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Leo Rodriguez

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OLD FASHION BALL IN THE..



OCTOBER 20TH



\$20 per person

6 pm social hour

7 pm prime rib/salmon dinner
by Tom Ryder & Crew

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all proceeds support Christmas Cheer Program
music- dancing- fun



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Let me start with an update on the renovations, as I know many of our members want to be informed as to what is happening. For the ante room the committee chairman is Tom Hartin. Tom is looking into what we will be putting on the walls such as plaques, photos, etc. We have also finished the remodel of the Badge Room. We are now able to use it for additional storage with added shelving, a janitorial area, a sink and room for supplies. This will enable us to modify the kitchen area by enlarging the pantry which will give us better control and securing of our inventory and supplies.

On the outside, the fencing area around the picnic tables has been completed. I would like to thank Tom Ryder, Bill Sternberg, Rick Herrera and Terry Baker for the time and effort they put into making this possible. This will enable us more room for activities and an added appeal for members and for private party rentals of our Lodge. I encourage all of our members to attend the monthly House Committee meetings which will not only keep you apprised of our continuing renovation plans, but also give you the opportunity to voice your ideas and suggestions for future improvements to our Lodge.

Saturday August 4th was the State President's Visitation held at the Lompoc Lodge. Friday night there was an informal dinner held at the Oceano Lodge giving us the opportunity to meet Art Echternacht and his First Lady Shirley. It was a wonderful evening having dinner and socializing with many of the members of different Lodges in our district along with members from other Lodges as well. We then had lunch at the San Luis Obispo Lodge for the Echternacht's before heading to the Lompoc Lodge for the Visitation and dinner hosted by Vice President Bob Schrum and his First Lady Gisela.

After dinner Art Echternacht spoke about his goals for this year and focus was on new membership and the retention of the new members as well as the old. There are many plans and ideas to make this growth in our Order and there will be visits from the State Membership Committee Chairman to work with the Lodges to achieve these goals. Let's get to work and bring your ideas as proud members of the Thousand Oaks Lodge to bring in new members and show them the great work we do encouraging them to become active and participating Elks like the members that our Lodge is proud to be...



LEADING KNIGHT

Terry Baker



It's that time of year again. This time I'm handling the Christmas Basket program. By now you all have received the tickets for the beautiful basket raffle. Many of you have already sent your half in, and I appreciate the quick response. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Charity Ball on Saturday October 20th. Tickets for the Dinner and Ball are available behind the bar \$20.00 pp. Tom Ryder will be the lead in preparing his ever famous Prime Rib dinner.

I don't know who he has to help, but the Elks never let another member down. I'm sure he'll have a great crew. The Charity Basket Program or "Christmas Cheer Program" as it's called on the Indoctrination tape has been a staple of this lodge for as long as the lodge has been in existence.

We receive names from Catholic Charities, Manna, Senior Concerns and many church organizations that know of members of our community that may need help this year. We provide two weeks of staples plus a turkey or ham dinner with all the goodies that go on with a feast like that. The Elk Ladies organization collects toys and wraps them. PER, Don Ansell has toys left over from Easter that get donated. Manna donates toys to us. (On a side note Mike Mathews from Manna is retiring this year and has applied for membership in our lodge.)

The money we use for this is raised by member donations and ticket sales. So to get involved is to buy a ticket. and Dave Pearson puts together shopping list with the information I provide him and the crew goes shopping. Tom Hartin a Veteran gets us on base at Point Mugu he goes and picks up the food at the commissary. They put it on a pallet, shrink wrap it and load it in our truck. Once back at the lodge Tommy Claunch fires up the "GREEN Machine" (it starts every time) and unloads it from the truck through the double doors and our members unload it to tables that run down the center of the room. We then have tables all around the perimeter of the lodge room(by the way no meeting that week) The boxes are put together. last year Robert Koeritz donated the boxes . Filling boxes with food, peasants, dairy products and produce is a major undertaking. Then on the Saturday before Christmas the lodge arrives to personally deliver to each family. Tom Ryder maps out the families on map quest.

The amount varies. I've seen from 75-125. Last year we had an apartment complex of 60 seniors that Jim Porter and new member, Sherry Jones asked UPS if they could borrow a truck and make on huge delivery. They did . It worked. Elks Care-Elks Share. We come back to the lodge where Sally Claunch, PER has sloppy Joes prepared. It is a lot of fun and rewarding. Hope to see you down at the lodge . Look for the signup sheet. I'd like to

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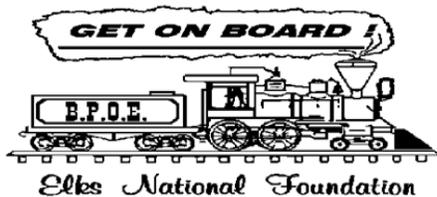
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get an idea of how much help we'll have and how many turkeys we'll have. The turkeys are donated by members because many markets have "buy one get one" and we could use the "get one". If were short we'll need to purchase turkeys. Hope this brings you all up to speed and you are getting excited. I know it's early but now is the time.

Terry Baker
Leading Knight

OCTOBER IS ENF MONTH



In 1928, one man's dream became a reality for all Elks. Then-Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley envisioned a plan that would **"Unite the forces of the Order into a mighty army for the service of mankind"**. During the annual Grand Lodge Convention in Miami that year, Malley's call to service inspired delegates to take action by voting to establish the Elks National Foundation with an initial \$100,000 grant. Today, **the mission** of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We provide tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with a healthy beginning; honor the Elks' pledge to never forget our veterans; help the state Elks associations accomplish their charitable objectives and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities. The Elks National Foundation annually awards **more than \$3.4 million** in scholarships to a total of 508 students, and an additional \$500,000 in emergency educational grants for children of deceased or disabled Elks. Visit the [Elks National Foundation](#) webpage and discover the many programs going on within the organization.

LOYAL KNIGHT

JB Bre



How many times have you heard the saying "If only these walls could talk?" Let's face it we have all heard this a time or two. Our lodge has the ability to have 'talking walls' through the memorabilia we display. Silently they give testimony to all that we have accomplished and to those who have and do serve our lodge. Having recently remodeled the Ante and Lodge rooms brings us to the point of redisplaying what was previous there. A lot of discussions and feelings have been wrung out as to the proper way to continue to promote elkdom through our walls. Please know that I believe we should continue to shine to our community through these displays. We have the opportunity to use our facility to speak to visitors without saying a word. This is why I believe we need to take the time to be sure we have a design before we start pounding into our new walls. We've been around now for forty years and God willing we will be here for hundreds more! Let's support our committee with encouragement for all that they are doing to curate our museum. Let's educate the future generations of what elkdom means to us, our community and our nation.

'Atta Boy' Shout Outs:

- *Meeting Attenders, You guys & girls R-O-C-K!!!
- *Purple Pig Dinner Supporters, Amazing People!
- *Silent Volunteers... you know who you are! (I see those of you who wish not to be recognized doing all those little things that noone else seems to think to do...) God Bless You!
- *Sponsors of new members, without your efforts our lodge would wither and die! (I'm still challenging everyone to sponsor just 1 per year)

And thank you to those who peruse these pages to stay informed and up to date!!!

In Service~jb



Huge Thanks, Kudos and Finger Snaps to Nick Schiele on his generous donation to the Bar-B-Q department of the lodge.



HOSPITALITY CORNER



Our first Marine Corps. League dinner meeting on September 6 was a success, and our guests, along with some of our members, enjoyed an interesting presentation by Lt. Col. Todd Zink. My thanks to Chef Ed Bianchi, Mike White, Gregg Miraglia and Karen Martyn for their work in the kitchen. Kudos to Jerry Feldman, who worked on getting the Marines to our Lodge. Without Jerry's efforts, the Lodge would not have the opportunity to host the Marines. We are hoping to continue to host meetings for the Marine Corps. League, which has already booked us for their Christmas dinner meeting.

October promises to be another event filled month at the Lodge, featuring John Moran's pork chop dinner on Friday, October 5, Cook Your Own Steak Night by Terry and JB on Friday, October 12, the last fish fry of the year on Friday, October 19, and a special Friday night dinner by Jim Moye and Ed Bianchi on Friday, October 26. Check the calendar for all meal and event schedules.

On Saturday, October 13, the 4th annual veteran's benefit bus trip will take place. This is a joint event with the Simi Lodge, hosted by Heather and Ted Poliskey. We will be visiting three lodges on our day trip which, including lunch, dinner and beverages on the bus, costs \$50 per person. Sign up at the bar. The major event in October is our annual Charity Ball on Saturday, October 20. See the flyer for more details.

Finally, I end each article the same way – WE NEED VOLUNTEERS. See any officer if you have an interest in helping out with the kitchen, barbeque, facilities or elsewhere.

Dan Martyn, Chair
Hospitality Committee

Members:

David Nacarrato
Jim Moye
Brooke Okray
JB Bre
Terry Baker

MILITARY HISTORY



Flying initially with the American Volunteer Group in China, better known as the Flying Tigers, Gregory Boyington would go on to command the famed Marine Corps squadron VMF-214, also known as the Black Sheep Squadron. Operating in forward positions over hostile territory, the Black Sheep proved to be a formidable flying force during their tour in late 1943 and early 1944. Boyington led the squadron with devastating results to the enemy and ended up one of the top American "ace" pilots of World War II. For his heroism leading the Black Sheep, he was awarded the Medal of Honor.

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October 7, 1991 – Operation Enduring Freedom
October 9, 1950 – Invasion of North Korea
October 25, 1983 – Operation Urgent Fury (Grenada)
October 13th – U.S. Navy Established
October 27th – Navy Day – a mistake that the Navy still holds onto – the Navy first began celebrating its birthday on October 27th. Though later study showed its birth on October 13th, the navy still celebrates on the 27th with its Head of the Skuyllkill regatta.

The U.S. Navy had its beginnings in the spring of 1775, but was actually formed on October 13, 1775 when the Continental Congress sent out two ships to intercept British arms shipments. Today's Department of the Navy was formed on April 30, 1798. The Constitution of the United States, ratified in 1789, empowered Congress "to provide and maintain a Navy." In the year 1794 Congress first acted on that power, in response to international crises, by authorizing the procuring and manning of six frigates. Happy Birthday Sailors.

Not much to report for veterans during the past month; bingo at Sepulveda was a success with five elks visiting 25 residents. Karaoke at the CalVet Home was less successful, with much illness – only about 6 to 8 residents. But, they had fun with as many volunteers, including our special guest, Marlene Nord. Robert Jones has not missed a day in 2-1/2 years.

Thank you Robert.

On September 22nd, JB has arranged to have the Ventura Standdown crew to visit our lodge from 5 to 8 for snacks and socializing after a brief "how can we do it better?" meeting. Come, visit those who have made the Standdown such a success; maybe show your appreciation with more donations for next year's event?

Remember, the Vets Bingo at Sepulveda V.A. Friday Oct. 5th; meet at the lodge at 11:30.
Remember, the Karaoke at CalVet Home-Ventura Thursday Oct. 25th at 6:00.

Veteran of the month – Bill Sternberg – USN



COMING ATTRACTIONS



Sept. 30/Oct. 2-Bus Trip to Laughlin

Oct. 17-DDGER Visit to our Lodge

Oct. 20-Charity Baskets Fundraiser

ENTERTAINMENT



OCTOBER 5- Spare parts

OCTOBER12-Open juke Box

OCTOBER19- Bingo with Power Dave

OCTOBER26- Pier 101

****Bingo Friday October 19th****

Why we play Bingo? People have a varied number of reasons. Most popular is the fact that it's just plain fun. It's simple luck and no strategy is involved in winning. But you can't win if you don't play. We will be having a Bingo game Friday night after Fish Fry on October 19Th. We will be playing 1 to 10 games depending on how many players. Pay outs will be \$20.00 and up again depending on how many players. Come on down for fish and stay for fun and games. Can't win if you don't play. A pack of 10 games is \$10.00 that's \$1.00 per game. (and our schools win to) No wait that's the lottery.(Our charities win to) This time is youth Activities. Our yearly Hoop Shoot is coming up. We need trophies and a secure location. When the date is set I'll need volunteers for scoring. Will keep you informed.

Thanks David Naccarato PER
Bingo/ Hoop Shoot Chair.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Coleen Morris
805-241-8928

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: Sherri Jones and family on the passing of her brother

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Our Armed Forces and their families who keep us free; Rick Flittner; Bob Wyman; Kathy Ryder; Angie Prizzi

ON THE MEND: Bill Sternberg from heart surgery; Rick Herrera from surgery

THIS HAS BUGGED ME- ANSWER

I want to thank the three who took a chance to answer my mathematical question that has been haunting me my whole life. First one to answer is a retired math teacher who expressed his thanks for making him use his brain again. 2ND was Beverly Erickson and our chairman of the board Carl Lanterman. All their answers were the same so I guess I have to accept it. Thanks for playing. David



David Naccarato, PER



Another great two day event that took four days to pull off. Now let me set the tone here 100 degrees and an asphalt tarmac. It's Friday day 1 and the crew arrives in the morning to load up. Just because it's early they did not escape the heat. The trucks are loaded and off they go the Camarillo Airport. They set the Streaker Dog wagon into position and arrange the inside, stack the fire wood, set up hand washing stations and set up drink stations tables and chairs. All this is done at 105 degrees. Oh, but this is fun. Now forward to Saturday morning, day 2. By 10am it's 99 degrees and what does Jim Mullen do? (he's a retired fire captain by the way) he pours diesel on the oak and sets it afire. I know it's because he put out fires his whole life now he can start a few. As the day went on the aroma filtered through the crowd we got real busy at our off site Bar-B-Q. Ed Rice our chairman put together a rigid team. What better way to spend your Saturday. Sure it was hot, sure the flames were six feet high and your tennis shoes were melting to the asphalt but you're with Elk brothers and sisters for the good of our community. We were there swapping stories and talking with others. Out of the west a squadron of T-6s in tight formation fly over head and two flying wings 10 feet off the runway doing mach 1 and pull up to a rocket maneuver. There were acrobatics going on and the Fire Department had their helicopter on display. Tom Hartin goes over and puts our Elks logo on it. We got a picture for the magazine. Good times. We had Ben Rieger on staff with Ed Rice at all positions. Jim Mullen and PER, Richard Goldner was on BBQ Louis Reis on slicing. Tom Hartin broke in new members Bill Golubic and Tim Newman. Now let me stop here for a moment. On Saturday Tim was outside earning his stripes even took over the bread when Johnny D Ambrogio, PER took a break. Johnny D is our bread man. Now on Sunday I hear Tim was nowhere to be found. But I learned Tim learned real quick. He was up in the Streakier Dog wagon with Christine Harrison and Faye Stevens working as a runner and making lemonade. Tim tells me his Mom didn't raise no fool. Two words- air conditioning in the wagon. Again Terry Gicking was my legs as I was in charge of drinks. Rick Herrera came by to lend a hand along with Bill Aubry and of course Bill McIntyre was on hand to take care of the customers of the female persuasion. Now all our pilots who are on Bar-B-Q teams were across the freeway at a party at an estate of a friend that overlooks

the airport. But Sunday, Day 3 the pilots were there to share their insights. Gerry Gillies, Alan Hardie, Dave Anderson and Dwight Williams braved the hot weather and worked hard. I missed that day but Dan Martyn took my place. Now what a better way to spend a weekend. You're around a Bar-B-Q with your fellow members telling lies. Sure it's 100 degrees but soon out of the east P-51 appears followed by a B-17 bomber, real cool. Now I broke a rule of naming names because you always forget someone. I was not there on Sunday and if I left you off please forgive me. I can always print a retraction

PURPLE PIG DINNER



Terry Gicking and JB Bre took a dark night (5th Wednesday of the month) and put on a pulled pork dinner for our Major Project. The other lodges in our district are holding their own Major Project dinners. Our Major Project is nicknamed the Purple Pig which is why you received one when you became a member. Now to have a pulled pork dinner in our pig's honor to me seemed wrong. BUT HOMERUN, GOODBYE MR. SPALDING. Total raised that night \$1,156.97, plus a huge bar business. Our new bartender Katie did a fabulous job keeping you all that attended from going thirsty.

I can't say that Terry's motivation is that he is district chairman but whatever works. He's making my job as lodge chairman easy. I just sit back and count the money (or stack the coins). Now we had three Purple Pigs turned in who did get dinner at 1/2 price, however there was no name on the pig. Therefore your name was not in the honor roll. Let me know who you are and I'll add it next month. I still have bags of coins to roll and get turned in so the total numbers for the evening will be even higher. JB did a great job with the food. The pork was fork tender. The beans were spiced just right and the Texas toast that was toasted by Christine Harrison was toasted so tenderly and even across the face of the bread. I remember Christine when she burned water. Many thanks to Terry, JB, Christine and all who participated in the dinner. Buying a dinner is giving back. You have to eat. The human body requires it. Eat here and help the lodge



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Angela Porter Sponsored by Dan Martyn



Sherri Jones sponsored by Coleen Morris

More Lodge Improvements – Picnic Area Enclosure

Great Job! Thank you Tom Ryder, Bill Sternberg and crew.



NAMES ON A WALL

Last month I took my two sons to visit the 9/11 memorial at the World Trade Center site in lower Manhattan. I had made many trips to the towers. Years ago between classes, Joe, my friend and study group member, and I would frequently walk to the Galway Bay, where we would enjoy cheap cold beer and NYC Irish bar style steam table sandwiches before heading back out on West Broadway, where on a cold day the wind funneling through the twin towers off the bay would chill you to the bone.

Joe was one of the nicest people you could know and loved dining and cooking, and we would frequent Little Italy and Chinatown. I remember the time we promised each other we would not discuss the bar exam after taking it, and instead had a few beers near Times Square and resisted the urge to ask each other how we thought we did.

Joe started a new job at the World Trade Center the first week of September, 2001. Until I received a notice from my school, I did not know that Joe had been killed on 9/11, along with several other alumni. I was in New York City for my brother's wedding a couple of weeks after 9/11, and I asked the priest about the list of 30 names on the wall in the vestibule. He told me that those 30 parishioners were missing at the World Trade Center, and that there were over 200 names on the wall at the adjoining parish.

And so I went to the 9/11 memorial to pay my respects. I found Joe's name in the black granite surrounding the footprint of the North Tower, showed it to my sons and asked them to take a picture of it. As strange as this may sound, my thought when I touched Joe's name was that I hope he did not suffer.

Some time ago I took my children to the traveling Vietnam Memorial and showed them George's name, a neighborhood kid who got into some trouble in 1968 and wound up with his name on the wall. We have names on the wall at the Thousand Oaks Library and on a monument at Westlake Blvd. and Triunfo Canyon Rd.

So what's the point? I think we should never let those words become just names on a wall. They represent the ultimate sacrifice that so many have made; some while defending our country, and some for just being Americans. It is often said that the price of freedom is high, and it is important that we make sure our children and grandchildren understand the sacrifices so many have made. When you take your kids or grandkids to Hawaii, take them to the Punchbowl Cemetery, or to the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial. If you take them to Washington, D.C., take them to the Vietnam Memorial. Show them the names on the wall.

Dan Martyn



WE GET LETTERS

Members of the Elks Lodge I can not tell you how appreciative I am to you all for the lovely flag ceremony and the retirement of my brothers coffin flag. His death was so long ago but it is very often in my mind. So your thoughtful and meaningful Patriotic ceremony was to me a final salute to Lt. Colver Waller. I know my family is very grateful to you also. Thank you so very much, and also many thanks to the Boy Scouts
Sara Waller Kinsell

Brothers I wish to take this opportunity to thank all involved in the Bar-B-Q appreciation dinner. The dinner prepared by Chef Boyd was absolutely fabulous. His two up and coming sous-chefs, Dan Martyn(don't give up your day job just yet) and Ed Bianchi, did yeoman's work. This cadre was supported by several young ladies who attended to all our dining needs.

Not only did Boyd present an extraordinary meal, but the sincerity of his personal statement of thanks, following the dinner, was very much appreciated by the members of the Bar-B-Q teams.

And lastly, Sally Claunch with her never ending energy is an example for all. She made a great dinner, OUT-STANDING. Her gifts, slide show and humor were over the bar. Thanks, Sincerely
Jim Mullen

Attention Exalted Ruler

I wanted to share with you the beginning part of our family July vacation this year that could have been a disaster and instead it turned out to be a great time. This is all in thanks to Dave in the office who helped out a fellow member in need. I was on vacation with my family driving from Torrance headed to Lake Casitas with my trailer in tow looking for a relaxing time. One hour into our trip I was making good time on the freeway. No traffic and no worries when another vehicle pulled up next to us and honked. The man yelled "you have to pull over". He pointed at something and then sped away. Well I looked at my wife and said I guess we better pull over and look for a problem. Once stopped on the freeway shoulder I got out and walked around my truck and trailer and could not find anything. So I crawled underneath my trailer and there it was a busted and now missing leaf spring. When I got back up and looked at the trailer I realized that it was leaning toward the side of the missing leaf spring. What a way to start a vacation. I was thinking our vacation was over. I could continue to tow the trailer but not very far and we took the next off ramp and pulled

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Simi Valley Thousand Oaks Elks •

4th Annual Bus Trip

This year we will be visiting Three~ Elks Lodges

Santa Ana Elks #794

Garden Grove Elks #1952

Fullerton Elks #1993

Saturday, October 13, 2012

\$50.00 per person



*Includes: Bus Transportation along with Entertainment
Beer & Wine ,Appetizers/Lunch & Dinner*

Plus lots & lots of FUN with FRIENDS! I •

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PAYMENT DUE BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5th

This is a FUNDRAISER for our Veterans Program

Any questions please call your *BUS HQSTS*:

Ted Poliskey @ (805) 304 0891

Heather Poliskey @ (805) 657-4950

or see Dan Martyn *thank you*



Your Lodge Serving Our Community

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

Your Lodge Serving Our Community

Our Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge i hosted The President Ronald Reagan MCL Detachment 597 for a special dinner meeting to introduce the community to the services offered by the Detachment in our Conejo Valley area. Presently they meet in Simi valley and on occasion have offered their Color Guard for "The Elks/Marine BBQ for Toys 4 Tots, Honor Guard for deceased veterans, Present our Colors for special occasions exemplified by our Veterans Day Brunch and last years Elks Easter Party for the children.

As a Life Member of the MCL and a Proud Member of the T.O. Elks I have I have come across many military, especially Marine and Navy Corpsman Veteran's in our area who are not familiar with the MCL and their services being in Simi Valley only. The potential for recruitment and benefit to both organizations is a plus, plus since we both funnel through some of the same goals as a Fraternal Organization and Military Organization; Community Service, Needy Families, Underprivileged Children and our ongoing support of our veterans.

I presented this proposal to both our T.O. Elks Lodge and the MCL as an event to bring us together and bring some of their dinner meetings on our side of the hill.

Our T.O. Elks Lodge supports our senior veterans every month with visitations to the VAMC Sepulveda and Veterans Retirement Home in Saticoy. We would like to have some members of the MCL join us.

: Jerry Feldman A Proud Elk and Life Member of the MCL

Remember The Wounded Ride.

Our Bar-B-Q can now add another item to their long resume' ...Public Relations. Scot King From Portland Lodge #142 has been riding his bicycle across the country to bring awareness to our wounded Veterans and their families. The Government does take good care of our wounded but two months after being home and coping sets in they fall between the cracks. Scot has been an active Marine 1986-1990. Once a Marine always a Marine. The Elk lodges on Scot's route feed him and put him up for the night. We had a week notice if his visit here. Not allot of time to plan but once he arrived I introduced him to the Bar-B-Q crew they made him feel right at home. Max Maxwell put together a care package that he took back to his hotel room. I met him for breakfast the next morning and he was on his way to Ventura Elks, Santa Barbara and on to Santa Maria. Scot stops at all state capitals to receive a state flag. Scot is due to finish his ride on September 28 2012. For more information on Scot and his cause or how to donate check out <http://rtwr.org/scotsRide.php>. Scot has logged over 10,000 miles so far. he is on the last leg of his journey

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over. My wife handed our son our smart phone and told him to find the closest Elks Lodge. At least we would have a place to spend the night and try to figure out what to do next. As luck would have it your Elks Lodge was half a mile away. We are members of Redondo Beach Lodge, and we went to your lodge office and there was your Secretary Dave. We told him our story and he rolled out to look at our trailer and said he might know of some one who could help. Dave started making phone calls. One after another. No one was answering but Dave just kept on calling people. Finally one called back but could not help. Then some one else called back and gave Dave a lead. David made more phone calls. Finally Dave reached Mike at Conejo Trailer. Mike , the owner said he had the part in stock and for us to call him in an hour and maybe he could get us in. Not only did David find us a place that could fix our trailer, it was only a half mile away from your lodge. We waited in your lounge and Mike at Conejo Trailer did get us into his shop. We were in and out of his shop in an hour and we were back on the road and made Lake Casitas that same day before dark and our vacation turned out great. All of this because Dave who took the time to help us and guide us on our way. Now I am sure you already know the Dave is a great guy but I want you to know he's the best. With out his help who knows how our vacation would have turned out.

Sincerely,

Douglas and Karla Leeds

Redondo Beach Lodge #1378



AUGUST – SANTA MARIA ELKS

History was made at this campout - I WAS THE FIRST TO ARRIVE! In the something like 15 years of going with this group, this has never happened.

Jim and Kathy Moye were the next, I think Sue Osgood came next, then I lost track!

Jessica Stull had told me once, at least what happens at a campout – stays at the campout. I never quite understood – until now. If you want to know, ask David about his visits to a doctor with a specialty.

It was great to see Jane Watson, the she and Jim began talking about work experiences they had shared. I've mentioned on several occasions, the poker players speak a language I can't understand – they aren't the only ones. I generally do not consider myself stupid – but man oh man, I was completely out of that conversation, having to ask what things like OC means. When I was flying, it meant Off Course.

Thursday night the group went to Jocko's, typical whenever it's within reasonable driving distance. Jane Watson was the only Jocko's virgin LOL! As usual, the food was outrageously good. Most of us went home with a doggie bag, I did on purpose because I get at least one more, if not two from one order.

Friday a group of us headed into the Lodge to check out their "chairs".

Interestingly – they have ones exactly like a few of the chairs we have. The general consensus of opinion is that the folding chairs pre-viewed are not should a child stand on the back side of the seat – the chair could collapse, trapping the child in the collapsed chair.

Friday night it was cook your own steak – or fish as the case may be. Jane

And selected fish. We had just had beef the night before so that was our very good choice and by looking a bit confused, one of the members came to our rescue.

The fish was excellent. The guys who manage the b-b-q area are terrific, very Helpful!

Jim Moye was all set up cooking their contribution for Saturday brunch. I had a

Ham steak and he was very gracious, since he was cooking already – by throwing my ham on his skillet. Thanks Jim!
 Jane had intended to leave Saturday, but due to a few mimosas decided that just perhaps Sunday would be soon enough.
 Jim and Kathy had been to a winery just up the road a ways, Jane considered this a more acceptable way to start sampling vino a little earlier in the day, that sitting around camp – go figure.
 There was a glitz on our flyer- said nothing about potluck dinner Saturday night, at least none that I saw – so there was a bit of a scramble to figure out what to fix.
 Sunday Moye, Watson and Stulls pulled out, leaving Sue Osgood, the Ericksons and I hung around till Monday. Driving through Santa Barbara on Sunday is just not one our agenda.
 We met a nice couple, Gary and Pat (another Pat, imagine that?) Kauk from Newton, KS. They were there attempting to deal with her brother's health issues. Oh my, the stories they had to tell. Thoroughly enjoyed this couple, which just goes to show, at least in my book, no matter how many of our own group is there, you still have an opportunity to meet people from other areas who are very nice and extremely interesting.
 Now here's a funny, well maybe a bit more. Monday morning, Sue, the Ericksons and I pulled out within minutes of each other. Sue had said that she didn't drive very fast – could prove that by us. We were doing 55 to 60 and Sue flew by us as if we had anchors tied to our back bumpers!
 Safe traveling Sue!
IDONOTKNOWHOWORWHYMYCOMPUTERGOESSTUPID!
I'MGOINGALONGJUSTFINETHENTHINGSTOWONKY. SOMETIMESI absoluteHATEWORD!

UPCOMING KAMPOUTS



October 12/13-Santa Barbara Elks
 November 9/10- Kenney Grove
 December 9-Brunch-Junkyard Restaurant

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Dear Elks Ladies:

Another month has gone by as well as most of the summer. We hope that everyone had a great and safe summer.

Soon it will be autumn and it will be a busy time for the Lodge, in addition to all the events that go on as usual during the year. The Lodge Picnic should be this month and next month will be the Charity Ball. Now is the time to get more active or to begin to be an active participant in the Ladies organization. It is suggested that new people join the ranks of helpers. If any of you still want to serve Sunday morning breakfasts, now is the time to step forward.

At the last ladies meeting, the Ladies voted to discontinue breakfasts as those who have been doing this for many years are no longer able to continue. This is the reason that we are encouraging the new members to pick up the slack and join the functions of the Elks Ladies. You will find that the once a month commitment is really fun, and you get to meet the members.

Cornelia, the Ladies President, would be willing to be part of the crew for the Sunday morning breakfast, if we can get enough of other volunteers. Please consider this for the good of the entire Lodge and it is a great way to meet the members. As members our duty is not just to pay our dues, but to be available for active participation.

Take care and god bless,
Melinda Pekow

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Rena Dyer-7
Deanna Savokinas-12
Charlotte Gessler-22
Betty Vega-25
June Leadam-27
Sarah Ely-29



OUR PATIENCE WILL BE REWARDED

YOU ALWAYS WANT THE BEST FOR US,
SOMETIMES THAT MEANS UNANSWERED PRAYERS.
AND AS OUR LOVING FATHER,
YOU'RE MINDFUL OF THE WORLDLY SNARES.

YOU SEE THINGS THAT WE'D NEVER SEE,
ALL PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED WHEN YOU CHOOSE,
OUR PATIENCE WILL BE REWARDED GOD,
AND FAITH IN YOU, WE'LL NEVER LOSE.

AMEN

RELYING ON THE LORD



HAVE YOU HAD A DELEMMA?
TWO CHOICES NOT SO FAR APART,
WHATEVER IS DECIDED,
THE OUTCOME COULD BREAK SOMEONES HEART.

ONCE MORE, HAVE WE FORGOTTEN?
GOD, IT'S ABOUT OUR TRUST IN YOU,
TO PRAY TO YOU FOR ANSWERS,
LESS WORRY, MORE PRAYER, IS WHAT WE'LL DO.

AMEN

Eula McKee's-new address

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 Lodge Picnic:

2012-13 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Lecturing Knight

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Leo Rodriquez
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 Rick Herrera: Scholarship

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
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 Apprec. Dinner
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HONOREES

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Margaret Dann-1 | Clifford Jones-16 |
| Irving Koeritz-1 | Christopher Vrakelos-16 |
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- Plastic cups
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OCTOBER 3, 2012

Terry Baker proposes George Gomes Da Cost occupation
property manager

Billy Sternberg proposes Allen Zatkin Dentist retired

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August 1st capsule drawing Kirk Keeler not present-
Lucky 13 Wilson Dyer Face Card

August 15th capsule drawing Penny Flanagan not
present-

Lucky 13 Karin Speights no winner

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