



Exalted Ruler  
Steve Smith

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## Elks Ladies Present Father's Day Champagne Brunch June 19<sup>th</sup> 10am - 1pm

Adults \$10

Children under 11 \$5



### Menu:

Juice, Eggs ala Myrna, Bacon, Sausage, Potatoes,  
Scrambled Eggs, Cheese Blintzes, Strawberries &  
Cream Cheese, Pastries



## EXALTED RULER

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Hello everyone. Let me begin by congratulating Eddie Rice on the successful chili cook-off and Conejo Valley Days events. He spearheaded a series of events unprecedented in years gone by. He led a cadre of volunteers who provided an outstanding service to the CVD attendees and represented our Lodge to the community with pride and honor.

I want to also congratulate Kira Wagner, your Loyal Knight, Grant Thistle, your Lodge Esquire, and Rick Eddy, your Chaplin on their performances during Ritual Competition hosted by your lodge at the Westlake Hyatt hotel. Each received third place awards in their category.

Providing a service to our public within the Thousand Oaks community is something we do with devotion to our fellow Americans and neighbors. The way we go about performing these functions is something we must do in conformity with the Constitution of our Order and Grand Lodge Statutes. I would like to take this opportunity to refresh your memory as to the Constitution and statutes that pertain to the way we perform our functions as members of Thousand Oaks Lodge number 2477.

### Grand Lodge Constitution and Statute References Concerning Handling of Funds Derived from Breakfasts, Dinners and Other Events

#### Opinion 7 under Article 3, Section 18 of the Constitution of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks reads:

An Elks Glee Club, recreational vehicle club, motorcycle club or like entity can only function under a committee appointed and controlled by the Lodge. All members must be Elks and *all receipts be for the benefit of the Lodge and be turned over to the Lodge treasurer.* (underlined and italicized by me).

#### Section 12.060 Opinion 2 of Grand Lodge Statutes reads:

*Funds derived from dining room, bar and other services are Lodge funds* (underlined and italicized by me). The Lodge Treasurer is Treasurer for all committees, and shall handle all Lodge funds and pay all bills on vouchers approved by the Exalted Ruler and the Secretary.

Lastly, let me remind you of a couple of other commitments made by yours truly. My oath of office as your Exalted Ruler:

“In the presence of God and this Lodge of Elks, I solemnly promise and swear to conform with and maintain the Constitution, Statues, Rules and Regulations of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the By-Law of Thousand Oaks

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## LEADING KNIGHT

Leo Rodriguez



Let me start out by saying that the Ritual Competition for this year is now over. As you know by now, our lodge hosted the competition this year and we had 9 of the 12 lodges in our District come to Thousand Oaks to compete. Our Officer Corp. this year worked very hard and put in many hours practicing for ritual. Our Chaplain, Rick Eddy took 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Esquire, Grant Thistle took 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Loyal Knight, Kira Wagner took 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Overall, the entire team as a whole gave an outstanding performance.

At this time, Conejo Valley Days has just begun. If the Chili Cook Off is any indication of what to expect from the Barbeque Crew - “Streaker Dog”, we are in for an exceptional and profitable year. I’d like to give a big Thank you to Ed Rice, and all those of you who volunteered your time, working so hard to make this event a success, without all of you, this couldn’t be done. In addition to the BBQ, we also had a Public Relations booth, Special Kids Day and our Elks Ladies covered the gates. Our participation in events such as Conejo Valley Days really shows what Elks do for the Community.

I have already begun to do some fun raffles and 50/50’s, generating donations for the Christmas Baskets, Charity Ball, the Ladies Bathroom project and our other charities. We are planning a terrific, fun filled party this year for the Charity Ball and we need all of our members to come out and have a great time. The money that we make from the Charity Ball helps towards the Christmas Baskets we do every year, and for any of you that have been a part of the Christmas Basket process, you know that making this project materialize takes a lot of money, donations and hard work. It is the people of this Lodge that continue to realize the good work and charity we extend in our community to those in need, and less fortunate than we are. Let’s continue to keep up the hard work and efforts that make this gift of giving a reality.

Finally, I would like to mention, that as your Leading Knight this year, Sickness and Distress falls under my Chair. If you know of anyone who is ill, recovering, on the mend or anything else that you feel falls into this category, please contact me at 805-338-3195 so that we are able to notify our members during the Wednesday night meetings. Cards and phone calls are always appreciated! And always remember that reports of Sickness and Distress are always in order.



Remember Manna  
Collection Bins in Lounge



**LOYAL KNIGHT**  
**Kira Wagner**



A short note this month as we move into summer and enjoy the beautiful weather here in the Conejo Valley!

There are two events coming in the month of June that I would like to encourage your support. The first is Flag Day headed up by Bill Sternberg. While it is officially celebrated on June 14, we will be having a wonderful service on June 12. Beginning at 1 PM the event will include the flag recognition with our local Boy Scouts on hand to present the flags in a historical pageant. In addition to the pageantry there will be music as well as a flag retirement ceremony. After the main event you'll be treated to an Ice Cream Social put on by Jeri Miller and crew. Regardless of whether you've been present at one of these services before, the majesty and patriotism of the day will definitely inspire you!

Then, on June 25th the CatDave Productions returns with The Butt Stops Here Legends in Concert Series. Dinner will be served at 6 PM and the show will be presented at 7. With the talent we have among our lodge members, this is an event to be sure to attend! Additionally, the proceeds from the show will be supporting the upgrade / modification of the ladies restroom.

To stay up-to-date with events on a weekly basis be sure to send me an email at kira@kirawagner.com and I look forward to seeing you at the lodge!



**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”**

*John Tapking*

*Patrick Hartin*

Born: March 1, 1923  
Initiated: October 26, 1994  
Died: April 30, 2011

Born: November 26, 1959  
Initiated: March 25, 1998  
Died: May 11, 2011



**LECTURING KNIGHT**  
**Paul Wagner**



What Technology Means for the Lodge.

For years, Elks have stayed connected through thick and thin using the telephone and the monthly publication (Anter Antics). These both are technical forms of communication I'm sure everyone has embraced.

Our society's technology is evolving at exponential speed. Computers themselves are evolving so quickly that by 2020 a single computer will be in our price range that will have as much information on it as you and I have in our noodles now (Google the words "the singularity").

So what does that mean for our lodge?

It means that, as a group, if we harness the technology that is so rapidly evolving here and now, we can avoid the miscommunications and manual efforts that plague us now and drag us into scraping the soil for our progress. Forgotten meetings, inadequate or incomplete planning, lost documents, telephone tag, lost or late resources—can all be turned into timely, calm, and complete meetings, instant access to members and member sets, projects where everyone on a team knows what they are supposed to do, and where they are supposed to be, and when.

Everyone knows how power tools can get a job done so much faster than hand tools. Who would WANT to use a handsaw or hand drill when power saws and power drills are just so damn cheap and fast!

The same analogy is true of technology, and especially true now of computers. Why spend time organizing an event and then hours calling everyone to see if they can attend when you could simply jump on a computer and get the hands you need in 5 minutes or less? Yes, this is where technology is now. I don't prefer a horse and buggy, do you?

Here's a real example: Kira just called me to say she left a schedule on the printer. I took a camera shot of it from my iPhone and text-messaged the picture to her phone—it took less than a minute total. Can you think of any way faster to get a communication job done?

So, I propose, then, that we, as a lodge, embrace technology and incorporate it when it makes sense and use what we can of it to help us make Lodge #2477 more attractive to

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Lodge Number 2477; to practice the virtues of Charity, Justice and Brotherly Love, and with Fidelity to perform the duties of the office for which I have been chosen to the best of my ability.”

Also an excerpt from my obligation, identical to yours, “...I will support the Constitution and obey the statutes, rules and regulations of the Order, and the By-Laws of Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477...”

And finally, **GLS Section 12.020** The Exalted Ruler is the Executive Officer of the Lodge and shall: **subsection f.** Enforce the Laws of the Order.

My Brothers and Sisters I take my oath and obligation to *all* members of our lodge seriously. Any action I take is taken with my commitment to *all* members and the good of the lodge in mind.

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younger people who are already savvy to the new technologies and would expect it from a unified and interconnected organization. I am, of course, assuming we want new members, right?

The technology is here, and the technology is now. Let's jump on-board. P.S. Do we have your email?

**David Naccarato, PER**

We have started a new Elk year and our new Lodge officers have now assumed their duties and need your support. DUES. If you haven't paid your dues yet, you are now delinquent and, by Grand Lodge Statutes, are not eligible to come into the Lodge. It behooves you to get your dues paid so you can enjoy your Lodge. We will start posting a delinquent dues list in June and I hope it's a short list or no list. Also in May is the Elks State Convention in Fresno. Reminder to all Committee Chairman and any other member who leads an Elk event. I need a report from you on how many elks attended, How many non-elks attended, hours involved, miles traveled, monetary gains(non-cash) and cash donated. I need this information to complete the Lodge Charity report to the Grand Lodge. This report is used to justify our non-profit status.

Why is the third hand on a watch called the second hand?

Why do tug boats push?

Why is it called after dark when it's really after light?

I remember as a kid I went to the market with my Mom. We brought our poodle who was asleep in the back seat. Mom cracked the windows but when she slammed the door the dog woke up. She turned and yelled “STAY “Stay”. A guy waiting in another car parked yelled out WHY DON'T YOU JUST PUT IT IN PARK.

**Special Kids Day at the 2011 Conejo Valley Days**

Conejo Valley Days are over for this year and it is time to recognize what our Family of Elks have done for the “Special Kids Day” for this year and at least the last 12 years that Shirley and I have been involved. Zonta Club tells us how many kids they expect and we do our thing and no questions asked.

In attendance were 250 children with Special Needs and Disabilities with an equal amount of volunteers to help them. We served 550 hamburgers and 500 bags of chips.

Donations from the Lady Elks, individual members, and PERs donated the funds for this event and then the Elks provided the volunteers to prepare and serve the lunches and Corinne our Lounge Manager ordered all of the food and made sure we had it when we needed it.

Now it's time to thank all those Elks who pitched in and made this lunch very special. I would guess all of our volunteers would thank me for asking them to help on this special morning. When you've been here and seen these special kids you could only say that but for the Grace of God go I

Preparing the Hamburgers and packing them in containers at the Lodge was Chuck Bush and his crew, i.e. Bob and Fred. Heather Poliskey brought them to the Carnival and from there we took over. Packaging and distributing the Hamburgers, Potato Chips, Popsicles, Cookies, Water and Juices were Jeanne Sandt, Sharon Baker, June and John Leadam, Don and Barbara Booker, Walter and Ann Ogden, and Carol Fredericks and a few unknowns. Shirley Kozlowski directed traffic and made sure the food lines were stocked, her presence insured the quality of our service to those special kids. Ed Rice, Tom Hartin made the Streaker Wagon available to us. Tom Hartin the perpetual and resident volunteer set up the tables and worked wherever he was needed. I just stayed out of their way and watched. Thanks to all of you and we'll see you next year.

Love you all, Shirley and Chet Kozlowski



**Pictured l-r: Shirley Kozlowski, June Leadam, Jeanne Sandt, and Ann Ogden**

**COMING ATTRACTIONS**



- June 3-BBQ Appreciation Dinner
- June 8-State VP Visitation
- June 10-Officers Night at the Races
- June 12-Flag Day/Flag Retirement Ceremony
- June 19-Father's Day Brunch by Elk Ladies
- June 25- Legends in Concert- dinner & show
- June 29-Purple Pig Fundraiser Dinner
  
- July 2-Saturday Night at the Movies
- July 15-ER Going Away Party to Conv.
- July 16- Blood Drive
- July 17/21- Grand Lodge Convention
- July 29/31-ventura County Stand Down
  
- Aug. 20-Car Show & Meet & Greet
- Aug. 24-DDGER Visitation
- Aug. 28/30-Laughlin Trip
  
- Sept. 5/9-National Patriotism Week
- Sept. 9- Jr. PER Roast
- Sept. 10-Meet & greet w/ Flag Retirement
- Sept. 17- Lodge Picnic
  
- Oct. 14- Spirit of America Award Banquet
- Oct. 22- Charity Ball
- Oct. 29- Meet & Greet
  
- November 4-5 Mid-Term Riverside
- November 12 Flag Retirement
- November 13 Veteran's Appreciation Brunch
- November 19 Blood Drive
- November 24 Thanksgiving Dinner

**ENTERTAINMENT**



- June 3-Jimmy Miller
- June 10- Moon & Sol
- June 17- One Last Dance
- June 24- Power Bingo



**Corinne Eddy, Bar Manager**

**Pull Tab Collection**

Thanks everyone for your continuing support of the Ronald McDonald House pull tab program. Thanks to the Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley Elks, I was able to deliver 54 pounds of pull tabs, plus a box of toiletries to the veterans and to the Pasadena Ronald McDonald House. The known contributors are Dorothy(Big Mama), the Metzgas family, June Leadam, Dee Swanson, David MacFarland, Jim Wiens, Ed and Barbara.  
 Thanks to all.  
**Gerry Gillies**



**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS**

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

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO:** the family of John Taping on his passing; to Toni Hartin on the passing of her husband Pat Hartin and to his family

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Our Armed Forces who are keeping us safe; Shirley Kozlowski: God bless our troops

**ON THE MEND:** Bill Wilkinson from a hip replacement; Rick Eddy from bronchitis; Marva D' Ambrogio from leg surgery; Barb Metzgas from back surgery

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

**PIN NIGHT**

PIN



**5 Year members: Gerry Gillies, Myna Block, Steve and Mary Woodlief**



**10 Year members: Jay Block, Steve Smith, Leo Rodriguez, John Peterson, and Bill Miller**



**15 Year members: Len Cardoni and David Stull**



**20 Year member: David Pearson**



**30 Year members: Robin Foley standing in for Bob and Herb Jellander**



**David Naccarato, Sec. with Sharon and 65 Year member Donald Sabol, Duty Officer Grant Thistle**

**OPERATION FACELIFT**

Tom Ryder ~ PDDGER

The "OPERATION FACELIFT" committee is alive and working. Need project suggestions and volunteers for future projects. You know ~

**GRUNTS! NEED MORE GRUNTS - GET INVOLVED**

**Operation Pride**

Biggest project in the Lodge! **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!!!

**Conference Meeting Room**

Big step foreword this reporting period thanks to Rick Eddy and Bill Sternberg and Greg Ryder. Wall moved, entrance door moved, paneling installed and in general all that remains to be done are some finishing touches.

Funding for this project has been donated by the Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers (PDDGERS) of our Lodge. Thank You.

**Additional Picnic Tables**

Five new picnic tables donated by the Elks ladies arrived, were assembled and are now in place. Great addition to our picnic area. Terry Baker will paint them someday soon. Thank you Ladies!

**Privacy Gate and Fence**

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

**Outside Grounds Lighting**

Need to better light up the parking area behind our lodge building. The Officers/House Committee are continuing to work on a plan for installing some new lights around the Lodge.

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

**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 with. Its your lodge ~ **Volunteer** ~ Talk To An Officer or me! !

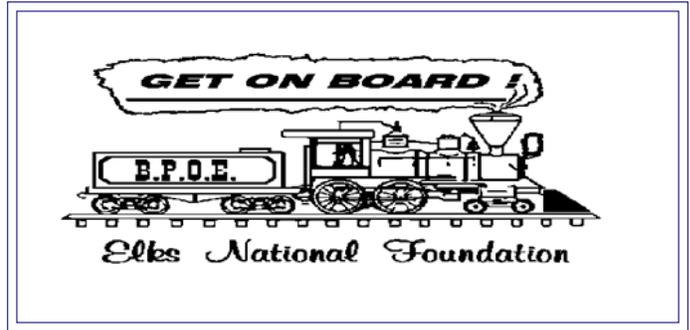


On Easter Sunday April 24, 2011 the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 conducted its annual Easter Egg hunt for children conducted by PER, Don And Dee Ansell for around 75 children. Easter Eggs were dispersed around the Lodge and the children were separated in younger groups 5 years and less to get a head start on the older children.

Special eggs were marked as Exalted Ruler and First Lady for special prizes. Every child received a toy prize. **Jerry Serota**



Leading Knight Leo Rodriguez and PER, Don Ansell standing and child winners of special prizes.



The new Elks year kick off for Lodge ENF donations started off great. Coleen Morris and newly initiated Elk JB Bre were among the first to donate this year. Richard Goldner was the last to donate last year and again thanks to all who helped Thousand Oaks Lodge to be number one in the District.

You ask as to how our lodge or you can get ENF Funds, We, or you, have to request funds from CHEA or Grand Lodge ENF. But remember 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](http://www.elks.org) and check under ENF for available Scholarships and requirements for your children or grandchildren!

Tom Ryder - PDDGER - ENF Chairman



Tuesday April 18, 2011 National Services Com. Chairman Carl Lanterman engaged a special speaker, highly decorated Dr. Bill Peters, Marine Corps Retired. A special fund raiser for his committee a chicken dinner was served and attended by thirty members who found his speech inspiring. He compared our troops of today displaying the same courage and valor as the Viet Nam veterans did under fire.

As a First Lieutenant he recalled some of his experiences in Viet Nam and gave first hand account of the courage our Marines accomplished as First Force Recon Company going deep in enemy territory to secure vital information on enemy. **Jerry Serota**



Dr. Peters and his wife

Carl Lanterman

### WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



JB Bre with sponsor Terry Gicking, PER



Robert Teasdale with sponsor David McGuire

### HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LODGE-



Pictured L-R Paul Wagner and Carl Lanterman displaying the new sign to be posted at the Cal-Vets Home in Saticoy, CA.



Richard Goldner PDDGER / CHEMPI Trustee, our Treasurer, Myrna Block is shown here presenting Richard with his certificates and pins.



Officers performing Mother's Day Ritual-(l-r) Kira Wagner, Rick Eddy, Grant Thistle, Steve Smith, Leo Rodriguez, Paul Wagner



### CVD- MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH



**Pat VonWittenberg  
Konejo Kampers**

### WOW - WHAT A HUGE GATHERING

First of all many kudos to Deb and Jeff Drake. Debi is one incredibly organized woman.. I thought I was doing well the first time we went to Newport with 25 +/- rigs, but at 50+ this year - the job seemed over-whelming, but not to Super Organizer Drake. She did have a hand from several others at the campground, her friend Sue and Steve, Donna Colleran and supposedly Chuck Kudra. I really didn't see him doing much though (giggle).

Speaking of the Kudras, since Judy was promoted at her job, we haven't seen much of either of them. Unfortunately, Judy is working long hours, plus traveling all over the country I think she's trying to prove "whatever doesn't kill you, only makes you stronger". Let's not push that to the max, okay Jud?

Despite the inaccurate weather forecast, for the most part it was perfect.

Thursday night a group of 80 went to the Newport Lodge for dinner. We had other plans, but I understand it was quite nice.

We saw people in Newport Dunes we either have not seen before or at least not for a long time.

Vicki and George Stigile, where you people been? Vicki is one very talented jewelry artist made with various beads, stones, etc. Personally, I'd like to see more of her work. When she had a display set up outside their rig, women were swarming like bees to honey.

Helene and Ben Morris managed to get away. If you ever have an opportunity to talk with Ben about his occupation, do so, he's one VERY interesting man, knowledgeable, too. I believe Helene has missed her calling as a "sales rep". She was showing Vicki's jewelry, doing a great job. We also got to meet their daughter, Dr. Heather. When I checked with Ben to find out her exact field, I was informed she is Dr. MORRIS. Sorry Ben, she's Dr. Heather to me, a very attractive one to boot. Heather is currently serving her internship as a psychologist. I wonder why I was specifically chosen to meet Dr. Heather, you trying to tell me something, Helene?

The last time I saw Walter Ogden at the Lodge, he was cruising around in a wheelchair after surgery on both feet. When I saw him strolling around the campground I was shocked. Anne told me he's a quick healer. This must be true and/or I've totally lost track of time. (Nothing surprising about that!)

The Booker's son brought in his 5<sup>th</sup> wheel trailer, so Barbara and Don were actually "camping" this time instead of "cabin" camping.

There are times when your good friends can be your worst enemies. Not exactly sure who started the jigsaw puzzle craze, but I'm hooked or obsessed as the case may be. So hooked I refuse to bring one home. Debi and Donna had

started one which Deb wouldn't let me play with until she had all the raffle prizes organized. They had all their tables in use, so I fixed 'em. I got out my own table, begged and pleaded until the puzzle came out. Whine, whine, whine. I have a fairly "good eye", but Debi's friend Sue makes me look like the novice that I am.

Talk about a small world! We were sitting outside one evening when this young lady and family came by to see, if in fact, the Thousand Oaks group was there. Turns out it was Dr. Bob and Colleen MacFarlane's daughter, Liza Aronson and two children who live in Canyon Country. Liza and husband, Jeff, offered to send transportation for Colleen to come down, but she refused. How the heck can an offer like that be turned down?

The Simi Valley group cooked up some of the best tasting hot dogs, strangely like the ones Costco serves. Unfortunately I missed their bloody mary serving.

Each group has their own 50/50 pot. So strange, Jessica Stull won Simi's pot and the head honcho (I think) from Simi won the T.O. pot.

Hopefully this is correct, but my understanding is that Newport Dunes has been reserved for 2012 & 13. Good grief that is really planning ahead.

The Kampers' breakfast crew received some VERY nice compliments from the AA group about the food. One lady stopped me to say that they think the surrounding are BEAUTIFUL. Guess they don't perceive the Lodge as "shabby" at all. Thanks to the crews' hard work and income from this group, the Kampers can donate over \$6,000 + a year back to the Lodge.

#### Idaho Potatoes Hashed In Cream

4 large potatoes

4 oz butter

1 qt. half n' half (or all cream)

1/2 cup toasted bread crumbs

salt & white pepper to taste

preheat oven to 360 degrees

peel and cut the potatoes in matchstick size (1/8" x 1/8" x 2-3")

(use a cuisinart with a 3mm x 3mm julienne blade)

butter a 8" x 8" baking dish - place a layer of potatoes in the pan -

season with salt and pepper - dot with additional butter

continue to layer the potatoes, etc. until the pan is full

pour the cream over the potatoes to cover

spread the bread crumbs on top and dot with additional butter

bake in oven approximately 1 1/2 hours or until all cream is

absorbed and top is golden brown

Serves 6-8 hungry kampers



### UPCOMING KAMPOUTS

June 10-11 Ventura Ranch

July 4- Channel Islands Harbor

Aug. 12-13 Santa Maria Elks

Sept.-Santa Barbara Elks

Oct. 7-8 Flying Flags

Nov. 11-12-Kenney Grove

visit the website:

<http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com>





## 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 as food vendor
- \*Being a partner in Special Kids Day at CVD
- \*Hosting flag retirement ceremony with Boy Scouts-open to the public

**BE PART OF THE ELKS  
VOLUNTEER TEAM  
CALL THE OFFICE  
OR COMMITTEE CHAIR  
TO PARTICIPATE**

## OUR HISTORY IN 1988

- \*The year is 1988 the month is June. Ted Lipka has been Exalted Ruler for 2 months
  - \*Ted's slogan for the year is "Dedication to our members, community, and country"
  - \*Ted was to have his first VP visitation
  - \*Roy Cooper had a fish fry for \$5.00
  - \*Our bowlers' club had their banquet/dance
  - \*Jay Schmidt put together a deep sea fishing trip out of Santa Barbara on August 13th. 90 ft boat called the Condor includes bait & bunkl \$50.00 Boat leaves at 12:00 midnight (they were nuts back then).
  - \*Jerry Serota was the Antler Antics editor. He had a standing rule all photographs submitted must be identified and captioned or they will not be published.
  - \*The Ladies met on June 3rd Kathy Ryder was the president.
  - \*Their appreciation award for the year was awarded to Mitzi Nau.
  - \*PER, Dan Snyder was praising the efforts of the BBQ team he said "This is the beginning of a new day to use as I see fit. I can waste it, or grow in its light and be of service to others. But what I do with this day is important because I have exchanged a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, today will be gone forever. I hope I do not regret the price I paid for it."
  - \*Jack Loughran played Leprechaun at the Kampers St. Pat's dinner last March
  - \*June 11th 1988 Hollywood Park trip \$22.00 per person (prices were cheap)
  - \*May 1st new key cards were issued (gave a month of leeway)
- More next month **David Naccarato**

## THOUSAND OAKS ELKS LODGE NO. 2477 VETERANS NATIONAL SERVICES

On Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, the T.O. Elks lodge celebrated its first complete year of service to the (California Veterans) Cal Vet Home – Ventura. Normally, the fourth Thursday every month is karaoke night (with snacks) at the home. Four to seven volunteers have been showing up every month for a year, driving 50 miles round-trip. This month, the crew also prepared a beef & chicken kabob dinner for the 46 residents, plus the staff and friends of the home.

At the request of the administration, **PER, Bill Sternberg**, also district scout leader, built 3 extra-large bulletin boards and an entertainment center for electronic devices. In April, a portable dance floor was delivered to the home, courtesy of the Lodge.

At the one-year celebration, a permanent plaque was mounted over one of the bulletin boards showing the Elks motto towards veterans, "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will not forget them." Also, in another room where banners are displayed, the T.O. Elks banner will also be on display. The plaque and banner were designed by current Lecturing Knight (and computer magician) **Paul Wagner**, also the Public Relations contact for the lodge.

**Carl Lanterman**, Chairman-Veterans National Services continually points to the support of other volunteers and the monetary support of the Lodge for the success of the Thousand Oaks veterans program. Long-time Esquire and current Inner Guard, **Robert Jones** provides his first-class karaoke equipment, current Loyal Knight (and singing teacher and web-site administrator) **Kira Wagner** was the first terrific singer to volunteer, followed by new member (and caterer), **JB Bre** (and what a duet the two of them make), and **PER, Terry Gicking** is always there for support. Elk member and former Marine **Gerald Feldman** frequently brings gifts with him to the home. Without the dedication shown by these Elk members, there would be no program for the Cal Vet Home residents.

This kind of dedication to our veterans, along with the long-standing monthly visit to the Sepulveda V.A. Hospital for bingo and snacks, and participation in the annual Ventura County Standdown, playing cards and other gifts for the veterans represent the epitome of Elkdom service to our veterans. **Jerry Serota**



## JUNE'S MILITARY HISTORY

- \*June 4th 1941- Britain invades Iraq and overthrows its pro German government
  - \*June 4th 1942- The U.S. defeats the Japanese at the Battle of Midway. Together with the Battle of the Coral Sea, this marks the turning point in the war in the Pacific.
  - \*June 6th 1944 D-Day-Operation Overload-the Allied invasion of German- occupied Western Europe-begins on the beaches of Normandy, France.
  - \*June 8th 1944- Britain invades Syria and overthrows its Vichy French government.
  - \*June 10th 1940- Norway surrenders to Germany. Italy declares war on Britain and France.
  - \*June 13th 1944- Germany launches the first V-1 flying bomb on Britain.
  - \*June 14th 1933- The Nazis make all other political parties in Germany illegal
  - \*Birthday of the U.S. Army (1775)- in 1940 German troops enter Paris.
  - \*June 15th 1945- U.S. troops make an amphibious assault on the Japanese held island of Saipan in the Marianas.
  - \*June 18th 1940- The USSR invades the Baltic states. 1942 The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers initiates the Manhattan Project to develop an atomic bomb.
  - \*June 19th 1944- U.S. defeats the Japanese in a massive air battle known as the Battle of the Philippine Sea. The Japanese lost more than 400 planes and three carriers. This victory paved the way for eventual success in the Marianas invasion.
  - \*June 21st 1945- U.S. troops complete the capture of Okinawa, providing a secure base for the final assault on Japan.
  - \*June 22nd 1940- France surrenders to Germany. 1941- Germany invades Russia, thereby beginning Operation Barbarossa. Italy and Romania declare war on the USSR
  - \*June 23rd 1941- Hungary and Slovakia declare war on USSR.
  - \*June 26th 1941- Finland declares war on the USSR.
  - \*June 27th 1944- The Allies Liberate Cherbourg
  - \*June 30th 1940- Germany invades the Channel Island. This will be the only part of Britain to be occupied by the Germans.
- \*D-Day was June 6th 1944- Our Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen embarked on a great crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. Dwight Eisenhower told them The eyes of the world are upon them and that the Allies would accept "nothing less than full Victory".



David Naccarato, PER, Lodge Secretary

On April 29th and 30th Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge Hosted the 2011 Ritual competition of the West Central Coast District. The contest rotates to each Lodge. With 12 Lodges in our District we host every 11 years. Last time was the year 2000. The year for the next one will be 2022.

Ritual is the first taste of Elkdom a new Candidate has when joining the Lodge. Our Officer Corp. begins practice in January, learning their new parts. Ritual has head and body movements that all officers must execute in unison. The memorization of words range from 35 to 1535.

During the ritual weekend, our Lodge was brimming with coaches, floor Judges and members from other lodges in the district. Our Friday Night the ravioli dinner put on by PER, Catherine Koeritz, and her crew was talked about all weekend long. Then our award winning BBQ was a hit on Saturday. Being host lodge we have to comp the judges dinner and lunch, so it was BBQ or go hungry.

Our team finished in the top third of the District with Chaplain Rick Eddy taking 3rd place, Loyal Knight, Kira Wagner also taking 3rd place honors and rounding off our own Esquire, Grant Thistle picked up some 3rd place hardware. Terry Gicking was my legs for the weekend. Also during the contest new member Rich Romani with the help of Dick McCann and Carol Fredericks acted as Tiler and Inner Guard, if the competing team did not bring their own. Sound system was provided by Robert Jones.

On Saturday evening, the awards presentation was made in the ball room of the Westlake Hyatt. However we needed our award winning BBQ to have cooked us dinner. Not to have the ladies of the judges locked up in their rooms during contest, my wife, Karen Naccarato with help from Myrna Block and First Lady Pam Smith entertained them on Saturday and brought them to meet their husbands at the Lodge for Lunch. Bob Arbetman laid out the salads for me, took BBQ orders and delivered the food. All of the Lodges went home taking a little Thousand Oaks hospitality with them. All in all it was a good weekend now to CVD.

David Naccarato PER, Ritual Chairman



2011-2012 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	<h2 style="margin: 0;">THE ELKS LADIES</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Alice Kennedy</h3>	2011-2012 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
<b>1ST VICE PRESIDENT:</b> Karen Naccarato <b>2ND VICE PRESIDENT:</b> Melinda Pekow <b>SECRETARY:</b> Lynn Rodriquez <b>TREASURER:</b> Charlotte Gessler <b>AUDITOR:</b> Beth Kozlowski <b>TELEPHONE:</b> Patti Serota		<b>PARLIAMENTARIAN:</b> Pat Peterson <b>CHAPLAIN:</b> Marilyn Cissell <b>MAJOR PROJECT:</b> <b>SUNSHINE:</b> Shirley Kozlowski <b>HISTORIAN:</b> Carol Fredericks <b>CVD:</b> Alice Kennedy & Pat Peterson

Once again, Conejo Valley Days was a great success due to everyone's outstanding work at the front gate, the rodeo gate and the unbeatable Elks barbeque wagon. We would like to thank all of you for your continuous support.

The Major Project 50/50 drawing was won by Lynn Rodriguez for \$21.50; and Grace Wallace's name was picked for the Bubble Drawing. Due to the fact that Grace was not in attendance, the next drawing on May 3th will be for \$60.00.

Fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers you are all invited to the Father's Day Brunch, on June 19 hosted by the Elks Ladies. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

Summer and vacation times are upon us.....for all of you that are traveling have fun and stay safe. But most important, "enjoy".  
 Take care and God bless,  
 Melinda Pekow



Alice Kennedy and Pat Peterson take a well earned break from duties as Elk Ladies CVD chairs of the gates

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Pat Peterson-2  
 Mary Woodlief-4  
 Cherri Peterson-11  
 Pat Jellander-16  
 Anne Ogden-17



### SOME PRAYERS ARE BEST NOT ANSWERED

We thank you, God, for listening,  
 to prayers we ask of you.  
 Those heartfelt prayers for loved ones  
 as thoughts, you already knew.



Some prayers are best not answered,  
 that's when you must decide.  
 Perhaps a later answer, Lord,  
 but now we'll lay it all aside.

Amen



Elk Ladies serving at Special Kids Day -pictured l-r: Sharon Baker, Barbara booker, Jeanne Sandt, Ann Ogden and Carol Fredericks



President, Alice Kennedy, presented Leading Knight Leo Rodriguez with a check for \$2800 for ENF--way to go!!!

## OFFICERS 2011-2012

EXALTED RULER - Steve Smith  
 LEADING KNIGHT - Leo Rodriquez  
 LOYAL KNIGHT - Kira Wagner  
 LECTURING KNIGHT - Paul Wagner  
 SECRETARY - Dave Naccarato, PER  
 TREASURER - Myrna Block  
 TILER - Rich Romani  
 ESQUIRE - Grant Thistle  
 CHAPLAIN - Rick Eddy  
 INNER GUARD - Robert Jones  
 ORGANIST - Karin Spreights  
 OFFICER AT LARGE - Terry Gicking, PER

## TRUSTEES

David Stull 1 Year  
 Dan Martyn 2 Year  
 Richard Whitmire 3 Year  
 Carl Lanterman 4 Year  
 Sam Frankl 5 Year

## MANAGERS

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

### 2011-12 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Exalted Ruler

ANTLER ANTICS: Sally Claunch, PER, Editor  
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 BBQ TEAMS: Eddie Rice: offsite-Eddie Rice onsite-Max Maxwell

### 2011-12 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Leading Knight

MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:  
 David Naccarato, PER  
 SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Coleen Morris  
 ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION:  
 Tom Ryder, PDDGER  
 CHRISTMAS BASKETS: Leonzo Rodriguez

MEM. CONTROL. COM.: David Naccarato, PER  
 Don Ansell, PER: Investigation  
 David Naccarato, PER: Stray Elks  
 Terry Gicking, PER: Orientation  
 CHARITY BALL: Leonzo Rodriguez  
 CHARITY DINNERS: Leonzo Rodriguez

### 2011-12 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Loyal Knight

LODGE ACTIVITIES: Kira Wagner  
 Paul Wagner: Public Relations  
 Sally Claunch, PER: Americanism  
 Bill Sternberg, PER: Flag Retirement Ceremonies  
 Rick Eddy: Memorial Service  
 Kira Wagner: Gov't Relations

Kira Wagner: Lodge Picnic  
 Carl Lanterman: Nat'l Veterans Service  
 Terry Gicking, PER: PER Assoc. President  
 Kira Wagner: Wednesday Night Dinners  
 Robert Jones & Sam Frankl: Wednesday Tickets  
 Rick Eddy: Mother's Day

### 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

### 2011-12 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Lecturing Knight

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Paul Wagner  
 Tom Hartin: CVD

:Law Enforcement & Fire Fighter  
 Apprec. Dinner

### CHRISTMAS TREE LOT:

## HONOREES

ELK OF THE YEAR - Johnny D'Ambrogio, PER  
 OFFICER OF THE YEAR - Rick Herrera  
 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR - Bill Miller



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- Max Maxwell
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- Kira Wagner
- Peggy Anderson
- Samuel Frankl
- Harry Brockwell, PER
- Greg Metzgus, PDDGER
- Karin Speights
- Dick McCann
- Bill Sternberg, PER
- David Naccarato, PER
- Robert Jones



### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- |                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| William Ratcliffe-1 | Ronald Hull-16       |
| Steve McKee-2       | Ronald Pizitz-16     |
| Dwight Williams-2   | William Stukes-17    |
| Bob Adams-3         | Misty Boykin-18      |
| Ron Barron-3        | Chuck Costigan-18    |
| Henry Germain-3     | Jerry Gilmore-18     |
| Jon Anderson-4      | Charles Maslin-20    |
| Abe Gamble-4        | Walter Ogden-20      |
| Mary Woodlief-4     | Steve Harrison-21    |
| John Watts-5        | James Allen-22       |
| Woody Hammer-6      | Barbara Ann Gibbs-23 |
| John Peterson-6     | Scott Dool-24        |
| Elise Murray-9      | Anita Gorino-24      |
| Jim St. Ores-9      | Howard Johnson-25    |
| Lamont McNamara-10  | William Rodarme-25   |
| Cherri Peterson-11  | Robin Foley-28       |
| Thomas Knibbs-13    | Peggy Andersen-29    |
| Kimberly Rediger-13 | George Hees-29       |
| Steve Smith-13      | James Horning-30     |
| Robert Teasdale-13  |                      |
| Clarence Brown-15   |                      |
| Alan Hardie-15      |                      |
| Ken Krabel-15       |                      |



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JUNE 1, 2011

Candidate:

Kenneth Scheurn

Michael White

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Richard Johnson

Daniel Martyn



Life Membership Nominee: Robert Foley

### CRYING TOWEL

April 6th capsule drawing Ray Hilden not present

Lucky 13 Karin Speights no winner



April 20th capsule drawing Jack Wigmanich not present

Lucky 13 Carl Lanterman no winner

April 27th capsule drawing John Watts not present

Lucky 13 Jerry Gillies no winner

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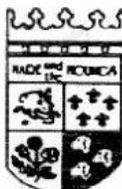
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1973-74 Erle Pittman, PDDGER	1999-00 Richard Goldner, PDDGER
1974-75 *Richard Flake	2000-01 Jacob Panczak
1975-76 Bill Wagner	2001-02 John D'Ambrogio
1976-77 John E. Henry	2002-03 Don Booker
1977-78 *Robert McKee, PDDGER	2003-04 Greg Metzgas, PDDGER
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	2010-11 Harry Brockwell
1985-86 Dan Snyder	
1986-87 Bill Lloyd, PDDGER,DL	By Affiliation:
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