



Exalted Ruler  
Steve Smith

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## MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH



Sunday May 8th

10:00 am-1:00 pm

Ritual 11 am

featuring: champagne, spectacular buffet with salmon,  
flowers for women attending, meaningful ritual

Call for your reservations

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Adults \$12

Children 5-10 \$6

Children under 5-free



Prepared by Carl Lanterman, Tom Ryder & Friends

**EXALTED RULER****Steve Smith**

Greetings everyone, I hope you all had a good Easter. Easter Sunday was certainly a beautiful day to be enjoyed with family and friends. And speaking of enjoyment, for those who missed it, I must tell you that the Inaugural Ball was a gala event. Pam and I are especially grateful for the effort put forth by Myrna Block and Kathy Ryder. The support they provided to Lynn Rodriguez made the event come off beautifully. I must tell you that when you give Lynn a task or project, she hits the pavement running and doesn't stop until success is accomplished. Thank you Lynn you Pam and I appreciate your tireless efforts. I am especially grateful for the support shown by those Past Exalted Rulers who attended the event. Your presence meant a lot to me. I also want to thank Greg Metzgs for emceeding the event. As always he performed with class, even while Barbara was constantly on his mind and of grave concern, he stood tall. Thanks Greg.

Okay, what's happening now? Well, the house committee is moving forward with business as usual. By now we will have conducted our first meeting of the Elk year, and I hope we did not generate any 911 calls. The Officers meetings are moving forward without much fanfare as well. However, Ladies let me address one or two of your concerns. We are going to or have already had an accessory shelf installed below the mirror in your dressing room. We are also looking at changing, one way or the other, the restroom facilities to better accommodate you. I pledge to you it will happen this year and soon. We have a very capable team on the project.

On a more serious note, I want to take a moment to remind all of you that your board of Trustees brings together a solid cadre of talent of the type and quality we need. They may not all agree on every issue presented to them, but they provide courteous and thoughtful knowledge to the discussion. In the few meetings I have attended, I have witnessed a team bring forth conscientiousness and concern for the care and accounting of our assets. They are dedicated volunteers and deserve your support.

Now, for some fun. As you may or may not recall I was in the process of planning another Laughlin bus trip. This year we will be staying at the Riverside hotel and casino Sunday and Monday nights August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$85.00 per person based on double occupancy. Single occupancy will be \$97.00 per person. The price includes adult beverages, soft drinks, water and snacks on board the bus, one buffet breakfast and one buffet meal of your choice. We will be returning to the lodge Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> in time for dinner which is also included in the price. This event is also going to be a fund raiser for the Elks National Foundation so there will be a 50/50 drawing, rippers and other fun games while traveling to Laughlin. Tickets will be on sale behind the bar. Look for the flyers with more details and times. The deadline to purchase your tickets is July 15<sup>th</sup>. Don't delay. Seats sell fast. We can

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**LEADING KNIGHT****Leo Rodriquez**

Welcome to another new Lodge year, 2011-2012. This year has started off with a few big events which have already come and gone with great success and support from you, the members of this Lodge.

The Inaugural Ball was held at the Lindero Country Club on March 26, 2011 and the evening was a success! I thank all of those who attended and showed their support for our new ER, Steve Smith, his wife and First Lady Pam, and his Officer Corp. for the 2011-2012 year.

I want to thank all those who made this event possible. They include PDDGER, Greg Metzgs for being our Master of Ceremonies; Grand Marshalls, PER George Meehan and Cornelia; Outer Escorts, John and June Leadam; Grand Entrance Coordinator, room set up, seating and all around general advice, Kathy Ryder; Greeter and Tickets, Patti Serota; Invocation, Rick Eddy; Photographer, Jerry Serota; Karen Naccarato for her help with programs; Protocol and Flowers, Myrna Block; and Corinne Eddy for all her assistance helping my wife, Lynn, spending tremendous amounts of time and effort decorating, ticket sales, working with the banquet manager in planning the menu, promoting the event, and booking the entertainment, "One Last Dance". This year's Ball was first class and a memorable evening inspired by the help of these wonderful people and all their hard work.

We also had our Purple Pig Major Project Dinner on March 30, 2011. The support of our members was again what made this evening a big success. Terry Gicking put a lot of time in putting this event together. A special therapist from CHEMPI gave a presentation explaining what our Purple Pig money does for children. We were also treated to a terrific dinner which was prepared and put together by JB Bre. The food was JB's family recipes, which she guards with her life, utilizing her expertise preparing a meal with a Texas BBQ style, it was delicious. Raffle tickets were sold to those hoping to win any of the exciting prizes. The 50/50 tickets were also a big hit with the winner taking home their share of \$213. Overall, the efforts of all those helping behind the scenes made for a super night.

In addition to the events I talked about in this article, the Officer Corp. is practicing 3 days a week and working very hard to represent our Lodge in the Ritual Contest in which Thousand Oaks Lodge is hosting this year. The contest is being held on April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and includes all lodges within the West Coast Central District. Be sure you let our Officers know we are routing for the team!

Let's have a great year and hope that we see you coming around the lodge and being a part of Elkdom!



Please let us not forget MANNA. Bring a can of something or a BUCK to the next meeting and we will deliver it in person to Manna. They are always appreciative of our generosity.

There are those in our community who are less fortunate and need our help. Thanks again to all those who respond. **Jerry Serota**



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



With the recent changes in committee structure, it now falls to the Loyal Knight to report on lodge activities as well as working with the calendar and the presiding justice. Furthermore, *Lodge Activities* now encompasses *PR, Americanism, Flag Day/Flag Retirement, Memorial Services, Government Relations, Mother's Day, Lodge Picnic, National Services/Veteran's, PERAssociation, Wednesday Dinners and Wednesday Tickets*. Many of these activities require advanced preparation and some, even long term planning to make sure that the members (you) derive the greatest benefit from their participation. Since our annual calendar meeting in February when we looked at ALL of the activities over the incoming year (not only those listed above) we continue to meet briefly once a month to refine the dates and make modifications as needed. However, the "voices" putting this together do not always represent the majority – only those present. Furthermore, the decisions made for the direction come from our experience and passion.

Ok so I hear you saying, "What's the point?" It's simple. On May 15, there will be a Long Range Planning meeting at the lodge from 1-4 PM. Those present will be looking at the direction and actions this lodge will be taking over the next 5 years. OH – you have seen information about it in other places in the Antler? I know, our PER Harry Brockwell, our ER Steve Smith and our Chairman of the Board Carl Lanterman are all talking about. Still, I believe it is worth repeating until I am sure everyone has heard about it. To make the most of our assets, to put the full weight of the house committee behind fund-raisers and modifications or changes in our facilities as well as our activities, I further believe that it is imperative for every member to either be present or communicates their desires to the lodge.

There are two sayings that I adhere to daily; 1) If you are not moving forward toward your goals, then you are moving backward, there is no standing still; and 2) If you're not part of the solution then you're part of the problem. Come to the lodge, put your \$.02 in, and help us grow as we strive to both serve the community better AND to serve YOU better. Help us focus on the opportunities, overcome any obstacles and find solutions.

Even if you feel like you have "been there, done that" spend a few hours to see what miracles we might accomplish and chart a course of action so clear that anyone glancing our way will know what direction we are headed. I sincerely hope to see you



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



I've discovered something that has made me very proud to be an Elk.

Since I am the Public Relations Chair (and still getting my feet wet), I've been approaching and meeting people in the community at various civic, media, and other non-profit organizations. And, when I talk to them about Elks and Elkdom I often hear, more often than not, how many of these people really admire and respect Elks for what they do...and how they behave.

What I get the most is about the integrity that is within an Elk. Elks, according to these people, are honest, hard-working, caring, and sharing folks who possess the same level of warmth and courtesy, no matter what lodge you visit, how young or old they are.

Sidebar: many believe Elks are old and retired. Umm, I tell them not so. The youngest Elk in our lodge (I think) is 25 and a warm, fun, hard-working, and quite sincere gal.

At our core, we are a Brotherhood with the same principles and standards laid forth and inculcated by our initiation, by-laws, and house rules. We just so happen to like consistency, standards, foundations in our organization, and it shows up in our actions and words.

Sidebar 2: We're still working on language issues within the lodge, which I can only imagine came from our origins as a Western Saloon—we are getting better with time and conscientious effort (Kudos, Heather).

As we practice these rules when we are in each other's company, this "group effort" seems to, perhaps subtly, evolve each of us in becoming better persons, respecting each other first, then others we meet along our life's pathway. Do you remember what you were like before you were and Elk? Were you the same person?

And this "Best People On Earth" (BPOE) mindset cannot NOT flow into the community on a daily basis. "Elk" is absolutely part of the very fabric of who we are and we show it everywhere, all the time, and people recognize it.

So...never forget that you were invited into this organization by someone who saw in you as a truly wonderful and unusual human, bent on creating a society full of Caring and Sharing! I am honored to be with such people.

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



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**THOUSAND OAKS ELKS LODGE #2477  
LONG RANGE PLANNING MEETING**

**SUNDAY MAY 15, 2011**

**1:00 – 4:00 pm**

**INTRODUCTION** – Why do we need a 5-year plan?

**PRESENTATION** – 20 Minutes  
What are the trustees doing?  
What are the officers doing?

**REVIEW OF FINANCIALS** – 15 Minutes  
Sources of Income  
Where does the money go?

**MEMBER PARTICIPATION** – Brainstorming  
This is the beginning of the process to identify the main components of a 5-year plan

- 1. DEFINE OUR MISSION** – What is the mission of our lodge and how do we get there?
- 2. LONG RANGE VIEW for OUR LODGE** a. What is the picture in your mind of the lodge in 5 years and beyond? Why is this good for the lodge? ( 2-3 minutes per person)
- 3. DEFINE OUR PRIMARY GOALS** – Discussion a. Facilities? Fund-raising? Community?

**COMING ATTRACTIONS**



May 4/8-Conejo Valley Days  
 May 7-Kentucky Derby Party  
 May 8-Mother's Day Brunch  
 May 13-youth Appreciation Dinner  
 May 14/15- Relay for Life Walk  
 May 18/21-CHEA State Convention  
 May 21-Plant Transplanting Seminar

June 3-BBQ Appreciation Dinner  
 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

July 2-Saturday Night at the Movies  
 July 13-State VP Visitation  
 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**



May 6-Renegades  
 May 20-One Last dance  
 May 27-Power Bingo



Corinne Eddy, Bar Manager



**KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY**  
**MAY 7TH**  
**1 PM**

**PRIZES FOR THE BEST HATS**  
**SNACKS**



**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS**

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

**OUR CONDOLENCES TO:** Karen and Dave Naccarato on the passing of her mother

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Our Armed Forces who are keeping us safe; Barb Metzgun from back surgery; Marva D'Ambrogio from leg surgery

**ON THE MEND:** Shirley Kozlowski; Paul Stein from knee surgery

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

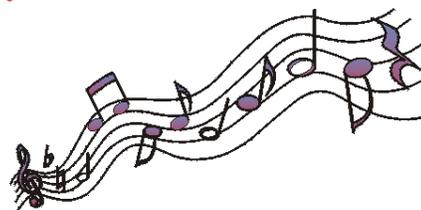


## Mark Your Calender

Another Cat/Dave Production

"The Butt Stops Here"  
June 25Th

Dinner and Show  
\$20.00 pp  
Legends in concert



Benefit for the Ladies Rest Room  
( It's about time)

Come hear your favorite songs from years gone by. Sung  
by the members of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge.



No lip syncing here



For more information or how to get involved call the office  
at 496-2477 10am to 3pm

Note this date has been changed!!



**OPERATION FACELIFT**

Tom Ryder ~ PDDGER

The "OPERATION FACELIFT" committee continues onward and upward. Projects are looking for suggestions and volunteers. You know ~

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

Not much change this past month. Most efforts were directed into getting the lodge ready for its support of Conejo Valley Days, getting the Lodge' Officers installed for the 2011-2012 Elks year and getting ready for Thousand Oaks Lodge hosting the West Central Coast District Ritual Contest here.

**Operation Pride**

All Elks are asked to join **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 Room**

Work continuing on enlarging and enhancing the meeting room in the office building. Will give us a bigger, more usable room for holding committee meetings, community meetings etc, could even hold children's birthday parties there. Some new furniture is being purchased. Funding for this project is being donated by the Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers (PDDGERS) of our Lodge. Thank You.

**Additional Picnic Tables**

Terry Baker awaiting arrival of newly ordered picnic tables. Again thank you Elks Ladies for funding to purchase the additional tables for our picnic area! Last word was that they were shipped from the factory on April 1<sup>st</sup> and should be here any day!

**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**

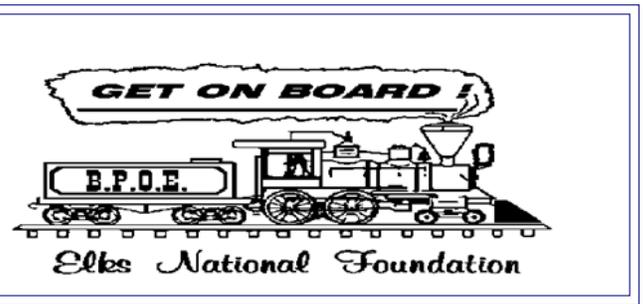
Need to better light up the parking area behind our lodge building. The Officers/House Committee are continuing to work on a plan for installing some new lights around the Lodge.

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. It's your lodge ~ **Volunteer** ~ Talk To An Officer or me! !



*As of March 23, 2011, Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge has donated to ENF \$5,274.47 for the 2010-2011 Elks year. That's a per-capita of \$13.66. We have bettered the Grand Exalted Rulers Goal of \$4.50. The West Central Coast District per capita was \$6.60.*

*The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge is as of March 23 was first in the District in per-capita and we hope to stay there.*

*The ENF strives to help Elks strengthen their communities. Now Lodges can do even more! The ENF will invest \$4.6 million directly in Lodge communities, doubling the size of the Community Investments Program. Bothe Promise and Gratitude Grants are now worth \$2,000 and the number of Promise Grants has increased to 500 to 300. This increase will allow Lodges to do even more to make a meaningful difference in Elks communities.*

*Supporting America's youth is integral to the ENF's mission. ENF will continue to further the education of the Nations youth through their three scholarship programs. In 2011-12, \$3,646 million will go toward enhancing students college education.*

*In addition, ENF has designated \$715,350 to fund Elks Drug Awareness Programs with another \$809,275 being appropriated to the Elks National Hoop Shoot Free Throw Program. More to come!*

*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**

*Remember Manna  
Collection Bins in Lounge*

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER



John Puckett & Kimberly Weidiger



Lola Reed & Dan Martyn



Rick O'Bryen & Dick McCann



Brad Kopp & Paul Wagner

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LODGE- INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & INAUGURAL BALL





**Pat VonWittenberg  
Konejo Kampers**

### MARCH AT CAMP COMFORT

Again the Flannerys and Millers worked together to provide a great campout.

It is a riot to have the Flannery grandchildren. Casey is a very busy little lady. But those twins, who look absolutely nothing alike are small little terrors. One pulls hair and the other one bites. We've all seen Mary in a tizzy but watching this is like (or better than) a three ringed circus.

Some of our campers are very well equipped for simple repairs to motor homes. When Bill began to pull down the window awnings, the whole bloody top, roller and all pulled down. Totally intact and hung by the awning arms.

Along came Jimmy Miller and Jeff Drake. Jimmy has a boatload of tools and "things" for working on his RV and what he didn't have Jeff Drake did. This was really something to watch. Jimmy knew exactly how to fix the problem and Jeff assisted.

Bill sat in his chair and watched. LOL I thought at one time Bill was quite "handy" but it seems "supervision" is his forte now.

Jessica Stull has some talents one would never suspect by mere observation. She was on a roll as hostess with the mostess - kinda got a couple of us in trouble. But all the gals sure had a great "gab fest". Only problem being trying to track all the different conversations at the same time.

Ya know, the Santa Barbara Lodge, has a group that puts on a "Spud Night" periodically as a fund-raiser. I've always thought that would be a great idea, but was told it probably wouldn't go over well at #2477. It sure went over well at the campout. The wagon masters provided the potatoes - BIG potatoes, Mike made chili and the rest of us brought "sides" to go with them. Cheese, broccoli, real bacon bits, sour cream, etc., etc. And of course deserts. Don't think anyone walked away from the tables without being thoroughly satisfied.

Another group, mostly from out of town, were having a "memorial" barbeque in front of the hall at Camp Comfort. When they were finished, they brought over a ton of food, tri-tip, sausages, beans, potato salad and some awesome cakes. You just never know what kind of "perks" may come your way at a campout.

I think I've spoken before about Mary and I really liking to the hit Thrift Stores, so naturally that was an afternoon trip. Beverly Erickson has missed the "Ben Franklins" formerly in this area, but I had found one in Ojai last year, so bless her heart she suffered along with Mary and I before I took her to the Ben Franklins - unfortunately that was a dismal disappointment. Sorry gal!

I've heard rumors that some believe the Kampers' article is too long. Several years back Jerry Serota gave me a word count of 750 words. Admittedly I have, on RARE occasions gone over, but not very darned often. I want to

express my appreciation to those - not Kampers, who have sought me out at the Lodge to tell me how much you enjoy my articles. Thank you very much, cause I do enjoy writing the article.

Although this has nothing to do with our campout, gotta hand out kudos to the kitchen and serving staff for the March breakfast. Poor Joe Nemtuzak is a cook in training and it is almost pitiful how nervous he gets. Course, when we are all trying to push out 60+ custom ordered breakfasts in a HOUR - things do get a bit nerve racking - but dang we have fun. Then again, we're always looking for others to join the crew! Think I may have hooked June Leadham, she thinks she could help serve - we'll be callin' kiddo.

My apologies for sending the WRONG article last month, suffice it to say we had a great time in Action in February. Deb Drake, who's left handed, had a high score of 200 bowling right handed in the Wii Bowling tournament. Thanks to Jim Moye's granddaughter we got all the equipment working properly. (686 words)

### KAMPERS ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUNDRAISER



### UPCOMING KAMPOUTS

May 20-21-Kenney Grove

June 10-11 Ventura Ranch

July 4- Channel Islands Harbor

Aug. 12-13 Santa Maria Elks

Sept.-Santa Barbara Elks

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

Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477 on April 8, 2011 conducted a monthly Bingo party for the 20 residents at the Sepulveda Veterans Administration nursing home with a crew of four Elks headed by Carl Lanterman, National Services Committee Chairman.

In addition to Bingo they bring food snacks, clothing, movies, books, playing cards and cosmetics for the ladies who served our country in the military. Jerry Serota



Elk member, Vern Jossey, checks Bingo Card of Sam Weiner, WWII B24 pilot who bailed out over Germany and was captured. He saw his plane split in two right down the center while clutching his chest parachute and falling into the sky.

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

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only take 54 members and their friends. I look forward to sharing good times with all who can come.

Let's talk about scheduling. I appreciate the effort everyone is eager to put forth in order to make our lodge a fun and welcome place to meet. When you have an idea for a special day devoted to a sporting event such as the Kentucky Derby, a special football game, baseball game or race please stop and ask yourself, "will I be interfering with another event?" Remember we rent our lodge room to outside groups for a variety of affairs which require prior planning, set-up, decorating etc. Check with our Loyal Knight, Kira Wagner, to see if something else has been planned and may not have made it on the calendar. Also keep in mind that our Lounge Manager, Corine Eddy, books anniversaries, birthday parties and other events that for one reason or another don't make it on the calendar. Check with her as well. Both of these ladies have pledged to coordinate their scheduling efforts in order to avoid unforeseen conflicts. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



**Congratulations Chet and Shirley Kozlowski on your 60th anniversary. Still in love and lookin good!!!!**

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### May is National Military Appreciation Month

May 2nd 1945- Soviet troops complete capture of Berlin. German troops in Italy surrender.

May 4th 1942- U.S. Navy beat the Japanese at the battle of the Coral Sea which helped save Australia by blocking the Japanese Juggernaut in the Pacific.

May 6th 1943- U.S. troops on Corregidor in the Philippines surrender to the Japanese.

May 7th 1945- Germany surrenders unconditionally.

May 8th 1945 V-E Day is Declared- victory in Europe.

May 9th 1945 Soviet troops occupy Prague and the Allies liberate the channel islands.

May 16th 1943- German troops crush the last resistance of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising and kill thousands of Jews. The rest are sent to the Treblinka concentration camp to die.

May 21st- is Armed forces day

May 22nd- is National Maritime Day.

May 27th, 1942- German battleship the Bismarck was sunk by British warships while she was on her maiden voyage.

May 28th 1940- Belgium surrenders to Germany.

May 30th- is Memorial Day.

May 31st 1941- German airborne troops defeat the British in Crete.

### THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY

Despite the devastating losses at Pearl Harbor, Japan's victory had not been complete. American aircraft carriers had been absent during the attack, and remained a threat to the Imperial Navy. Admiral Yamamoto, architect of the Pearl Harbor raid, sought to draw these carriers out, and crush them in an attack on the U.S. base at Midway.

In Early June 1942, the U.S. and Japanese fleets would meet at Midway in one of history's most decisive naval battles. The American defenders, outnumbered and outgunned, threw everything they had at the Japanese, sinking all four enemy carriers and knocking out over 200 aircraft. The tide of the war in the Pacific would turn at Midway. From now on, it would be the United States on the offensive.

### Our first BINGO was a bust.

Our Bingo on March 25th lacked players. We had five games at a \$10 buy in. We paid \$20 winner per game to the winner. We can increase the winning pay out depending on the number of players we have. 20% off the top goes to the Purple Pig or another committee in the lodge. We had extra black out games at \$1 each with winner take all. We will try again next month, but if the interest is not there we'll cancel all further games. David Naccarato, Bingo Chair



David Naccarato, PER, Lodge Secretary

Paying Dues is not a convenience it is a part of your membership. On April 1, 2010 we had 40 unpaid members. This April 1, 2011 we have 133 unpaid members. The Trustees have been working hard to put together a budget for the 2011-2012 Elk year. We have 406 members and they are figuring on that money coming in to balance the budget. We have to pay Grand Lodge Assessments on 406 members whether we will receive the money or not. We understand the state of the economy but we as a Lodge are facing the same thing. Please get your dues in. We'll be sending out reminder notices. Thank you for listening.

**The question has been asked, "What is the P.E.R. Association and what purpose does it serve?"** The answer you could get to this question could be many and varied, depending upon whom you asked! Hopefully, this article will clarify things.

Membership in the PER Association of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 is limited to Past Exalted Rulers of Thousand Oaks Lodge who have maintained their membership in our Lodge. Should they demit to another Lodge, they are no longer eligible for membership in our P.E.R. Association. In addition, a past Exalted Ruler of another Lodge, who becomes an Associate member of our Lodge, can also become an Associate member of our P.E.R. Association.

The purpose of the Association is two-fold; One is to maintain a spirit of fellowship among the P.E.R.s and their ladies. However, the most important purpose is to assist the Lodge and its officers and members, whenever asked, or when it is felt necessary for the good of the Lodge.

We have monthly dinner meetings at which time everyone present has an opportunity to bring up any subject, relating to the Lodge, that they desire. A discussion of the subject follows; a sometimes lively discussion too, I might add. If the members present feel the matter should be brought to the attention of the Exalted Ruler, the Officers, the Trustees, or the general membership, the P.E.R. Association President is then instructed to so present it to the appropriate person or group. With The "Good of the Lodge" as our primary purpose our annual P.E.R. dues, as well as any monies we raise through activities, revert back to the Lodge. The P.E.R.s have also chaired Lodge Committees, been District chairmen, DDGER and State Vice Presidents. Because we are no longer in front of you each week, doesn't mean we're not active nor interested. WE ARE! Your support as well as ours, will continue to make Thousand Oaks BPOE #2477 a lodge we can all be proud of calling "OUR LODGE".....**Reprinted from Antler Antics August 1987 written by Dick Flake, P.E.R. deceased**

2011-2012 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	<b>THE ELKS LADIES</b> <b>Alice Kennedy</b>	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

We are proud to say that the Elks Ladies Installation, which was held March 8, 2011, was quite a success. The Elks Ladies would now like to take this opportunity to thank Jessica Stull, and the other Ladies that helped her, to make this Installation a great success. From the flowers to the seating arrangements, Jessica made this installation a terrific night.

The Elks ladies would also like to announce the new slate of officers for 2011-2012. The President is Alice Kennedy; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Karen Naccarato; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Melinda Pekow; Treasurer Charlotte Gessler; and Secretary, Lynn Rodriguez. We have several great events during the year and we would like to see all the Ladies join in the festivities.

**It is that time of year everyone!.....** Conejo Valley Days are here. The dates are May 4th, through May 8th. As usual, Conejo Valley Days is a great success due to the great turnout of everyone. Make sure that you join in the fun. Take care and God bless,  
Melinda Pekow



Passing of the gavel--(l-r) new president Alice Kennedy from Pat Peterson with Myrna Block presenting outgoing president's gift

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Barb Metzgun-7  
 Patti Serota-17  
 Diane Isaman-20  
 Alice Kennedy-29



**GOD NEVER BREAKS A PROMISE**



Be anxious for nothing,  
 Your words we do read,  
 Forget the tomorrows  
 Todays are all we need.

With faith in your promises,  
 Which you'll never break, God  
 Forever your're with us  
 On pathways we'll trod

Amen



Kitchen crew and servers for the gala Installation Banquet



Changing of the guard (l-r) Outgoing President, Pat Peterson, incoming officers-Alice Kennedy, President; Karen Naccarato, 1st VP; Melinda Pekow, 2nd VP; Lynn Rodriquez, Secretary; Charlotte Gessler, Treasurer; and Myrna Block, MC

**OFFICERS 2011-2012**

**TRUSTEES**

EXALTED RULER - Steve Smith  
 LEADING KNIGHT - Leo Rodriquez  
 LOYAL KNIGHT - Kira Wagner  
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 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

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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 Calendar: Kira Wagner  
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 OPERATION FACELIFT: Tom Ryder, PDDGER

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 AUDITING: Chet Kozlowski, PER  
 ELKS TRAINING: Terry Gicking, PER  
 BEQUESTS & LIVING TRUSTS:  
 MEDIATOR: Boyd Lindquist

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

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

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 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  
 Rick Eddy: Mother's Day

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  
 ENTERTAINMENT:

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

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Rick Herrera  
 David Naccarato, PER: Hoop Shoot  
 Grant Thistle: Soccer Shoot  
 Robert Jones: John Moran  
 Robert Jones: Kids Christmas Party  
 CHRISTMAS TREE LOT:

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Paul Wagner  
 Tom Hartin: CVD  
 Eddie Rice: BBQ Teams  
 Eddie Rice: Offsite  
 Max Maxwell: Onsite  
 Bill Miller: Scouting  
 Rick Herrera: Scholarship  
 :Law Enforcement & Fire Fighter Apprec. Dinner

**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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**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Gerald Reingans-11	Steve Woodlief-24
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Anthony Federico-12	Ron Watkins-26
Bob Hart-12	Micheal Murray-27
Tori Rogers-13	Rick Naranjo-27
William Miller-14	Dale Haas-29
Alvin Caddin-16	Robert Saynay-29
Robert Koeritz-19	Russell Oviatt-30
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Kenneth Keeler-22	
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PROPOSED AND WILL BE BALLOTTED ON:**

May 4, 2011



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John La Rue

Leslie Donovan

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Carl Lanterman

Samuel Frankl

Beverly Reis

Nomination for Life Membership: William R. Jones

**CRYING TOWEL**

2/2/2011 Capsule Drawing Al Lenahan #972 Not Present  
Lucky 13 Bill Sternberg no winner

2/16/2011 Capsule Drawing Dan Fuller #2283 Not Present  
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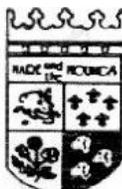
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1984-85 Vern Ogden	2010-11 Harry Brockwell
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