



Exalted Ruler  
Leo Rodriguez

# ANTLER ANTICS

Bring the Sprit....Now is the Time

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Editor, Sally Claunch, PER

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## Mother's Day



Annual Champagne Brunch Buffet

Sunday May 13, 2012  
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

\$12 adults

\$5 children under 12

Mother's Day Service 11 a.m.

Flowers for the Moms

Reservations Suggested 496-4550



**EXALTED RULER**

**Leo Rodriquez**



**LEADING KNIGHT**

**Terry Baker**



As we get on our way to a new year in Elkdom, I would like to thank all of our members for their support. With ritual contest and the meetings of these past few weeks I have been very busy just trying to stay above water, but with your help things seem to be falling into place.

I would like to thank PER Don Ansell, his wife Dee, and all their helpers for the wonderful Easter egg hunt. This year it seemed like we had more children and parents enjoying all the festivities, candies, and gifts.

As your new ER this year I want to remind you, that if you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the other Officers so that we may be able to resolve any of your concerns.

This coming year I will be working with many of you to get your input as to how to remodel your lodge and to bring it up to date with the things we want to get done for the future. We have a great start with the remodeling of the ladies bathroom and the Lodge room. We should keep the momentum going forward with the rest of lodge and seeing what needs to be done. We need the help of our membership, your ideas and input to accomplish our goals. It is important for our members to come to Wednesday night and House Committee meetings so that we can communicate with you, our plans and how they will affect you, the members.

As always, an active member is a better member, not only being informed of present plans, but also in learning what is needed to be more effective for the future.

Please note that the Elk of the Year parking space is reserved for use by the Elk of the Year only as one of their privileges for all that they have done for our Lodge.



Welcome New Members-James Vills and Danis Eglitis seated with Dave Naccarato-center

Spring is here and a busy time of year in Elkdom. At our Lodge we have the ritual contest at the end of April and the CHEA Convention in May. June will start the visitation cycle for State Vice-Presidents and District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers. All the fun stuff is starting. On another note I wish to thank you all for your support and kind words. I hope I can do a good job for the Lodge. As Leading Knight, the charity projects are under my charge and I support all our works and am looking forward to working with you all on them. Good luck— good health— and pray for cheaper gas.

### Pull Tab Collection



This is what 171 pounds (216,828) of pull tabs look like. That is what I delivered last month from four of our Elks lodges to the Pasadena Ronald McDonald House. We filled a 50 gallon drum. Thank you to all that donated to the Ronald McDonald house pull tab collection program.

**ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE**  
Gerry Gillies



**LOCK YOUR CAR WHILE ATENDING LODGE FUNCTIONS-RECENTLY CARS HAVE BEEN BROKEN INTO AND ITEMS STOLEN..**



**LOYAL KNIGHT**

**Terry Gicking, PER appt.**



“Upon the alter before which you have just assumed the POSITION .... Ahem ... Obligation, there lies the open Bible. It is the emblem of this station whose motto is justice. You have sworn to support the Constitution and comply with the laws of this order and the by-laws of this lodge. Justice requires that your observance should be full and complete for the first lesson it teaches is that of duty and obedience to constituted authority”.

That’s the opening line for the station of the Esteemed Loyal Knight.

Why is it we as Officers who have performed the ritual, recite the lines from the ritual in our articles? I think we do it because we see and hear the ritual so much that sooner or later we finally **“GET IT”** and we want every Elk to **“GET IT”!**

During yours and every Elk initiation, in the Obligation you swore that you “will not permit any political, sectarian or **personal prejudice** to influence me in the slightest degree in the exercise of my right of franchise in the order”. This means we don’t talk politics or *about others in a demeaning way!*

We don’t talk about those things because they have a negative impact on being a Fraternal organization. Our lodge, and all lodges in Elkdom, should be focused on having fun and doing good for others! When has being negative been fun? We should be helping others, not tearing them down. What good comes from that? **NOTHING!** One of the hardest things in life is taking insults or criticism from others.

You feel attacked and you want to attack back! Well, guess what? In that book called the Bible, which you swore your oath of Elkdom in front of the Altar, with your left hand over your Heart and your right hand uplifted, there is scripture in both the Old and New Testaments about turning the other cheek when verbally abused. I suggest we all go back and read it. Or better yet, come down to an Initiation and HEAR, (not sleep through!) what YOU said in YOUR Obligation and what is also said in the ritual for us to be guided by!

Our MOTTO! “The faults of our Members we right upon the sands, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory”

What are Elks?; American citizens who guide their course in life by the cardinal principles of our Order. Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity  
Thank You for reading this and I hope and pray that every-one applies this to their heart!

OK. Now that I’m down from the soap box I have some Thank You’s. The PER’s did the BBQ on Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup> of March and as we are a group of spry young men with good hearts, we needed some help in putting on our BBQ. (some of us were involved with the Inaugural Ball that Evening!) In addition to the usual help from Dave Naccarrato, George & Cornelia Meehan, John Nau, Greg Metzgas, Johnny D, Don Skinner and Elk of the Year Sally Claunch, We had our

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**LECTURING KNIGHT**

**Grant Thistle**



Hey, I am finally Esteemed ! I’ve always been steamed that I wasn’t esteemed in my other postions. Congrats to Elk of the year Sally C., very well deserved, also to Carl Lanterman, Officer of the Year. I was going to mention Gerry Giles as an unsung helper but seeing as how he is Citizen of the Year, I will not mention him.

Are you all practicing Brotherly Love or do I have to yell at you? Unsung helpers this month:

- Harry Isaman
- Christine Harrison
- Pat Jellander
- Jane Watson

**THANKS!!!!**

Tootles for now your ESTEEMED Lecturing Knight: Grant L Thistle

**Loyal Knight continued**

very own “JUNIOR” PER Steve Smith with his lovely wife Pam. That was a treat. But wait! There was others! We could not have done it without the help of Rick Bennett, Steve McKee, Bill Dyer, Grant Thistle, Rick Herrera and Jane Watson! To all of you, a big THANK YOU!

If you have ever wondered where to get the Elks teeth that you may have seen around the necks of some of our members. Wonder no more. Problem is there are not too many craftsmen around that do that type of work anymore. Ebay or Craig’s list is a good way to find them. We have available two Elks teeth mounted in 14KT heavy gold. No chain. These are split molars 1 large and 1 small. Price is \$375.00 and \$75.00. Available in the office

For all inquiring minds and members.

“All about the order of Elks” is the latest and easy read about the order of Elks. The book is written by J. Herbert Klein. If you were curious about how the order came about then this would be a good book to own. The books are \$15.00 each and as of March 30th we had 9 left. First come first own

On December 7Th, 1941 the Imperial Japanese Navy attacked the U.S. Navy base at Pearl Harbor. The following day Bob Feller, already one of Major League Baseball’s top pitchers, walked into a recruiting office to volunteer for the U.S. Navy. Feller was the first of many professional baseball players to enter the service during the war, a list that would include Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio, Yogi Berra, Stan Musial, Monte Irvin, and many more. A gun captain aboard the USS Alabama, Feller was decorated with five campaign ribbons and eight battle stars.

## NEWEST ELK OF THE YEAR SALLY CLAUNCH



Sally began her life journey in Buffalo, NY where she went to elementary, high school and college earning a BS in liberal arts with a minor in education from the State University of New York College at Buffalo. Sally then went to work as a 4th grade teacher. Along the way she married her husband, Paul and gave birth to three daughters, Amy, Robin, and Jodi. While in NY she was active in church and community activities assuming leadership roles. When the Blizzard of 1978 slammed the area, the family moved to sunny California” never to be cold again.”

There she resumed her teaching career at Hillside Junior High in Simi Valley. When Santa Susana High School opened in 1996, she transferred and became a resource specialist retiring in 2009. During her tenure at the high school, she was Chair of the Leadership Team, senior class advisor, club sponsor, and chair of the bargaining team for the teachers’ union. Also she was recognized as educator of the year by the Rotary Club.

Her Elk journey began after her husband died and she married Tommy Claunch who was a member of the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge and a Trustee. She began as a member of the Elk Ladies organization and became president as well as active in co-chairing social events, fundraisers, and the Christmas basket program. As women were becoming members of the order, and Johnny D” Ambrogio wanted a female officer in his corp she joined the Elks organization. Although she was not his first choice she accepted the challenge. Her first office was Inner Guard then rising through the chairs to become the first female Exalted Ruler in 2005. After her term as ER she continued to serve the Lodge as a Trustee for three years becoming Board of Trustees Chair and Officer- at -Large for 1 year. Currently she is editor of the monthly bulletin, the Antler Antics and weekly emailed updates. You will still see her in the kitchen assisting with meals or chairing the annual Kids Christmas party. Another first is Sally and her husband, Tommy are the first husband and wife duo—Elks of the Year.



## HOSPITALITY CORNER

The last week of March was truly busy in the kitchen, starting with the Kampers breakfast on Sunday, March 25, and ending with the Inaugural Ball on Saturday, March 31. In between those dates, Eddie Bianchi and Jim & Kathy Moye did their usual kitchen magic on Monday, we served the Installation Dinner on Wednesday, and Terry and JB hosted a successful Cook Your Own Steak Night on Friday.

My thanks to Eddie Rice, Mike White (great potatoes), Karen Martyn (fancy green beans – I did not know she could cook!), Donna Leary, Patty Bauman, Faye Stevens, Chris Harrison, Kathy Moye, Molly Lindquist and friend for a successful Wednesday night Installation Dinner.

My most heartfelt thanks go to Chef Boyd Lindquist (the mother of all 2477 chefs) and his crew of assistants: Eddie Bianchi, Jim Moye, Rob Wissusik. Serving our guests were Donna Leary, Patty Bauman, Kathy Moye, Karen Martyn, Chris Harrison and Faye Stevens. Special thanks to Mike Flannery for volunteering to get dish pan hands and Brooke and her staff for excellent service. The Inaugural Ball could not have been a success without the efforts of these people.

Please check the May calendar for scheduled dinners and events. Note that we will be having another Bunko afternoon following the Kampers breakfast on May 27. There will be food available every Monday and Tuesday night, and Donna Leary will again be hosting pasta night on Thursday, May 3. See the enclosed flyer for details on our Cinco de Mayo/Kentucky Derby party on May 5. Finally, don’t forget our Mother’s Day champagne brunch on Sunday, May 13. Bring Mom down for a fabulous buffet and a great time!

In closing, please notice that in this article and elsewhere in the Antler, you will find the same names listed repeatedly as volunteers. We need more volunteers, so come on down and have some fun while making a contribution to the Lodge. We need you.

### Members:

Dan Martyn	Donna Leary, Co-Chair
Co-Chair	Tom Ryder
Hospitality Committee	David Nacarrato
	Jim Moye



Sally joined the past Elks of the Year on Stage to receive her white jacket

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS**

**Coleen Morris-Chair**  
805-241-8928

**KEEPIN YOUR PRAYERS:** Jim Wallace, PER has cancer; Vera Baille was hospitalized for spine fractures due to a fall; Patti Serota is resting at home; Marva D' Ambrogio was briefly hospitalized for cancer complications

**ON THE MEND:** various members from the nasty flu bug

**ENTERTAINMENT**



**May 18- One Last Dance**  
**May 25-Karaoke with Jimmy Miller**

**COMING ATTRACTIONS**



- June 6-State VP Visitation to our lodge
- June 10-Flag Retirement/Flag Day Observation
- June 17- Father's Day Brunch by Elk Ladies
- June 24-26-Bus Trip To Laughlin
- June 29- ERS Going Away party by PERs
  
- July 1-5- Elks National Convention
- July 20-PERs present Night at Races
- July 20/22-ventura County Stand Down for Homeless Vets
  
- Sept. 9-Lodge Picnic
- Sept. 21-Jr. PER Roast

**SALSA TASTING CONTEST**  
**MAY 5TH**



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.

**Bus Trip to Laughlin**

- includes round trip transportation
- 2 nights lodging
- beverages & snacks on the bus
- one breakfast buffet
- one anytime buffet



**June 24-26**  
departs 8 am Sunday

interest sign-up sheet in bar  
**\$93 per person**  
**\$115 single occupancy**



**LODGERENOVATIONS**

Those of you who have not made it down to the Lodge recently should stop in and see our nearly completed Lodge room. We expect to finish the stage area shortly and hang new curtains at each side of the stage. When that area is finished, we will renovate the anteroom. Once the anteroom is finished, we expect that we will have quite a discussion regarding what, if anything, should be done next and how any further renovations will be funded. Your input is important, so please share your thoughts and ideas with us. Dan Martyn  
Lodge Renovation Committee Chair

During the month of May, there is a formal event that has special meaning to me as a retired teacher and also to our Lodge. On May 11 th we will be honoring the best of the best youth in our community who have won Elk sponsored contests. It is always a delight to see the youngsters and their parents welcomed and feted by us. It makes me proud to be an Elk. At the affair a Youth Proclamation from the city will be read and the chairpersons will introduce and present monies and plaques to the kids. Those recognized will include scholarship winners, and Boy and Girl Scouts. Please show your support for their accomplishments by attending and applauding their feats. I know I will be there proudly wearing my Elk badge. Sally Claunch



**POPCORN MACHINE IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS**

**We Thank Sherry Jones and Jim Moyer for sponsoring the machine  
Who will be next ??????**

**Call the office to volunteer--your name will appear on a plaque on the machine**



**OPERATION FACELIFT  
Tom Ryder ~ PDDGER**

“OPERATION FACELIFT” continues with new projects being considered and old ones being worked. If you have ideas or suggestions pass them to us. We appreciate the help. It’s your Lodge!

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT SHED**

The lodge has wheel chairs, shower chairs, crutches, portable potties and other items available for use by convalescing members. The problem is there is no central area for storage or disbursement of these items as the need comes up. A offer has been made by a boy scout that as a project for him to work on his eagle scout project he will build the lodge a building. Costco has a wooden 8 x 12 building on sale that will be just what we need. All it would need is assembling and painting. Am trying to locate funds at this time.

**OUTSIDE LODGE GROUND LIGHTING**

Most lights have been installed and turned on but there still a few more dark areas where lights are scheduled to be installed. ER pushing this project. Funded

**RECYCLE STORAGE AREA**

**Recycle Area** –. Project has been completed within budget. Project was funded by the lodge with a donation from the PER Association. Workers included Rick Herrera, Greg Metzger, Mike Ramirez, and Able Gamble.

**PROJECTS STILL SCHEDULED/WORKING**

**Lobby Entrance Roof - Funded**

**BBQ Picnic Area Gate and Fence - Funded**

**NEED MORE WORKERS -  
PLEASE GET INVOLVED**

All Projects are reviewed and approved prior to start by the Officers and House Committee and the Trustees.

**Volunteers**

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.





### David Naccarato, PER

It's May 2012 and one month into the new Elk year. As of the writing of this article, we as a lodge of 398 members (down from 406 a year ago) We have only 258 paid members for 2012-2013. This is when I start with the letters and phone calls as to why a member has chosen not to renew their membership. It is easy to find members. Harder to keep them. The biggest reason I get is that there's nothing going on so what am I paying for? Sounds good.

I explain at orientation that our calendar is full of activities. We are not however, going to come down and drag you out of bed for an event. You need to be proactive. We as a lodge will be donating monies to the Boy Scouts, our Veterans programs, our disabled children's programs, to the Elks National Foundation and to Scholarship. We will provide a BBQ dinner for the first responders in our area, hold a free throw contest for kids from 8 to 13 years of age with trophies and a dinner for the winners. So as a member, here are a few events we do that you can be involved in. Also to fund these programs we have a Friday night dinner every week that you can come down to and try your key card to see if it works. We have Wednesday night dinners before the meeting and now the other nights of the week have been added as teams are found to handle the dinner. Here is a big area you can be involved in to help your lodge.

The Lodge means different things to different people. To some, they are here every day drinking their coffee and enjoying others company. Others, taking care of their yard is not enough they want more land to express themselves so they volunteer their time and take care of ours. Me, this lodge was the only place that people would come listen to my Elvis Presley imitation. (shows how starved for entertainment we are) We will be writing a check to Edison, Direct TV, Verizon, Gas Co., property taxes, insurance and licenses. We don't have our hand out, but we do put on a dinner and a weekly BBQ that pays the bills. We would like you to participate in these events. A Sunday breakfast takes 25 paid customers to break even. Any more is profit for the lodge. The crew leader needs to figure his needs as to how many members to cook for. It is a tough job, so when you do come down and we are sold out, be cool and try again next week. Next week we do it all again.

We'll have special events like last month's "Elk of the Year" announcement. We should have packed the place. This is an honor for a member of our lodge. We needed to come down show support and have some fish to help pay the bills. That's being involved. Coming up we have Conejo Valley Days May 3rd through May 6th Cruisin the Conejo May 4th. Field Hockey Tournament May 25th through May 28th Red



line Corvette show some time in September and Street Fair later in the year, Celebrate the Child event October 7th and this is only the BBQ wagon's involvement. Mother's day is coming at the Lodge and let's not forget the Father's Day. The Stand Down programs for Veterans is coming in July. See Carl Lanterman for more information. Call the office and I will get you in touch with those in the know.

But right now evening dinners, Sunday breakfasts and special events at the lodge come down and get busy. I was asked to print the script from Elk of the Year because it was informative. I said hey I'll do it again next year. But I will give you a taste. Elk of the year for 1998-1999 was Tommy Claunch and the Elk of the year for 2000-2001 was David Pearson. Sally Claunch Elk of the year 2011-2012 was talking to David Pearson and asked him why he didn't play golf with her husband Tommy anymore. David asked her straight out "Would you play golf with someone who kicked the ball with his foot when you weren't looking?". Sally answered "Well no" David said neither does Tommy.... (Is this mike thing on)

You may have noticed we have another trash bin. As of January 1, 2012 if you are a place of business with more than one trash pickup a week, one of the pickups has to be a recyclable pick up. So Waste Management dropped off a recycle bin and switched our Wednesday pickup of trash to be a recycle pick up only with no additional fees. Now, this is where we all come in to help. First, let's not get mixed up that the California Redemption value bottles and cans are still accepted in the same place as always to help fund our lodge scholarship fund. Second all the other plastics I.E. milk bottles, paper, metal cans, soap bottles and cardboard go into the recycle bin. Third, now this is the worst, we can be fined if we put garbage in the recycle bin. Please help us out on this. We are all volunteering and this is another step. We are helping to preserve the planet. Thank you.



WE DO  
MAY 27TH

1:30 PM  
SIGN UPS  
IN LOUNGE

# INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



Newly Elected ER, Leo Rodriquez with MC Tom Ryder



Leading Knight, Terry Baker with his gavel



gifts to outgoing ER, Steve Smith and First Lady Pam



David Stull for 5 years of service as Trustee



Carl Lanterman, Officer of the Year



Dan Martyn, Member of the Year



Gerry Gillies, Member of the Year





**Pat VonWittenberg  
Konejo Kampers**

Kampers Antler Antics Article Newport Dunes – Jessica will complete, maybe LOL!

Yup folks I'm still here! I'd like to thank Jessica Stull for filling in in my absence.

Seems since Bill's passing and my downstairs flooding September 24<sup>th</sup> which requires my "living" in the motorhome, moving it down the road is just not feasible. Hopefully SOON!

Just as a prelim to Jessica's Newport article, gotta say – she was VERY concerned that I would learn of something that occurred prior to my arrival – very hush-hush. We'll see if she'll be forthcoming – which I sincerely doubt.

"It Never Rains in California ..."

Year three at Newport Dunes was a wonderful success thanks in large measure to Jeff and Debi Drake along with all their helpers and the Simi Valley Lodge wagon masters. Everything that could be planned and organized was and beyond most folk's expectations. The Drakes have declared 2012 as their last effort as wagon masters for this enormous undertaking. Let me express the gratitude of all who attended. These folks organized community meals for about 120 people, shopped and bought outstanding raffle prizes and displayed them in lovely well thought-out theme baskets. I'm sorry to say that I did not win the huge martini basket, but I happen to be a close friend of the Flannery's, who did win it. Among their other duties they organized a fundraiser for the Purple Pig by selling margaritas at the Saturday evening potluck. Walter Ogden and I brewed blended and on the rocks margaritas while Kathy Moye collected fistfuls of money selling them to the happy recipients. Jeff and Debi, you have BIG shoes to fill.

The Newport Dunes campground is a picture postcard beautiful location and is the reason it is the biggest campout of the year for us. Situated on a calm little bay, it is walking distance to Balboa Island and to some nearby marshlands, home to many water fowl. In prior years, Steve Chiszar has brought out his boat(s), given us all rides around the harbor, to the Elks Lodge (yes, their Elks Lodge is not only beautiful, it sits right on the waters edge and you can drive a boat right up to it!), and more. Steve enjoys taking his passengers on guided tours telling us which rich person lives where, while smiling and repeating his mantra of "It doesn't suck to be us." Steve did bring out the boat, but due to the threat of rain and eventually what looked like a hurricane to a good old California gal, it never even made it to the water. Boo hoo.

Well, adventures are generally circumstance of which you have no control, but that turn out to be memorable experiences. This campout did have its adventures. Let me begin by revealing what I think Pat von Wittenburg was referring to in her prelude. Several of us decided to caravan from our lodge on Tuesday. The 405 Freeway was worse than usual and it took us



three hours to get to our destination. Somewhere along hour two we lost our leader and the other three of us were winging it. As navigator for our rig I relied on a lying GPS that took us into the swamplands and got us turned around so that we were driving in neighborhoods and all got separated. Had I had a pistol, I might have shot that lying GPS and finally put it out of my misery. I tried to apologize to everyone, but we were all feeling a little surly by then. Pat, if this isn't it, I must have not been paying attention.

We learned that not all campsites are created equal, and some sat squarely in dirt and became mud holes. We learned that sometimes the gods do smile down on determined walkers and get them home before the storm. We learned that indoor games can be played and enjoyed by California folks. We learned that barbecuing hot dogs in the rain and mud is not fun, but still done so by those hearty souls from Simi Valley. We played hard and enjoyed ourselves which is the whole point of camping to begin with. The adventures were just icing on the cake.

Submitted by,  
Jessica Stull, Secretary  
El Konejo Kampers



## UPCOMING KAMPOUTS

May 18/19-Kenney Grove  
June 8/9- Ventura Ranch  
July 13/14- Lake Lopez  
August 10/11-Santa Maria  
September 7/8-Camp Comfort  
October 12/13-Santa Barbara Elks  
November 9/10- Kenney Grove  
December 9-Brunch



visit the website:  
<http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com>

### ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT AND PARTY



Community kids enjoying the festivities



Host and sponsor Buggy Don Ansell, PER and his wife Dee



Don Ansell, PER, looks on as ER, Leo Rodriquez and First LadyLynn give out prizes for the hunt

### Your Lodge Serving Our Community

**THANK  
YOU SO  
MUCH!**

- \*Hosting Blue & Gold Ceremony at Lodge
- \*Providing karaoke at Saticoy Vets monthly
- \*Doing bingo party at Sepulveda Veterans Hospital monthly
- \*Hosting blood drive for the community
- \*Participating in BSA Court of Honor
- \*Sponsoring an appreciation dinner for youth in our community
- \*Participating in CVD and Chili Cook Off
- \* Holding Toys 4 Tots drive
- \*Being a partner in Special Kids Day at CVD
- \*Hosting flag retirement ceremony with Boy Scouts-open to the public
- \* Cooking for Brownlympics & Scouting Events
- \* Providing use of lodge room for Girl Scouts Bridging Ceremony
- \* Giving VFW free monthly meeting room
- \* Sponsoring hoop shoot for local youth
- \* Providing meeting place for community clubs
- \* Preparing and delivering food baskets
- \* Hosting Easter Egg Hunt for community kids



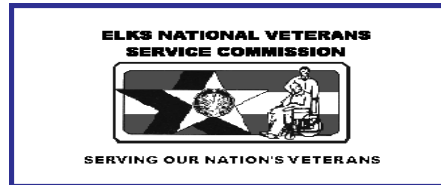
Members contributions to ENF have entitled us to receive a \$2500 grant from Grand Lodge for charitable functions



Richard Goldner's contribution of 5 Century Clubs to Major Project



PER Association's contribution of 4 Century Clubs to Major Project



Carl Lanterman

Veterans Services Chair.

Our first Veterans' Muster did not get the attendance that we had hoped it would. The POW/MIA ceremony was held and a short update of veterans activities within the lodge was provided by the chairman. Then, a special visitor, Chef Mike Lodi received a special "Thank You" plaque for his services as chef to the lodge, and for his contribution to the veterans fund as a result of services rendered to We Olive in Ventura. Owner Steve Tobey wrote a check for \$700.



The Sepulveda V.A. Bingo trip, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 1:00 p.m. and CalVet-Ventura karaoke, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 6:00 p.m. are monthly activities. Occasionally, we need additional people to help, especially with bingo. The group leaves the lodge at 11:45 sharp.

Have you registered for your veterans benefits? Some of our members, including John Kelley, had not done so. It leaves the family high and dry except for people who step up to help. Another veteran that I know is quite healthy at 80, but needs assistance for in-home care for his wife, that is not available through medicare or medical. The V.A. may offer some help. REGISTER WITH THE V.A. If you need help, see me or call.

One another front, the second quarterly meeting of the Ventura County Military Collaborative (VCMilC) was held at the 146<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Air National Guard in Oxnard on 3/21. At least 60 organizations are involved in provided whatever services the military and their families need. The director of 2-1-1 attended and we are expecting that there is some sharing of information between the VCMilC, Kimberly Evans-Logie and the 2-1-1 director, Tanya Kellam, that will help veterans find the services needed.



For the end of another elk year, I wish to say thank you to those who have served our veterans well.

Ed Ayril and his team for monthly Bingo  
 Robert Jones and the team for monthly karaoke  
 And a special thank you to Coleen Morris for her \$500 contribution  
 And to JB Bre for \$100  
 And to the Christmas Tree crew for \$500  
 And to all others that I did not remember, my sincere apologies

Veteran for the month: Harry Brockwell – U.S.A.F.

Please see or call Carl Lanterman (805) 630-8110 if you want to help extend our military involvement. We want to help active military members when we can.

2012-2013 COMMITTEE  
CHAIRPERSONS

**THE ELKS LADIES**  
**Cornelia Meehan**

2012-2013 COMMITTEE  
CHAIRPERSONS

**1ST VICEPRESIDENT:** Lynn Rodriquez  
**2ND VICE PRESIDENT:** Melinda Pekow  
**SECRETARY:** Jean Miraglia  
**TREASURER:** Charlotte Gessler  
**AUDITOR:** Beth Kozlowski  
**TELEPHONE:** Mary Flannery



**PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Kathy Ryder  
**CHAPLAIN:** Marilyn Cissell  
**MAJOR PROJECT:** Niki Case  
**SUNSHINE:** June Leadam  
**HISTORIAN:** Carol Fredericks  
**CVD:** Alice Kennedy & Pat Peterson

My name is Cornelia Meehan and you have elected me to be the President of the Elks Ladies of Thousand Oaks for the year 2012-2013. By electing me you have instilled confidence in me to step up and do the best job I can for all of you.

Some of the things I would like to achieve is growing the membership, increasing the number of members coming to the meetings and co-operation amongst all of us. I know that we all have different personalities and different ideas and if we can blend them together what a swell and productive year we can have.

So, come with enthusiasm, meet all the ladies, make new friends and enjoy yourselves this year on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM. We will have a short business meeting and then break for snacks and fellowship.

I look forward to seeing all of you and getting to know those I may not have yet met.  
Cornelia

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Barb Metzgun-7  
Patti Serota-17  
Alice Kennedy-29



**PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR MEMORIES STRONG**

We thank you God for memory,  
Our lives are filled with much to do.  
Occasionally we may forget,  
Appointments or our Ladies meeting too.



Don't let this become normal, Lord,  
Forgive us things we may do wrong  
We'll always love and praise you  
Please help us keep our memories strong

Amen

The cooks for the Elks Ladies Installation Dinner on March 13<sup>th</sup> were Rob Wissusik, Bob Arbetman, and Jay Peterson. Many thanks, it was delicious, and the servers were the Lodge Officers.....

The breakfast on April 15<sup>th</sup> was hosted by the Elks Ladies. As usual, the breakfast was delicious.

The Youth Appreciation Dinner will be held on May 11<sup>th</sup> and the dinner will be hosted by the Elks Ladies. The dinner will be spaghetti, salad and garlic bread. This is a wonderful evening and please come to the dinner and enjoy the fellowship.

**What is a California Hawaii Elks Association Convention?**

During the month of May each year the lodges in California and Hawaii send representatives ( Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Lodge Secretary and Board of Trustees Chair) to meet for the common purposes of electing and installing the CHEA officers and networking with other lodges on Elk mandated programs to glean information on the best practices for the smooth running of a lodge.

**How is this accomplished?**

There are business meetings, seminars, and luncheons with various interest groups ( Exalted Ruler, Lodge Secretary, etc.) to hear the latest information from the state organization on matters under their charge.

**Where is this year's CHEA convention?**

It is in San Diego from May 16-19.

**What are some of the highlights?**

1. The finals for the state Ritual Contest.
2. The rally and election of CHEA president and officers
3. The introduction of the Theme Child for Major Project
4. The Piggy Bank Walk, each Exalted Ruler will walk across the stage and deposit the Lodge's contribution to Major Project. At our Lodge the Elk Ladies have a fundraiser in February to support this charity.
5. Each Exalted Ruler will receive a blue jacket to be worn at all CHEA functions.

**OFFICERS 2012-2013**

EXALTED RULER - Leo Rodriquez  
 LEADING KNIGHT - Terry Baker  
 LOYAL KNIGHT - appt. Terry Gicking, PER  
 LECTURING KNIGHT - Grant Thistle  
 SECRETARY - Dave Naccarato, PER  
 TREASURER - Myrna Block  
 TILER - Greg Miraglia  
 ESQUIRE - Robert Jones  
 CHAPLAIN - Barbara Gibbs  
 INNER GUARD - Bryant Burns  
 ORGANIST - Karin Spreights  
 OFFICER AT LARGE - Bill Sternberg, PER

**TRUSTEES**

Tom Ryder, PDDGER 1 Year  
 Jim Porter 2 Year  
 Carl Lanterman 3 Year  
 Sam Frankl 4 Year  
 Greg Metzgas, PDDGER 5 Year

**2012-13 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Exalted Ruler**

ANTLER ANTICS: Sally Claunch, PER, Editor  
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 PROTOCOL: Myrna Block  
 BBQ TEAMS: Eddie Rice:

**2012-13 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Leading Knight**

MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:  
 David Naccarato, PER  
 SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Coleen Morris  
 ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION:  
 Tom Ryder, PDDGER  
 MEMBER CONTROL. COM.: David Naccarato, PER  
 Investigation: Alan Hardie

David Naccarato, PER: Stray Elks  
 Terry Gicking, PER: Orientation  
 CHARITY BALL: Hospitality Committee  
 CHRISTMAS BASKETS: Terry Baker  
 CHARITY DINNERS: Hospitality Committee  
 HOSPITALITY/ENTERTAINMENT: Dan Martyn/ Donna Leary

**2012-13 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Loyal Knight**

LODGE ACTIVITIES: Jim Moyer  
 Lynn Rodriquez: Public Relations  
 : Americanism  
 Bill Sternberg, PER: Flag Retirement Ceremonies  
 Barbara Gibbs: Memorial Service  
 Gov't Relations: David Naccarato, PER:  
 Lodge Picnic: Hospitality Committee-Jim Moyer

**2012-13 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Lecturing Knight**

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Rick Herrera  
 David Naccarato, PER: Hoop Shoot  
 Grant Thistle: Soccer Shoot  
 Robert Jones: Drug Awareness  
 Sally Claunch, PER.: Kids Christmas Party  
 Bill Miller: Scouting  
 Rick Herrera: Scholarship

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:  
 Tom Hartin: CVD  
 Paul Stein :Law Enforcement & Fire Fighter  
 Apprec. Dinner  
 CHRISTMAS TREE LOT: Ben Reiger-chair  
 Herb Jellander & Eddie Rice -co.chairs

**HONOREES**

ELK OF THE YEAR- Sally Claunch, PER  
 OFFICER OF THE YEAR- Carl Lanterman  
 MEMBERS OF THE YEAR- Gerry Gillies, Dan  
 Martyn

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### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Dick Hejlik-1	Alvin Caddin-16
Vernon Jossy-5	Robert Koeritz-19
Peter Padilla-5	Penny Flanagan-21
David Anderson-6	Kenneth Keeler (Past Elk of the Year)- 22
Lee Tagliamonti-6	David Maddox-22
George Vivlamore-6	David Stull-23
Tom Baldrige-7	Pamela Perrenoud-24
Thomas Fay-7	Steve Woodlief-24
Barbra Metzgs-7	Thomas Varden-25
Earl Walthall-7	Ron Watkins-26
Herb Jellander (Past Elk of the Year)-10	Michael Murray-27
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March 21st Capsule Drawing Chet Kozlowski Not Present  
Lucky 13 Richard Goldner no winner

March 7th Capsule Drawing Vern Jossy Not Present  
Lucky 13 Robert Jones no winner.

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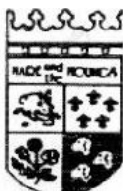
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**\*Trustees meet the second Wed. at 6 p.m.**  
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**Come for dinner and stay for the meetings.**

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1973-74 Erle Pittman, PDDGER	1999-00 Richard Goldner, PDDGER
1974-75 *Richard Flake	2000-01 Jacob Panczak
1975-76 Bill Wagner	2001-02 John D'Ambrogio
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