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Harry Brockwell
Exalted Ruler



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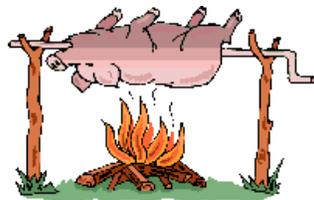
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IT'S ALWAYS ONE OF THE CAN'T MISS EVENTS AT THE LODGE

**EXALTED RULER****Harry Brockwell****LEADING KNIGHT****Steve Smith**

We have outstanding news to share this month – PER Chet Kozlowski has agreed to serve the Lodge as our Internal Auditor. His many years experience in Accounting includes abilities to recognize and correct our books therefore he provides dimensions of skill found only by a few others in his life-long profession.

We are indeed fortunate to again entice Chet into our midst as an active Lodge Committee Chairperson. Thanks, and welcome aboard to PER Chet Kozlowski!

Are we sensing that some of us have abandoned the principles expressed with such dignity and definition when we entered our Order? Is our Lodge harboring any who refuse to exercise responsibility in honoring their sworn to Obligation?

It is said we have people who frequently apply a different level of attention for people whose memberships are impacted by Grand Lodge Statutes similar to others because of a need to display their personal friendship. Should such double standards exist? Is it fair to expect consistency from our members, or are we destined to continue with such a helter-skelter approach in accomplishing our Lodge needs?

One presumes that an Obligation when entering into the confines of a fraternal Order it is customary to interpret that Obligation as giving your personal bond, especially when assessing other members consistently. When many occupy similar categories relative to the status of their membership is it appropriate they should be treated with the same dignities, or resolution?

Such disingenuous activity otherwise can create divisive thoughts and energies that may cause dissention within the entire body. We, in the Order of Elks, deny such sentiment should exist when we quote the motto of our Order: "The faults of our members we write upon the sand....." Incidentally, a much earlier rendition of that motto originates in an ancient Asian proverb: "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness."

Common discussions center on how we must grow. We have assessed the community and proudly promote the good things we have done assuring us of having probabilities of expansion, but we seem to be not enthusiastic about bringing in possible new members we feel could benefit in being a part of us. Each effort to probe thoughts on growth and develop plans seems to bog down because one of our many "experts" provide a fly in the ointment to slow down this thinking caused by their special supposed knowledge. We

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Hello everyone. I missed last month in the last Antler Antics, but I will try to make up for it here. On Sunday, August 22nd, forty-four Elks members and their friends embarked on a bus trip for a three-day two-night excursion to the Edgewater Hotel and Casino in Laughlin, Nevada. With the exception of a couple of hiccups along the way, everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to next year's trip. Of course this trip would not have been successful without the enthusiastic help of volunteers. I want to thank Annie Pearson for her guidance in my preparation for this event. My thanks to for the onboard help I received go to Cheri Peterson for her bartending expertise and Sally Claunch for her cheerful stewardess services. And of course I cannot forget the muscle used to cart the heavy ice chests on board; thank you, Jim Moye, John Peterson, and Steve Chiszar. And I cannot forget our Simi Valley Lodge member Don Bergeles who handled the rippers from soup to nuts. Oh, and in case you were wondering, no we did not have to stop at Hillcrest Liquor for more vodka when we headed out Sunday morning. The bottom line is, it was a very successful trip and a very successful fundraiser for our scouting fund. A final tally will be forthcoming.

More fund raisers lie ahead. On Saturday October 16th we will be partnering with our sister lodge in Simi Valley in a fund raiser for Veteran's. It will be a Beach Cities Bus Tour and if you have not signed up by the time you read this article you're not going. The dead line was Sept. 15th. We will be starting out with lunch at Newport Beach lodge serving hot dogs and hamburgers. Then, it's off to San Pedro lodge followed by Redondo Beach lodge for continued Elk's camaraderie and fellowship. We will end with a spaghetti dinner at the Westchester lodge. All of this along with adult and non-adult beverages on-board between stops for just \$45.00. Thanks go out to Heather and Ted Poliskey for their efforts in making this happen.

It's time to start preparing for the Charity Ball and the Charity Basket Project. The Ball will be another Wild Women on Wine event to be held Saturday night November 13th. The cost will be \$25.00 per person. It will include a Spectacular Pasta Bar with meatballs, chicken, Italian sausage and vegetables plus chocolate éclairs. There will also be raffles, music and dancing for yet another fun filled evening of enjoyment. If anyone would like to assist in preparing for this event please call me (805)857-9789. We need volunteers to help set up the lodge room and assistance with the raffles, 50/50 sales and donations of raffle prizes.

This year we will be staging our charity basket project in the lodge room from Sunday December 12th through Saturday December 18th. There will be no meeting that week. As always, we need volunteer delivery crews for the disbursement of the gifts and food. Even if you don't have a truck or van, volunteer as a passenger to help load and unload. We can always use extra hands, legs and muscle. As for me, I can use assistance in logistics and

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LOYAL KNIGHT

Leo Rodriguez



As I start the second half of this year as Loyal Knight, I was thinking of all the wonderful things that we have accomplished so far this year. None of it could have happened without the volunteers who have stepped up to help.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped me with the Sunday breakfasts and with Friday dinners. I knew that it would be a challenge for me to keep the kitchen operating, but with all the help I'm getting it has been a pleasure and fun to work in the kitchen. We have lots of great cooks in our Lodge and they have put out great meals to enjoy. I wish more members would come out to enjoy breakfasts, lunches, and dinners with us.

With school now in session, I would like to remind everyone that we are close to a school and we should be careful when we leave our Lodge during school hours. Please drive carefully.

With fall and winter coming up, I am looking forward to the holidays and hope that you also will plan to come and join us in our Lodge. To me, it's party time, with football season in full swing and with the holidays nearing. I hope to see you and enjoy with you all the activities and festivities. Be sure to look at the monthly calendar in your Antler Antics for upcoming events and plan to enjoy them with us

Once again, THANK YOU to all the members who are so willing to help me in making the kitchen such a nice place. Without them, we would not have a wonderful place to enjoy a great meal.

And finally, come to the Lodge and meet your fellow members and see what we are doing. It's a great and fun place to be. SEE YOU THERE..

OUR LODGE ON YOUTUBE---HURRAY

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



LECTURING KNIGHT

Kira Wagner



If you've been an Elk for any time at all, you know (hopefully) that there are at least a dozen charities and activities that our lodge supports. A short list includes the Youth (Scouting, Sports, Scholarships, Drug Awareness, Disabled Children [CHEA Major Project] Dictionary Program), Patriotism (Veteran's Activities, Flag Retirement, Flag Day observance), Elks National Foundation, Charity Baskets, El Konejo Kampers, Conejo Valley Days, BBQ, Seminars, Meals...and more!

Therefore, here is a question for you, "What is it that excites you?" Why did you join? Was it for the social activities, to give back to the community or even to be a part of something "bigger" than you or I? There are probably as many reasons to JOIN as there are activities to be involved in...and every one of those reasons are part of the world we know as Elkdom. They ARE what make this lodge "who we are". We come together from all walks of life to create a community full of diversity and passion. All of us unified by the common principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. What a wonderful gathering of humanity.

Are we "perfect"? Alternatively, to rephrase that question – do we do everything from a loving motivation? No – we are human beings, complete with human frailties, fears, traditions, beliefs, history, difference that much deeper than our heritage. Moreover, those differences are what make each one of us unique.

Yet sometimes, we measure others by our own standards. Those standards may include expectations that serve no one – least of all ourselves. There are times when life happens and we accept positions or responsibilities when it would have been in everyone's best interest if we simply had said "no". I'm sure we've all had that happen in our life at some time or another. In the world of the youth, it is commonly called "Peer Pressure", and—just as any teenager has found—when we succumb to peer pressure, we experience conflict, dissatisfaction, disharmony and/or distress.

In Act 1 of Hamlet, Polonius tells Laertes: "This above all: to thine own self be true, And it must follow, as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man..."

This month I offer this opportunity. As you participate in your chosen activities within and around the lodge, do your task(s) with NO expectation of anyone else's participation to supplement YOUR enjoyment. Furthermore, if you said "yes" and you need help – ask. If you see a need and can participate in some small OR larger way – fill it. Ultimately, step up when you feel moved to do so, say "no" when it really is the best answer and allow others to do the same. Take pride in your membership and above all, be grateful for the freedom we have to participate in this wonderful world.

Thank you for being a part of my experience!

In "Brotherly Love"



**MICHAEL F. SMITH
GRAND EXALTED RULER
2010-2011**



Michael F. Smith was born on October 2, 1949. Michael attended elementary, middle and high school in Plant City, Florida. While in high school, Michael excelled in sports and was named captain of the basketball team. When

he was a senior, Plant City High won the state championship. Michael was named MVP of the tournament, captain of the All-Star team, and captain and MVP of the North-South All Stars. Michael attended St. Leo College in Florida on a full basketball scholarship. After college, Michael married his high school sweetheart, Sandra, and they started their family. Son, Todd, and daughter, Jennifer, grew up in the Elks Lodge and are now parents to Michael and Sandra's seven grandchildren.

Following tradition, Todd became a member of Plant City Lodge on September 25, 1995 and Jennifer's husband Steve is a past exalted ruler at Plant City Lodge. Michael and Sandra are very proud of both children and their many accomplishments. Jennifer is a high school teacher and college professor and Todd is a pharmaceutical representative. All of Michael and Sandra's grandchildren are involved in youth sports and they enjoy attending their games and supporting them. Michael served the Elks in many positions including two terms as exalted ruler (1992-94). He worked his way through the chairs, spent several years as a trustee, and still chairs the Memorial Day Service each year. Michael was named district vice president and district deputy before serving the Florida State Elks Association as president in 2001-02. Michael sits on several boards for the state, including the FSEA board of directors and he is currently chairman and president of the Harry-Anna Investment Fund. Michael was appointed to the Grand Lodge's Lodge Activities committee for several years, serving as chairman his final year and has been on the Grand Lodge Board of Grand Trustees for four years, currently chairman of that board.

Michael, like his father, was initiated into Plant City Lodge #1727 on January 22, 1979. Upon his initiation, Michael immediately became active in Lodge activities and committees. Michael started "Christmas in the Park" which became an annual Christmas Day tradition in downtown Plant City where the Elks would cook and serve a traditional turkey dinner to a few thousand less fortunate families. The Elks also collected toys to hand out to the children. In addition, Michael initiated annual holiday dinners to honor the local police and fire departments. Michael has been in the insurance business for over thirty years, primarily in the healthcare field. His practice consists of payroll administration, human resources, plan design, and administration for self-funded and fully insured benefit programs. Michael also works with Innovation HR & Benefits. In addition to the insurance industry, Michael has an active interest in a hotel in St. Petersburg Beach where he is a partner.

He serves on the board of directors for the management company and has served as the president of the condominium association for the past twenty years. Michael enjoys golf and boating. His affiliations are BPOE, Florida Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, National Association of Health Underwriters, NRPA, National Association of Professional Employer Organizations (NAPEO), First Baptist Church of Plant City, St. Petersburg Yacht Club and Pasadena Yacht and Country Club where Michael served on the board of directors. Michael F. Smith is just one of the many hardworking and dedicated Florida Elks. Michael is convinced that if we "Promote Elks Passion" the Order will prosper. Our focus on Charity, Children, and Veterans will rekindle our desire to serve - which will attract interest and new members.

"PROMOTE ELKS PASSION"



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"**

Jack Loughran

born 10/26/1922
initiated 9/12/1963
died 8/15/2010

Sharon Kagy

born 6-21-1959
initiated 11-17-2004
died 08-27-2010

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really need everyone's energies spent in promoting our growth.

Of course there is the alternative of deciding to remain a small Lodge by letting others in the geography of our Lodge concentrate on developing another nearby Lodge. To me that is an abhorrent thought, however to accommodate those who wish to continue conducting a reduced community image by remaining somewhat elitist and not trying to grow our Lodge, there are members diametrically opposed and are suggesting they will be willing to separate. Not a desirable thought yet it must remain a consideration. Understand, I will go to every extreme to combat such a development happening.

We have the dynamics and people capable of doing an outstanding job at our being a great Elks Lodge. Let's continue, but realign our thinking and efforts to perform accordingly.

Appreciation and congratulations to member Ben Rieger for becoming the Chairperson overseeing our annual 2010 Christmas tree sales lot. Ben, with assistance from current Elk of the Year Terry Baker takes over this position from Member Herb Jellander who has many years of guiding this profitable and successful function for the Lodge. Thanks to this trio for smoothly transitioning this vital program.

An exaggerated sense of Appreciation is extended to member Gerry Gillies for his contributions in presenting our Lodge's car show in August. His devoted day's work in elevating the Lodge's recognition as a formidable host for this event is immeasurable. He and PER David Naccarato gave us day to remember.

A special note to new members: As part of your entry into the Order you were accepted as a full member without any probationary period or the like in becoming immersed in the Order, and the Lodge's, ambitions and efforts. Therefore, if you wish to participate in any activity, either because of special knowledge you possess, or your personal interest, advise any of the elected Officers of the Lodge and they will help you in becoming introduced to existing desired programs.

Throughout Elkdom the alphabet soup of suffixes you hear associated with peoples names really doesn't give them any expanded privilege or status than what you possess – your membership! THERE ARE NO DEGREES IN ELKDOM! We do encourage that those who have accepted and/or competed for identified elevated responsibilities be given proper and adequate recognition as a matter of protocol.

Our soon to be visiting chef, William Bloxson-Carter during his presentations will be demonstrating and offer each participant tasters that will offer an aggregate retail value of nearly \$60.00 per person when ordered from a hotel style menu. The experience of sharing in the construction of each item, then being able to taste each item, touch them, and see how they should appear, certainly makes the \$25.00 ticket cost a bargain of the year. Seats are limited!

Incidentally, Chef Carter's background includes an accomplishment we, in our Lodge honor regularly – he too is a Boy Scouts of America, Eagle Scout.

Best regards,

Harry Brockwell.
Exalted Ruler

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planning. If anyone who has planned this event in the past has tips or suggestions, I welcome them all.

Watch for another upcoming fund raiser event in March 2011. I am in the planning stages for a much missed Day at the Races which will take us to Santa Anita race track on the first or second Sunday of the month. There are a few options for me to review and I would appreciate your input. There is the Clubhouse Loge seating which includes a buffet meal, the Clubhouse Terrace seating for about \$5.00 more per person with table service seating six per table, closed circuit television at each table and a nicer buffet meal. We may also have the option of visiting their wine and food festival held on the infield for an additional fee. The weekend for the festival is not yet known.

And now, a short review of our Lodge Family Picnic. Wow! What an event. The planning of and volunteer participation in this project was exemplary. Your Loyal Knight, Kira Wagner, is to be commended for her efforts. The success of this event would never have been realized without the involvement of so many members. On top of the food and fun it was a successful fund raiser as well. Truly a model for Lodge Family Picnics to come.

That's all I have for now. Please keep your eyes peeled for other fund-raising events as the weeks go by and get involved when ever you can. The more members we have involved the more activities we can plan and the more funds we can raise for our charities.

David Naccarato, PER, Lodge Secretary



OFFICE HOURS

For the week of September 20th through the 24th- on the 20th office hours are 10am till 3pm, but the 21st 10am till we go to the bank. we will be closed till Saturday for the picnic. The bar will have all the needed banks.

Huge thank you to PER, PDDGER, PSVP Greg Metzger for designing, building ,and having Max Maxwell install the ramp into the office. It makes it easier for me to get my wheelchair into the office. Johnny D' Ambrogio installed the ramp provided by Greg for the conference room where I park my electric cart. At the time I did not think I would need one at the office door, and I said no. I didn't feel I'd be in it that long, as it turned out I'm still in it and assistance into the office would be helpful. Again the Elks strike again.

COMING ATTRACTIONS



September 25-Lodge Picnic
September 29-ENF Fundraiser

October 16-Mystery Bus Trip

November 11-3-E Seminar featuring
Chef Carter

February 5-Elk LadiesBucaneer Bash



**ELK LADIES
HAUNTED HALLOWEEN DINNER**

**OCTOBER 29TH
\$10**

**HOMEMADE BLOOD AND GUTS
PASTA**

GHOSTLY GREEN SALAD

VAMPIRE GARLIC BREAD

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Carl Lanterman

OUR CONDOLENCES: the family of Sharon Kagy on her passing; Chet and Shirley Kozlowski on her sister's passing and Jay and Pat Peterson on her mother's passing

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:Our Armed Forces who protect us, Roy Cooper and Dick Flittner are hospitalized

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

ENTERTAINMENT



Oct. 1-Moon & Sol
Oct. 8-PERs Roast
Oct. 15-One Last Dance
Oct. 22-Karaoke



Corinne Eddy, Bar Manager



**FINALE FOR THE YEAR-
FISH FRY-OCT. 16TH
COOK YOUR OWN STEAK-OCT. 22**



CAR SHOW

On August 21st we held our 2nd car show. I'm not ready to call it annual as yet, as I still have a few bugs to work out. The trophies we gave out this year were donated by member, Ralph Vashaw, and the lettering was done by Anita Gorino. I would not have even attempted to put on this car show without the help of Gerry Gillies. Gerry and his wife are living in a hotel while his new home is being renovated, and he is doing all the renovation himself. He gave me a Friday to come down to the Lodge and blow off the area where we were to hold the car show. He was also down on Saturday to help me park the cars. It was a good thing he was there. We had a 1929 Model A (no names please) about to back into a beautiful 1955 Chevy Bellaire. It was close, but Gerry was there to handle it. I had a heart attack, and you know I can't take much more. It was a beautiful day. The barbeque crew was going strong and many customers after enjoying their lunch took a look at the show. It was my job to make sure that no barbeque sauce came anywhere near any of these fine automobiles

Maybe I should tell you that this year I went to categories such as: Best Paint, Best Engine Compartment, Best Trunk, and Best Interior. I had judges for all these different categories so we could have more winners. If you remember last year we had one trophy for people's choice award and Greg Metzgas, PDDGER won hands down with his 1939 Woody that he built from the ground up. My other judges were: Gerry Gillies for Paint and Rosemary Shank, Max Maxwell's sister-in-law. James Miller, Bob Arbetman, and a guy I worked with at the dealership. Jim Walters helped with Engine judging. The entries included Vernon Noell's 1949 Willies Jeepster, Steve Buczynski 1955 Chevy pickup truck (that was gorgeous), Jim Weins' 1965 Mustang Convertible. Nick Silva who was my engine compartment judge entered a 1965 T-Bird. Also Ted and Heather Poliskey entered a 69 Mustang GT convertible. Peter Nolan entered a 1995 Chevy Corvette that he races on road courses. Bryant Burns brought out his 1956 Pontiac Chiefstar, beautiful two tone sandalwood and white. Scott Dool entered a 1929 Model A and went home with Pre 1930 honors. Gerry Gillies entered our Elks train and took home runner up pre 1930. I'm told that train is made up of many different parts of other vehicles and something on the train is pre 1930. As a sidebar our train was featured in the September 11th Simi Valley Parade.

We also had a Military Vehicle class with two entries, a Marine and Navy Troop Carriers which were both owned by Paul Du Nublio. Guess who won??? Paul went home with trophy honors, but the room ignited when it was announced that it was the Marine vehicle that beat out the Navy. Personally I'd take a Naval Carrier any day. Joseph Nemtusak who also was working the barbeque entered his 2010 Chevy Camaro and took



Best Interior honors. Now Best Paint and People's Choice winner was a 1953 Chevy Pickup with a \$10,000 dollar paint job owned by Wayne Upright who is not a member, let's get busy. New member Ed Lukas entered his 69 Chevy Corvette and took home best trunk. Best Engine award went to Ned Shanks who is Max Maxwell's brother-in-law. He protested the awarding and went over and gave it to Steve Buczynski. He was totally caught off guard, but he was very appreciative of the gesture. Member Bob Adams entered his 1955 Chevy Bellaire which was in beautiful condition. Soon to be a new member Jill Williams entered her 55 Chevy Bellaire convertible two tone paint peach and white which was just classic.

We all had a good time. Tom Hartin came out and hung up all of our banners so the people enjoying the barbeque or the car show could see all that the Elks do. We did have one banner wrong I ordered Drug Awareness but received Drive Awareness. It still worked for the event we were having. When you name people by name to thank them, you always get in trouble for forgetting someone. I want to let you all know, if I missed you let me know, and I'll make it up to you. If you missed the car show or the ER going away party, Paul and Kira Wagner have made videos of them and had them put on Youtube. <http://www.youtube.com/user/elks2477>. Don't forget to thank Paul and Kira. Thanks to those who helped put it on and thanks to you who entered. I wish everyone could win. But no one went home empty handed. Everyone received an official Elks Lodge Car Show 2010 pen. I have a few left. Come by the office, and if you're nice I may let you have one. **David Naccarato, PER, Lodge Secretary**



pull tabs

There have been no articles about the Ronald McDonald House pull tabs collecting for the last few months, sorry. I have been a little busy. We decided to downsize after living in the same home for 42 years. We sold our home, moved into a hotel and brought a real fixer upper. A good floor plan and a great location. We have done a complete rebuilt, including moving walls and raising ceilings, but I haven't forgotten about the tabs. Last month, I was able to deliver 21 pounds (26,628) of pull tabs and a large box of toiletries, I also gave Carl two boxes of toiletries for the Veterans. Between Thousand Oaks and Simi Valley Elks, I was able to deliver over 100 pounds of pull tabs and two large boxes of toiletries. The names I received were; Big Mama (Dorothy Murray), Bud & Julie Vashaw, Abe Gamble, Carol Stewart, the Metzgas Family, Dean & Kathie Reichle, Pattie Queen, Jim Wiens and Tony Gomes. To all that gave, THANKS Keep up the good work, Gerry Gillies



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Jess Garcia with sponsor Leo Rodriguez



Tom Fay with sponsor Ed Lucas

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LODGE

A blast from the past-



A reunion of the Andrew Sisters who entertained us at many Elks parties and fundraisers. I-r Mary Snyder, Dee Swanson and Faye Ogden



A reunion of PERS from Thousand Oaks Lodge and their First Ladies at a recent Friday night dinner. I-r-Dan and Mary Snyder now living in Arizona, Mitzi and John Nau formerly from Hawaii now Moorpark and seated Vern and Faye Ogden now residing in Okaloma

The Elks Car Show





**Pat VonWittenberg
Konejo Kampers**

HOT AT OAK PARK IN AUGUST - - NOT EVEN

Sitting in the sun, wearing black it could get a bit warmish. Check out the pictures on the Kampers website, you'll see long-sleeved shirts and even jackets.

OOPS, the campout started with a bang for the Ericksons, more like a crunch. Oak Park's entrance gate is kind of narrow and Joel forgot the wider rigs need to enter through the out gate. Not a wonderful start for a fun campout. I followed one of the Rangers around and learned the name of the person allegedly in charge of complaints and/or repairs that need to be made at the County Parks. Evidently, they have already had quite a few complaints about this narrow gate.. It is allegedly already "on the list" for corrections than need to be made.

Fortunately Cheryl made it through without incident. Just had to do it, Cheryl.

Cheryl and the Newcomers were co-wagon masters for this event. Doris' lasagna was wonderful as usual. Cheryl outdid herself shopping (her forte) for raffle prizes. It was rather a strange drawing. People whose tickets were drawn were asking others what they wanted and passed off the item. Got to be quite funny after a while.

Joe and Judy Nemtuzak had the company of two delightful granddaughters for a couple days. Quite charming young ladies.

Although Mark Reidger didn't bring his trailer and dogs out, he was there every afternoon and evening - what, ya hungry Mark? Actually it was great to have him there for whatever time he chose to share with us. The guy has a very dry sense of humor, kinda reminds me of Gary Mullenau, very bright but you have to listen carefully.

Jim and Kathy Moya are a fun couple. Seemed to be having a great time, except for running into their slide out. I rarely if ever got anyplace without painters tape (no quilter should), but getting the corner "padded" took Jim and I both, more than a few minutes.

Usually, I think I read the Antler Antics from cover to cover. Apparently in the past I missed or was not available for some of the cool things happening at the Lodge - educational things. But this is one thing I don't intend to miss even though it occurs on a campout-November 11th. Perhaps it doesn't have anything to do with camping, but then again that's not quite true. Some time during almost every campout we have appetizers. I'm so looking forward to the Playboy Mansion Chef (looked for the name - couldn't find it) doing his class at the Lodge. I've already volunteered to do whatever necessary, even be a kitchen grunt if needed. This is just TOO COOL to miss.



OKAY Kampers - we really need more of you to step up to the plate (no pun intended) to help in the kitchen for the Kampers' breakfast. This is one of a very few functions that enables the Kampers to continue their support to the Lodge. Mike Flannery and Joel Erickson have been alternating Crew Chief duties for way too many months, they're tired. Folks, this is NOT brain surgery - it's one Sunday a month. The average attendance for the AAs has been 70 people, and we have ONE hour to turn out this number of meals. Yes, it can be hectic, but it is also a lot of fun.

ED BIANCHI HAS BIG PLANS FOR TAPO CANYON IN OCTOBER.

He kinda cornered me at the Lodge to explain, so I promised I'd advise everyone even before the flyer comes out. He's bringing Boyd's big grill/bbq or whatever and will be making tacos for Saturday night. Seems there is a rumor (perhaps a fact) going round that Ed does a wicked taco. Kampers are asked to bring the additions, chopped onion, lettuce, grated cheese, etc. For dessert he's planning to make over-sized chocolate chip cookies, home made ice cream and assembling these into a large ice cream sandwich. Guess I won't eat all day in anticipation.

**THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!**

**El Konejo Kamper
president, Mike
Flannery, presented
new silverware to
the Lodge,
Chuck Kudra, Trustee
and Kamper
accepted on behalf
of the Lodge**



Upcoming Campouts

October 8-9-Tapo Canyon
November 12-13-Kenney Grove
December 12-Grand Vista Hotel-brunch
January 14-15-Travel Village Valencia
February 11-12- California RV Acton
March 11-12-Camp Comfort
April 1-2-Newport Dunes

visit the website:

<http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com>

to join call Bev Erickson 495-9715



WE ARE RESPONSIVE

Jerry Serota

You never know what can be accomplished unless you give it try. I read in the Acorn that Manna, our local food bank needs help with food donations and funds in order to get the most bang for the buck. Dollars buy perishables for those in need.

Being a child of the great depression we know what it is like to skip meals in order to eke out a meager existence. When brought to the attention of our Lodge of their need, the members responded. The first night we ran a 50/50 drawing our new member Brother Tom May won \$103. Slowly food parcels started to appear in the crates located in the lounge.

An anonymous donar made a \$500 donation. Little or small Manna is most appreciative of our efforts. You never know what can be accomplished until you try.

A food basket is in the lounge and office for your convenience and will be picked up twice a week for delivery.



L-R Jerry Serota and Mike Mathews, Executive Director, Manna our local food bank for the needy.



**WAGON OF SPIRITS
RAFFLE FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND
HAS BEGUN**

**TICKETS SOLD AT MEETINGS
DINNERS, EVENTS, IN THE LOUNGE**
ONLY 1000 DONATIONS AVAILABLE-
DRAWING IN DECEMBER

Donation \$1
12/\$10
25/\$20

MEMBERSHIP/LAPSATIONMONTHLY REPORT

LODGE:THOUDAND OAKS
CLOSE OF MONTH FOR August 2010

Members on April 1st 2010 386

INCREASES		DELINQUENCY	
initiated	17	six months	0
affiliated	1	one year	25
reinstated	3	over one year	0
sub total	21	total	25

decreases		lapsation rate	6.47%
dropped	1	investigating	3
trasferred out	1	waiting for vote	3
absolute dimit	0	waiting initiation	2
deaths	4		
expelled	0		
subtotal	6		

TOTAL MEMBERS AT CLOSE OF MONTH: 401

Elks Care - Elks Share

With 1.2 million members in almost 2,200 lodges across the country, the BPO Elks are one of the largest and most active fraternal organizations in the world! The BPO Elks is committed to the ideals of charity and patriotism. To that end, Elks have now disbursed over the Order's 100+ years more than 3 billion dollars in cash, goods, and services to the nation's youth, its veterans, the disadvantaged and handicapped, and in support of patriotic and civic programs. In the last fiscal year alone, the BPO Elks expended in such fashion over \$130 million, and the Order ranks as one of the largest private providers of college scholarships in the nation.



Eula McKee-Past First Lady

I'm lonsome for the Elks. Please give my new address to Elk members Thank You, Eula McKee.
Eula McKee 193 Cottonwood Ln. Monticello, AR.
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David Naccarato, PER
OUR BEGININGS

OK, where were we last month?? Oh yeah, the stage was set for expansion of the Elks. The most intriguing fact about the Elks between 1880 and 1890 was the growth of the organization. Our order went from 10 Lodges in major metropolitan centers and 1,000 members to 158 Lodges with a membership of 13,000.

This expansion did not just take off in major cities. Charters were being issued to smaller towns such as Peoria Lodge #20, Utica Lodge #33 and Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin Lodge #57. Have you ever heard of Fon Du Lac Ws.? (This is how I find out if anyone reads the Antler by all the phone calls I receive). Elk Lodges soon started to dot across America with a hand full in California. We were indeed becoming known as the truly American order...except for one small detail. With respect to Vivian and the half dozen English born Jolly Corks, who were credited with Elkdom's birth, a few American members wanted the Order open only to U.S. citizens. There should not be a Grandfather clause for the English born members.

This organization started in America. They chose the American elk as its symbol. Up to this point, it had not been put in writing that a member must be an American citizen. This caused such a resultant clamor throughout the order that in quick action at the Grand Convention in 1890 in Cleveland Ohio, closed this perplexing gap in our regulations. The question of Elkdom being an American order was settled forever after Grand Lodge secured a Congressional Charter. This proved difficult to get at the time. It was found that incorporation by the District of Columbia served the same purpose. the B.P.O.E. of the United States of America was thus incorporated in 1895. It did not belong to any one state, but it belonged to an entire nation. Elks were all members of one great American middle and upper class.

This was one of most obvious reasons why the Elks were founded as a charitable organization. Only charitable societies could be supported by a reasonably "well off" membership. At the conception of the Jolly Corks, they raised money through theatrical events. Change came when more doctors, lawyers, and blue-collar workers became members. They didn't have this way of earning money by theatrical events. They contributed when asked. The first recorded instance of a nationwide Elks effort was the assistance provided to the unfortunate people hurt or damaged by the Johnstown flood. In this action every lodge everywhere joined the cause. It was a far cry from raising funds to bury an Elk, or to aid his widow or orphans. The raising of disaster relief on a national level when the Elks numbers were still small, became nationally significant and showed the order was not only thinking of Elks. They were also American terms.

The Elks were the first fraternal group to do this on a national scale. From 1889 onward Elks assisted in virtually in every national disaster, and in dozens of small-localized disasters, such as fires or tornadoes, where fellow citizens



suffered. In 1906, The Grand Exalted Ruler directed Elks assistance operations- both money and volunteer labor- on the site of the terrible San Francisco earthquake and fire. Elks contributed a total of \$109,140.60 to the people of San Francisco. According to the Governor of California, the Elks were the first organization to help in San Francisco. Elks were arranging shelter for refugees within twelve hours. Elks food wagons were the first in the stricken city, preceding the Red Cross and all other organizations, both private and government. Because the Elks on a national level were ready and organized it impressed government officials and others. It created more growth.

To open your own lodge in your town was easy in the early years. Thus many rowdy lodges began to spring up. Grand Lodge finally made a requirement, no new lodge could be created without the backing of at least 25 persons of known reputation and good character in the community. This was especially important when charters began to be granted to lodges in towns of 5000 or more people. The Elk image was preserved. Before 1900, it was already a very good one. The growth in these years reached 1264 lodges and 428,479 members in 1914.

At this point the Elks came up with membership cards that showed paid-up status and where they were initiated. Demit procedures were put into place. Elkdom was rapidly growing and began to have nationwide significance. The order was still deeply committed to its members. The organization responded to all disasters, which shows a clearly national conscience. Elks were no longer concerned only with their own, but with all America... Next month what happened to Vivian, Elks and Flag Day and Elks aid in the forthcoming WWI, WWII. See you next month

Did you Know?

- Last year the Elks provided contributions for charitable works of cash, non-cash, hours worked and miles traveled in the amount of **\$38,900,931** in California-Hawaii and over **\$306,662,378** nationally.
- Over \$3.4 million in college scholarships is awarded annually by the Elks.



2010-2011 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	THE ELKS LADIES Patricia Peterson	2010-2011 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Myrna Block 2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Alice Kennedy SECRETARY: Lynn Rodriguez TREASURER: Charlotte Gessler AUDITOR: Beth Kozlowski TELEPHONE: Patti Serota		PARLIAMENTARIAN: Jessica Stull CHAPLAIN: Marilyn Cissell MAJOR PROJECTS: Sally Claunch SUNSHINE: Shirley Kozlowski HISTORIAN: Carol Fredericks CVD: Alice Kennedy & Pat Peterson

Normally, October is a quiet month for the Elks Ladies, we bide our time and gear up for the holidays, you know Thanksgiving and Christmas. Well, don't start sitting in your easy chairs so fast; we are hosting the Friday night dinner just before Halloween. It should be a scary affair. Hope to see you on Oct. 29th.

We had our annual Thank You Luncheon on Aug. 14th. The theme this year was the Peoples' Choice Award. These are the Ladies that you voted for this year:

- Myrna Block
- Niki Case
- Marilyn Cissell
- Alice Kennedy
- Shirley Kozlowski
- Beth Kozlowski
- June Leadam
- Lynn Rodriguez
- Patti Serota

The top vote getter was Pat Peterson.

Congratulations to all the winners of this year's award!

One last comment, I am very proud to be a part of the Elks: a fine organization doing a lot of good in our community. Keep up the good works!

God Bless,
Alice Kennedy

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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



Childlike Enthusiasm



When something makes us happy, Lord
 And if it's really unexpected
 A gift, event-an invitation
 Or sudden kind words someone said.

Enthusiasm comes from you, God
 Please let us have it always
 Just like excited children
 Who play outdoors on summer days.

Amen



Elk Ladies for your generous donation of 100 plates and 150 salad plates for Lodge use at dinners and events.

BUCANEERS AND WENCHES ARE COMING

February 5, 2011

Elk Ladies Fund Raiser for Major Project




pirate food--drink--games--entertainment

OFFICERS 2010-2011	TRUSTEES
EXALTED RULER - Harry Brockwell	1 Year
LEADING KNIGHT - Steve Smith	David Stull 2 Year
LOYAL KNIGHT - Leo Rodriquez	Chuck Kudra 3 Year
LECTURING KNIGHT - Kira Wagner	Richard Whitmire 4 Year
SECRETARY - Dave Naccarato, PER	Carl Lanterman 5 Year
TREASURER - Debbie Irish	
TILER - Paul Wagner	
ESQUIRE - Robert Jones	
CHAPLAIN - Rick Herrera	
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ORGANIST- Kirin Spreights	
OFFICER AT LARGE- Terry Gicking, PER	

MANAGERS

BAR MANAGER- Corinne Eddy
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 CVAC: Tom Hartin
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2010-11 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reppoting to Loyal Knight

LODGE ACTIVITIES: Sally Claunch, PER
 SCOUTING: Bill Miller
 HOOPSHOOT: Abe Gamble
 WED. NIGHT DINNERS: Leo Rodriquez
 DRUG AWARENESS: John Moran
 SOCCER SHOOT: Bryant Burns

MOTHER'S DAY: Rick Herrera
 WED. NIGHT TICKETS: Rick Eddy
 LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE FIGHTER
 APPRECIATION: Tom Hartin
 PRESIDING JUSTICE: Richard McCann
 YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Heather Maddox

2010-11 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Lecturing Knight

AMERICANISM: Grant Thistle
 FLAG DAY/FLAG RETIREMENT: Robert Jones
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 GOVT. RELATIONS: Harry Brockwell, ER
 MEMORIAL SERVICE: Rick Herrera
 KIDS XMAS PARTY: Sally Claunch, PER

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Dave Pearson
 LODGE PICNIC: Joe Clancy & Ed Bianchi
 MEMBERSHIP: David Naccarato, PER
 CHRISTMAS TREES: Terry Baker, Ben Reiger
 EL KONEJO KAMPERS: Mike Flannery
 NATIONAL SERVICES: Carl Lanterman

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ELK OF THE YEAR- Terry Baker
 OFFICER OF THE YEAR- Kira Wagner
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 articles are due the 5th of the month
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HONOR ROLL



Rubu Metzgs (Centry Club)
 Harry Brockwell
 Don "Bugsy" Ansell, PER
 Paul Wagner
 Kira Wagner
 Jon Anderson (sorted)
 Robert Jones
 Karin Speights
 Dan Martyn-Karen Martyn has her own pig
 Mary Woodlief (Centry Club) with help from husband Steve Woodlief \$2.00
 Barbra Ann Gibbs
 John Peterson
 Gerry Gillies
 Coleen Morris
 Max Maxwell
 David Naccarato, PER

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Irving Koeritz-1	Charles Messmer-15
Frank Lussier-2	Clifford Jones-16
Ben Rieger-2	Chris Vrakaelos-16
Tom Tyler-2	Jeff Enger-17
Patricia Hawn-3	James Porter-18
Jack Paulson-3	Norman Panczak-22
Timothy Hinsche-4	Nancy Leathers-26
Joseph Nemtusak-4	Fred Schaffner-26
Julianna Vashaw-6	Dennis Gillette-27
Kenneth Kolde-11	June Leadam-27
Elizabeth Bell-12	Peter Nolan-27
Glenn Wellman-14	Jay Block, PER-31
Olivia Corio-15	Chris Metzgs-31

COME BY AND RECEIVE
 YOUR FREE BIRTHDAY
 DRINK

**Help Fund
 Our Scholarship
 Program**



Bring your aluminum cans,
 plastic and glass bottles to
 the Lodge

Drop off at Wed. meetings
 or at Sat. BBQ
 by rear entrance to the bar
 parking lot

Please do not drop off non deposit plastic items
 for recycling.

for example:

- Milk bottles
- Engine oil bottles
- Plastic alcohol containers (IE Tequila)
- Medicine bottles
- Plastic cups
- Salad dressing containers
- Aluminum foil

Thank You for your continued support, Rick



**FROM THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE
 PROPOSED AND WILL BE BALLOTTED ON:**

October 6, 2010

Candidate:	Sponsor:
Jill Williams	Rick Bennett
Rod Bennett	Rick Bennett



Frank Coley - Life Membership Nominee
 Michael Stark - Reinstatement

CRYING TOWEL

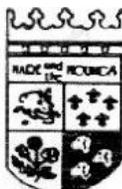
8/18/2010 Capsule Drawing Greg Metzgs #1406 not present.
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