



Harry Brockwell  
Exalted Ruler



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## LET'S DO IT

### *A New Year's Eve Celebration*

*Traveling thru Time . . .  
The Past to The Future*

*Dress from your favorite era in the past  
Or your vision of the future*

**December 31, 2010**

Cocktails & Appetizers  
7:00 – 8:00 pm

Prime Rib Dinner 8:00 pm

Dancing & Fun 9:00 pm  
till **2011!!**

*Champagne Toast at Midnight*

*Tickets go on sale  
December 1st  
\$25 per person or  
\$45 per couple*

**50/50 Raffle  
Raffle Prizes**

Any questions contact:  
Corinne Eddy (805) 496-4550 or  
Leo Rodriguez (805) 338-319



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

Dear Colleagues,

Generally meetings of organizations have been a mechanism to acquaint all members of current activities, accomplishments, approvals of key concerns, and updates of beneficial plans for the entire body. A major ingredient of successful bodies is commonly called: brevity.

Recently, in hearing from a number of good members, we seemed to have developed some regular report givers who enjoy hearing their own voice. This has reached such proportions that some members are expressing they're being offended by those who practice such diatribes, and are suggesting we curb extremely lengthy presentations.

Comments suggest this is reason that we are not attracting larger numbers of attendance for our meetings. Others say they would be more interested if only they can enjoy shorter presentations by committee chairs and those charged with delivering special reports. Especially when piggy backing someone else's comments. It is said that such action to other's reports generally are a waste of time for everyone.

Some have stated they don't attend Lodge meetings because too many of the same speakers take an awful long time in giving simple reports. It has been remarked that these sessions force one to self promise finding something else to do on meeting nights.

One major measure of success is how many of our members are participating regularly. When we have fewer attendees we have a much smaller prospect audience from which to recruit more support. Let's all adopt the symbolic slogan, "Zip your Lip".

To combat such attitudes, which erodes our member participation, I ask those who are to deliver a message, to first make notes to yourself of what you want to say, and second, deliver your message in 1½ to 2 minutes of lapsed time. Rebuttals and questions to your message will be gladly permitted, but let's adopt techniques that facilitate, not impede, our meetings.

We have a dynamic body of intelligent members who can, and do, appreciate all presentations subsequently we should be cognizant of everything we can do to get them into more of our meetings. The most common denominator solution I am hearing is to get us there by speeding up our meetings.

To encourage adherence to this idea of 1½ - 2 minutes I will acquire a three minute timer to start with each presentation and when it expires will gavel down anyone hogging the floor. Not to embarrass anyone, just to bring convenience to the rest of the attendees.

Further, we will request the Esteemed Leading Knight assess worthy and substantial fines against anyone for whom

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Well, Mid-term has come and gone, but not without providing me with the inspiration and guidance to continue with my service to our membership. The good work we do as a member body is truly motivating. The participation of our lodge in the efforts of The Order at all three levels nationally, regionally and locally is something of which we should all be proud. While attending these conventions, I have had the awesome experience of witnessing so many patriotic and loving people come together for a common good. Only one nation on earth provides the liberty and freedom for such organizations as the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks to exist, right here in the United States of America. May God bless those who have protected and continue to protect our liberty.

For those of you who do not attend our meetings on a regular basis I thought it would be nice if you were aware of another means by which you could connect with your lodge. I am talking about our award winning Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477 WEB SITE! That's right, award winning. We were first place in the web site competition for our division of lodges with membership between 300 and 500 members. Why did we win? Because Paul Wagner our Public Relations Committee chairman put his knowledge and expertise to work for our lodge and made it happen. So, visit <http://www.elks2477.com> and explore the site where you will learn more about how your lodge is involved in our community and how you can participate at any level. Be engaged. Get involved. Thanks Paul.

Okay, now it's time to get to work. It's December, and that means people in need, need us. Again, I'm talking about our charity basket drive. I mentioned it before, and the time has come. VOLUNTEERS!! We need every man, woman and child. This event will take place over the span of one entire week, from December 12<sup>th</sup> through December 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a variety of stages through which this event will evolve, ultimately concluding with the massive delivery effort on the final day. Donna Leary and Coleen Morris have stepped up to assist on the charity basket committee and will be coordinating the efforts of volunteers. Tom Hartin will be instrumental in procuring the bulk of food items from the Naval Base commissary. I am communicating with the local charities for families in need. The Elks Ladies are organizing the gift wrapping. But, we can't do it all. Please call me (805-857-9789) to be part of this effort. Your involvement is crucial to the success of this project.

Now, as you prepare for the holiday season please remember, somewhere far away from here is a soldier in a foreign land much unlike that which he or she grew up in. Lugging equipment on his or her back, carrying the weapon issued them in the wind, rain and dust, never knowing if this will be their last day on earth. That soldier volunteered to be there. How tough did you have it this year?

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,



**LOYAL KNIGHT**  
**Leo Rodriguez**



**LECTURING KNIGHT**  
**Kira Wagner**



**BREAKINGNEWS:**

The year is almost over and we just don't know where it went. I don't know? Do you? People are asking what they did during the year; the years seem to go by faster every year. As the year comes to an end, I better talk to you about the New Year's Eve party that we are having and I would like to invite everyone to come and bring in the New Year. There will be plenty of fun for everyone. Please look for our fliers with the details; you will be able to sign up in the lounge.

Let us not forget the Charity Ball to raise money for the Christmas baskets. Please don't forget to sign up for helping with putting together and delivering the baskets. As like every year, the lodge needs your full support. It's not just for our lodge, but our community who needs our help, especially with the economy being the way it is.

As the year ends, I would like to thank everyone that has helped this year in the kitchen. I am looking forward to starting the new year with new faces in the warm, fun, and happy place, our kitchen. I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe Happy New Year. Hopefully Santa brought you everything on your wish list, if not there is always next year!

With the holiday season upon us, Christmas a few short weeks away and 2011 just around the corner it seems fitting to take a moment to appreciate what we have been given.

In our own community of Elkdome, we have so many members helping in different ways. You will see them working with the charity events, the BBQ (both on and off site), sharing the news and benefits of our order, bringing in new members and helping during the meals. In addition, this does not include the dozens of individuals that take care of all of the details, from paying bills, ordering supplies and the momentous task of putting together the Antler (thank you Sally!), all things that many of us take for granted.

I am grateful for all of the smiles and support the general membership has shown the officer corps during 2010, for the ideas and possibilities presented and for the guidance and support shown to me personally. I appreciate the willingness of the committee chairs under my station to jump in there when called upon for updates at the lodge meetings. Scholarships - Rick Herrera, Americanism - Grant Thistle, Veteran's - Carl Lanterman, Flag Day/Retirement - Robert Jones, and Membership - David Naccaratto, are just a few of those that I count on every month to answer to the station of the Esteemed Loyal Knight.

Let's get ready to make 2011 a little bit of heaven here at the lodge. Moreover, in keeping with the concept that this month's brief article is all about thanking you for your participation (even if it's simply being a member and reading this today) ... if you have access to the internet please visit <http://tinyurl.com/brotherly-love2010> and enjoy some great music / videos to keep your spirits soaring - now and always.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and...in the words of Tiny Tim, "God Bless Us, Everyone".

**Remember Manna  
this Christmas season**



**Collection baskets in the lounge  
await your donations**

**OUR LODGE ON YOU TUBE---HURRAY**

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



**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**

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the gavel tolls. The new timing device will remain Lodge property for future E/R's to have and use.

The only immunity envisioned for this action is honoring those fulfilling functions required of their respective positions.

**Editorial comment: I hope you never hear the gavel!**

Now that we're in the holiday season let's renew our spirit of being kind and gentle towards each other. Do away with unkind remarks concerning the activities of others and share with them anything you see as opposing the general will of the body – the Lodge in general.

We are here to enjoy ourselves, let's just do that! I don't consider myself a Bible toting, or quoting, religious sort of person, but an axiom of life which we learned as children and that we should all try to maintain goes, "Let those with no sin cast the first stone." Ask yourself should we try putting that into practice, here in our Lodge?

Maybe we would be wise to let such an attitude immerse itself into our normal, ongoing, daily lives as we are exerting the energies of our mind to learn and practice it during this holiday season.

In joining us you have permitted our Lodge to become an extension of your family, let it now surface as an extension of your love and affection during these holidays, and in your future.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY CHANNUKAH!  
FELIZNAVIDAD! AND, HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

We have all voluntarily joined this Lodge in a spirit of fellowship and friendship, hoping to fit into a mainstream of conviviality that should be the standard by which we coexist. When it is overheard, and repeated, that one brags about their material or financial contributions, or how strong they are financially, it causes others to wonder if they are here for the same reasons others joined?

Or, can it be they feel they have been drug into an extended episode of continuing arrogant behavior that insults their very fiber? Everyone wants to be welcome especially into a society where they have voluntarily committed themselves with a wholesome and sincere spirit of wanting to cooperate,

Now that we are on the threshold of beginning a new year is it worthy to consider assessing our image we as individuals project? Or, are we projecting our persona as something negative? Do we embrace the idea of performing helpful actions in encouraging new members to become involved?

If we do these simple things we cannot miss at scoring high in becoming the Lodge we all want to see.

December 5, 2010 is our Elks Memorial Day celebration, and it is one of the highlights of our Elk Year. This ritual honors all members who have passed on during this calendar year. Since probably you have a friend, or two, who passed during this year it represents one more opportunity to gracefully remember them. Join in celebrating each member with a final recognition.

Best Regards

**December 11  
11am-1pm**



**Open to all kids and kids at heart  
lunch-entertainment-visit  
from Santa**



**JACK LOUGHRAN, PER 1996 - 97**

10-26-1922 - 8-15-2010

A Member of the Greatest Generation

I get up each morning and retrieve the newspaper and go to the obits and look for those long ago heroes that made up our 'Greatest Generation'. When I find one I am filled with love and pride for the sacrifices that they made.

Jack was a navy man through and through, joining in 1940 and after 20 years of service retired as a Chief Petty Officer. There are not too many who answered the call for WWII and also a veteran of the Korean War and Vietnam War as Jack was. As Elks we pay homage to their courage and devotion to duty.

Jack was a devoted father, to his beautiful daughters Murial, Nancy and Shirley, and grandfather to the children. He faced personal adversities with the loss of his wife and carried on. Being a navy man and in love with the sea he took a cruise and lo and behold he became smitten with a Cuban bombshell by the name of Yolanda. He wooed her and won her. The old song 'Love is Better the Second Time Around' aptly fit their life together.

Being a part of that generation that answers the call Jack answered the call of Elkdom and went through the chairs and gave us great memories because we can look back and remember that our Lodge flourished under his leadership and we will miss him.

**Jerry Serota**

# **EL KONEJO KAMPERS Holiday Brunch**

**December 12, 2010**

**The Grand Vista Hotel**

**Simi-Conejo Room**

**999 Enchanted Way**

**Simi Valley**

**10:30AM - 2:00PM**

**\$30 per Person**

**Manna Prizes \* Raffle Prizes**

**50-50**

**Tickets Available from:**

**Chuck Kudra (805)374-9909**

**Beverly Erickson (805)495-9715**

**or the Lodge Bar**

**Bring canned and packaged food items for MANNA and you will receive a free ticket for a very special raffle.**

**Non-Kampers are welcome to join us.**

**Remember. This is an adults only event.**



**COMING ATTRACTIONS**

- November/December-Christmas Tree Sales
- December 5-Elks Memorial Service
- December 3-Tree Trimming Party
- December 7-Elk Ladies Holiday Party
- December 10-ER Holiday Party
- December 11-Kids Holiday Party
- December 12-Kampers Holiday Brunch
- December 14-18 Christmas Basket Program
- December 31-New Year's Eve Party
  
- February 5-Elk Ladies Buccaneer Bash

**EL KONEJO KAMPERS  
Holiday Brunch**

*We are actively seeking donations for the raffle prizes at the holiday brunch. If you have something to donate, please contact*

**Chuck Kudra (805)374-9909**  
**Beverly Erickson (805)495-9715**  
*Thank you!!*

*Kamper Klub membership fees (\$25) for 2011 are due in December.*

**ELKS CHRISTMAS TREE LOT – 2010**



Once again, it's time to start spooling up for the Elks Christmas Tree Lot. As always, it will be a lot of hard work but provides a significant return for our charities and building fund. We had a very good year in 2009, despite increased competition, in large part due to a record participation by our membership. At least 80 members helped out – some a lot, some a little – but everyone was needed and appreciated.

CARLSONS BUILDING MATERIALS has again made a part of their street front property available to us on Thousand Oaks Boulevard. Please be sure to patronize this valued sponsor whenever possible.

**Please mark your calendars with these dates and times:**

- November 29 & 30 (Mon/Tues) 9am-1pm Setup lot & trailer at Carlsons
- December 1 (Wed) TBA
- First Tree Delivery
- December 2 - 9am-8pm
- Tree Sales
- December 19
- December 8 (Wed) TBA
- Second Tree Delivery
- December 19 (Sun)
- Last Day of Sales & Lot Tear Down

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS**

**805-494-0330**

**Carl Lanterman**

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO:** Rick and Corinne Eddy on the passing of her father

**KEEPIN YOUR PRAYERS:** Shirley Kozlowski; Our Armed Forces who are keeping us safe

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

**ENTERTAINMENT**



**Dec. 17- One Last Dance**



**Corinne Eddy, Bar Manager**



This year's Essay Contest is open to 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders. All we need is an Essay TYPED AND AT 250 WORD COUNT ONLY. The subject matter is "Why I am Proud to be an American". National winners will receive between \$250.00 and \$1,000 Savings Bonds.

The deadline is December 10th 2011. If you know someone that meets this criteria, please pass the word along and have the essays dropped off at the office and they will be given them to our Americanism Chairman, Grant Thistle. Think of a neighbor or grandchild. Winners will receive an award and an invitation for them and their family to attend our Youth Appreciation Dinner in May. All Lodge winners move up to district judging then area judging on to national judging.

## ELK LADIES HALLOWEEN BASH



## It's ENF Scholarship Time!!!!

The Elks National Foundation has announced that the 2011 Elks Scholarship Contests Are Under Way. (See [elks.org](http://elks.org)) This year, the amount awarded is scheduled to be \$2,296,000 (\$2.296 MILLION)

There are two (2) types currently offered under this announcement:

1) Most Valuable Student Scholarships 500 four-year scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$15,000 per year, for graduating high school seniors based on financial need, leadership and scholarship. Click on <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm>  
2011 applications are due **December 1, 2010**.

2) Legacy Awards applications, **available on-line only**, are due on **February 1, 2011**, at 12:00 p.m. (noon) Central Time. If you are the child or grandchild of an active Elk member, visit [www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy.cfm](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy.cfm) to find out more! Who is eligible? Click on <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy.cfm#WhoIsEligible> to learn who is eligible.

3) Emergency Educational Grants One-year educational grants available to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. Click on <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/eefgrants.cfm> for additional information.

Before applying, please be sure that the applicant meets the following eligibility guidelines.

The Elk parent or stepparent must have been a member in good standing for at least one year at the time of his or her death.  
or

The Elk parent or stepparent must have been a member in good standing for at least one year before he or she became totally disabled and must continue to be an Elk in good standing when application for assistance is made.



In each of the 172 VA Medical Centers there is an Elk committee at work. Literally, thousands of Elks and their families give generously of their time, energy and resources so that the lives of our ill and aging veterans will be enhanced. Hundreds of thousands of hours and like numbers of dollars are devoted to programs that are designed to keep us true to our pledge: "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." And now we've broadened our program to include outpatients and veterans who are homeless.



# WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Jill Williams & Rick Bennett

Jill Williams with her sponsor and brother Rick Bennett



Rodney Bennett with his sponsor Rick Bennett



Ronda Olson with her sponsor Bev Reis



Sylvia Guerro with her sponsors the Ansell

## HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LODGE-generous donations



PER Association members (l-r) Don Ansell Jay Block, Terry Gicking and John Nau- to Major Project



Terry Gicking with Heather Polinsky-bartenders to Major Project



(l-r) John & Cherri Peterson donating flags accepted by Steve Smith



PER Roast for Terry Baker and George Meehan



Al Koemmpel & Rich Romani for CHEMPI pin



**Pat VonWittenberg  
Konejo Kampers**

**EDBIANCHIANDHISENTOURAGE** - Tapo Canyon in October

Some of the Kampers were a bit surprised when Ed volunteered to be wagon master for the October campout. Not that his intentions are not good, but on occasion situations arise that prevent his following through. Not this time! He and Arnie were there, set up before we pulled in Wednesday afternoon.

Ya know sometimes I wonder what enters the mind of a man. I had driven the car out because I had a couple of stops to make prior to going to the campground. Some where along my route, I got a call from Bill, saying the steps on the motor home would retract. And I was supposed to do WHAT? Fortunately, he was able to contact our mobile repairman, Gabe, who wasn't that far from where Bill had stopped. RESCUED! Later, Bill told me he had only called to advise that he might be late arriving, hummm!

Saying Ed was geared up - ready to go is an understatement. We had some yucky weather Wednesday, but that did not prevent any of the new arrivals from being outside socializing. Later that evening though, we became a bit concerned about Arnie. Seems he had developed the chills or some case of feeling not so good. Thursday morning he was hail and hearty, but Ed was a bit on the tired side? Arnie had decided that a good hot shower would be just the thing to fix him right up. BUT AT 1:00 A.M. or was it 2:00? Fortunately, Ed recovers quickly.

Not completely sure of all the names of Ed's buddies who showed up at various times but they all arrived bearing gifts of some kind. I believe "Joe" visited with fresh picked oranges and an awesome juicer. Trine's dad, Tony, came up from Hermosa (?) Beach. Friday night he asked all what kind of pies should he get for Saturday night. Lemon was a big favorite. He brought the lemon, cherry, berry, dang can't remember what else. They went like hot cakes.

Joe Nemtuzak was one of the Wednesday arrivals, without Judy or Cookie. Judy had gotten a flu shot and wasn't up to par. I was disappointed that Cookie wouldn't be there till later, well Judy too, I keep forgetting to talk about the Kampers being Cookie's therapy group. Yup, that's right. When Joe and Judy first joined the group that little dog didn't want anything to do with any of us, in fact, she was gonna take a taste of Joel Erickson. It only took me about 5 pounds of doggie treats to win her over, then she finally just jumped up on to Bev Erickson's lap without being enticed at all. Now she joyfully greets all of us, happy as can be and doesn't discriminate at all.

See what all of you are missing - "Group Therapy"! It's a heck of a lot cheaper than seeing a shrink (giggle).



We missed Chuck and Judy Kudra. Grace (Chuck) got up for their early morning walk, forgot, or didn't pay attention, bumped into a table which supported a TV, the set fell on top of his foot, crunching all the tiny bones just behind the toes. That had to really hurt and it also laid him up for quite a while. Can you imagine Mr. Type A personality confined to quarters with his foot elevated for weeks? Difficult isn't it?

We all know that Cheryl Templeton is a shopper beyond compare, but gotta tell you Ed did a terrific job shopping for raffle prizes. Only later did he admit that his mom and other family members had lent a hand.

Saturday night, Ed started prep on his famous tacos. I've always thought a group of women were somewhat of a problem, but four or five men around the stove cooking tacos was something to behold and hear. Bicker, bicker, bicker. Pat Hartin (oh yah, he and Toni showed up sometime) and Jim Moya were very quiet and just did their job. There were a couple more giving Ed a hard time. All's well that end's well. The Tacos were great.

Who is it that comes camping only - - maybe four times a year? The LaFarrs and who was the Sheriff, Deb. She did a great job just a bit on the harsh side - not too, too, though. GreatFUN, GreatCAMPOUT!



## Upcoming Campouts

December 12-Grand Vista Hotel-brun  
January 14-15-Travel Village Valencia  
February 11-12- California RV Acton  
March 11-12-Camp Comfort  
March 31/April 2-Newport Dunes  
May 20-21-Kenney Grove



visit the website:

<http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com>

to join call Bev Erickson 495-9715



## Your Lodge Serving Our Community

- \* Providing food baskets for 100 families this holiday season
- \* Providing karaoke at Saticoy Vets monthly
- \* Hosting bingo party at Sepulveda Veterans Hospital
- \* Presenting brunch for vets with color guard, and musical program
- \* Sponsoring the first Spirit of America Award dinner and ceremony
- \* Retiring flags from the community in a respectful manner with the Boy Scouts
- \* Passing out dictionaries to third graders in Pleasant Valley School District during meaningful assembly



Christmas Basket Program  
Sign Up Sheets in the Lounge



I want to give a huge thank you to Max Maxwell for installing our new tangle less flag. The flag on the outside of the office was always getting wrapped up around itself. I could no longer stand and unwind it thus I was looking through one of the more than 50 catalogs my wife receives every month. I spotted this flag pole that states will not" tangle guaranteed". I buy it . Max comes into the office as he does on a daily bases to see if there is anything I need done. Usually I don't but this time I was waiting for him. Not five minutes after I told him what I had, he had it installed. Looks great and sure enough no more tangles. Thanks to Max Maxwell



### 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

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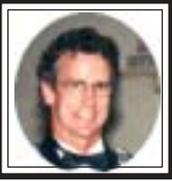
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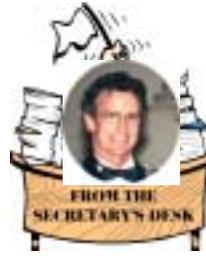


**David Naccarato, PER**  
**OUR STORY**

War tensions were rising in Europe and in August 1914 the powers of Europe went to war. In April 1917 President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to declare War. The United States was poorly prepared to fight the war. The Army had no hospitals to care for mass casualties. Like our namesake, the Elks, we defend and look after our own. The Elks in 1917 pledged one million dollars called "the War Relief Fund". The order was the first to arrange and equip two base hospitals in France. 70,000 Elks joined the military. Considering at that time we only had 475,000 members. More than 1,000 Elks died in WW1. The Elks offered to build a 700-bed reconstruction hospital for the Government. The offer was gratefully accepted. At the time, the most effective service organization was the Salvation Army. They tried but they were overwhelmed. The Elks held fund raisers and raised \$1,060,000. In those days a \$5.00 daily wage was a rarity.

At the beginning of 1941 The United States air power was almost nonexistent. The War Department asked to Elks for help in the "Keep em Flying" program by finding qualified candidates to enter the Aviation Cadet Training Course. More than 400 lodges got involved and the military was pleased with the results. Suddenly on December 7th 1941, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. Our Grand Exalted Ruler, McClelland, called the President of the United States to put the entire strength of the order at the country's call. The Elks helped with Air Corp ground crews and the Naval Air Corps program. Again the subordinate lodges responded magnificently. In the fall of 1943 the Army and Navy each sent a special tribute to the Elks. The Army letter stated, "full credit for the success obtained in the recruiting programs."

In 1946, the Elks National Memorial was rededicated to the memory of these now-forever absent members. Grand Lodge asked that Rehabilitation Committees be set up in every Lodge, to make certain that no man or woman who had served the nation would ever be forgotten or forsaken by its people. In 1946, the Elks National Veterans Service Commission came into existence. In its first year the commission staged 2,000 programs in 152 hospitals in 41 states. In 1950 the Korean War broke out and again the Government sought aid. This time it was 3 million pints of blood for the wounded. By July 1952 it was a success. The Korean War ended in 1953. Still "So long as there are Veterans, the B.P.O.E. will never forget" is still the motto of today.



**David Naccarato, PER, Lodge Secretary**

On November 3rd at the regular Lodge meeting a motion was made to go back to 4 meetings a month. after discussion an amendment to the motion was made to go to three meetings a month leaving the second Wednesday for the House and Officers committees to meet and any 5th Wednesday to be dark unless something special may be planned to use that Wednesday. The motion to amend passed and a vote was taken to adopt the new Lodge meeting nights. The Motion Passed and With the approval of judiciary Robert Duitsman, this change will take effect April 1st 2011. First meeting in April will not be till the 6th of April. The 13th will be Officer and House Committee and the 20th and 27th also will be regular Lodge meetings.

In the October issue of The Elks Magazine was a full page ad stating "ATTENTION ALL ELKS".

It talks about our future as the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks. Any and all input is requested and everything is on the table. This is your chance to be heard at a national level. The Grand Lodge Secretary is looking for ideas and suggestions to help reinvigorate our order. The deadline is December 15th. This is your chance to contribute to the future of the Order. Mail your suggestions to R. Klatt, Grand Secretary, 2750 N. Lakeview Ave. Chicago, IL 60614-1889. Ore-mail to [elksfuture@elks.org](mailto:elksfuture@elks.org).

In December we will not have Initiation for new candidates. If you are sponsoring a candidate, please let them know we have not forgotten them and they will be initiated in January. Until then, we will always accept applications and look for a large group of candidates in January.

In the coming months, all officers will be looking for members willing to step up and become an officer in the Lodge or if you have a desire to participate as a committee chairperson please see me or any of the Officers to learn what the duties and responsibilities that are required for either. Committee chairs open for next year now are: Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Youth Activities, Government Relations, BBQ Chairman, Off Site BBQ Chairman, Lodge Activities.

#### **Who are the Elks?**

The Elks are American Citizens who want to save its great values; who love others and want to make sure they are healthy and happy; and who love life and want to contribute to it, as well as to share it

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

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way... that's the beginning to one the favorite Christmas carols of all times.

We are now beginning one of the busiest times of the year not only for the lodge but also for us as individuals. The trees must be trimmed and the stockings must be hung up with care.

One of the most caring and most rewarding things that the Elks do at Christmas is to assemble food and gift baskets for the families in the Conejo Valley that are in need of a little help at this time. I applaud all of the people that go that extra mile and work so hard to make this happen. I also urge the ladies to come and help wrap the gifts for all the children.

Speaking of gifts for the children, that brings me to the gifts. It is a tradition that the Elks Ladies have their annual Christmas dinner, at which time the ladies donate gifts for the children. You should have gotten your invitation in the mail and hopefully you have already sent back your reply. We urge you to bring more than one gift (don't forget the older children), there will be a drawing and you will receive a ticket for each and every gift that you donate. Thank you for your generosity now and in the past.

**See you at the Elks Ladies Christmas Dinner on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.**

At our Nov. meeting, Dee Ansell would have won \$80 but unfortunately she was not in attendance so Jan. drawing will be for \$100. Our raffle went to Alice Kennedy in the amount of \$23.

A very special thanks goes to Beth Kozlowski for the wonderful Halloween dinner she put on. More about that next month.

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving!  
God Bless, Alice Kennedy



Elk Ladies officers accepting Century Club award from David Naccarato (l-r) Lynn Rodriquez, Charlotte Gessler, Pat Peterson, David Naccarato, Alice Kennedy, Myrna Block

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Colleen McFarlane-6
- Kay Riebe-10
- Catherine Koeritz-14
- Roxy Skinner-15
- Marilyn Cissell-27
- Sally Claunch-30



### A PRAYER FOR VOTING



And when it comes to voting in faith we turn to you. Because you are our Father, please guide us in what to do. This weather, Lord is awesome, just perfect for election day. For people and propositions, what's best for all we pray. Amen

### BUCCANEERS AND WENCHES ARE COMING

February 5, 2011

**Elk Ladies Fundraiser for Major Project**



**pirate food--drink--games--entertainment**

**OFFICERS 2010-2011**

EXALTED RULER - Harry Brockwell  
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 LOYAL KNIGHT - Leo Rodriquez  
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 SECRETARY - Dave Naccarato, PER  
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 TILER - Paul Wagner  
 ESQUIRE - Robert Jones  
 CHAPLAIN - Rick Herrera  
 INNER GUARD- Rick Eddy  
 ORGANIST- Kirin Spreights  
 OFFICER AT LARGE- Terry Gicking, PER

**TRUSTEES**

Sam Frankl 1 Year  
 David Stull 2 Year  
 Chuck Kudra 3 Year  
 Richard Whitmire 4 Year  
 Carl Lanterman 5 Year

**MANAGERS**

BAR MANAGER- Corinne Eddy  
 KITCHEN- Loyal Knight-Leo Rodriquez  
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GOLF TOURNAMENT:  
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 MEMBERSHIP: David Naccarato, PER  
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 EL KONEJO KAMPERS: Mike Flannery  
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**HONOREES**

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 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR- Karen Naccarato

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 Greg Metzgas,PDDGER10/6/2010 Capsule  
 Robert Jones  
 Thousand Oaks Bartenders ( Century Club)  
 Harry Brockwell  
 Robert Wylie  
 Pennies from heavan  
 Max Maxwell

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Joan Roper-1	Rick Goldner-21
Bruce Cameron-3	David Bowman-22
Edward Cassese-3	William Aubrey-23
Charles Kudra-3	William Sandham-25
Paul Stein-4	George Estok-26
Grant Thistle-4	Mel Baker-27
Richard Johnson-5	Edward Bianchi, Jr-27
Carol Neuner-5	Stephen Finnerty-29
Richard Wixon-5	Robert Jones, Mcguyver-29
Eugene Letourneau-6	Michael Ramiez-29
Gerald Feldman-7	Susie Ross-29
Raymond Clayton-11	Nabil K. Sakla-29
Donna Leary-11	Sally Claunch,PER-30
Dale Smith-11	
Erich Briggs-12	
Catherine Koeritz,PER-14	
I.B. Jensen-16	
Donald Rue-16	
Kira Wagner-19	
Harry Isaman-20	
Robert Jennings-20	

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 DRINK

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Bring your aluminum cans,  
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Drop off at Wed. meetings  
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Please do not drop off non deposit plastic items  
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for example:

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Plastic cups

Salad dressing containers

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Thank You for your continued support, Rick



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**Candidate:**

Joshua Tenenbaum

**Sponsor:**

David Naccarato



Ron Earl - Reinstatement

Richard Wade - Reinstatement

Marty Corin-Transfer from Anacortes Lodge #1204

### CRYING TOWEL

10/6/2010 Capsule Drawing Don Booker not present

Lucky 13 Paul Denublio Sorry

10/20/2010 Capsule Drawing Mike Feragamo Not present

Lucky 13 Nick Nickson Associate member No winner



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