

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS B.P.O.E. - LODGE NO. 2477 - THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA



**Exalted Ruler
Leo Rodriguez**

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Bring the Spirit...The Time is Now

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MEET YOUR GRAND EXALTED RULER FOR 2012-2013 OF THE BPOE

TOM S. BRAZIER FROM CALIFORNIA

ELKS A BEACON OF HOPE

Tom S. Brazier was initiated into Santa Cruz, California Lodge No. 824 in 1989 and within a few days, took the position of Lodge Esquire, progressing through the chairs rapidly and serving as Exalted Ruler in 1993–1994. He served as a Lodge Trustee from 1994–1997, as Lodge and District Government Relations Chairman for two years, and as President of the Past Exalted Rulers Association for his West Central District. He chaired several charitable committees in the Lodge and founded the Christmas Charity Community Project in 1994. He was elected to honorary life membership.

He served the California-Hawaii Elks Association as Government Relations Chairman for two years, was a frequent lecturer and teacher at conventions, and was elected Honorary Past President of the California-Hawaii Elks Association.

He served the Grand Lodge as District Deputy in 2002–2003 and as Special Representative to troubled Local Lodges for several years. He served on the Grand Lodge Government Relations Committee for four years, as a member of the Grand Lodge Judiciary for five years, the last year as Chairman, and the Pardons Commission for one year. He also served as a Justice of the Grand Forum.

He graduated from Long Beach State College in 1965 with a degree in microbiology, completed an internship in laboratory medicine at the Long Beach Veterans Hospital, became a registered medical laboratory technologist, and spent many years working in and running medical laboratories in hospitals. He attended Loyola Law School in Los Angeles from 1969–1972, began medical malpractice defense work in litigated matters in 1972, and was an employee and a partner in several firms, starting his own practice in San Jose, California, in 1993. He practices in state and federal courts as a trial lawyer. He is admitted to the State Bar of California, to the Federal District Courts in California and is also admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. He has practiced as a successful mediator and arbitrator for over twenty years

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EXALTED RULER

Leo Rodriguez



Here I am back in Thousand Oaks after going to Austin, TX (yippee) and what a relief it is to be back home. It was very hot and humid during the convention but it was important to attend on behalf of the Thousand Oaks Lodge bringing back with me a reporting to our membership, the trend our Order is developing towards our future. Many ideas were brought up during the convention. Some were implemented some were not, but before I get any further I would like to thank all of the PERs and all the wonderful members who helped with putting on a magnificent ER's going away party! This party has become a tradition for our Lodge and a great way for all of the ERs in our district to get together for a nice evening of dinner, entertainment and fun. Our Lodge should be proud of the high class hospitality that we show to all visiting Elks and their Lodges. I just wish that one of these days I will at least come in second or maybe even win one of the horse races.

I was so very proud to be the one that went to represent you in Austin. You should have seen me in my nice blue coat. I plan to pass on to the members of our Lodge, all that I learned there at upcoming Wednesday Night Meetings. I would like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to be able to meet so many different people from around the country so that we could share ideas and see many different creative ways to continue on and strive towards growth in the great work that we do. You know, it seems that most every lodge in the country has challenges within themselves. The key to overcoming adversities is to resolve them immediately, and the only way to solve them is that we must work together as the family we are. One thing I did learn is that when it is all said and done, we are all working towards the same goals, in helping our veterans, children, and community.

Having been gone for the last few days I am sorry that this article will be rather short but always remember that my thoughts and my heart are always about our Brother and Sister Elks and their families here at Thousand Oaks Lodge #2477 and that I am proud.

BRING THE SPIRIT – THE TIME IS NOW!



Bob Schrum

State Vice President

Biography on next column



LEADING KNIGHT

Terry Baker



MEET OUR STATE VICE PRESIDENT

Robert (Bob) Schrum was born in Modesto, California on April 25, 1940. While growing up, Bob lived in California, Oregon, Nevada, and Utah. Bob arrived on the Central Coast in 1952 and attended school in Cayucos and Cambria. Bob graduated from high school in Modesto, California in 1958.

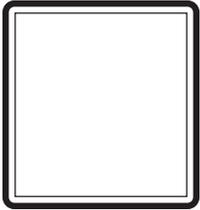
Bob served in the Air Force for 26 years, retiring in 1985 in the grade of Chief Master Sergeant. During Bob's military career he served 18 years in the Security Service (now AF Intelligence, Reconnaissance and Surveillance Agency) and eight years in Missile Maintenance in the Strategic Air Command. While in the Security Service Bob flew 127 combat missions in Vietnam logging 683 hours in an EC-47 and 229 combat missions in a RC-130A logging 2,065 hours in Europe and the Mediterranean, earning 14 Air Medals. Bob was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for action during a classified mission in South Vietnam on March 18, 1968

After retiring from the military at Vandenberg AFB, Bob worked for Lockheed Space Operations Corporation on the Shuttle program as a systems analyst in Engineering. After the Challenger crashed, Bob went to work in various Engineering jobs for Northrop and MCA Engineering, retiring in October 2010 as Manager of Engineering at Spaceport Systems International on Vandenberg AFB.

Bob was initiated into the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks in Lompoc Lodge #2274 on 25 March 1997. Bob was installed as Inner Guard in 1999 and worked his way through the chairs becoming Exalted Ruler 2002-2003. Bob served again as Exalted Ruler 2006-2007. As a PER, Bob served as District Chairman for Business Practices 2007-2009, Ritual Chairman 2009 and National Veterans Service Chairman 2009-2012. Bob has a Bachelor of Science in Business Management, a Mastersn Information Management and a Certificate of Engineering.

Bob resides in Lompoc with his wife Gisela. They have two daughters: Erica Jackson, now residing in Darmstadt Germany and Renate Peterson, now residing in Visalia California. have nine Grandchildren and four Great Grandchildren





LOYAL KNIGHT

JB Bre



I want to thank everyone who was involved in making this year's Ventura County Stand Down a H-U-G-E success!!! Because of people like you, we were able to outfit every homeless veteran who attended with a duffle bag of their very own. They were able to take with them clothing, shoes, toiletries, (these items donated by many of you) It's so wonderful to see our motto "Elks Care, Elks Share" put into action! When I put out the challenge of sponsoring a homeless vet with a duffle bag it was with a prayer and a hope that y'all felt as I do... but for the grace of God. I'm very fortunate to be able to celebrate life's triumphs and challenges with wonderful people I've chosen to stand alongside with or kneel and cry with here at our lodge. Thank you for this privilege!!!

I'm excited to be able to have an opportunity to cook for our upcoming Purple Pig Dinner at the end of this month (Wed Aug 29th 6pm) We'll have some great food (at least that's what I'm hoping for :o) A Pulled Pork Dinner with all the fixin's, door prizes and some great fellowship and camaraderie. Bring in your piggy bank and you'll get your dinner for \$5.00 Such a DEAL! And it all benefits our Major Project for disabled children.

At the VP visits I've attended recently we've been challenged to focus on membership. I would like to see us each bring in one new member this year. All it takes is asking. Most people would love to get involved with what we do as Elks it's just a matter of bringing them to a few of our events and letting them see what we do and why we do it. Our lodge picnic on September 9th would be a great one to invite your neighbors, friends and co-workers, especially if they have kids! It's gonna be a fun time for everyone.

I'd like to send out a few "honorable mentions":

- *-Grant Thistle for organizing the Blood Drive on July 7th
- *-Carl Lanterman for his endless drive to assist the veterans and being our lodge Chairman of the Board. (no easy task, I'm sure!)
- *Brooke Okray for bringing 'sunshine' into our lounge.
- *Ed Rice and all our BBQ Teams for all their hard work.
- *David & Karen Naccarato for running our lodge office.
- *And to you reading this for caring enough to stay informed!

In Service ~JB

PULLED PORK DINNER AUGUST 29TH



PURPLE PIG FUNDRAISER



LECTURING KNIGHT

Grant Thistle



If the Elks had a theme song it would have to be "Green door" by Jim Lowe circa 1957. It's a song about guy who hears music and laughter inside a private night club and tries to get in but he can't. "All I want to do is join the happy crowd behind the green door. "which pretty much is my story about becoming an Elk, although I was able to join the happy crowd behind the green door. "

It was cold and raining Feb night about 10 years ago. My brother In-law Rick and friend Chuck had told me about the place and that I should check it out. So than I snaked in and went to the bar and ordered a drink from Kevin Metzgas who was the bartender he gave me my drink and asked who I was with as I opened my mouth to replay a friendly voice said "he's with me". It was Dale Smith (How are you doing Dale come down) Kevin said you're not a member and poured my drink down to drain, which is why from that day to this day I have never tipped Kevin. I said (Well I would like to join " and someone got the newest PER Jay Block who gave me application to fill out. I laid some cash on him and six months later I was a proud card caring Elks as I am to this day. It is the second Best thing I have done in my life. Thank You Jay my sponsor.

The blood drive on July 7 was big success we had 29 people and the next blood drive is on January 14. Thank you all for donated.

Special Thanks to Cameron future member and ER for writing my article in May.

Brotherly Love tip # 78: forgive your enemies, it plays with their heads. Till next month ever practice Brotherly Love

Grand Exalted Ruler continued from page 1

He has acted as temporary Superior Court judge in Santa Cruz and Santa Clara Counties for several decades and as a special master to the County of San Benito. His wife and partner, Venita, is a

Past Exalted Ruler of Monterey, California Elks Lodge 1285. Tom has two children, Scott Brazier and Randi Jenkins and three grandchildren, Patrick, Alice and Harrison



FYI:
 Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge has a new mailing address.
 2330 Los Feliz Dr. 91360

WE GET LETTERS



Dear Members of Elks Lodge #2477

My name is Tyler James Gillies and I am honored to be the Legacy scholarship award winner who was nominated from your lodge. I wanted to write to you to thank every one of your members for giving me this incredible privilege and for helping support my future education. I am very excited for my journey at the University of Maryland and I cannot wait to dive into their electrical engineering department. Since I was born I have had a passion to figure out how things work and when it came to electricity, I knew I had met my match. I see this field as a mysterious opportunity to understand our world and hopefully one day lead me to make a new discovery.

As I grew up I was intrigued by all sorts of puzzles and especially the ones given to me by the "smartest man in the world". This smartest man of course being my grand father, Gerry Gillies. My entire life he has motivated me and pushed me to strive for greatness and I cannot explain how honored I am to receive this scholarship award through him. He never stopped believing in me for a moment and now I have a chance to make him truly proud. Thank you so much for nominating me for this award because I know it will allow me to seek out new challenges yet again. And to my Grandfather; he should know that this scholarship will help me further my Education, but through it all he will always be the "smartest man in the world" to me.

Sincerely,
Tyler Gillies

Tyler received an Elks Legacy award Scholarship worth \$1,000.00 renewable for four years available to all Elks Children, Grand Children. Awards are based on academics and exhibiting core values of the Elks National Foundation: Knowledge, charity, community and integrity. Fill out the application on elks.org.

Tyler also received:
President Obama Award for Educational Excellence.
Washington State Honor award.
Western Washington University Presidents Scholarship.
University of Maryland County Provost's Scholar Award.
University of Maryland Presidents Scholarship



Tyler with Grandpa Gerry and Grandma Ruth

Grace Wallace, a past First lady of our Lodge, and married to our Exalted Ruler, James Wallace, (1993-1994) who has recently passed away wrote us a thank you note to all the members of Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge. She thanked us for our cards and calls during this hard time for her and their family. "Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated." Grace also thanked us for the beautiful memorial service for Jim. "It was very impressive and appreciated." Grace also thanked the Ladies for all the wonderful meals and the food at the service. "It is very difficult to realize that Jim is no longer with us, but I know it will take time. God bless all of you" Grace Wallace and Family

Marva D' Ambrogio

In our heart we all love a story. It is usually dearer, if it is a love story. As we grow older the sweetness of that memory has aged and mellowed because it was a special time in our lives. How often does a memory intrude into our daily lives even if it is not beckoned.

In life there is birth as a beginning and we grow to adults. Marva met a tall Italian that captured her heart. At first he was a pitcher on a baseball team and then captured her heart with three strikes, then they married and he became her Prince of Carpentry that took care of her and her and her growing family. Marva and Johnny D' were a team and loving couple that never wavered as the years went by.

Marva and Johnny D' were nearing their anniversary and a thought intruded into her clouded mind from the medication that eased the pain of cancer and had the family guessing until one of the children found an invitation of Pat and Jerry on their 60th anniversary. Just as we were in her thoughts in that final hour she is in our thoughts and prayers for her, JohnnyD' and their loved ones. **Jerry Serota**



Marva and John on the occasion of his election as Elk of The Year March 2011

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS**Coleen Morris-Chair****805-241-8928**

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: the family of Rick Bennett & Jill Williams on the passing of their brother Rodney; to the family of Mike Rimerex on the passing of his son and to Tony Gomez on the passing of his father; the family of Johnny D'Ambrogio on the passing of his wife Marva. **Her memorial is July 28th at Reardon Funeral Home 757 E. Main Street, in Ventura at noon with a reception to follow at our Lodge**

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

**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”****Rodney Bennett**

Born 9-19-1951

Initiated 10-20-2010

Died 6-28-2012

ENTERTAINMENT**August 3- Bingo****August 17-Spare Parts Band****August 24- One Last Dance Band****COMING ATTRACTIONS**

Sept. 9-Lodge Picnic

Sept. 15-Elk Ladies Luncheon

Sept. 21-Jr. PER Roast

Sept. 30/Oct. 2-Bus Trip to Laughlin

Oct. 20- Charity Ball

**5 Buck Friday-September 7th-lasagna, salad
fishing trip-being planned call Jim Moyer if you
have an interest**

Marva worn many hats in her life, and worn them equally well, which is a rarity-wife-mother-grandmother- organizer- - First Lady of our Lodge-camper- Red Hatter-friend-organizer- extraordinary cook along with her life companion Johnny.

She was never an officer or president of an organization in our lodge. Yet after her term as First Lady she still contributed to our lodge- her dinners for charity were always a sellout event. She was a fun loving friend who could get into mischief-just ask Gladys Ennis. Her warm homemade baked goods for the bbq team were more of a welcome treat than Johnny's special thermos.

On a personal level, being the first female Exalted Ruler, I did not have a "wife" to carry out the protocol duties and niceties of Elkdom—Marva to the rescue—she took over the duties of First Lady with skill and grace. In fact Marva had a knack at taking charge. Probably in heaven she is showing the angels the best way to make angel food cake.

Even as her cancer denied her the ability to do the activities she loved to do, she maintained a positive and hopeful outlook

Yes, our Lodge has lost a contributing comrade and, I lost a dear friend. **Hats off to you Marva Sue!!!!**

Sally Claunch

Summary of Resolutions Vote at Grand Lodge

Official results will be printed in the Proceedings.

PASSED CONDITIONALLY 2012-01 To eliminate the position of Grand Treasurer (Constitutional Amendment

requires confirmation by the Lodges)

Yes 2564 No 236 91.57%

PASSED CONDITIONALLY 2012-02 To transfer the duties of the Grand Treasurer to the Grand Secretary (Constitutional Amendment dependent upon passage of 2012-1)

Yes 2558 No 244

PASSED 2012-03 To allow the adoption of alternate initiation rituals

Yes 1505 No 1294

PASSED 2012-04 To allow a Lodge to assess its Life Members an administrative fee up to the amount of regular

Lodge dues

Yes 1501 No 1299

PASSED 2012-05 To reinstate the Grand Lodge Government

Relations Committee

Yes 1992 No 809

PASSED 2012-06 To add flexibility to the operation of the Elks National Home

Yes 2543 No 257

PASSED 2012-07 To provide authority for the Board of

Directors of the Corporation which maintains the Elks National Home to sell, lease or close the Home

Yes 2533 No 266

PASSED 2012-08 To provide that only one copy of the Elks Magazine be mailed to an address with multiple members unless otherwise requested by the Member.

Yes 2683 No 117

FAILED 2012-09 To increase the fee to appeal an Executive

Order to more accurately reflect the cost of transcription

of the record

Yes 909 No 1890

PASSED 2012-10 To clarify that officers of a separate corporation are subject to discipline by the Grand

Exalted Ruler

Convention July 1-5 Austin Texas



Yes 2536 No 254

PASSED 2012-11 To extend the expedited expulsion process to a Member who fails to disclose a prior criminal conviction on an application for membership

Yes 2693 No 103

PASSED 2012-12 To clarify the circumstances under which a conflict of interest exists

Yes 2468 No 326

PASSED 2012-13 To establish a whistleblower policy to protect those who report violations

Yes 2613 No 182 5

PASSED 2012-14 To eliminate the need for a card number to conform to CLMS

Yes 2497 No 293

PASSED 2012-15 To clarify that a PER retains that status upon transfer to another Lodge

Yes 2762 No 37

PASSED 2012-16 To simplify the reduced fee reinstatement provisions

Yes 2733 No 66

PASSED 2012-17 To clarify the procedure for dropping a delinquent Member

Yes 2687 No 109

PASSED 2012-18 To clarify that an expelled Member cannot be admitted into any Elks facility as a guest

Yes 2730 No 66

Grand Trustees explain Resolutions 6 & 7

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Grand Trustees of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America and the Board of Directors of the Elks National Home and Retirement Center are authorized to sell the real estate, the improvements and personal property located on that real estate, the goodwill, and all other assets of the Elks National Home and Retirement Center, upon such terms and conditions as they deem necessary or advisable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, the Grand Secretary, or other appropriate Officers of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Elks National Home and Retirement Center, are authorized to execute or attest any and all documents necessary or expedient to effectuate a sale and conveyance.

Focus on Community Award 2nd Place Public Relations earned by Thousand Oaks Lodge



David Naccarato, PER



The following is a list of members who chose not to renew their membership. If you are the sponsor please call your candidate and find out where we fell short on their expectations. Many reasons can affect this decision. Whether it be financial, logistics or personality issues. Bottom line is we can't fix it if we don't know it's broke. Any group of people will have growing pains. That's what make us a people. Membership is our life blood of the order. Everyone of our members is on the membership committee. If your name does appear and you have paid (can't believe I made a mistake) call me and I will make it right.

Member Name	Proposer
James Andrews	Ben Rieger
Mel Baker	
Sylvia Guerra	Don Ansell
George Hees	Ben Rieger
Wayne La Farr	Joel Erickson
Nancy Leathers	
Frank Lussier	
Patrick Lynch	Marc Donovan
Ron Maddox	Bill Jones
Randy Mainer	Gary Sleigh
Bart Manzo	C. Meyers
Al Mc Loud	
Rick O'Bryant	Jim Allen
Russell Oviatt	Pete Padilla
Jacob Panzack	Richard Goldner
Charles Pedersen	Jerry Tait
Kevin Porter	Mike Budenski
David Puente	W. Jones
Harold Rasmussen	B. Hoffman
Nabil Sakla	Jacob Panzak
Bob Saynay	
Rick Stampinato	Gary Sleigh
Bob Stevens	W. Jones
Lee Taglimonte	Leo Lambert
Robert Teasdale	David McClure
Bud Vashaw	Heather Maddox
Julie Vashaw	Heather Maddox
Glenn Wellman	Elise Murray
Louis Wolff	A. Battles
Ken Young	Jim Horning

David Naccarato, Lodge Secretary, Membership Committee



Remembers the Elks year starts on April 1st. On April 1st we had a membership of 398:

Increases

Initiated 16
Affiliated 1
Reinstated 0

Decreases

Absolute Dimits -2
Deaths -2

Average Age of our Lodge 65.24

Delinquency
Six Months 39
One Year 0
Lapsation Rate 9.80%
Applications on Hand
Waiting for balloting 4
Investigation 1
Initiation 4
Life Members 52 13%



MILITARY HISTORY

Earning a reputation for being one of the best pilots in the U.S. Army Air Force, Paul Tibbets was called on several times to serve as General Eisenhower's personal pilot. On August 6 1944 however, Tibbets was to fly a mission of a completely different sort. Despite being ravaged by Allied bombing runs and defeats across the Pacific, the Japanese refused to surrender. It appeared to U.S. commanders that an invasion of mainland Japan would be necessary-an operation that would ensure the deaths of many more Americans and Japanese. Instead, the deployment of the atomic bomb by Tibbet's Enola Gay on August 6Th and the second bomb on August 9Th. That second bomb being delivered on a plane named "Boxcar". This series of bombings convinced the Japanese to finally surrender on August 15, setting off huge celebrations in the States. The amount of dead was staggering but the Japanese would not give up till we showed them the fire power available from the United States. Many more soldiers would have died if the war was allowed to continue.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



John Otte (right) sponsor James Abbitt.



Steve Chiszar(center) with Ken Stockton and Michael Dow

MEMBERS GOING TO CONVENTION PARTY



Special thanks go to Sally Claunch for doing a wonderful job of Emceeing, Catherine Koeritz & Dave Naccarato & Steve Smith for the great entertainment, Tom Ryder, Chet Kozlowski, & John Nau for the fabulous meal. Richard Goldner for setting up the betting window that was a huge success, Bill Sternberg and Dorothy for greeting our out of town guests, Billy Sternberg for helping sell tickets along with Greg Metzgus & Pam Pernoud. Colleen Morris & Rich Romani for serving the meal, Carol Fredericks and June Leadam tossed the dice, and last, but certainly not least, JB Bre for helping decorate the lodge room, helping in the kitchen, helping to sell tickets, and worst of all, helping Terry Gicking (a.k.a. Miss Mona) to scare the daylights out of everybody who was there to be entertained! **Terry Gicking**



Pat VonWittenberg Konejo Kampers

June at Ventura KOA formerly Far West
Unfortunately I have had a

previous commitment on calendar since January. However, a drive out Saturday afternoon did permit a pleasant few hours. Still didn't allow a zip-line experience which I've been looking forward to for a year bumper!

Things have changed a bit about the park, improvements all over.

Since Mike Flannery was an awesome sheriff, I got a pretty complete idea of what had gone on prior to my arrival – more about that later

It was great to see Mary (another quilter) and Dave Hobert. They haven't been out with the group for a LONG time. Of course, we had a lot to chat about.

Occasional Kampers, Deb and Wayne LaFarr graced the group with their presence LOL. Deb was just getting up from her nap – but sprang right into her peppy self. Of course King Wayne was on his back-side, moving only to request more service from Cheryl's margarita bar.

It's my understanding that Mary Flannery brought a bit of Carol Stewart's

Clothing Line. The gals had a great time shopping and trying on various

pieces, apparently. There was an issue with privacy. Mike asked Debbie, Debi

D. and Mary Hoberto if they were accustom to closing dressing room doors.

One can only imagine what had, in fact, gone on there ??? Evidently,

there were other incidents in this dressing room fiasco to which I'm not privy.

John Peterson and Vinnie seemed to be having a good time. John was a bit

more lay-back than usual. Cherri was on her way back from Costa Rica so

perhaps John was really relaxing, not sure what I mean by that – but OH

WELL! John said that they were spending the majority of their time in their

motorhome – ya know, I seem to recall back in time when these two

were definitely NOT interested in purchasing a motorhome.

Times do change

don't they LOL!

I realized I've been out of touch for some time.

Beverly E and I were sitting there chatting when she commented, "Here comes Kathicca". I ask if that was someone new? WRONG! Evidently Kathy Moye and Jessica Stull have

become "so close" their names have been combined. An indication of how long I've been out of touch – even Pam Ewald who has been "on the road" for a danged

long time sent a package to Jessica addressed to "Kathicca" GOOD GRIEF!

OH POOR MIKE F – it has almost become a campout custom to watch as Mike backs their trailer into their spot. (SEVERAL ATTEMPTS) Dave Hobert arrives and whips their trailer into their spot with minimal effort. Jim Mullen is another one – isn't he a retired fireman also. Guess Mike having been a CAPITAN didn't give him much time on the trucks?????

Beverly got fined for wearing a T-Shirt with a Moose on it instead of an ELK, not having paid a great deal of attention when she purchased it. I can sympathize completely. Several year back, actually a long time, not being totally educated about the difference, I bought quite a bit of fabric with Moose on it. Really got a ration about that, too. I understand completely Bev.

The Stull-Moye quartet left Saturday evening to attend a 50th Wedding Anniversary – WOW those folks clean up really, really well. Almost! Jim has lost some weight – pants were just a tad long and David, was just David. The gals looked like a couple of models. Couldn't stick around long enough to see if they met curfew or not.

Seems there was a discussion about men's wedding rings, would loved to have been a fly on the table to hear this. I heard that Jim Moye said that Kathy wouldn't know him if he removed his ring. Really? Guys you apparently aren't aware there's a new man's wedding ring on the market – when removed leave an imprint that says, "I'm married". Think it will be in high demand?

Was Kathy really suggesting the use of shot glasses for salsa – what's that all about?

This brings sadness to those of us who regularly camp – when it comes to having to cancel a campout for lack of participation (sigh). People it is understandable there are various issues – but should you have a suggestion how to improve the attendance PLEASE let one or more of us know.

UPCOMING KAMPOUTS



September 7/8-Camp Comfort
October 12/13-Santa Barbara Elks
November 9/10- Kenney Grove
December 9-Brunch



visit the website:

<http://elkonejokampers.oaksdata.com>



Japanese Surrendered on August 14, 1945

Purple Heart Day – August 7th

The Medal of Honor that is now the Purple Heart actually began as the 'Badge of Military Merit.' On August 7th, 1782 in Newburgh, New York, General George Washington designed a new badge of distinction for enlisted men and noncommissioned officers. They were awarded for 'any singularly meritorious action.' The badge was a figure of a heart in purple cloth or silk, edged with narrow lace or binding. It was pinned to a uniform coat above the left breast. That was then, this is now.



On January 7th of the year 1931, a new design was reopened. Ms. Elizabeth Will, an army heraldic specialist in the Office of the Quarter, created the design sketch for the present medal of the Purple Heart. It consists of a purple enameled heart within a bronze quarter inch border showing a relief profile of George Washington in continental uniform. Washington's family coat of arms adorns the medal, along with an inscription inside the heart that reads, 'For Military Merit.'

The Purple Heart is awarded to any member of the Armed Forces that has been wounded or killed, died as a result of a wound in battle, or otherwise designated by the President of the United States. This now includes those persons killed as a result of friendly fire. Now we celebrate Purple Heart Day on the anniversary of its inception, August 7th. On this day it is our patriotic duty to remember and recognize those people willing to serve our country, no matter the price.

Remember, the Vets Bingo at Sepulveda V.A. Friday Aug. 10th; meet at the lodge at 11:30.

Remember, the Karaoke at CalVet Home-Ventura Thursday Aug. 23rd at 6:00.

The 20th annual Ventura County Standdown was July 20-22, 2012 at the California National Guard Armory in Ventura. Thanks to all of you who made it possible to donate about

\$5,000 in goods and 500 hours for the standdown. Accurate numbers will be available by the end of July, but this is a great showing for this lodge, more than \$12 and 12 hours per capita. A special thanks to JB Bre who was responsible for a majority of the donations, and to Terry Gicking, always there to help and to all who donated for the duffle bags and clothing. More details and names of donors will be available by the end of July.

See www.venturacountystanddown.com

Veteran of the month – Don Dickey - USMC

Carl Lanterman
Chairman-National Services
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Finger snaps go out to Gary Erland who came by to pickup my electric scooter for repair. and Carl Lanterman To PDDGER Greg Metzger for refurbishing the top to the Bingo Ball Mixer.???

Our experienced players noticed the difference. To Salvatore Argo for donating product to our Medical apparatus building.

To all the members who donated money to the project of the medical building and to Coleen Morris who made up the difference.

Our Medical apparatus building is now up and running. PDDGER Tom Ryder and Tom Hartin leveled the ground and had it installed. PER Bill Sternberg and Tom Ryder built shelving inside. We also keep inside the building our worn flags that are awaiting proper disposal. So if you are in need of a walker, cane, crutches, potty chair and sometimes available a wheelchair call the office to see what is available. So on the same note if you have this type of product in your garage and do not want to throw it out, we'll take it refurbish and clean it up and get it ready to be loaned out to a member or anyone in need.

Which brings me to the next bit. I'm always being asked "what can I do" here it is . We are looking for a member to inventory, refurbish and clean the medical appliances as they arrive. Keep us informed of what is available and just be the go to guy. Give it some thought and give me a call for more information. I'll tell you right now it's about 100 degrees in that building. If it were easy everybody would want to do it.

David Naccarato Secretary



HOSPITALITY CORNER

It's August already and things are definitely happening down at the Lodge! If it's a Monday night, it must be Eddie and Jim in the kitchen aided by the effervescent bubblicious tireless Kathy Moye, who cracks the whip and keeps the guys in line. Two Buck Tuesdays appear again on August 14 and 28 (with Bingo by Power Dave). Thanks for the support. On the last Tuesday in June we served 70 burgers, dogs and Louisiana Hots, and on Tuesday, July 10, we served 71! Watch out McDonalds!

Tom K. continues his dinners on Wednesday meeting nights in August, but on Wednesday, August 29, the Gicker intends to push the purple pig with a pulled pork plate. Come down and support a truly worthy cause.

August Sunday breakfasts bring us the best of Bobby Williams, BBQ Eddie Rice, Bennett's Outcasts and the Kampers. Check the calendar for details.

Every Friday night in August is special, starting off on August 3 with Eddie Rice and his BBQ chicken and ribs followed by a special dinner by Rick Bennett and crew on Friday, August 10. On Friday, August 17, Chuck Busch and crew will pack them in (over 100 served last month) for the monthly fish fry. After the fish fry, hang around and enjoy the sounds of Spare Parts, who really outdid themselves at their Lodge debut in June.

Many of you have enjoyed Jimmy Miller's (aka Jimmy the Hat) Sunday morning cooking with the Kampers. But NOW, Jimmy, aided and abetted by Eddie Bianchi, steps it up by treating us all to a beef stroganoff dinner on Friday, August 24. Afterwards dance to the music by One Last Dance.

Last but not least, on Friday, August 31, Carl Lanterman and Ben Rieger will give us a genuine taste of Germany, serving up weinerschnitzel, Ben's potatoes and garden salad, followed by Carl's 1st prize cake for dessert. This meal should put us all in the mood for the coming Oktoberfest season!

Thanks to all who have worked with the various crews in the kitchen in July, and remember: we need volunteers!

The bar continues to do well under the direction of our bar manager, Brooke Okray, who is working with the bartenders to implement the new POS system, which will allow us to better track sales and to accept payment for meals as well. Please be patient as we work the kinks out of this new system.

Finally, due to the demands of her job, Donna Leary has resigned her position as co-chair of the Hospitality Committee.

Please join me in thanking her for her contributions to this Committee and to the Lodge.

Dan Martyn, Chair
Hospitality Committee

Members:

Tom Ryder
David Nacarrato
Jim Moye
Brooke Okray
JB Bre
Terry Baker

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**
- ***Awarding scholarships to high school seniors**
- ***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 & Scouting Events**
- ***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**
- ***Hosting Easter Egg Hunt for community kids**

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THE ELKS LADIES Cornelia Meehan

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The Ladies are planning to restart their Sunday morning breakfasts, the first Sunday of every month, and we need volunteers. The breakfasts are very enjoyable and people can build their own crews and meet everyone.

We are pleased to welcome the new members of the Elks Ladies who have joined in the last few months: They are, Joan Ayril: Ann Burns; Evie Bystrom: Tina Dow: Trudy Phillips:, Jan Stockton: and Jean Kammerer.

Please get involved in your Ladies Club where you will meet and enjoy many members. You will find that each of you have different ideas to bring to the meeting and share with our members. We have several new members in the Elks Ladies and hope that all of you will become involved. It is most enjoyable taking part and participating in the activities of the Ladies and you can always meet new people.

The Ladies Annual Appreciation will be held on September 15th. All ladies are invited and will be receiving a flyer. Anyone who can join in helping for this event, please contact the Ladies President, Cornelia Meehan. Also, please contact Cornelia if any of you would be able to prepare the flyer for this event.

The next Ladies meeting will be held on August 7th. Come and join us we would like to see all the new members joining in this meeting and giving the Ladies new ideas and thoughts to make this year a great year for all. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet people and there is always scrumptious desserts following the meeting.

Take Care and God Bless,
Melinda Pekow

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- Sharon Baker-2
- Beth Kozlowski-2
- Niki Case-9
- Jeanne Sandt-19
- Tina Dow-17
- Jean Krammer-21
- Myrna Block-26
- Gladys Ennis-30



PLEASE HELP US WITH OUR STRESS, GOD



Although stress has no purpose,
Nor any reason to fulfill
You watch us struggle helplessly,
For us, that's not your will.

To focus now on you Lord
At your feet we'll lay our hurts,
Remembering always with a smile,
Stressed backwards spells DESSERTS.

Amen



President, Cornelia Meehan center conducting the business meeting with left Jean Miraglia Secretary and right Treasurer Charlotte Gessler while members Kathy Ryder, Sharon Baker and Marilyn Cissell listen

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2012-13 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Loyal Knight

LODGE ACTIVITIES: Jim Moyer
 Lynn Rodriquez: Public Relations
 : Americanism
 Bill Sternberg, PER: Flag Retirement Ceremonies
 Barbara Gibbs: Memorial Service
 Gov't Relations: David Naccarato, PER:
 Lodge Picnic:

2012-13 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS-reporting to Lecturing Knight

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Leo Rodriquez
 David Naccarato, PER: Hoop Shoot
 Robert Jones: Drug Awareness
 Sally Claunch, PER: Kids Christmas Party
 Bill Miller: Scouting
 Rick Herrera: Scholarship

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
 Paul Stein : Law Enforcement & Fire Fighter
 Apprec. Dinner
 CHRISTMAS TREE LOT: Ben Reiger-chair
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HONOREES

ELK OF THE YEAR - Sally Claunch, PER
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 Martyn

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HONOR ROLL

Purple Pig Night will not be held until July 18th which is after the deadline for the Antler Antics. Look for your name listed in September's Honor Roll. Those members who were ahead of the curve are listed here:

- Purple Pig Honor roll for August
- Coleen Morris
- Jane Zimmerman (in memory of Vera Bailie)

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- Darryl Kopacz -01
- James Mullen -01
- Erle Pittman PER -01
- Janine Van Poppelen- 01
- Max Maxwell -02
- David Naccarato- 02
- Mike Ferragano- 03
- R.D. Routh -03
- Robert Wissusik- 03
- William Doody -04
- Michael Kissick- 04
- Joe Medrano- 04
- Louis Reis -06
- Steven Ogden- 11
- Jan T King -14
- Dennis Bock -17
- Don Skinner PER- 17
- James Barker -18
- Jane Watson -20
- Jesse Garcia -23
- Joel Erickson -24
- Leslie Donovan- 25
- Myrna Block -26
- John Gentzvein -28
- Gil Riding PER -28
- Robert Wyman -30
- Daniel Kozlowski -31



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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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August 1, 2012

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Lucky 13 Tom Ryder-no winner

June 20th Capsule Drawing Jeff Enger not present

Lucky 13 Bill Sternberg no winner.



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Lucky 13 Greg Metzgas no winner

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1987-88 John E. Henry	By Affiliation:
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1989-90 Don Skinner	2001-02 Bill Sternberg
1990-91 Don Ansell	1999-00 * Ralph Vester
1991-92 Gary Sleight	2002-03 Russel Robison
1992-93 Tom Ryder, PDDGER	
1993-94 * Jim Wallace	
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1995-96 Gil Riding, PDDGER	
1996-97 *Jack Loughran	
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