICNIC: Kira Wagner
 MEMBERSHIP: David Naccarato, PER
 CHRISTMAS TREES: Terry Baker
 EL KONEJOKAMPERS: Joel Erickson
 NATIONAL SERVICES: Carl Lanterman

HONOREES

ELK OF THE YEAR-Terry Baker
OFFICER OF THE YEAR- Kira Wagner
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Max Maxwell,	
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Thank You for your continued support, Rick



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Paul Dinubilo-1	Timothy Kelly-14
Harvey Flam-1	Jerry Kovach-15
Rubye Metzgus-1	Kevin Metzgus-16
Leslie Smith-1	Michael Idol-17
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John Tapking-1	David Puente-19
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Allan Van Cleave-3	Richard Wade-20
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Thomas Hartin-8	Jay Schmidt-21
Mark Rediger-8	Gary Erland-22
Richard Roman-9	Richard
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George Meehan, PER-10	Kevin Porter-25
Bryant Burns-11	Robert Revell-25
Robert Thornton, PDDGER-11	Rod Burton-30
Tony Lerner-12	William Jones-30
Carmine Prizzi-12	



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Brad Knupp

Rick O'Bryant

Louis Reis

Ron Earl - Reinstatement

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Paul Wagner

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Dan Martyn, Jr.



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January 5th Capsule Drawing Kevin Porter Not Present
Lucky 13 Karin Speights no winner
January 19th Capsule Drawing James Andrew Not Present-
Lucky 13 Dorothy Murray no winner
January 26th Capsule Drawing Joe Smith Not Present-
Lucky 13 Dick McCann no winner



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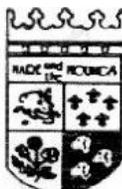
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1973-74 Erle Pittman, PDDGER	1999-00 Richard Goldner, PDDGER
1974-75 Richard Flake	2000-01 Jacob Panczak
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1976-77 John E. Henry	2002-03 Don Booker
1977-78 *Robert McKee, PDDGER	2003-04 Greg Metzgas, PDDGER
1978-79 *Frank J. Rindone, PDDGER	2004-05 Jay Block
1979-80 *Edward F. Stogsdell	2005-06 Sally Claunch
1980-81 *Frank "Tex" Hastie	2006-07 David Naccarato
1981-82 * Robert Hardy	2007-08 Catherine Koeritz
1982-83 *A. John Nichols	2008-09 George Meehan
1983-84 John Nau	2009-10 Terry Gicking
1984-85 Vern Ogden	
1985-86 Dan Snyder	By Affiliation:
1986-87 Bill Lloyd, PDDGER,DL	1981-82 Robert L. Thornton, PDDGER
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1989-90 Don Skinner	
1990-91 Don Ansell	
1991-92 Gary Sleight	
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1993-94 Jim Wallace	
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