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Exalted Ruler
Steve Smith

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It's a **Beach Party!**

February 4th, 2012 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM
Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge
Elks Ladies Major Project Fundraiser



Grilled Fish & Chicken Kebob
Rice, Veggies, and
Dessert

**Door Prizes!!!
and
Raffle Baskets!!!**



Music by
One Last Dance

Tickets \$20 per person
Tickets can be purchased from the bartender
or call Niki @ 805-492-0212
Reserved Tables Available



EXALTED RULER

Steve Smith



Let me begin with Kudos to Jessica Stull and her staff for their hard work in making our New Years Eve party a success. Boyd Lindquist is to be congratulated for another outstanding dinner and his crew made everything flow with ease. Our bartenders, Jimmy and Kevin, rose to the challenge with their efficient experience. And as usual, One Last Dance provided outstanding entertainment.

On New Year's day Jim Moye and crew put together a terrific breakfast for all of those brave members who dared to return to the scene of the crime. Tamales and filet mignon were served up along with the usual bacon and eggs. Brooke bartended on Sunday morning, helping many of our members heal from the previous nights celebration. All in all, it was a successful weekend. My thanks to all who attended and supported the efforts of our volunteers.

By now you should be walking on a new floor in the lodge room. Cracks fixed, leveling compound floated and a durable, easy to maintain, pleasant to the eye, wood-like laminate flooring installed. Just one more step in the Renovation Committee's efforts to upgrade the look of our facility.

Last month I announced a Day at the Races scheduled for Sunday April 22, 2012 at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia. Tickets for the event are being sold at the bar. The cost is \$88.00 per person and includes the round trip bus ride, onboard adult and other beverages, admission to the park, seating on the second floor loge level and a gourmet BBQ lunch. The deadline for ticket purchases is 3:00p.m. on Thursday March 22nd.

Coming up in June, if I am permitted to do so, I am planning a trip to Laughlin at the Riverside Hotel and Casino. We will depart from the lodge at 8:00a.m. Sunday morning June 25th and return on Tuesday the 27th. The trip will include the round trip bus ride, onboard adult and other beverages, two nights lodging, one breakfast buffet and one anytime buffet. We will be making our usual stops along the way. I will have an interest sign-up sheet posted behind the bar. If you think you would like to participate in this event please sign-up or call the lounge and ask the bartender to include your name on the list. Be sure to include your telephone number otherwise you may not be contacted for ticket sales. First come first served.

I am hoping for an enthusiastic turnout for both events. It is only successful if you make it successful. I look forward to your support.

Fraternally in Elkdom,



LEADING KNIGHT

Leo Rodriguez



2012, the New Year is fully underway now and the holidays are now in the past. We had yet another fantastic New Year's Eve Celebration "New York New York", coordinated by Jessica Stull, Kathy Moye and their crew. The kitchen crew lead by Boyd Lindquist put on a tremendous filet mignon dinner enjoyed by the over 100 guests. One Last Dance played and everyone danced until the champagne toast, bringing us into 2012 with class and style that Elks do. A job well done by all those involved in making this a memorable event!

I would like to express my appreciation to the PER's for conducting the Initiation this month. Incidentally, while I'm thinking about it, I must mention that this is the month which your new Officer's for the Elk's year April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013 are elected into office. I encourage all members to please come down for the meetings and take part in the election process.

We would like to see each and every member come down to the Lodge and take part in some terrific meals, new events that we are bringing into fruition and most of all a place to come and share great camaraderie with your brother Elks. I remind you that membership is so very important to our Lodge and without membership there is no Lodge. Let's make this year one to bring in new members and build a great membership helping to promote the charity work we do as Elks. Remember that *Elks Care and Elks Share!*

Our Lodge enjoyed a great year in 2011 and with the support of each and every member we can have an even better 2012. We look forward to having a great fellowship and seeing all of our members and many new members this coming year!

Respectfully,
Leo Rodriguez
Esteemed Leading Knight

Collection bin in the lounge
awaits your donations for

MANNA



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

The holidays are behind us and it's time to think of the less fortunate. Manna needs our help so when you start to count your blessings please keep them in your prayers. There are tax exempt receipts attached to the bulletin board for your food donations and a can for you money donations. It's time to act and never too late to help the needy.



LOYAL KNIGHT

Dan Martyn



The motto of this station is Justice.

I enjoyed writing my February Antler Renovations and Kitchen Korner articles. I am not enjoying writing this column.

My subject this month is theft – theft of Lodge property. Ever since I had the privilege of becoming an Elk, I have heard stories about theft at the Lodge, most of which were based on hearsay or which were really mere suspicions with no hard fact.

Now here is a fact: a bottle of Gentleman Jack (premium Jack Daniels) cannot grow legs, walk from the delivery area, and climb into a laundry basket. No way, no how.

Thanks to an alert kitchen volunteer, the bottle of Gentleman Jack was not able to continue its journey out the open back door to the kitchen and then off to who knows where and with whom.

It is despicable that any Elk would steal from the Lodge, because when one steals from the Lodge, one steals from his or her fraternal brothers and sisters. As you all know, we have resources available on a confidential basis to an Elk in need. And I am not talking about or concerned with any volunteer who has a complimentary lunch or dinner or beverages on site after donating their time and working his or her butt off.

I am talking about, and to, the member who takes barbeque meat and supplies from the barbeque refrigerator. I am talking about, and to, the member who helps themselves to a bottle of wine and removes it from the Lodge. I am talking about, and to, the Elk who tried to steal a bottle of Gentleman Jack a few weeks ago. And this is a reminder for you: While Justice is not vindictive, it is exacting, and no violation of your obligation can be permitted to pass this station unnoticed.

**THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!**

Coleen Morris sent in a donation of \$500.00 for the ladies bathroom renovation. \$500.00 for the tree lot which allowed us to donate 7 trees to Many Mansions. She's also a monthly supporter of our Major Project of \$50.00 per month.

Coleen also donated to our Elks National Foundation with \$500.00 which seemed to put us over the top for the GER per ca-pita of \$4.50 per member. Now we can apply for a \$2000.00 grant



LECTURING KNIGHT

Robert Jones



KITCHEN KORNER



February promises to be another winner for the kitchen. We will continue to feature our daily lunch menu, Monday night dinners by Eddie and Jim; Wednesday night dinners by Tom K.; and our rotating Thursday pasta, potato and PER menu nights. Sunday breakfasts continue. Check the calendar for details.

Friday nights in February will be special. On Friday, February 3, Eddie Bianchi returns preparing his famous lemon chicken dinner. Eddie will be assisted by our own Chef Boyardee (aka Boyd) and the tireless Jim Moye. Stay after dinner for karaoke by Jimmy Miller. Friday, February 10, marks the return of the Kozlowskis to our kitchen for a steak or salmon dinner, followed by dancing to the music of Moon and Sol.

Friday night, February 17, Chuck Busch returns with his famous Friday Fish Fry and on Friday, February 24, Eddie Rice and Crew will be serving up our famous Elk's barbeque.

My pick of the month: This is a tough one, but let's go with the Kozlowskis on February 10. The food will be great along with the company, and the band will be playing a mix of tunes guaranteed to please all, so come on down.

BUNKO ANYONE?



It was recently suggested that we explore the possibility of having Bunco at the Lodge. If you have an interest in this, please contact our activities chair, Jim Moye, or me, or sign up on the sheet posted at the Lodge. You can also email the Lodge at toelks@yahoo.com. There is no commitment at this point; we are trying to determine the member interest level in a Bunco night.

Thanks, and please share your ideas for other Lodge activities with us.

Dan Martyn
Loyal Knight

Pull Tab Collection



January 14, 2012 – Saturday

Dear Friends and Family,

In an effort to avoid bombarding you with updates on Cameron, I thought I would wait until we actually had a plan. We finally do! After spending over a month here, it looks like we are leaving CHLA tomorrow!

In our last update we shared that the Team was uncertain as to why Cameron's right lung was not inflating, why the pneumonia was not clearing, and if it was actually possible that the plicated (tacked down) diaphragm actually reelevated post op (12/27). After reviewing multiple assessments, it turned out that Cameron's diaphragm did reelevate post op, which is extremely rare. We knew the course of action was probably going to be a "revision" surgery, but let's call it what it is... "a do over".

Our rock star surgeon, Dr. Starnes, returned from his 2 week vacation and once he learned of Cameron's plight, he got her immediately into surgery on Monday, January 9th. Post surgery, the Team reported that the original sutures had actually fractured and once one popped, the others followed. Given the strength of these sutures, it is still a head scratcher for the surgeons. They must not know our Cameron. Either way, they got it down this time! The daily x-rays have been positive and reflect a correctly positioned diaphragm and a lung that is clear and expanded. Cameron took her sweet time getting off the ventilator, which happened Thursday, and has since been moving at light speed in her recovery.

Reintroduction of food is the only hurdle at this point. She is refusing bottles, but fortunately has a G-Tube and has just successfully completed a first step in tolerating her feed. If she continues this positive motion today, which is likely, the Team agreed that Mama could take it from here and work with Cameron at home.

Cameron's heart itself received a positive report from her most recent echocardiogram, which is great.

Eric and I are packed and have cleaned our room at the Ronald McDonald House in preparation for our swift departure. We are anxious to go home and celebrate Christmas. The best gift of all is having Cameron back home. Thanks for everything! Looking forward to seeing you very soon!

Love,
The Van Poppelens

Your pull tabs at work



LODGERENOVATIONS

During January, the new floor in the Lodge room was installed, and we are moving forward with improved lighting and paint. Once the Lodge room is finished, we intend to renovate the anteroom, with a target completion date of March 15. If you have not been to the Lodge recently, stop in and take a look.

What's next? In the way of renovations, we have had a number of suggestions, including renovating the patio, kitchen, lounge and bar, creating a smoke-free game area, and on and on. Going beyond the walls of the Lodge, I would like us to consider sprucing up the barbeque area by completing the conversion of the present pantry area into our barbeque room, with direct access to the barbeque area, installing a canopy over the work area, installing fencing or other barriers as may be necessary to make our primary area more private and, possibly, to allow members to enjoy a beer or cocktail outside or to have an outdoor cocktail hour during events in the Lodge Room.

Ultimately, what happens next is up to you, the members, as to both what is done and how it is funded. Stay tuned for more on this. As always, your input is welcome.

Dan Martyn
Lodge Renovation Committee Chair

Committee Members:

Terry Gicking	Steve Finnerty
David Nacarrato	Donna Leary
Boyd Lindquist	Sharon Baker
Abe Gamble	Tom Ryder



Lodge room floor in progress-cracksfilled--
--laminate floor to be installed

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Coleen Morris-Chair
805-241-8928



IN MEMORIAM

THE CLOCK OF THEIR DAY HAS STOPPED AND ACROSS ITS DIAL A MOTIONLESS SHADOW MARKS THE HOUR OF ELEVEN, WITH US--
"THE GOLDEN HOUR OF RECOLLECTION"

George E. Estok member # 2026
Born 12/26/1934 in Chigago Ill.
Initiated 9/24/2003
Died 12/29/2011

Richard Wendler member # 2284
Born 9/2/1938 Dever Colorado
Initiated 3/24/2010
Died 1/1/2012

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: the families of George Estok and Richard Wendler on their passing

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Our Armed Forces who keep us safe; Marva D,' Ambrogio: Rick Stampinato

ON THE MEND: Pat Jellander has final cast for her fractured wrist; Scott Dool from a mild stroke; Trustee Carl Lanterman from a car accident

ENTERTAINMENT



February 3 Power Dave's Bingo
February 10 Music by Moon & Sol
February 17 Karaoke
February 24 Open Juke box

COMING ATTRACTIONS



February 4-Elks Ladies Beach Party Event
February 5- Super Bowl Party
February 24- Firefighters & Police Appreciation Dinner

March 13-Elk Ladies Installation Dinner
March 16- Elk of the Year Dinner
March 21- Step up Night
March 28- Installation of officers
March 31- Inaugural Ball

MONDAY & THURSDAY NIGHT DINNERS



CHECK CALENDAR FOR MENU

BOWLING LEAGUE FOLLOWS MONDAY NIGHT DINNERS

HOT LUNCHES SERVED DAILY

SANDWICHES, BURGERS, SALADS, WITH DRINK AND FRIES

DRINK SPECIALS WITH PURCHASE OF LUNCH



The third quarter of the Elks year was a very busy time for veterans, and for all members of our lodge who volunteer. I have made an effort to summarize the activities of the period for veterans, and have included the very significant accomplishment of providing Christmas Baskets to the needy in our community.

Because of the large amount of space, and costly reproduction of photos, the PowerPoint presentation is not included in the printed version. If you would like to see a printed version with photos, please contact David Naccarato in the office.

Following is the printed copy of the forward to the presentation.

Special thanks to the veterans of Elks Lodge #2477 for the support of your fellow veterans in need. There is no help as effective as veterans helping veterans.

In support of the services provided by this lodge, the effect would be greatly diminished without the members who support our work with veterans. The seemingly tireless help of PER Terry Gicking and newer member JB Bre have filled holes that would have otherwise been sorely noticed. JB's singing and leadership during karaoke nights and Terry's help with other lodges and general legwork have been invaluable. Without our new Public Affairs Liaison Lynn Rodriguez, we would not have had the extensive news coverage, and her help with the events in November is immensely appreciated.

Let me take this opportunity to recognize the members of Lodge #2477 who have continually supported our National Services efforts.

SEPULVEDA V.A. HOSPITAL

Ed Ayril, Marshall Knowlton, Vernon Jossey, and recently lost veteran George Estok,

Alice Kennedy and Peggy Anderson

CALVET HOME-VENTURA

Robert Jones, JB Bre, Terry Gicking, Bill Aubery, Jerry Feldman, Bill Sternberg, David Naccarato

EVENT ASSISTANCE

Lady Elks; June Leedham, Jessica Stull, Lynn Rodriguez, Christine Henderson

In the kitchen; Bill & Jeri Miller, Richard Windler (now deceased), Bill Aubery, Jerry Feldman, and a *very special thanks to Brock Younker*, whose help in the kitchen with various events is un-equalled.

DONORS

Greg Metzgus (God bless his mother's soul), Chet Kozlowski (God bless his wife's soul), Toni Hartin (God bless her husband's soul), Dorothy Murray (God bless her hard work), Robert & Catherine

Koertz, John & June Leedham, Bill & Jeri Miller, and my apologies to those whom I cannot remember at this time.

MORAL SUPPORT

Harry Brockwell, Dick McCann, Max Maxwell, Tom Ryder, Jim Horning, Leo Rodriguez, and ER Steve Smith

THANKS TO ALL THE OTHER MEMBERS WHO HAVE IN ANY WAY SUPPORTED OUR VETERANS SERVICES

See the PowerPoint presentation on the website. Click on veterans and find the presentation. www.elks2477.com

The end of July, 2011 brought a successful Ventura County Stand-down, for which four Ventura County Elks Lodges combined to provide 200 brown bag lunches and clothing, and for which Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477 provided cigarettes and coordinated transportation and other services.

Following that event, it has been a busy 2011 holiday season for the National Services, Americanism and Community Services of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477. Beginning on October 28th, with a lunch for residents of the Sepulveda V.A. Hospital, the program continued through several events during November and December and completed the season with visits to the Sepulveda V.A. in the San Fernando Valley and the CalVet Home – Ventura, located in Saticoy, CA. Nearly \$2,000 in goods were delivered to veterans, snacks and desserts were offered, karaoke with Christmas carols and good wishes brought smiles to more than 50 veterans as residents and to those providing services including 20 Elks, of whom 16 are veterans. In addition, the annual Christmas Basket deliveries, valued at about \$8,000, was a big success, covered in the local news media, and with a truck donated by UPS through a member of #2477.

Carl Lanterman
Chairman-National Services
(805)630-8110



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When we accept the Obligation of Initiation to join the Elks, we also accept the dreams of the 12 men the Jolly Corks and what they had in mind for our organization. One is an Elk is never forgotten never forsaken. We just held our Elks Memorial Service where we recognize all our departed members is why And invite the widows to come down for a nice breakfast buffet and to remember their lost. It would be nice if the affair was well attended by our lodge members.

We received a thank you note from widow Gladys Ennis whose husband John was a member of our lodge, served as Trustee and other officer positions. John chaired many functions at our lodge. Gladys was moved that the Elks have this memorial for it helps her through the holidays. Gladys still attends functions at the lodge and is down for many meals. A short aside about John Ennis- when I was in the hospital John was also in at the same time. Someone calling for me got John's room for our room numbers were the same but reversed. he thought it strange that he got a wrong number but knew the person who the person was trying to reach. me. So John went down the hallways of the hospital looking for me. We hooked up and got to know each other well.

Also the Elks hold the young people close and want to help them grow with scholarships to further their education. The kids are our future. The Elks have many programs for them that need help in funding. If you cannot help financially your attendance at an event helps out immensely.

Our military Veterans also are remembered by the Elks. Carl put together a fund raiser for our Veterans and we had two members during the day that attended. We had members here at the lodge but would not go in to the lodge room to show support. The dinner that night made by an Executive Chef only had 12 participants. It makes us wonder what are we doing here.

Our drink prices get more coverage than our events.
We are Elks. This is what we do. let's get back to the basics.

Our BBQ crews are out every week. We have enough members that our members don't need to work more than one week at the BBQ. Some are out 3 times a month. Plus then there in the kitchen on other days. Then during the holidays with our Christmas Tree lot we are stretched thin with the tree lot crew, BBQ crew, kitchen crews, special functions. We need help in the labor dept. The same members don't need to always do it. When the lodge was started in 1972 that was 39 years ago. The guys who started it were in their thirties and forties which tells me now they are in their sixties, seventies. They just can't keep it up.

We need fresh bodies in there to pick up the slack. It can be very rewarding experience. But it seems when you step up and are out front, you become a target. We need to be aware of members' feelings. We did not join to nit pick others. We all complain, that's human nature. We want it

cool when it's hot and hot when it's cold. It seems someone has the answers we seek.

Please step up to be an officer and help the lodge. Leo is building his team. Give him a call or come up to the office and I'll give you the straight skinny.
Those of you who were part of our programs I say thank you.

That is why we are Elks

Thank you for listening. David Naccarato Secretary

WE GET LETTERS



From Manna the food bank- "Thank you for your donation. It's a true community effort. We were able to feed all who came. We appreciate your help."

Women's Resource Center- Dear Elks Lodge, Thank you for the donation of disposable diapers. They are appreciated and will be used by families that cannot afford to buy them on their own. \$500.00 was donated in memory of PER John Kelly to St. Jude's children's hospital and St. Jude's Hospital wrote a thank you and told us of a 7 year old boy Konner who was found to have Burkitt Lymphoma. He's been placed on a treatment program with no cost to his family.

We received a donation from Chef Lodi. Mike Lodi has done some dinners here at the lodge and has taken our Veterans program to heart. From his last demonstration he did in Ventura he sent Chairman Carl Lanterman \$600.00 for our veterans. From Hannah Dear Elks thank you for the dictionary. It helps me learn about sign language and gives me ideas about my favorite subject and helps me learn new words. The thing I like the best about the dictionary are looking for words and the multiplication table, learning about our country. Thank you again for the dictionary.

From Katie Thank you for giving me my dictionary. It is helpful for learning new words. Now I know $12 \times 12 = 144$ from the math section. Plus I'm learning to spell better. In the dictionary I love the page with Braille, long words and sign language. My new dictionary will be helpful.

From Madison, Dear Elks Lodge, Thank you so much for the dictionary. It will be so helpful for me. I will learn new words and use it for different subjects. I can also Syllabicate. There is a lot of things I like about the dictionary but I will write three. I like the longest word and all the presidents. I also like the sign language. Thank you again.

Christmas Tree Lot



THANK YOU ARE NEVER TOO LATE

SOMETIMES THAT'S ALL WE NEED, TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE NEXT EVENT. THE 2011 HOLIDAY TREE SALES WERE A GREAT SUCCESS, DUE TO MANY 'VOLUNTEERS'..... ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE, WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MANY, MANY THANKS TO ALL MEMBERS THAT HELPED MAKE THIS A VERY PROFITABLE PROJECT. A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING:

* THE CARLSON FAMILY, FOR THE USE OF THEIR PROPERTY ON T.OAKS BLVD. (THE BEST EXPOSURE FOR US).

* COLEEN MORRIS, FOR HER VERY GENEROUS \$500 DOLLAR CHECK.... ALSO THE FOOD PLATTERS.

* BILL STERNBERG (the man never stops) DRIVING IN FROM SANTA PAULA EVERYDAY. (thanks Bill)

* RICHARD and ELAINE GOLDNER, DONATION OF THE REFRIGERATOR AND GREAT FOOD.

* JON and CAROL PRESTON,, GREAT CLAM CHOWDER AND LIQUID IN A BOTTLE. (ha ha)

* ELAINE RIEGER, MANY FOOD DISHES AND DESSERT'S (thanks Elaine)

* HERB JELLANDER (DONATING HIS MANY PAST YEARS KNOWLEDGE) AND MANY HOURS THIS YEAR.

* RICK HERRERA, MAX MAXWELL, DAVE ANDERSON, AL HARDIE, GERRY GILLIES, DWIGHT WILLIAMS, JIM MILLER, JIM MOYE,

* JANE WATSON, JULIE COOK, CHRIS PRINCE, DAN MARTYN, KAREN MARTYN, JOHN KOLB, JIM RINAUDO, JIM ALLEN, JON ANDERSON

* ALAN VAN CLEAVE, BILL AUBREY, KEN SCHEURN, CATHI SCHEURN

* BILL DYER, JERRY KAMM, SCOTT and CRYSTAL DOOL, JIM MULLEN, RICK BENNETT, TERRY BAKER.

* THE RISK OF PUTTING NAMES ON A LIST, IS ALWAYS OMITTING SOMEONE. I KNOW WE HAD HELP FROM SOME "NEW MEMBERS"..... AND YOU NEED TO BE RECOGNIZED... IF THIS MAY BE "YOU", WE APOLOGIZE IN ADVANCE. (and owe you a drink token)

ONCE AGAIN WE "THANK YOU MANY TIMES FOR THE MANY HOURS OF HARD WORK (and some fun times at the fire-pit) "

BEN RIEGER... CHAIRMAN

TOM HARTIN

ED RICE

P.S. ELKS CARE... WE DONATED 7 TREES TO A " MANY MANSIONS PROJECT - 7 FAMILIES IN NEED

Elks Care - Elks Share

New Year's Eve A Resounding Success By Jessica Stull



If you didn't get the chance to join us at the lodge for the New York New Year's Eve Dinner and Party, you missed a great event. From the decorations, music, delicious gourmet dinner, and the partygoers, everything was first rate. The lodge looked beautiful and part of that was due to the decorating committee including of course, Kathy Moye and me leading the charge with Tom Hartin and David Stull hanging the twinkling lights and netting. Tables and flowers by Angie Prizzi, Lynn Rodriguez, and Cornelia Meehan, and Barbara Booker.. Catherine Koeritz helped Kathy and me with the walls and Donna Long of ABC Balloons was creative, helpful and did a wonderful job with all her attention to detail. Leo Rodriguez was a wizard at all the sound and picture technology required. Thanks again, Leo.

We had quite a cast of characters from NY and the inimitable Rich Romani as Mayor Rudy Giuliani lost all his shyness once the mic was in his hand – great job Rudy! Former NY State Senator Hilary Clinton was on hand too (Pam Smith). The Phantom of the Opera (Terry Gicking) and Christine (JB Bre) gave the audience goose bumps as they belted out a long operatic note when introduced. As the clock drew closer to the NY midnight hour, three of the "Sex in the City" gals played by Gail Bergin as Carrie Bradshaw, Donna Leary as Samantha and Karen Martyn as Charlotte, lead the champagne toast. These gals were such good sports and really went all out getting their costumes together – some reluctantly. Thank you all so much.

Dan Martyn's band, One Last Dance, outdid themselves learning and playing some NY tunes for us.

Mike and Mary Flannery checked folks in and welcomed them to the party as only they could and a BIG thanks to Judy Nemtusak and Kathy Moye for selling 50/50 tickets.

Every time I think about that dinner my mouth starts to water, it was that delicious. With Boyd Lindquist at the helm, the prep, cooking and presentation of a truly phenomenal meal, a HUGE note of appreciation goes out to Boyd, Jim Moye, Ed Bianchi, Jim Miller and Robert Wissusik These fellows spent days, not hours, getting everything just perfect.

With such a special meal you know we needed top notch servers and that we got. You folks did such a professional job. Servers include Patty Bauman and Grant Thistle. Boyd and Gayla's daughter, Molly Lindquist brought along her friends from Westlake High School, Katie Hill and Hanna Bluth and a family friend Nati Cruz to round out the serving crew. Thank you so much.

Well, it's just a wonderful memory now, but with anything this big it takes a lot of people doing a lot of things. Thank you Steve Smith, David and Karen Naccarato for all your help and guidance, not to mention your patience with all the questions. 2012 is off to a wonderful start. Mark your calendar for next New Year's Eve – I think you will enjoy yourself.



**Pat VonWittenberg
Konejo Kampers**

HOLIDAY BRUNCH – 2011

Although attendance has diminished, don't know why, everyone appears to have a great time and rave about the variety of food!

It was terrific to see our current ER, Steve Smith wearing his Hawaiian shirt – hum what's that about? We also had at least six PERS, Tom Ryder, Chet Kozlowski, Don Booker, Greg Metzgas, Sally Claunch, and Catherine Koertz. Hope I didn't miss one!

Deb Drake contributed a lot to this event and has the scars to prove it. Seems she has a bit of trouble with the hot glue gun as evidenced by the band aids on her fingers. Never mind the injuries, she and her friend Sue, created gorgeous centerpieces. As well as the raffle prizes for Manna contributors.

As if that isn't enough, both she and Jeff assisted Jim Moye with gathering the tickets for the various raffle prizes and distributing same. That is, of course, after they had organized the tables for the prizes. There were others assisting, but Deb is the final word on placement. (For Heaven's sake – don't get in her way.)

We are blessed with a group of willing workers. Kathy Moye, Jessica Stull, Sally Claunch were all busy selling raffle and 50/50 tickets, Beverly Erickson was all over the place – there were others also, sorry, should have been taking notes. As Kathy was busily attempting to up the ante for the 50/50 she was selling \$1 tickets. I gave her \$5 for which I should have gotten 6 tickets, she didn't notice and neither did I until the drawing (Drakes won). Can you just imagine if the winning ticket had been the one I was shorted?

Thought Judy Kudra was supposed to be cutting back on her out-of-town travel. Not so! She was there for a short while then off to the airport, headed for Seattle I think.

Cheryl Templeton and her entire office staff plus were in attendance. They needed a hand truck to load all their raffle prizes. Don't what to hear her whining about never winning. What a joke!

It was a welcome surprise to see John and Cheri Peterson. Obviously there was a tremendous change of weather for them.

Another couple, Joanne and Jack Wigmanich, were a pleasant surprise also. We haven't seen them since they moved to Fallbrook. Sure wish they'd come camping again, not only because they are fun people but Jack was a tremendous help to Joel taking pictures which isn't one of Joel's favorite things to do. Speaking of which, anyone else who takes pictures at campouts, etc. Joel would sincerely appreciate your contributions.



David Pearson is so cute in his surfing Santa shirt. Poor guy though, can't find a Santa hat large enough to keep his head warm. Gotta tune up my sewing machine to see if I can correct that problem.

The core officers remain the same for the coming year. This was the first time I have been recognized as the writer of the Kampers article for the Antler Antics, I appreciate that Joel because I truly enjoy this job. Judy Nemtusak will be our new Chaplin.

Again this year, we had the pleasure of entertainment from a choral group from Westlake High School. Their director is really funny. Seems we piggy back on another group who engaged this group, he reminded us we can schedule the group ourselves, just in case. The performance he gets out of all these young people is absolutely awesome. He explained how some of the cut-backs in school funds effect this group. (sad) Judy Moye passed a basket, thanks everyone; we collected a bit short of \$200 for them.

Here's wishing all a Happy, Healthy New Year! Also it would be wonderful to see more of you during the camping year, not just during the holidays. Some of our campers who usually attended each and almost every campout have sold their rigs, left the area or whatever – but there are a lot of you we don't see nearly often enough. WE MISS YOU! Hope to see ya soon.

UPCOMING KAMPOUTS

February 10/11- California RV
 March 9/10-Newport Dunes
 April 13/14-Bakersfield RV
 May 18/19-Kenney Grove
 June 8/9- Ventura Ranch
 July 13/14- Lake Lopez
 August 10/11-Santa Maria
 September 7/8-Camp Comfort
 October 12/13-Santa Barbara Elks
 November 9/10- Kenney Grove
 December 9-Brunch

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ELKS NATIONAL



MEMORIAL BUILDING

Thousands of people each year visit the Elks National Memorial and headquarters building, a landmark in Chicago since its dedication on July 14 1926. The Grandeur of this awe-inspiring structure, considered by many experts to be the finest in the world.

The memorial was erected in memory and tribute to Brother Elks who sacrificed their lives for our country in World War I. On September 8th 1946, it was rededicated in honor of members of the order who served and died during WWII. During America's Bicentennial celebration on July 4th 1976 the memorial was again rededicated to recognize those who made the supreme sacrifice in Korea and Vietnam.

Sculptures are by three of the greatest artist of their day, Adolph A. Weinman, James Earle Fraser and his wife, Laura Gardin Fraser.

Murals are by Edwin H. Blashfield and Eugene Savage, both of whom are considered among the finest muralist this country has ever produced.

From the bronze star set in the marble floor to the dome of the rotunda is 100 feet

Marble from all over the world was used in the interior of the building. Only the finest pieces were selected from quarries of the United States, France, Italy, Austria, Belgium and Greece.

The whole aspect of the Memorial Building is majestic and imposing. Its architecture is stately and beautiful; its construction materials unique and enduring; Its setting appropriate and commanding; Its memorial features distinctive yet artistic.

Restoration of the memorial building was authorized by a vote of the delegates at the Grand Lodge session held in Las Vegas in July 1990. A fund raising goal of \$4,300,000 has been established through voluntary contributions.

This magnificent structure represents the precious heritage of our Order. It is ours to appreciate, protect and preserve for future generations [Elk Website](#)

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**
- * **Holding Toys 4 Tots drive**
- ***Being a partner in Special Kids Day at CVD**
- ***Hosting flag retirement ceremony with Boy Scouts-open to the public**
- * **Cooking for Brownlympics**
- * **Providing use of lodge room for Girl Scouts Bridging Ceremony**
- * **Giving VFW free monthly meeting room**
- * **Sponsoring hoop shoot for local youth**
- * **Providing meeting place for community clubs**
- * **Preparing and delivering food baskets at Christmas**

We the Elks have a program that gives every 3rd grade student in the Pleasant Valley School District their very own dictionary. The dictionary has their name printed on it and a label which states that it was donated by the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge. PER, PDDGER, PSVP Richard Goldner and Elroy the Elk a.k.a. Tom Hartin, Heather Polisky, and ER Steve Smith went to the schools and held assemblies where Richard engages the kids with knowledge questions and rewarded them for correct answers with gifts and dictionaries.



**BE PART OF YOUR ELKS
VOLUNTEER TEAM**



No organization, no matter how large or small, can survive without members. This is why membership has often been referred to as the "lifeblood of our Order".

The Order of Elks experienced tremendous membership gains during its first 110 years, resulting in lodges being chartered in towns and cities nationwide. This gain was a result of "word of mouth" as there was little news media in those early days.

Our membership grew until March 1980, when we had 1,649,267 Members. Ever since that date, however, membership has steadily declined. With fewer Members and rising costs, many Lodges have faced serious financial difficulties. Some Lodges have ceased to exist or have had to merge with other Lodges.

In a majority of Lodges, the average member age is the low to upper 60s. These members once enjoyed the camaraderie at the lodge and participating in Elks Golf and bowling leagues.

Today, many of these members who were once very active seldom leave their homes except to go to the doctor or drug store. They no longer pay golf or bowling league fees because they are no longer able to play golf or bowl. Why should they pay lodge dues when they can no longer frequent the Lodge? And many of our newer and younger members have work and family commitments that prohibit their frequenting their lodge.

The Lodge bulletin is the primary link between member and Lodge. Reaching out to these members who cannot frequent the Lodge through your Lodge bulletin's articles is a way to let these and all members of our lodge know what it is we are doing in our community. A picture is worth a thousand words. "Elkdom is in the hearts and souls of our members."

Reach out to those members who cannot frequent the lodge and share with them the good works that your lodge is doing.

Fraternally

Hon. David R. Carr

Grand Exalted Ruler



NOVEMBER
VETERANS MUSTER

*Calling all Thousand Oaks Elks
Lodge Veterans.*

Time for a veterans get together at the lodge. A time to identify ourselves, swap war stories, have some chow and eventually reach out to our communities veterans.

There are a number of vets in our lodge. Elks records do not identify these vets. The lodge is asking the member vets to identify themselves so a roster can be set up for a muster.

At this time a get together is being tentatively planned for February, probably a Saturday or Sunday, afternoon or evening. It is hoped that we can assemble and do some planning for future activities at least once a month.

Right now the muster is being set up as an Elks activity where we would like all Elks veterans to get together. It is also hoped that you bring any friends that are veterans as your guests. The plan is to eventually open it up to the community vets to attend as our guests.

Please call the office, identify yourself as a vet and suggest when is the best time for you to attend. A list will also be at the bar for gathering veterans information.

Tom Ryder - PDDGER - Veteran



REMEMBER OUR RECYCLE PROGRAM FOR SCHOLARSHIP

2011-2012 COMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSONS

THE ELKS LADIES
Alice Kennedy

2011-2012 COMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSONS

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Karen Naccarato
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MAJOR PROJECT: Niki Case
SUNSHINE: Cornelia Meehan
HISTORIAN: Carol Fredericks
CVD: Alice Kennedy & Pat Peterson

The Elks Ladies will be hosting a breakfast the first Sunday of each month so get ready for a scrumptious breakfast.....come on down to the lodge and meet and greet people as well as enjoying the breakfast.

Once again ladies, we are looking for our new officers.....we need all of you and it is time that the ladies had some new leadership and new ideas so that the ladies can continue to grow.....this can only happen if each of you participate. We always welcome new ladies to our club and your continuing support is very important to the growth of our organization.

The new slate of officers will be held at next month's meeting and we would like all to be in attendance. Please come down to the meeting and support our Elks Ladies. As always, this is a new way to meet new ladies and greet everyone. We always have great desserts after each meeting which I would not think you would want to miss.

Get ready: "It's A Beach Party" which is the Elks Ladies Major Projects Fundraiser which will be on February 4th from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Get ready for a good time. We look forward to seeing all of you there as you will have a great time with terrific food and music..... This is one affair you do not want to miss.

Past First Lady and Elk Lady Eula McKee
would like to hear from you.
Her address is:
193 Cottonwood Ln.
Monticello, AR 71655.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Grace Wallace-1
Pam Smith-8
Kathy Ryder-10
Karen Naccarato-14
Margaret Thornton-16
Gayla Lindquist-23
Kathy Jenkins-24



GOD NEVER BREAKS A PROMISE



GOD HAS A PLAN FOR EVERYONE,
AND FOR THIS BRAND NEW YEAR,
WE STRIVE MORE FOR HAPPINESS,
FORGET ABOUT DESPAIR OR FEAR.

GOD MAKES US MANY PROMISES,
HE'S NEVER BROKEN ONE,
TO MAKE EACH ONE POSSIBLE,
WE'LL CALL UPON HIS SON
AMEN



**• DINNER AT THE
LODGE BY
MYRNA
BLOCK
MARCH 2, 2012
6:00PM**

**MENU:
STUFFED CORNISH HEN
VEGETABLE
SALAD
DESSERT
COST: \$14.00**

**• RSVP:
FEBRUARY
27, 2012
(PREPPAID
ONLY)**

OFFICERS 2011-2012

EXALTED RULER - Steve Smith
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 LOYAL KNIGHT - Dan Martyn
 LECTURING KNIGHT- Robert Jones
 SECRETARY - Dave Naccarato, PER
 TREASURER - Myrna Block
 TILER - Rich Romani
 ESQUIRE - Grant Thistle
 CHAPLAIN - Terry Gicking, PER
 INNER GUARD- JB Bre
 ORGANIST- Karin Spreights
 OFFICER AT LARGE- Greg Metzgus, PER

TRUSTEES

David Stull 1 Year
 Donna Leary 2 Year
 Jim Porter 3 Year
 Carl Lanterman 4 Year
 Sam Frankl 5 Year

2011-12 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Exalted Ruler

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

2011-12 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Leading Knight

MAJOR PROJECT/PURPLE PIG:
 David Naccarato, PER
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 Tom Ryder, PDDGER
 MEMBERCONTROL. COM.: David Naccarato, PER
 Investigation Don Ansell, PER:

David Naccarato, PER: Stray Elks
 Terry Gicking, PER: Orientation
 CHARITY BALL: Leonzo Rodriquez
 CHRISTMAS BASKETS: Leonzo Rodriguez
 CHARITY DINNERS: Leonzo Rodriguez

2011-12 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Loyal Knight

LODGE ACTIVITIES: Jim Moyer
 Jerry Serota: Public Relations
 Sally Claunch, PER: Americanism
 Bill Sternberg, PER: Flag Retirement Ceremonies
 Terry Gicking, PER: Memorial Service
 Gov't Relations: David Naccarato, PER:
 Lodge Picnic: David Naccarato, PER

Carl Lanterman: Nat'l Veterans Service
 Terry Gicking, PER: PER Assoc. President
 Robert Jones & Sam Frankl: Wednesday Tickets
 Terry Gicking, PER: Mother's Day

2011-12 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Lecturing Knight

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

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:
 Tom Hartin: CVD
 Dave Naccarato, PER :Law Enforcement & Fire Fighter
 Apprec. Dinner
 CHRISTMAS TREE LOT: Ben Reiger-chair
 Herb Jellander & Eddie Rice -co.chairs

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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 articles are due the 5th of the month
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- Karen Martyn
- Robert Jones
- Jon Anderson
- Cheryl Templeton
- Rick Herrera
- Dorothy Murray
- Steve Smith (ER)
- Karin Speights
- Paul Stein
- JB Bre (52 Club)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| Rick O'bryant-1 | James Brown-16 |
| Terry Gicking, PER-4 | Charles Pedersen-16 |
| Suzanne Osgood-4 | Dean Reichle-16 |
| Nick Schiele-4 | Louis Thomas-16 |
| Brian Morgen-6 | Charles Christensen-20 |
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| Bart Manzo-7 | Antonia Hartin-20 |
| Richard Herrera-8 | Robert Huffman-20 |
| Robert Scudder-9 | Bill O'Shea-20 |
| Pattie Queen-11 | |
| Joseph Smith-11 | Terry Baker-21 |
| Jdee Christensen-12 | James Wallace, PER-21 |
| Arnold Antle-13 | Kevin Gullick-23 |
| Richard Whitmire-13 | Earl Dyer-29 |
| Jim Weins-14 | |



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Thank You for your continued support, Rick

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Sunday
9 am-8 pm



***House Committee meets the second Wed.
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Meeting in Conference Room**
***Trustees meet the second Wed. at 6 p.m.**
***Your input is valued.. Your attendance is
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Come for dinner and stay for the meetings.

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1996-97 *Jack Loughran	
1997-98 John Kelly	*Deceased

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