



**Exalted Ruler
Steve Smith**

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MEET OUR NEW STATE PRESIDENT--

Wayne Howard was born on September 27, 1934 in Gunter Texas and attended public schools in Arlington Texas. After high school Wayne entered the US Navy in 1951. His tour of duty took him to many places in the Pacific including Hawaii, Japan, Philippines, South and North Korea and China. Wayne served as a machinist mate on board his ship and was separated from active duty in 1955 to serve in the inactive naval reserve before being discharged in 1959. After Wayne was separated from the Navy he worked at several different jobs in Texas, Oregon and California before returning to Texas where he went to work for Continental Baking Company, Wonder Bread and Hostess Cup Cakes in 1956. Wayne worked part time and returned to College majoring in Baking Science and Management from 1959 to 1962. In 1967 Wayne was asked by Continental Baking Company to move to Hawaii and manage the production department for Love's Bakery, a subsidiary of Continental Baking Company.

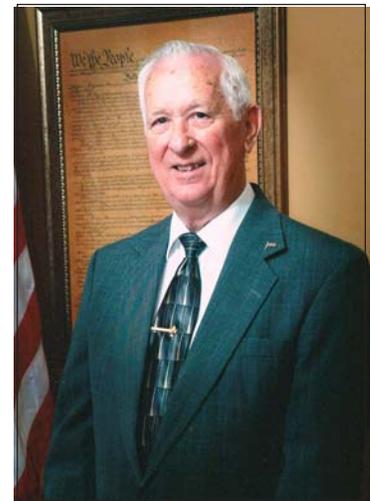
During his time with Love's, Wayne was active in the community as a member of the Environmental Management Association. He served two years as Secretary of the Hawaii Banana Association and two years as its President. He started his own family bakery in 1977, Ono Cones of Hawaii making ice cream cones. He sold his successful 31 year old company in 2008 and retired. Wayne was asked to join the Elks in Kailua Hawaii Lodge No. 2230 and did so on December 2, 1969. Wayne became active and started through the chairs to be elected Exalted Ruler of Kailua Elks Lodge No. 2230 in 1975. He remained active in Kailua for several years chairing several committees and was Chairman of the Trustees in 1984. Wayne became active in Honolulu Elks Lodge No. 616 and transferred his membership to Honolulu in June 1989. He served on several committees including the Auditing Committee, one year as chairman. He also was elected to Treasurer where he served for two years.

CALIFORNIA HAWAIIAN ELKS ASSOCIATION

Wayne was elected to the Honolulu Lodge No. 616 Board of Trustees twice, serving a total of 8 years and as its Chairman twice. Wayne served the California-Hawaii Elks Association as Hawaii District Vice President in 1993-1994 and served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for two years in 1994-1996. Wayne has served as Hawaii District Leader for over 15 years and is an advisor from Hawaii to the Major Project Board. Wayne served on the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project Board of Trustees for 6 years, the last year as Chairman.

In 1996 Wayne met and married his wife, Coleen, who is an Elk. They met at Hilo Lodge No. 759 and she was a Leading Knight at that time. She went on to serve Hilo as Exalted Ruler twice and became Hawaii District Vice President in 2000-2001 and District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Hawaii District in 2001-2002.

Wayne has two sons and one grandson. Coleen has a daughter, a son, two grandsons and a granddaughter. During his year as President he will be promoting, "Elks Live Aloha." He has the expectation that Elks will continue to live with Aloha in their daily lives and spreading Aloha throughout their communities. "Elks Live Aloha"



Wayne Howard

**EXALTED RULER**

Steve Smith

FIDELITY



Greetings everyone. At our first meeting in June I regrettably misinformed our members present at the meeting that the national Elks magazine would contain the issues which will be before us at the convention in Phoenix. Instead, it simply provided the itinerary for the convention. So, in order to inform our membership as best as I can at this juncture I have taken this opportunity to inform you with a simple "cut and paste" forwarding of the proposed changes.

Bear in mind these issues are significant to the future of Elkdom. How we will be perceived by others, and how we will regard ourselves will be affected one way or the other. Traditions are being challenged, oversight is asked to be diminished, and dignity in the rite of passage is subject to being diminished all for the sake of keeping in line with the times. The future of Elkdom is at stake. How ever you wish to have me cast my vote is up to you. I will be addressing the issues included in the attachment of this article in upcoming meetings prior to my attending the Phoenix convention. I look forward to your input. My commitment is to cast my vote in alliance with the vote of the membership.

By the way, don't forget our trip to Laughlin. There has been a slight change. Chuck Busch will not be serving his meal upon our return. It will be lasagna by Ed Bianchi. Also, to clarify something on the flyer posted in the lodge we will be departing from the hotel at 11am on Tuesday morning. Please join us in this fun and frolicing adventure all for the benefit of Elks National Foundation.

The new prososed changes are in the insert to the Antler entitled The Future of Elkdom.



Exalted Ruler, Steve Smith and Pam representing our Lodge in the soggy Santa Maria Rodeo Parade

OUR LODGE ON YOU TUBE---HURRAY

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

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

**LEADING KNIGHT**

Leo Rodriguez

CHARITY



We had a good year for our donations to the Major Projects. We just got back from the State Convention where Steve brought a check from our Lodge for a total of \$13,983.84, of which included a \$2,800.00 donation this year from the Elks Ladies, and all the donations to the Purple Pig by all of our members. We should be proud of our Lodge!

On July 17th, our Exalted Ruler and First Lady, Steve and Pam Smith will be leaving to the Elks National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. This leaves me to play ER at the Wednesday night meeting on July 20th. Come on down to the meeting, but please don't be too brutal on me!

We received a letter from the Grand Exalted Ruler asking Elk members for their donations to the BPO Elks Disaster Relief Fund to help ease the burden of those affected by the recent storms and tornados in the southern portion of our country. Our Lodge has voted to commit \$1.00 per member to this fund. If any of you should want to personally give a donation, checks can be made to "BPO Elks Disaster Relief Fund" and submitted to David Naccarato in the office.

It is never too soon to begin looking for Officers for the 2012-2013 year. If you have ever thought of joining the Officer Corp, please come and talk to me about it. There is need for an Esquire, Chaplin, Inner Guard and a Tiler. The Officer Corp is a great way to get more involved with your Lodge and a great experience. Again, if you have any interest or have any questions please feel free to come and talk to me or call me at 805-338-3195.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Erin Pierle is recovering from surgery to remove a mass from her thyroid. We are very thrilled that the mass was benign.

Remember Cards and Phone calls are always appreciated!



<http://www.elks2477.com>



LOYAL KNIGHT
Kira Wagner



Upon the altar there lies the open bible...it is the symbol of the station of justice and we pay homage to that sacred emblem at every meeting. In the book of Ecclesiastes, we are reminded that life is about balance and it is always in motion.

To every *thing there is* a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up *that which is* planted;

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

Our lodge and the world of Elkdom experiences similar events with the joys and sorrows as members come into our midst and pass on to a better world. We toil in an effort to grow and understand the changes around us. We fight with a fierce passion for those things we believe to be right and true. We tighten our belts in lean times and feast in seasons of prosperity. The parallels abound.

Regardless of any change in the wind, I believe that if we remain true to the values of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity, we will arrive at the other side stronger for our efforts and understanding.

In a few days the nation will celebrate Independence Day. I urge you to pause, if only for a moment, to consider the journey. As an Elk, defined by the patriotic spirit within us, take the time to think on the blessings bestowed upon us and with an attitude of gratitude, bring those possibilities to the lodge as we move forward in a season of prosperity.



**SHARE THE EXCITEMENT
SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER**



LECTURING KNIGHT
Paul Wagner



So who are you as an Elk? Personally I've observed 4 kinds of Elks.

The first kind of Elks are those that write their check and declare themselves as Elk, and sadly, we rarely or never see them again. I don't know particularly WHY they do this, and don't get me wrong; the lodge DOES appreciate these yearly donations as those folk certainly help our lodge. But I would like to see them more often (more on this below).

The second kind of Elk comes for the camaraderie, for the friendship, for the connection, and for the conversation. You'll see them in the lounge, at the Events, and anytime during any given day, talking and laughing warmly with other Elks.

The third kind of member is that member that seems to have ALWAYS been here. They come for the big event, and for Sunday morning breakfasts, and some Friday night dinners. I consider these our "salt of the earth" members...they are the nearly timeless members that have been here for many, many, years...and God bless them each for their contributions.

The fourth kind are the very ACTIVE members. You will find them busy weekly at the BBQ, in the kitchen, and at the events, big and small. They are our BUSY, deep contributors and they allow the Lodge to profit, month to month. Further, you will even find some of these behind the scenes, out of public view—these are the secret magicians at our Lodge—but make no mistake—they are out there, helping the Lodge in big ways.

Now, it doesn't ultimately matter which type of Elk you are. Elks are Elks, and we love all of our members, and we love to see them—frequently!

But here's the pitch...If we DON'T see you more; WHY?

I've heard different reasons from new members that I've concluded probably also apply to some stray Elks:

1. I had a sponsor who is no longer active or doesn't know what to recommend I do to help
2. I am waiting for someone to call me to tell me what to do.
3. I simply don't know how I can help.
4. I want to help but need some direction.
5. I go to the Lodge and nobody talks with me so why come back?

Ok, so, if you are one of these, here's how you can begin:

If you want to help in Scouting in any way call Bill Sternberg (805)933-9020 or Bill Miller (805)497-3142. They will give you many ways to help our Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and/or Girl Scouts/Brownies.

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Meet Our New State Vice President

Christine Moyers was born in San Jose, California on May 31, 1960. She lived there until the age of 14 when she moved to Annandale, Virginia. She graduated from Annandale High School and then went onto Northern Virginia Community College for 1 year. She briefly moved back to California and then returned to Virginia.

Shortly thereafter she joined the United States Marine Corps. She went to Boot Camp at Parris Island, South Carolina and school at Camp Lejuene, North Carolina. From there she was transferred to an F-14 Squadron at Andrews Air Force Base. She then went to Jacksonville Air Station in North Carolina and worked as an Aircraft Administration Clerk. Her last station that she worked while in the Marine Corps was at HMX-1 serving as an Aircraft Administration Clerk, Technical Librarian and her last two years working in the White House Liaison Office for President Reagan coordinating his travel. Prior to leaving Virginia, she worked at a Lobbying Firm in Washington DC. She then moved to Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. While living in Hawaii she worked at a Montessori School with Pre-schoolers. After moving to Paso Robles she became a Mortgage Loan Officer for 18 years.

Chris has been a Girl Scout Leader for 8 years, a Boy Scout Leader for 2 years, a Soccer Coach, Cheerleading Coach, and the team "Mom" for a Football team.

After joining the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks in Paso Robles on January 20, 1999 she immediately became the Chaplain and from there went through the Chairs becoming Exalted Ruler in 2005-2006. She briefly transferred to Simi Lodge in 2002 to become their Inner Guard before transferring back to Paso Robles Lodge. Since then she has been the Veterans Chairman and Ritual Chairman for the West Central Coast District.

She resides in Paso Robles. She has three children, Melissa Moyers-Osman currently of Studio City, Daniel Moyers of Paso Robles, and Melanie Moyers of San Jose.



State Vice President, Christine Moyers

Remember Manna
Collection Bins in Lounge



Lodge Renovations

Earlier this year, I was asked to chair a committee to handle Lodge Renovations. As most of you will agree, our facility is badly in need of attention. Our goal is to renovate our lodge on a cost effective basis with three goals in mind: enhance our ability to attract new members, increase revenue through the rental of the lodge room, and make our lodge more enjoyable for our members, families and guests.

A conceptual plan for remodeling the ladies bathroom, the lodge anteroom and relocating the kitchen service window was approved by the House Committee in February, and in May the House Committee gave its approval to move forward with a plan for the ladies bathroom, which will be our initial focus. We are working with a bathroom plan that is intended to be handicapped accessible. Thanks to input from Terry Gicking, Abe Gamble and Boyd Lindquist, we have a plan which we will present to contractors for the purposes of determining feasibility (it is an old building) and to solicit bids.

Once we begin the actual work on the ladies bathroom, we will determine the next phase of our project, which likely will be to renovate the anteroom and lodge room.

The BIG question, of course, is how are we going to pay for this? We are planning a series of fundraising events, the first being the Cat/Dave dinner and entertainment night scheduled on June 25th. More functions and dates will be announced shortly. We will be asking for participation in our fundraising efforts from our Lady Elks and Konejo Kampers, both of which have always made significant contributions to our lodge. Finally, as many of you are aware, the lodge holds a significant amount in its restricted building fund. We expect to ask the membership to utilize some amount of restricted funds to the extent necessary to meet our goals, subject to presenting a plan to replenish what is used and to grow the building fund on an ongoing basis. This, of course, is expected to be the subject of much debate among us, but I suggest that utilizing some amount of restricted funds to enhance the lodge for the purposes outlined above is a necessary investment in the future of this lodge, with greater potential benefit than the minimal interest rate currently earned on these funds. The ultimate desired result of this project is to grow revenue and membership to the point where we can realistically look at building a better facility. We expect this project to get us to that point.

Many thanks to Donna Leary, Steve Finnerty, David Naccarato and Sharon Baker for their contributions to the committee, and special thanks to Tom Ryder for his input and his accomplishments to date with Operation Facelift.

I welcome your input regarding this project, and I will keep you informed on our progress and fundraising efforts.

Saturday, August 27 ---Laughlin Warmup Casino Night

Saturday, September 24—Octoberfest

Saturday, October 29—HalloweenParty.

We are also planning a weekend yardsale—dates TBD

Dan Martyn, Trustee, Lodge Renovation Committee Chair

COMING ATTRACTIONS



- July 6-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
- August 27-Laughlin Warmup-Casino Night renovation fund raiser
- 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
- Sept. 24-Octoberfest-renovation fund raiser

- Oct. 14- Spirit of America Award Banquet
- Oct. 22- Charity Ball
- Oct. 29- Meet & Greet
- October 29-Halloween Party- renovation fund raiser

- November 4-5- Mid-Term Riverside
- November 12- Flag Retirement
- November 13- Veteran's Appreciation Brunch
- November 19- Blood Drive
- November 24- Thanksgiving Dinner

- December 10- Christmas Floral Arranging with Rick Herrera
- December 12-17- Charity Baskets w/ Saturday delivery
- December 31- New Year's Eve - Cabaret & Casino Night w/Entertainment

ENTERTAINMENT



July 8- Open Jukebox
 July 15-Night at the Races
 July 29-One Last Dance

Corinne Eddy, Bar Manager

2011 Charity Ball

October 22, 2011

To raise funds for our Christmas Baskets

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

For The sequel of



the Black & White Affair

Cocktails

Catered and Served Dinner

Entertainment

GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES

and even more great FUN!



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

**Coleen Morris
 805-241-8928**

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Our Armed Forces who are keeping us safe; Shirley Kozlowski; Mary Woodlief had heart surgery; Lynn Rodriquez had emergency surgery

ON THE MEND: David Puente's mother from a stroke

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



THE PAST EXALTED RULERS

Invite all Members and Guests
To the Lodge

Friday July 15, 2011

For the *Official* Send Off Party

Of The

**THOUSAND OAKS ELKS
EXALTED RULER**

Steve Smith and his Lady Pam

To the Grand Lodge Convention

Cocktails – 5 PM

Fish Fry Dinner – 6:30 PM

Fun and Games – Sometime around
7:30 PM

Night at the Races – 50/50 Drawing



OPERATION FACELIFT

Tom Ryder ~ PDDGER

Thanks to more members getting involved the “**OPERATION FACELIFT**” committee is alive and its projects are picking up speed for a better Lodge!



**- NEED MORE GRUNTS
GET INVOLVED**

Operation Pride

Continues to be the biggest project in the Lodge! Your lodge buildings and grounds need to be made presentable. Please help us pick loose garbage and litter. A more presentable facility will attract more new members !!!

Lodge Renovations

Our Exalted Ruler has set up a new committee titled **Lodge Renovations** under the Chairmanship of Dan Martyn. The sole purpose of this committee is to get interested persons involved in the planning, scheduling for and getting projects underway to fix up the lodge. While these projects will not be major upgrades or new facilities, they will make the current lodge more useable and presentable. First item on the list is to get the ladies a new rest room.

Storage Container

Need a small storage container, a 20 footer will do. If we are to get new interior projects underway we have relocate some items from the lodge building and from the office storage space. If you know where an inexpensive container is and someone is willing to donate it or sell it please call me.

Conference Meeting Room

Work has been moving forward. All major items completed. Ladies have purchased 15 new folding chairs for the room and we can now have 20-30 people sit comfortably in the room for meetings. Funding for this project has been donated by the Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers (PDDGERs) of our Lodge. Thank You.

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 and House Committees 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 (805-497-1853)!!

Elks Care - Elks Share

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

This morning we stepped outside and surveyed our neighborhood as we have done for 44 years and imagined it was Joplin, Missouri and all I could see was the devastation the current tornado did to all of my neighbors.

We then went to the www.Elks.org web site and there at the opening window was a call for donations to the Elks Emergency Relief Fund.

When Richard Goldner as ER came back from National Convention he reported that the Grand Lodge voted to donate \$1.00 per member to the building of the World War Memorial in Washington, D.C.

A motion was made on the floor that our Lodge make that donation a reality. It was seconded by the late Frank Rindone, PER and passed. The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 was the first Lodge in CHEA to honor that pledge.

We looked into our heart and it cried out to the survivors, took out the check book and wrote a check for 100 dollars.

Let us follow the example set for us by the late Frank Rindone, PER, and make a commitment of at least \$1.00 per member for this fund and our Lodge be one of the first to respond. **Jerry Serota**

This information was sent to us by Bud Clark with the Perryville Lodge. The Joplin, MO Elks Lodge #501 was completely destroyed by the tornado and a bartender and two members lost their lives. If you would like to make a donation, contact Bud Clark (Perryville, MO Lodge #2701) at 573-561-4165 or bud@avelks.com – They can use the help and donations of any amount would be greatly appreciated. This is when we can show that Elks Care Elks Share.

Lecturing Knight continued from page 3

If you want to help Veterans call Carl Lanterman and find out how you can contribute. Carl is at (805) 630-8110. There are many fun ways you can help: you just need to pick up the phone and call.

If you want to help in Public Relations, call Paul Wagner (805) 300-9505. He'll get you involved.

If you want to help in the Kitchen (do you cook?) call Kira Wagner at (805) 405-5127, she will be most happy to get you started (and you'll meet a lot of people in a great casual way).

If you want to assist our Scholarships Program, call Rick Herrera at (805) 495-1688.

We have MANY other events and programs but these are a start. I encourage (and challenge) you to help our Elks #2477 Lodge move forward and assist our community in all of the wonderful ways that we do help.

YOU are the seed of our growth. Come join us now and help!



Jerry Serota THE SEASONS

Summer is a time for warm pleasures and vacations, of going away for family fun, frolic in the ocean or going into the mountains or perhaps visit a family amusement center.

Winter is the time for giving over the holidays. Generosity fills our hearts, the joy of family loved ones buoys our spirits. To show that love we buy presents for our loved ones and are reminded of the less fortunate and donate to our charities.

To put it into perspective Manna, our local food share, has approximately 2,000 clients that rely on them to help eke out their family needs in these troubled times. Have you ever felt the pangs of hunger when there was nothing there? Then we ask you as summer is approaching it becomes a very lean time for Manna with everyone away on vacation. To put it in perspective imagine 150 shopping carts leaving Manna every week with grateful families who you have helped keep hunger from their door.

Canned good like spaghetti, ravioli, chili, mac & cheese are just some of the popular items on their wish list. When you drop them off at the lounge we promise they will be promptly delivered to Manna and its grateful clients. Also we wish to give many thanks to those who participated in passing the hat for Manna (\$52) and to those who participated in bringing food offerings to the Lodge basket depository. It is appreciated.



Scholarship winners with Lecturing Knight, Paul Wagner and Scholarship Chair, Rick Herrera

The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 in accordance with Youth Appreciation week served a Spaghetti and MeatBall dinner to 50 assembled members and guests for the presentation of Scholarship awards.

In addition to plaques a special presentation from the PER's was made from the Frank Rindone, PER Scholarship Fund. One lucky student won a national award from the (ENF) Elks National Foundation of \$4,000.



Rick's recycling program funds our scholarships. Drink up and recycle your cans and bottles. See page 14 for more details.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER



John LaRue sponsored by Sam Frankl

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LODGE-



Exalted Ruler, Steve Smith and Pam at the State Convention with Major Project theme child Deliah Rodriguez Hernandez. Check out theme child biography at <http://www.chea-elks.org/majorprojectpage.html>.



Returning from State Convention
Exalted Ruler, Steve Smith was bearing pins for Kira Wagner, Greg Metzgas, and Toni Hartin



Exalted Ruler, Steve, cheerfully accepted checks from El Konejo Kampers rep Johnny D'Ambrogio- \$331 for Major Project and \$760 for Christmas Basket Program. Your generosity is appreciated!!!



During the Amgen Bike Tour, our Lodge was on the final laps route with bikers and spectators stopping by for our famous bbq served with a smile by Carol Fredericks and Dorothy Murray. By participating in off-site events, in April and May such as Chili Cook Off, CVD, Moorpark College's field hockey tournament, our bbq volunteers have generated substantial revenue. Your efforts are appreciated!!!! Our hats are off to you!!!!



On Sunday, June 11, 2011 the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 conducted a Flag Day Ceremony and Flag Retirement Ceremony with 50 members and guests present. A history of our Flag was read and each one was on display from the very first until today including the a MIA Flag. We then adjourned outside and Exalted ruler retired the first flag. The Scouts were then encouraged to each retire a Flag. An ice cream and cookie social was provided and the scouts loved it. Captions :R-L Exalted Ruler Steve Smith retired the first Flag and G.L. Western Regional Scouting Chairman Bill Sternberg, Greg Metzgas, DDGER, Cub, Girl and Brownie Scouts; flags displays and Esquire, Grant Thistle burning a flag

Thanks to Bob Aldrich for sharing this

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

For the record, here's a portrait of the men who pledged "our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor" for liberty many years ago. Fifty-six men from each of the original 13 colonies signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Nine of the signers were immigrants, two were brothers and two were cousins. One was an orphan. The average age of a signer was 45. Benjamin Franklin was the oldest delegate at 70. The youngest was Thomas Lynch Jr. of South Carolina at 27. Eighteen of the signers were merchants or businessmen, 14 were farmers, and four were doctors. Twenty-two were lawyers - although William Hooper of North Carolina was "disbarred" when he spoke out against the king - and nine were judges. Stephen Hopkins had been governor of Rhode Island. Forty-two signers had served in their colonial legislatures. John Witherspoon of New Jersey was the only active clergyman to attend. (Indeed, he wore his pontificals to the sessions.) Almost all were Protestants. Charles Carroll of Maryland was the lone Roman Catholic. Seven of the signers were educated at Harvard, four at Yale, four at William & Mary, and three at Princeton. Witherspoon was the president of Princeton, and George Wythe was a professor at William & Mary. His students included Declaration scribe Thomas Jefferson. Seventeen signers fought in the American Revolution. Thomas Nelson was a colonel in the Second Virginia Regiment and then commanded Virginia military forces at the Battle of Yorktown. William Whipple served with the New Hampshire militia and was a commanding officer in the decisive Saratoga campaign. Oliver Wolcott led the Connecticut regiments sent for the defense of New York and commanded a brigade of militia that took part in the defeat of General Burgoyne. Caesar Rodney was a major general in the Delaware militia; John Hancock held the same rank in the Massachusetts militia. The British captured five signers during the war. Edward Rutledge, Thomas Heyward, and Arthur Middleton were captured at the Battle of Charleston in 1780. George Walton was wounded and captured at the Battle of Savannah. Richard Stockton of New Jersey never recovered from his incarceration at the hands of British Loyalists. He died in 1781. Thomas McKean of Delaware wrote John Adams that he was "hunted like a fox by the enemy - compelled to remove my family five times in a few months." Abraham Clark of New Jersey had two of his sons captured by the British during the war. Eleven signers had their homes and property destroyed. Francis Lewis's New York home was razed and his wife taken prisoner. John Hart's farm and mills were destroyed when the British invaded New Jersey, and he died while fleeing capture. Carter Braxton and Nelson, both of Virginia, lent large sums of their personal fortunes to support the war effort but were never repaid. Fifteen of the signers participated in their states' constitutional conventions, and six - Roger Sherman, Robert Morris, Franklin, George Clymer, James Wilson, and George Reed - signed the U.S. Constitution. After the Revolution, 13 signers went on to become governors. Eighteen served in their state legislatures. Sixteen became state and federal judges. Seven became members of the U.S. House of Representatives. Six became U.S. senators. James Wilson and Samuel Chase became Supreme Court justices. Jefferson, Adams, and Elbridge Gerry each became vice president. Adams and Jefferson later became president. Five signers played major roles in the establishment of colleges and universities: Franklin and the University of Pennsylvania; Jefferson and the University of Virginia; Benjamin Rush and Dickinson College; Lewis Morris and New York University; and George Walton and the University of Georgia. Adams, Jefferson, and Carroll were the longest surviving signers. Adams and Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Carroll was the last signer to die in 1832 at the age of 95. Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor". They gave you and me a free and independent America. The history books never told you a lot of what happened in the Revolutionary War. We didn't just fight the British. We were British subjects at that time and we fought our own government! Some of us take these liberties so much for granted.....we shouldn't. We should respect and honor the few heroes, the true revolutionaries, who believed in liberty and freedom so much that they gave their lives and fortunes to force changes for the common good. So, take a couple of minutes while enjoying your 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots...



**Pat VonWittenberg
Konejo Kampers**



Pat is on a well deserved break while her husband receives medical treatment in Napa Valley and the chatty newsletter article will continued next month with Jessica Stull as author.

UPCOMING KAMPOUTS

July 4- Channel Islands Harbor
 Aug. 12-13 Santa Maria Elks
 Sept.-Santa Barbara Elks
 Oct. 7-8 Flying Flags
 Nov. 11-12-Kenney Grove

visit the website:

<http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com>



Your Lodge Serving Our Community

- *Hosting Blue & Gold Ceremony at Lodge
- *Providing karaoke at Saticoy Vets monthly
- *Doing bingo party at Sepulveda Veterans Hospital monthly
- *Hosting blood drive for the community
- *Participating in BSA Court of Honor
- *Sponsoring an appreciation dinner for youth in our community
- *Participating in CVD and Chili Cook Off as food vendor
- *Being a partner in Special Kids Day at CVD
- *Hosting flag retirement ceremony with Boy Scouts-open to the public
- *Cooking for Brownilympics
- *Providing use of lodge room for Girl Scouts Bridging Ceremony

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



Elks - Partners In Scouting

Bill Miller, Lodge 2477 Scouting Chair.

On Saturday, May 14th (also my birthday) six of us Elks supplied and cooked 300 hot dogs at the Camarillo airport for the Coastal Brownilympics which included our Newbury Park service unit. Then last Saturday, May 21st, four of us grilled nearly 500 tube steaks for the Thousand Oaks Brownilympics. This was the 27th year for our Brownilympic organization and this was Lodge 2477's 10th year of participation. Then on Sunday our Lodge invited the two Girl Scout Troops from our neighbor, Conejo Elementary School, to sell lemonade to the crowds watching the end of the 2011 California Tour bicycle race as they whizzed past the lodge BBQ wagon FIVE times on their way to the finish line just down the street. The girls got an unexpected treat when one biker made a "pit stop" right in front of them to change a wheel - took about 20 seconds and was seen on TV by an uncle in Oregon who was speaking to his sister at that time.



The Elks masterful tube steak chefs, Jim Mullen, Terry Baker, Steve Buczynski and Bill Miller

ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION



SERVING OUR NATION'S VETERANS

This is the first of monthly updates on veterans (National Services) at our lodge. We always welcome additional volunteers. The Elks first quarter of 2011 was somewhat gratifying for veterans events. Our members who regularly serve with bingo and snacks at the Sepulveda V.A. Hospital have done their normal great service on the 2nd Friday of each month (Ed Ayral, Marshall Knowlton, Vernon Jossey, and Alice Kennedy,...others occasionally). Our karaoke members are at the Cal Vet Home - Ventura every 4th Thursday (Robert Jones, Kira Wagner, Terry Gicking, JB Bre, Carl Lanterman, Jerry Feldman and others) including our ER - Steve Smith. In April, we celebrated our one-year anniversary at the Cal Vet Home with dinner for 80, a presentation of our new banner and plaque in the name of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477,

and a presentation of our new portable dance floor, along with formal recognition of the donations of three large bulletin boards and an entertainment center made by Bill Sternberg. Also, during this quarter, we took a small group of the Sepulveda V.A. residents to lunch at the Black Angus in Northridge. That was a great experience!

The constant donations of clothing, toiletries, CDs - movies & books, playing cards, etc. are always appreciated.

Please help keep our veterans activities going by your donations. Your time is ALWAYS welcome, and financial donations are always well used.

AS A VETERAN AND AS CHAIRMAN, I THANK YOU, AND THE VETERANS WE SERVE THANK YOU. DO NOTEVER FORGET THE IMPRESSIVE VETERANS REPRESENTATION THAT WE HAVE AT OUR LODGE; This month: Jay Block - Korean War, David Stull - Viet Nam War.
Carl Lanterman, Chairman - Veterans National Services (805) 630-8110



JULY'S MILITARY HISTORY

David Naccarato, PER, Lodge Secretary

- *July 3, 1940- The British sink the French fleet at Oran
- *July , 1942- Japanese Troops take Guadalcanal.
- *July , 194- The U.S. occupies Iceland 1944 Japanese troops on Saipan Surrender.
- *July , 1944- The Allies liberate Caen
- *July , 1940- The Battle of Britain begins. Germany bombs Britain, and the British defend themselves from the air in what Churchill would call "their finest hour"
- *July , 1943- Over 160.000 Allied Troops land in Sicily to begin operation "Husky"
- *July 16, 1945 The world's first Atomic Bomb is tested in New Mexico- the Trinity Test.
The parts of the bomb to be dropped on Japan are already on their way. In Germany, the Potsdam conference between the U.S., Britain, and the USSR begins.
- *July 20, 1944- German military leaders try to kill Adolf Hitler in the Rastenburg Assassination plot. Hitler then kills about 200 suspected plotters. U.S. troops make an amphibious assault on the Japanese held Island of Guam in the Marianas.
- *July 22, 1942- Germany begins deporting hundreds of thousands of Jews from Warsaw Ghetto to the Treblinka Concentration Camp.
- *July 23, 1944- U.S. Troops make an amphibious assault on the Japanese held island of Tainan in the Marianas
- *July 24, 1943- The Allies begin bombing Hamburg
- *July 25, 1943- Benito Mussolini's fascist government is overthrown in Italy. The new Italian government begins peace talks.
- *July 26, 1943- The U.S., Britain and China issue the Potsdam Declaration which gives an ultimatum to Japan unconditionally surrender immediately, or face prompt and utter destruction. In Britain Clement Atlee replaces Winston Churchill as Prime Minister.
- *July 27 is Korean War Veterans Armistice Day.
- *July 29, 1921- Adolf Hitler becomes Fuhrer of the National Socialist German Workers(Nazi) Party.
- *July 30, 1945- The USS Indianapolis is sunk en route to Leyte Gulf. Of the 1,196 aboard, only 316 remained alive when they were rescued from the water almost five days later. It marked the worst American Naval disaster of World War II.



OUR HISTORY IN 1987

David Naccarato, PER, Lodge Secretary

The year was 1987 Harry Brockwell was Exalted Ruler. Leon Forbes was the editor of the Antler.
A plea went out to join the EDAKC which stood for Elks Drum and Kazoo Corps
Plans were being put together for a District Picnic in October.
The CHEA Theme Child was 51/2 year old Benjamin Stefanec of Fort Bragg
July 10th 1987 cook your own steak for 65 cents a pound.
July 31st 1987 Fred Trzyynski and his crew put on a tri-tip dinner and twice baked potato.
Richard Ryder performed a tribute to Liberace. Jerry Serota and Ken Slobe performed for our pleasure.
Fay Ogden, Mary Snyder, and Dee Swanson put on a show "The Andrew Sisters"
El Konejo Kampers were at puddingstone.
At Special Kids Day in 1987 we cooked and supplied 700 hamburgers and chips and drink all in 45 minutes. Special thanks to Fred and Marge Britton co-chair.

SATURDAY AUGUST 20 th



THIRD ANNUAL

MEMBERS AND GUESTS ONLY

CHARITY CAR SHOW

JUDGED BY YOUR FELLOW

ENTRANTS AND OVERALL

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

**\$20.00 ENTRY FEE
INCLUDES AN AWESOME
TRI-TIP SANDWICH & SODA**

CARS LINE UP 9:AM

SHOW STARTS 10:AM

AWARDS 1:PM

**MORE INFORMATION
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The Father's Day Brunch was a great success which was expressed by all the fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers who came to enjoy the brunch. There was a great array of food, ranging from the Eggs de la Myrna, to the cheese blintzes and pastries. As you know, the brunch was hosted, cooked and served by the Elks Ladies for their annual Father's Day brunch.

On July 1st the Elks ladies will be hosting the Friday night dinner. Please come and enjoy and this is also the time to meet and greet everyone. We look forward to seeing you there.

July 4th is quickly coming upon us and we want to wish everyone a happy and safe Independence Day. To all of you that will be going to July 4th parties and watching the fireworks, please enjoy and be safe. There will be fireworks put on by the Ventura County Fire Department at the Oaks Mall. Have fun.

Take Care and God Bless,
Melinda Pekow

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Betty Pape-11
Diane Isaman-20
Audrey Huffman-22
Frances Bodenhamer-28
Lynn Rodriquez-28
Barbara Booker-30



WE THANK YOU GOD EACH NIGHT



Don't let us take for granted, Lord,
 your changing blessings seen each day.
 Your hummingbird or butterfly,
 or bright wildflowers for a small bouquet.

Perhaps we're spared from an accident,
 surprise an answered prayer just came.
 Each night as we lie down to sleep,
 we thank you, God, for everything.
 Amen

**ELKS LADIES SERVING UP
COMFORT FOOD FOR THE
HOLIDAY WEEKEND**

July 1st



\$8

- * homemade meatloaf
- * scalloped potatoes
- * green beans
- * rolls
- * dessert

**Come down for the food and stay for the-
fellowship**



Elks Ladies donated 5 new picnic tables for Lodge use during the bbqs and outdoor functions!!!!

OFFICERS 2011-2012

EXALTED RULER - Steve Smith
 LEADING KNIGHT - Leo Rodriquez
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TRUSTEES

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

MANAGERS

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

2011-12 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Exalted Ruler

ANTLER ANTICS: Sally Claunch, PER, Editor
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 Calendar: Kira Wagner
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 ELKS TRAINING: Terry Gicking, PER
 BEQUESTS & LIVING TRUSTS: Steve Smith
 MEDIATOR: Boyd Lindquist
 PROTOCOL: Myrna Block
 BBQ TEAMS: Eddie Rice: offsite-Eddie Rice onsite-Max Maxwell

2011-12 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Leading Knight

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

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

2011-12 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Loyal Knight

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

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

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Rick Herrera

David Naccarato, PER: Hoop Shoot
 Grant Thistle: Soccer Shoot
 Robert Jones: Drug Awareness
 Sally Claunch, PER: Kids Christmas Party
 Bill Miller: Scouting
 Rick Herrera: Scholarship

2011-12 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Lecturing Knight

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Paul Wagner
 Tom Hartin: CVD

:Law Enforcement & Fire Fighter
 Apprec. Dinner

CHRISTMAS TREE LOT:

HONOREES

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



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- Kira Wagner
- Paul Wagner
- Carl Lanterman
- Dorothy Murray
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- Alan Hardie
- Coleen Morris (CENTURY CLUB)
- Herb Jellander
- Peter Nolan (52 CLUB)
- Cheryl Templeton (CENTURY CLUB)
- David Naccarato (PER)



JULY BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1-JB Bre | 22- Debra Hawthorne |
| 2- Marshall Matz | 22- Al Lenahan |
| 3- Marc Donovan | 22- Ronda Olsen |
| 5- Donald Booker, PER | 24-Jim Rochford |
| 5- Steve Santa | 24- Bronc Yonker |
| 6- Daniel Fuller | 26-Don Ansell, PER |
| 9- Carl Lanterman | 26- John Leadam |
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| 10-Michael Flannery | 26- Bill Wilkeinson |
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| 13-Bill Smail | 28- Jerry Case, |
| 14- Lester Hight | 28-Walter Egan |
| 14- Reino Hilden | 28-David Grannis |
| 15-Bill Dyer | 28- Dee Pedersen |
| 15-Bob Stevens | 28- Lynn Rodriguez |
| 17- Rick Bennett | 30-Thomas Wolf |
| 17-Patrick Lynch | 31- Richard Case |
| 17- Leroy Sapp Jr. | |
| 19-Donald Sabol | |
| 22-Daniel Carpenter | |



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



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JULY 6, 2011

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David Stull

Chris Prince



Transfer David McGuire Paradise Lodge

Transfer Russell Robinson, PER, Oxnard Lodge

CRYING TOWEL

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|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| May 4th Capsule winner Greg Metzgus #1406 | \$425 |
| Lucky 13 | no winner |
| May 25th Capsule drawing Chuck Kudra # 2114 not present | |
| Lucky 13 | no winner |



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Wednesday & Friday
10 am- to closing
Sunday
9 am-8 pm



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Meeting in Conference Room**
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***Your input is valued.. Your attendance is
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Come for dinner and stay for the meetings.

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1983-84 John Nau	2009-10 Terry Gicking
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