



Exalted Ruler
Steve Smith

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EXALTED RULER

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As this Elk year enters it's home stretch I want to thank all of you who have supported your officers in a very difficult year. With all of the past difficulties behind us I am optimistic about the future of our lodge. Beginning in January you will begin to see a resurgence of member activity generated by a very enthusiastic Jim Moye, your Lodge Activities Chairman. He deserves your support and participation in the activities he will be inspiring. To begin with look for a video bowling winter league sign-up sheet that has a promising future. There will also be a Ladies Bowling Tournament with special perks for the lady bowlers. More activities to follow. Thank you Jim.

I want to express my heart felt thanks to Ed Bianchi, Jim Moye and their crew for the successful Monday Night Football taco nights enjoyed by all of those who supported their efforts. To be able to enjoy the fellowship of members, exciting Monday night football and delicious, reasonably priced, Mexican cuisine is very special; and should be appreciated by all members, even those who were not able to attend.

Speaking of Mexican dinners, it appears the Exalted Rulers Christmas Dinner was thoroughly enjoyed by all of those who chose to attend. The compliments I received were greatly appreciated. Caterers Armando and Tony served up a splendid meal so delicious that several attendees even returned for seconds. There was even a few left-overs which were delivered a day or two latter to the Christmas tree lot for those members working hard to at that venue.

Over the past few months our bar operation has been under stress due to very painful decisions made by your House Committee. There was a member reaction to those decisions, which caused the lodge to suffer. Whether or not you agree with the actions of those few members is irrelevant to where we are now. Where we go from here is the important issue. How we were able to survive those past few months is in large part due to the efforts, in my view, of a very special Past Exalted Ruler, Terry Gicking.

I know of no one who has the past experience, knowledge of our bar operation, availability to be of service to our lodge on such short notice and a level of dedication to the survival of our lodge beyond that which exists in anyone's heart other than Terry Gicking. Many would like to come to the assistance of our lodge, but few can match the unique talents, experience of the history of our bar operation and ability to respond to our needs as Terry. So much of his time was donated to the survival of our lodge in the face of such difficult times. Thank you Terry.

As we approach the close of this Elk year remember we have more regular meetings for all of you to attend. There is a contingent of members who congregate in the infamous Patio a.k.a. Smoking Room or as some of us call it the Rumor Room.

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LEADING KNIGHT

Leo Rodriguez



As we begin our new year, 2012, I would like wish all our members a very happy and prosperous new year. We were able to deliver 71 families Christmas baskets this year thanks to many of our members who took part in delivering these baskets. We also did something new. We delivered a Christmas dinner to 60 seniors in a low income apartment complex. Thanks to Jim Porter, he was able to have UPS allow us use of one of their trucks driven by Jim to load all 60 baskets and with the help of "Elroy" and many members, we delivered them all in one trip. I want to express my appreciation to all those who helped in many ways to make this year's Christmas Basket Program a success!

Our New Year's resolutions this year should be for a more harmonious year with our members coming to the Lodge more often and enjoying the comradery and volunteering to accomplish more of what we stand for, helping children, our community, veterans and all the other charity work that we do. Let's make this year a year of good fortune, success and a prosperous one.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have assisted us in our charitable projects and hope that you as members will continue with your generous time and efforts this coming year.

Have a Happy New Year to all.

EXALTED RULER CONTINUED

Regular business takes place in the lodge room three Wednesdays per month. That is where motions are made and seconded. Discussions are then held and questions called. Votes may or may not be taken depending on the course of business. The outcome is not a victory or defeat for any group of members. It is simply the conclusion of a process. It is a process of *order* in which true lodge business is conducted. It is how members truly learn what is taking place in their lodge.

And finally, may your new year be safe, constructive and prosperous. May your family enjoy another year of love, happiness and peace. Happy New Year to you all.



Eddie Rice on behalf of the Christmas Tree Lot team would like to thank all who helped with their time and donations of food to make this year one of the most successful events ever.

**LOYAL KNIGHT****Dan Martyn**

As I step into the Loyal Knight's chair, I thank Terry Gicking and Greg Metzgs for keeping the seat warm for the last several months. It has been a difficult year in many respects, and hopefully we will continue to move forward in a positive and constructive manner.

My initial focus has been on the kitchen, and I am encouraged by the support I have received from Elk volunteers for cooking duty. The Lady Elks will be doing a monthly Sunday breakfast and a quarterly Friday dinner. The Outcasts (aka Rick Bennett, Lou & Bev Reis and Co.) have stepped up and added a monthly Sunday breakfast to their monthly barbeque duties. You will also have upcoming Friday night dinners from Chuck & Bob, Wild Women on Wine, Eddie Rice, Robert Koeritz and the Kozlowski's. The Fish Fry will return in February and Cook Your Own Steak Night will follow in March.

In January, we will be treated to Friday night dinners by the Lady Elks (January 6th), Meatloaf Night by Chuck & Bob (January 13th), Chicken Enchilada Dinner by Donna Leary and the Bowling Ladies (January 20th – followed by a ladies' bowling tournament), and Robert Koeritz returns with his famous cook to order gourmet burgers on January 27th. We will do our very best to deliver quality dinners at a very reasonable price, served in an enjoyable atmosphere.

I would like to share with you my pick of the month: Pasta Night on Thursday, January 5th, by Leo, Bob and Chris. As they did in December, they will be serving spaghetti, meatballs, garlic bread and salad bar for \$6.00, and it's all you can eat. Ask anyone who savored December's Pasta Night and you will hear that the food was great and in great supply. Add one glass of house wine for \$2.00! Is there a better deal in town? Forgetaboutit.

That's it for this month. More to come.

**THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!**

Every year at Christmas we deliver food and toys to families in our area. Toys for Teenagers are always difficult to come by. What are they into? What do they like? etc. This year Beverly Reis went to our lodge members for donations to purchase gift cards to be used in this manner. Beverly did well and would like to thank those who gave to her program.

Here they are Chris, Julie, Beverly, Steve, Angie, Myrna, Chet Nick, Jane, Leslie, Dan, Karen, Rich, Kim, John, Steve, John, Dave. When you see em give them a nod. Thanks Bev
Dave Naccarato, Lodge Secretary

**LECTURING KNIGHT****Robert Jones****KITCHENKORNER**

Going forward, I plan to use this column to highlight kitchen events and specials, but since I have already done that in my Loyal Knight column, I will address a couple of matters affecting the kitchen operations.

Chuck Busch and Bob Arbetman will be handling the pantry ordering and inventory. If you are planning a kitchen meal, please see them before purchasing any food products in order to use existing inventory and coordinate orders through regular Lodge suppliers. In most cases, food should be purchased through the Lodge, and orders are typically placed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you need to purchase your own supplies after checking the Lodge inventory, please make sure that Chuck or Bob sign off on your receipt so that you will be promptly reimbursed.

There have recently been some questions raised about storing or preparing food for Lodge dinners offsite. Absent a good reason to do otherwise, Lodge supplies should be stored at the Lodge and prepared in the Lodge kitchen.

Lastly, elsewhere in this Antler you will find a new lunch menu. We plan to offer lunches every day, Monday through Friday, but we need help in the kitchen. If you are available, please let me know.

As always, your comments and suggestions are welcome.

Dan Martyn

LODGERENOVATIONS

MORE GOOD NEWS! Our new ladies restroom passed final inspection on December 6th. There are still a few items to complete, such as the privacy wall, mirrors and vanity. In addition, the slight edge on the floor at the entrance to the door will be eliminated when the new flooring in the anteroom is installed. In the meantime, a riser has been placed at the restroom door to minimize this issue, but please watch your step.

I have too many people to thank for their contributions to this phase of our renovation project to list them all, but I will mention a few: Thanks to the PERs, the Lady Elks, El Konejo Kampers, Colleen Morris, Laura Malone and Bob Arbetman, Terry Gicking for the original Lodge conceptual renovation plans, the entire Renovation Committee and, most of all, you, the Members, who came out and voted to support this project.

The next phase of our Lodge renovation project will be the Lodge Room and the Anteroom. We will be discussing plans with the Renovation Committee and House Committee. We plan to work on the Lodge Room in January.

As always, your comments are welcome.

Dan Martyn

Lodge Renovation Committee Chair

KONEJO KAMPERS

NOVEMBER AT KENNEY GROVE

I have neglected to mention for the last several months. The kitchen continues to lose silverware that the Kampers donated a while back. While at the Santa Maria Lodge, Jim Moye and a couple others spied a trash container that had a magnetic lid which literally grabbed the silverware so that none is lost. Is this wondrous or what? At our following campout the Kampers voted to purchase this magical item. It isn't inexpensive \$230+/- but in the long haul certainly less expensive than replacing the silverware. It was very interesting that none of the powers that be at the Lodge cared at all, if the kitchen continued to lose silverware. I believe this container has been ordered and will be in place soon!

Awesome fun prevailed. While visiting Pam and Gene Ewald (mostly Pam, Gene was at the poker table) we had quite a gathering of pet owners. Judy and Cookie, Beverly with Nibbles, Deb Drake with Blazer and KC, and my Clyde and Bailey. Pam elected to leave her wild child (Annabelle) and Sassy in their rig for a while. Jessica and Kathy came to join the "animal planet".

It seems the rain held off on Friday until everyone was ready to go inside anyway – no harm no foul!

My new BFF (best friend and financial advisor) Kindra Sailors and I arrived just in time on Saturday to pick up some brunch goodies. We had a good time visiting with Deb LaFarr, then I mentioned I sure missed Doris Newcomer's cappuccino but Deb, being the hostess with the mostess swung into action producing wonderful warming concoction – perfect for a chilly late morning drink.

Chuck Kudra had made arrangements with Gabriel the traveling maintenance man and his crew to wash the rigs for anyone. OOPS rain put this grand plan out of order.

Although there were four couples acting as wagon masters, Deb Drake took over a lot of the duties. One would swear that woman had been a drill sergeant in some branch of the military, possibly the Marines. She is so well organized it is a wonder to watch. There were enough pop-ups to cover the entire area including side panels. No Donna, you didn't give me a set – I bought my own.

While Kindra was observing then finally playing poker, she came to the conclusion that she either needed to practice shuffling the cards or she was going to get a card shuffler. (They are a tremendous help to those of us who are shuffle challenged. Ask me how I know?) She's determined to play with the poker gang. How about practicing on your iPad?

Mid-afternoon, I noticed my dogs weren't in their pen. (previously set up for me by Steve Chiszar – Thanks guy) I looked down the hill and here came Deb Drake with her two and my two. Deb you would make the Dog Whisper proud. You're a darned good "pack leader".

Because of the temperature drop in the evening, Jeff Drake was dispatched early to pick up the turkey, etc. Kindra was determined to add to the food table. She made

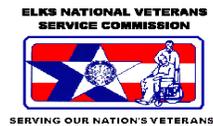
the cutest turkeys out of double stuffed Oreo cookies, candy corn, mini peanut butter cups, eyes and all, check the Kampers website for pictures.

As mentioned numerous times, if you walk away hungry something is terribly wrong, food was wonderful and stayed warm.

Ruth and Jim Mullen (wearing long pants); and the Newcomers came out for the evening festivities. Somehow Jim had developed the opinion I had suddenly become homeless. Thank you for your concern, I'm only out of my house temporarily.

Never in all the year with the group has this happened. First we had no Sheriff – then we had TWO!

It seems Gene Ewald was asked first and said "No". Don't EVER take this man seriously, well almost never. So Donna Colleran started doling out the fines. When she finished, Gene stepped up. It was hilarious. Whatever Donna missed, Gene hit with very few duplicates. One Gene got was Sue Osgood, for dressing like her dog. She had found the cutest hat and scarf set with Scotties on them – very clever Mr. Ewald. Happy Holidays to One and All and a Blessed New Year!
Pat VonWittenberg



.Elks/Marine T4T BBQ Saturday, December 3, 2011 with the President Ronald Reagan MCL Detachment 597 Color Guard. Thanks to Don "Buggs" Ansell our Clown for all ages. Jim Allen and his BBQ Team, "Numero Uno" who served delicious bbq baby back and beef ribs, bbq Chicken and our famous mile high tri-tip sandwiches on toasted garlic French bread. To the children who had a great time and the parents who were invited by their children to enjoy the same.....

The Elks Ladies had their Children's Christmas party, thanks to Sally Claunch and her ladies. The children on line with their parents to have lunch were invited in to join with the other children, have their faces painted, enjoy the magic show by our Lecturing Knight, Robert Jones, visit with our PER Terry "Santa" Gicking, listen to music by Rich Case and receive gifts enjoy corn dogs, ice cream and fresh fruit, "we had to have fresh fruit included for a healthy balance".....

The children joined in, in the Pledge of Allegiance during the President Ronald Reagan MCL Detachment 597 presented our colors the second time especially for the children during the party.

Jerry Feldman

Peter Nolan
 Barbra Gibbs
 Colleen Morris
 Harry Brockwell, PER
 Bob Arbetman
 Steve Smith
 Sam Frankl
 Dan martyn
 Karen martyn
 Greg Metzgas, PDDGER
 Karen Speights

HONOR ROLL



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Coleen Morris-Chair
805-241-8928

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: Pam Perrenoud and family on the passing of her mother

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Our Armed Forces who keep us safe

ON THE MEND: Dennis Gillette had his foot amputated due to diabetes; Catherine Koertitz and Toni Hartin's mother is recovering from by-pass surgery; Flo Lloyd is home from rehab; Joe Smith had eye loss in his left eye; Allan VanCleave's wife Diana is recovering from knee surgery and Al Koemmpel is recovering from a fractured foot; Marva D'Ambrogio is starting new medication for cancer treatment

CRYING TOWEL



Nov. 2nd capsule drawing Jeff Enger not present

Lucky 13 Steve Buczynski no winner

Nov. 16th capsule drawing Eugene Letournue not present

Lucky 13 Russell Robinson no winner

Novv. 30th capsule drawing Ruby Metzgas not present

Lucky 13 Jerry Serota "winner"!!!!

ENTERTAINMENT



January 6-Power Bingo is Back
 January 13- music by Renegades
 January 20-Women's Bowling Tournament
 January 27- One Last Dance

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| James Dills -1 | Leonard Lambert -17 |
| Chuck Morsa -5 | George Stiglie -17 |
| David MacFarland -8 | Carol Fredericks -18 |
| David Pearson -8 | Antony Gomes -18 |
| Christopher Prince -8 | Sterling Wetzsteon -18 |
| Hubert Ofer -9 | Heather Poliskey -20 |
| James Bodenhamer -11 | Bill Sternberg, PER -20 |
| Jack Murray -11 | John Quinn -22 |
| Ron Schwartz -11 | John La Rue -23 |
| Samuel Frankl -12 | Josh Tenenbaum -23 |
| Gerald Kamm -12 | Peter Gordon -24 |
| John Micheal -13 | Cheryl Templeton -27 |
| Jon Preston -13 | William White -30 |
| Stephen Pence -14 | |
| Tommy Claunch -15 | |
| Lou Mages -15 | |
| Mike Markey -15 | |
| Russell Robison, PER -15 | |



Elk Ladies Birthdays

- Darlene Stogsdell-15
 Carol Fredericks-18
 Sheila Aitken-27
 Elaine Goldner-27
 Cheryl Templeton-27





OPERATION FACELIFT
Tom Ryder ~ PDDGER

“OPERATION FACELIFT” Due to the annual Christmas activities in progress, a slowdown in Operation Facelift projects underway has occurred. No need to worry some projects progressing slowly but once the holidays are over work will pick up speed.

PROJECT GREENUP

Some more green up has been done. Screening plants have been planted along side the lot behind the kitchen BBQ and garbage area. . Good job Rick Herrera!

OUTSIDE LODGE GROUNDS LIGHTING

Installation of lighting in the dark areas next to the Office Building and along the fence next to the rental house is mostly completed. Most lights have been installed and turned on but there still a few dark areas to have lights installed.

Projects still scheduled;

LOBBY ENTRANCE ROOF

BBQ PICNIC AREA GATE and FENCE

GRUNTS - NEED MORE GRUNTS

PLEASE GET INVOLVED

All Projects are reviewed and approved prior to start by the Officers and House Committee and the Trustees.

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. Its your lodge ~ **Volunteer** ~ Talk To An Officer or me (805-497-1853)!!

EDITOR'S CORNER

A broken pipe at our house caused my computer to off- line and broken for 3 weeks. Thus the Antler is late and in a reduced format. Be assured next month's issue will be normal---I hope.

welcome new trustee



Donna Leary

THE ELKS LADIES
Alice Kennedy

It is hard to believe that 2011 is a thing of the past. This is the time that all good Elks Ladies come to the aid of their organization. How you might ask? This is the time that we are looking for our new officers! We need YOU! It is time that we have new leadership and new ideas so that our organization can continue to grow. We welcome all ladies to come to our meetings. Join us in our support of Elkdom. Your support is vital to the continuing success of the Elks Ladies.

My thanks to Sally Claunch for such a wonderful job she did with the Childrens Christmas Party and Tree Trimming. There was a great time had by young and old.

What an outstanding turnout there was for the Ladies Christmas Party. I have to say that the food and service at our Christmas party was excellent! Tom Rider with his prime rib and Chet Kozloski with his salmon, IT WAS GREAT! They had their trusted kitchen crew of Ken Krable and Jim Moye. The servers were Leo Rodriguez, Steve Smith, Grant Thisle, Rich Romani, Terry Gicking and Sam Frankl. A great job with a smile to boot. We can't forget the lodge decoration by Lynn Rodriguez and the table decor by Angie Prizzi, Carroll Stewart and Pat Peterson.

And last but not least of all, a big THANK YOU to our guests for the gifts that you brought. There are many children that will have gifts under the tree because of YOU.

Don't forget we are having a BEACH PARTY Feb. 4th.

ANNUAL ELK LADIES CHRISTMAS DINNER-2011

Elks Ladies Christmas dinner
Our annual fellowship affair,
So grateful all of you could come
For dinner, fun and time to share

Christmas time is wonderful
Also an annual festive season
We won't forget the truly- why
That Jesus is the magic reason

You're in our hearts and in our lives,
And Lord you're here with us tonight
We welcome you to be here now
Please bless cooks and servers, this meal
And all in sight.
Amen
Marilyn Cissell

Pam Perrenoud won the PER raffle for the resort trip. The raffle raised over \$4000 for the ladies restroom.



The Grand Exalted Ruler's per capita goal for the 2011-2012 lodge year still stands at \$4.50. With recent donations, Thousand Oaks per capita is just below \$4. Need a push to get it to \$4.50.

Colleen Morris made a very substantial donation to ENF last month and give us a big push towards getting to the Grand Exalted Ruler's per capita. Please help the lodge get there. There are some ENF Grants out there, but the Lodge has to get to the \$4.50 per capita to get them!

Again let's look at some of the ENF benefits remaining to be obtained for members this lodge year.

Emergency Education Grants: ENF scholarships for Elks families are also available. Emergency Education Grants, for college-aged children of deceased or totally disabled Elks, are due by December 31.

Legacy Awards Scholarships: Legacy Awards Scholarship applications, for high school seniors who are children or grandchildren of dues-paying members, must be submitted online on or before February 1, 2012.

Go online at www.elks.org and check under ENF for available Scholarships and requirements for your children or grandchildren! If you can not go on line, call the lodge, leave your name and someone in the know will get back to you.

Tom Ryder – PDDGER – ENF Chairman



At 9:00 am on Dec. 18th . the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 started loading up packages for Christmas Basket delivery to low income seniors courtesy of Jim Porter, Lodge Trustee and Sherri Jones of United Parcel Service. Over \$5,400 worth of groceries which included a turkey, staples and gifts for the children were delivered to 60 seniors and 73 families. Money was raised from the Charity Ball, Christmas Tree Lot and member donations helped pay for this charity.

December happenings....



Christmas tree lot



Ribbon cutting for new restroom



Kids Christmas party



Toys for Tots

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PAST EXALTED RULERS

1972-73 *Marvin D. Smith	1998-99 Chet Kozlowski
1973-74 Erle Pittman, PDDGER	1999-00 Richard Goldner, PDDGER
1974-75 *Richard Flake	2000-01 Jacob Panczak
1975-76 Bill Wagner	2001-02 John D'Ambrogio
1976-77 John E. Henry	2002-03 Don Booker
1977-78 *Robert McKee, PDDGER	2003-04 Greg Metzgas, PDDGER
1978-79 *Frank J. Rindone, PDDGER	2004-05 Jay Block
1979-80 *Edward F. Stogsdell	2005-06 Sally Claunch
1980-81 *Frank "Tex" Hastie	2006-07 David Naccarato
1981-82 * Robert Hardy	2007-08 Catherine Koeritz
1982-83 *A. John Nichols	2008-09 George Meehan
1983-84 John Nau	2009-10 Terry Gicking
1984-85 Vern Ogden	2010-11 Harry Brockwell
1985-86 Dan Snyder	
1986-87 Bill Lloyd, PDDGER,DL	By Affiliation:
1987-88 John E. Henry	1981-82 Robert L. Thornton, PDDGER
1988-89 *Ted Lipka	2001-02 Bill Sternberg
1989-90 Don Skinner	1999-00 * Ralph Vester
1990-91 Don Ansell	2002-03 Russel Robison
1991-92 Gary Sleight	
1992-93 Tom Ryder, PDDGER	
1993-94 Jim Wallace	
1994-95 *George Pekow	
1995-96 Gil Riding, PDDGER	
1996-97 *Jack Loughran	
1997-98 John Kelly	*Deceased



***House Committee meets the second Wed. of the month at 7 p.m. followed by Officers' Meeting in Conference Room**
***Trustees meet the second Wed. at 6 p.m.**
***Your input is valued.. Your attendance is welcomed.**
Come for dinner and stay for the meetings.

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