



Exalted Ruler
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ANTLER ANTICS

Bring the Spirit...The Time is Now

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\$40 per person limited to 40 couples
5:30 pm no host bar with Chef's appetizers
7:30 pm dinner

Reservations required 805-496-4550

Let's raise a glass to the coming New Year.
We'll toast to the holidays with friends and good cheer!
So don your Glamourous and Best 1940's Holiday dress
For there's Your Elk Family & Friends to Impress!!!

Chef Lodi's Beef Wellington

- *Celebration Confetti Salad
- *Balsamic Asparagus & Carrots
- *Freshly Baked Rolls

Champagne Toasts
(9pm & Midnight)

Dance to the Music by
Jane Doe & The Average Joes

1 a. m. Breakfast Buffet



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We have now come into the Holiday Season and it's time to mark your calendars with all of the upcoming Lodge activities that are planned through the end of 2012.

November was a busy month for the Lodge. On November 4th, we held one of our two Flag Retirement Ceremony. More than 100 people showed up including 20 Veterans from the Sepulveda Veteran Home, 30 local Cub Scouts and Boy Scout, residents of our community and members of our Lodge. There were over 40 flags retired in all.

On the 18th, our Annual Veteran's Appreciation Brunch, to honor those who have served our Country. The brunch was attended by veterans from the Ventura Veterans Home.

On December 1st, the Lodge will host our Children's Christmas Party and lunch, following the Tree Trimming by the Elks Ladies. Plan to bring all the children in your family to this fun event. Santa will make an appearance giving each child that attends the opportunity to sit on Santa's lap and may even be surprised with a gift from Santa.

December 2nd is our Annual Elks Memorial Service as a day of the recollection and memory of our fellow members who have departed. We have a brunch inviting the widows of these departed members and all members are welcome to attend this Memorial Service.

December 2nd is the date for the 2nd Annual Holiday Potluck and Gift Exchange that was so much fun for all in attendance. There will be flyers with the information for the evening and entertainment is by "Spare Parts"...

December 9th the Kamper's Annual Holiday Brunch. This year will be held at the Junkyard Café in Simi Valley. If you have not been to this event by the Kampers before, make sure to get your tickets, they can be purchased behind the bar. They put on a fantastic party and it is one you'll never forget.

I would like to invite all members to join Lynn and I as our guests for the Exalted Ruler's Appreciation Dinner, Friday December 14th. We look forward to seeing you come out and enjoy a nice evening.

We have now gotten to the time of the year that we as a Lodge join one another for our Traditional Christmas Basket Program. Those who have been a part of volunteering their time make this endeavor possible. This is our main philanthropic activity to give back to our community, so we hope all of you take some time to help provide a holiday for those families less fortunate that each of us are. There will be signup sheets in the Lounge and we will be starting the assembling of the baskets December 17th and continue until every basket has been delivered on Saturday the 22nd.

Finally, join us to ring in 2013 at our New Year's Eve Party. This year's party will be a 40's theme tying into our 40 year anniversary. JB Bre is hosting the party this year and it looks to be a wonderful party! Lynn and I hope that all of you have a safe and Happy Holiday Season.



LEADING KNIGHT

Terry Baker



The Charity Ball is just another nice memory and another check on my list of things to do. I want to thank my wife, Sharon Baker, for creating 6 fabulous baskets that we raffled off at the Charity Ball. The participation was great and I thank those who supported this worthwhile program. Everyone loved dinner. Tom Ryder and his Prime Rib and Chet Kozlowski on Salmon with Ken Krable making sure they did it right. Rich Romani and Chaplain, Barbara Ann Gibbs, handled the serving with help from bar manager, Brooke. I thank all of you. Thank you to the Elk Ladies for the decorations and K.C. Phillips for his dinner music.

We had a nice introduction of new member John Otte and his wife Brenda, sponsored by James Abbitt. On their anniversary, they go to a luscious Port of Call. This year after joining our lodge and knowing how important the Charity Ball is. They decided to come to the lodge for their anniversary. John brought a cake and we celebrated with them in a dance.

I am the Leading Knight ;I will be the Exalted Ruler next year. I've been the Inner Guard, Chaplain, Chairman of Trustees twice and Lecturing Knight. Now I'm entering a position where I will need my own officer corp. We nominate and elect in February. That's too late. I need to start compiling now. I'll need officers and committee chairman. Please don't sit back and figure someone else will do it. Right now, David Naccarato our Secretary and handles 4 other committee chairmanships. I'm sure he would share. If you would like to be more than just a dues paying member come see me and I'll let you know what's available and what would be expected of you.

Lesson from the Olympics

We just had the 2012 Olympics in London. The mental challenges in going through the chairs of office are just like in sports. It's thrilling to see the human element in action, to see officers overcome obstacles, and reach for the win.

"Life Line screening" has paid to rent our lodge room on December 10th to use a painless ultrasound (sonogram) to see plaque build-up in your arteries— a leading cause of stroke.

80% of strokes can be prevented. They have their own customers but wanted to make sure the lodge knew we were invited also.. Pre registration is required. Phone number is [800-324-1851](tel:800-324-1851) use priority code HSC7228 or go to www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners



LOYAL KNIGHT

JB Bre



As the holidays approach, my thoughts and prayers are daily thinking about all those who have been affected by the recent storms on the East Coast. In addition, I think of our troops who will be separated from their loved ones while we are here enjoying the holidays with the freedoms that they are so willing to fight and defend.

As a child, I was often separated from my father while he was stationed abroad. The memories of sending him, (months in advance to insure their 'prompt arrival' for his Christmas), handmade cards, gifts, and sweet treats (wrapped appropriately by mother so, (hopefully!) it would still be edible). We would sing carols into a recorder so he could hear our voices and I would always wonder where he would be and what he was doing when he'd get our special delivery from home. Sometimes, if we were fortunate we'd get a phone call, of course this was prior to Skype and internet live cams so this was a very rare and special occurrence!

Please take the time to honour our servicemen and women's sacrifices. Invite a military family into your home or to the lodge for dinner or just to hang out and enjoy the good tidings that we have available to us. There are homeless Veterans who could use a hand up, not a handout. We have plenty of opportunities around us to 'spread goodwill'. Our Elk community is blessed and we need to act out our motto "Elks Care~Elks Share"!

Look around your own neighborhood and see if possibly there are any widows/widowers, single parent family homes, or elderly that would benefit with a visit. Make an extra tray of cookies, a holiday cake, or candies and call the office to see who needs a reminder that, although they may be shut-in, we still love them and want to keep them actively involved.

Wishing you and yours an amazing holiday season!!!

In Service~jb

End of Year 'Shout Outs':

Christmas Cheer Crews

Christmas Tree Lot Volunteers

Our Hospitality Experts: Brooke & Her Wonderful Staff of Bartenders Tom, Katie, Krista and of course Dan Martyn as he leads up the Committee.

New Kitchen Crews for volunteering!

And you who continue to encourage me with your positive responses to my articles. You know who you are and I appreciate all of you!!! Thank You!



LECTURING KNIGHT

Grant Thistle



I welcome you to this station which is dedicated to Brotherly Love. We are now into the season of giving, sharing and helping those in need. I think as Elks we do this year round. Wouldn't it be nice if everyone worldwide could manage that spirit all year long?

Dean Reichle reminded me that we should all make an effort to greet everyone who enters our lodge, to make visitors feel welcome. That's brotherly love tip #1. Thanks Dean

We have our Christmas Tree lot this month which is one of our biggest source of revenue in such a short time and also one of the most rewarding and enjoyable events of the year (my opinion). I encourage all of you to come on by the lot and participate in purchasing your tree, selling trees, making a delivery, Rake up needles or at least gather around the fire place with your fellow Elk members.

So many of you do so much for our Lodge, I say many thanks. However this month I would like to mention just one unsung hero; Jon Anderson. Jon was quite an unassuming man who did so much for the lodge and was a joy to be around. He will always be in our hearts and never forgotten. "Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken".

God bless and keep you safe during this joyful season.



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"

Jon Anderson

Born :June 4,, 1931

Initiated: September 23, 2009

Died: October 3, 2012

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December 7th – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

November 4th was the kickoff for Veterans Remembrance Month. The first of three planned events included 22 veterans from the Sepulveda VA facility who joined us for breakfast. The Martyns, Meehans and Magiolas, joined by Donna Sandoval, cooked and served about 50 breakfasts including the 22 veterans.

Following breakfast, they enjoyed a little sunshine in the BBQ patio area while the officers rearranged the room for the flag retirement ceremony. Flag Retirement Chairman, Navy veteran, PER, and Western Region Scouting Chairman Bill Sternberg presided over the proceedings with help from his son Billy Sternberg - Eagle Scout, Navy veteran and current Inner Guard, as well as your Chairman of National Services and COB of Trustees, Air Force veteran Carl Lanterman. Other officers participating in the ceremony were PER Terry Gicking, Lecturing Knight Grant Thistle, and Chaplain Barbara Gibbs.

Bill Miller, Navy veteran and Scouting Chairman for the lodge organized the participation of Cub Scout Pack 3763, who presented the colors and the flags of the five branches of service: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and the sometimes forgotten Merchant Marines. Participation of the cub scouts and their parents brought the total attendance to over 100 for a very impressive ceremony that will not soon be forgotten by visitors such as WWII Veteran Philip Blumstein, who worked the railroads in France, Belgium and England during the period from 1942 to 1944. Philip was proud to assist in the retirement of one of the flags at the fire ring next to the BBQ patio area. About 40 flags were retired that day and more are needed for upcoming events. The ceremony was followed by ice cream and cookies for the scouts and perhaps was enjoyed more by the visiting veterans.

No function was planned for Veterans Day, Nov. 11th because there are so many functions that veterans cannot get to all the places where they are invited. The annual veterans brunch was scheduled for Nov. 18th. This year that includes veterans from the Cal Vet Home – Ventura and several local retired veterans; brunch served at 10:00 am with entertainment following. Then, on Nov. 30th several Sepulveda veterans will join us for lunch at the Black Angus in Northridge.

In the past, bingo was not scheduled for December at the Sepulveda facility, for unknown reasons. This year it is scheduled for Dec. 14th at 1:00. Volunteers are needed. Please call Carl at (805) 630-8110.

Karaoke was rescheduled due to the holidays. Instead of the 3rd Thursday, as usual, it will be on Nov. 29th and Dec. 20th at the Cal Vet Home.

Nov. 8th was the time of a great meeting of the Ventura County Military Collaborative (VCMiC) at the 146th Airlift Wing, Air National Guard base in Oxnard. New and big things are coming for veterans and others in need. Watch for a special article next month.

I frequently get job postings and other veterans benefits through the Veterans Service Office in Ventura. If you would like to see these for yourself or friends, please call Carl to arrange access.

Veteran of the month – Verne Jossey - U.S. Air Force

A PLEA FOR HELP



Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge #2477 steps up again. Sgt. Jason Bauer, wife Nicole and two of four children with David Nacarrato, Lodge Secretary and Carl Lanterman, Chairman-National Services.

Sgt. Bauer spent 6 months in Iraq with the Air Force and after leaving the air force, joined the Air National Guard at Port Hueneme. Currently on disability and his wife being laid off, the family was in danger of losing their home with no place to go. The lodge veterans fund put up the money to cover their rent for November, with expectations that both will be back at work by December.

Funds are still needed to cover the cost, as our veterans account was not funded for such emergencies. Please make checks to BPOE #2477 with a memo; Sgt. Bauer.

PLEASE BUY GIFT CARDS AND TAKE THEM TO THE OFFICE!

A plea for help from the 146th Airlift Wing, sponsoring the VC Military Collaborative, goes out to all who will support the families of our veterans who are deployed. They are asking for gift cards for gasoline, food and large stores such as Target, WalMart, Kohl's, etc. Here are a few stories.

“Last month I had a female airman who works 45 minutes one way from her home and her husband worked 45 minutes the opposite direction from their home.

They have a one year old. The car had problems and all their savings and food money went to fix the car. She had no money to pay for gas or groceries until she got paid 2 weeks later.”

“A spouse was fired from her job because she couldn't find alternate childcare for her children during her husband's deployment (he was the primary caregiver during the day). Once he returned from his deployment she couldn't find a job and they needed some assistance for groceries and gas until she could find something that would work.”

COMING ATTRACTIONS



- December 1-Toys For Tots
- December 2- Elks Memorial Service
- December- 6- Marine Corp League Christmas Party
- December 7- Holiday Pot Luck & Gift Exchange
- December 9- Kampers Holiday Brunch
- December 11- Elk Ladies Christmas Party
- December 14- Exalted Ruler's Christmas Party
- December 17/22-Christmas Baskets Prep.
- December 22- Christmas Baskets Delivery
- December 31- New Year's Eve Party

ENTERTAINMENT



- December 7- Spare Parts
- December 28- Pier One

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Coleen Morris
805-241-8928

OUR CONDOLENCES TO: the family of Jon Anderson on his passing

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Our Armed Forces and their families who keep us free, Kathy Ryder; Angie Prizzi

ON THE MEND: Don Booker, PER, Bob Arbetman



CHRISTMAS TREE SALES LOT

Our Christmas tree sales will be held again at Carlson's Building Materials. We have a joint effort of Chairmen this year, Ben Reiger, Ed Rice and Tom Hartin. Any help you could give them would be appreciated. The tree lot will be open every day starting December 1st.

We will have lot set up at Carlson's Building Materials on November 26th. Our first tree delivery will be on November 28th. Delivery includes unloading the truck, cutting off a 1/2 inch of trunk and boring a hole up from the bottom of the trunk of the tree and then mounted into a tree stand and set up for sales to the public.

It is a lot of fun hard work with many benefits. The ladies of the Lodge really take care of the workers at the tree lot, with comfort food, pastries and snacks. We have a fire every night camaraderie among the members. We have very positive interaction with the customers. In

fact last year with the pouring down rain we helped a customer who was so taken by us that he joined our organization and will probably be down at the tree lot this year.

Our 2nd tree delivery will be on December 5th and lot tear down will be December 18th. Our Christmas cheer basket program delivery will be on December 17th.

So in a nut shell:

- Lot Set up November 26th
- First tree delivery November 28th
- Lot opens for business Dec 1st.
- 2nd tree delivery December 5th
- Lot open for sales from Dec 1st to December 16th
- Lot tear down December 18th.
- For times see Ben, Ed, or Tom
- Sign-up sheets in the lounge



David Naccarato, PER



First I want to discuss our Bar B Que. When we have an offsite event that is open to the public, it changes the playing field. It takes many man power and hours to pull it off. We just finished the Street Fair that we do every year. With Tom Hartin, Jim Mullen, Rick Bennett and Ben Rieger the set up went like a well oiled machine. The crew we had knew what they were doing. The lodge did very well. Thanks to everyone. Move up one week to October 27th. We were asked to attend Fall Fest at Borchard Park and be the main food supplier. We agreed.: I was involved Bell to Bell with this one. Rick Bennett handled obtaining product and making sure we took everything we needed to have a successful event. We had some other Bell to Bellers (is that proper English) that without them it would not have happened. Gerry Gillies and Dave Anderson with their expertise in towing. (I figured if you can pilot a 747 you could tow a Streaker Dog Wagon).Jessie Garcia singlehandedly handled set up, lit up, and cooked up all the product. Jessie along with Dave and Gerry set up and dismantled the food servicing. area with instruction from Tom Hartin who had to take off for some Elk events where He was representing our lodge. Dwight Williams was slicing, Bill Miller on bread and his wife Jeri as cashier along with Faye Stevens keeping the books straight. 3 day old member George Gomez came by to help and learned the ropes. Harry Isaman who was Carl Lanterman's sponsor was our rib cutter. He brought a special stool, his own knives and cutting board. Now that's someone who knows how he wants it. We had a good day, perfect weather and nice social time.**Second** I noticed some confusion with the flag salute with the new members at the closing of the lodge after initiation. Exalted Ruler request "Please salute our flag". They go for their heart but see others give a military salute. Now we just had the Esquire instruct the new members that the "civilian salute to the flag is standing erect with the right hand over the heart". He does not go on to say but if you want give the military salute. When we started this many members came to my desk to advise me how we were being disrespectful. Grand lodge did send a notice allowing it. I checked the military rules for rendering a hand salute of the U.S. flag.The way it was, members of the nation's veteran's service organizations would use the military salute only during the national anthem while wearing their organization's head gear.Then in 2008 the National Defense Authorization Act contained an amendment to allow military retirees during hoisting, lowering or passing of the U.S. flag.2009 amendment now included out of uniform military veterans. Sec.595, Sec301(b)(1)All members and or Veterans may render the military salute. All other persons should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over their heart. they

must also remove their headdress and hold it at their left shoulder, the hand being over the heart.**Third** Don't kill the messenger. Once a member never a guest. We have a private lodge. Our members pay dues to belong. If one year you decide to not pay your yearly dues, you become a member not in good standing. That means you are not allowed to use the lodge facilities. It puts our non-profit status at risk. It put our private lodge tax rate at risk. If you feel you can no longer stay a member you need to come see me while you are still a paid up member And I will be able to explain to you what will need to be done. A spouse who may join with her husband then later see no point in paying two dues every year wants to go back to spouse status. That's OK but let me know while you're still in good standing. A boyfriend or girl friend does not have the same flexibility. Again come see me while you're still in good standing. It's about being fair to those who pay their dues to use our lodge and those who get in through the back door. We want the dinner and drink business from guests but we must do it correctly.



A huge shout out goes to Dean Reichle for rewiring and changing out the ballasts of the lights in conference room. After Tom Ryder, Bill Sternberg, Terry Gicking and Max Maxwell moved that wall back 4 feet it has made it more attractive to be rented out. Only problem is that we have to turn on the light switch hours before the schedule rental so that by the time they got here the lights would be on. But no more. Dean upgraded all the bulbs to brighter and more efficient lamps that work correctly. We just landed a weekly Sunday evening rental. The VFW already meets monthly along with Rolling Thunder meeting monthly. Both are Veteran related clubs. We have a Hunter Safety course that meets monthly on a Friday.

Along with that I've been putting up our old awards and citations that the lodge has received over the years. We get a thank you plaque from a group, an event we participated in and from Boy and Girl Scout troops that we helped and I hung them on the walls of the conference room. We'll I can only get it so high and it is looking pretty discombobulated Kudos to Tom Hartin for his continued work on the Anteroom and Loyal Knight JB Bre for preparing dinner for a Tuesday night Lodge Rental.

If you missed it First Lady Lynn Rodriguez received a 2nd place Grand Lodge Public relations award for an entry she turned in for our veterans Brunch. That's out of 2200 lodges Congratulations.

A while back we had a donation of two flags from a son of an Elk. The flags flew over the USS Arizona memorial and United States Capitol. Both have letters of Authenticity. Both will be proudly displayed in our lodge.



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Chris Sponsoring Rosemary Prince



Terry Baker Sponsoring George Gomes da Costa



DDGER Sander Moss with his lovely wife Annie on his visitation to our Lodge

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL WHO ATTENDED THE CHARITY BALL



Veteran Appreciation and Flag Retirement on Sunday, November 4, 2012.

The morning started by serving brunch to the Veterans. The ceremony was led by Past Exalted Ruler, Bill Sternberg. In attendance were 20 Veterans from the Sepulveda Veterans Hospital, over 30 Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts from Ventura County Council BSA and many others totaling around 100. The ceremony started with the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts presenting the Flag of The United States of America and the POW flag. Also presented by the BSA were the Military flags for Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corp, Coast Guard and Merchant Marines. The organist played the music for each service as the flags were presented. The Thousand Lodge 2477 of the BPOE performed a ceremony paying tribute to the flags that were to be retired. At the end of the ceremony all the Vets in attendance were given the privilege of retiring a flag. After all the Vets finished then many of the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts were given the privilege of retiring a flag. During the ceremony a total of 47 service worn flags were retired. The day ended with an ice cream social for all. The photographer for the event was Jordan Reynolds, a Sophomore at Moorpark High. Article written by Billy Sternberg BPOE Thousand Oaks Lodge 2477, Inner Guard.



Bill Sternberg, PER(1) and his son Billy Sternberg, Inner Guide assist a Cub Scout



A veteran from Sepulveda Hospital burns the first flag

MILITARY HISTORY



Already one of Hollywood's biggest stars, Jimmy Stewart enlisted in the Army in March 1941, earning a commission as a Second Lieutenant and completing pilot training. When the United States entered the war, Stewart was initially held back from the front due to his celebrity status.

By the end of 1943, however, he was allowed to head to England and begin flying combat missions as a B-24 Liberator Pilot. He would serve with distinction, earning two distinguished Flying Crosses and the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, reaching the rank of Colonel by the end of the war. He retired from the Air Force Reserves in 1968 with the rank of Brigadier General.

The passing of an American hero

Imagine you're 19 and wounded in the jungle in the Central Highlands of Viet Nam....It's November 11, 1967 Landing Zone X-Ray

Your unit is outnumbered 8-1 and the enemy fire is so intense just 100 yards away that your CO has ordered the helicopters to stop coming in. You're lying there and you realize your family is 12,000 miles away and you will never see them again.

As the world starts to fade in and out, over the sound of gun fire you hear the sound of a helicopter. You look up and see a Huey coming in. It does not seem real because no MedEvac markings are on it. Captain Ed Freeman is coming for you.

He's not MedEvac, it's not his job, but he heard the radio call and decided he's flying his Huey down into the machine gun fire anyway.

Captain Ed sets down and goes back to his Browning 30 Cal mounted in the door opening. He fires his gun for cover as they load 3 of us on at a time. He takes off up and through the gunfire to doctors and nurses and safety. He kept coming back!! 13 more times!! He did not stop till all the wounded were out. No one knew until the mission was over that Captain Ed had been hit 4 times in the arms and legs. He saved 29 that day. Some would not have made it without the Captain and his Huey. Medal of Valor Recipient, Captain Ed Freeman, United States Air Force, died September 4th at the age of 70 in Boise Idaho. May God Bless and Rest His Soul. This story you did not hear about. The papers were taken up with lesser topics. Shame on the media. But not our Antler. Thanks Sally, Edited David Naccarato contributed Steve Smith PER



ELKS OFFICERS and MEMBERS ORIENTATION and INFORMATION PRESENTATION

Did you ever wonder what the Elks Officers responsibilities and duties are? Did you ever wonder what the Lodge members responsibilities are in support of their Elks lodge and the Order of Elks? Well the Past Exalted Rulers, at the request of the Exalted Ruler (some Past Exalted Rulers also), have put together a presentation to give you an answer to these questions.

This presentation is tentatively scheduled for **WEDNESDAY January 30, 2013**. A panel of Past Exalted Rulers will be giving this presentation!

Are you interested? If so check your calendar and highlight January 30th as your evening out and come to the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge. The presentation will start at 7PM and will last for about three hours.

This presentation is open to all Elks; it is also open to any non Elk persons who would like to know more about the Order of Elks, the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge, their activities in the local community, State Association and the National Order of Elks. Invite your friends!

Come down, be prepared to listen and most of all be prepared to ask the panel questions. You might be surprised at the answers!

There will probably be another session in the near future with the "lessons learned" from this presentation included. Your lodge needs your help!

Tom Ryder - PDDGER

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge, PER Association



Can you sing, dance, tell jokes, and play an instrument?

Can you cook Ham, are a Ham, Wanna be a Ham?

Do you like to build sets swing a hammer?

Be a Rhodie, deal with lighting?

Are you a set decorator?

Cake Decorator?

Expand your talents at one of three planned entertainment venues at the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge.

Call and give me your name and number and your talent and we will provide you with more information.

Shows are based on what you can do.

Hollywood Musicals, Block Busters and Duets.

Lodge Activities/Secretary David Naccarato 496-2477

DICTIONARY PROGRAM



Peter Pilot(aka Terry Gicking, PER), Elroy(aka Tom Hartin, Pinecrest School teacher and John Nau, PER



The smiling 3rd and 4th graders after receiving their dictionaries

A new chapter became available in our ever expanding dictionary program. Through PER, John Nau's connection the Pinecrest School in Moorpark invited Richard Goldner, DDGER, and Dictionary Program Chair to give his award winning assembly to the students which features Elroy and his new sidekick Peter Pilot. Besides being entertained by the assembly, the pupils are given a resource book to be used for many years. John Nau stated that his grandson learned the sign language alphabet by using the dictionary. Way to go Dictionary Program!!!



Ben Reiger and the saw-watch your fingers

The BBQ wood pile was mighty low, but thanks to those that work for Burns Pacific Construction who obtained all those oak trees for our Bar B Q. I know Joe Clancy, Tommy Tyler, Pete Jackson and I'll probably leave someone out. Then those who moved the trees into position for cutting and splitting Tommy Claunch and his green machine, Joesph Nemtusak, Ben Rieger, Dave Anderson, Max Maxwell, Terry Gicking, Jim Allen, Jim Moye, Gerry Gillies, Dave Anderson, Herb Jellander, Tom Hartin, Jim Mullen, Keith Orr, and David Stull. Thanks to all the members hard work, the BBQ has enough wood for a year.

BON VOYAGE MARILYN CISELL



Longtime chaplin to the Kampers, and Elk Ladies, is moving to Colorado to be near family. The Elk Ladies honored her with a Lifetime Member Certificate at a Friday night dinner.



Pull Tab Collection

I was out of town from mid August to late October, so I missed last month's Antler Antics. There was quite a large collection of tabs when I got back, thanks all. A especial thanks to, (Big Momma) Dorothy Murray, Tom Tyler, The Metzgun family, Jim Wiens, JB Bre, Bachman, Dean and Kathie Reichle and Dee Swanson.

ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE

Gerry Gillies

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 Brownilympics & 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
- *Providing meeting place for Marine Corp League

STREET FAIR

In case you haven't heard, your Lodge attended the 2012 Thousand Oaks Street Fair in October and brought the Streaker Dog Wagon to the event. Tri-tip sandwiches, baby back ribs and BBQ'd chicken was served along with soft drinks and water. The effort resulted in a complete sell-out and a very successful event for the Lodge. A big **Thank You to Jill Williams** for taking these memorable photographs of *your fellow lodge members volunteering* at this event.



HOSPITALITY CORNER



Well, the new year is almost upon us, and December promises to be an exciting time for the Lodge, with the Christmas tree lot, charity baskets, Christmas potluck and gift exchange, and New Year's Eve party, all coming up quickly. Check your December calendar for events and entertainment.

Let me highlight a couple of items for you. Monday nights continue to be a hit, and this month Gary, Patty and Bobby will be serving their to-die-for pasta and meat sauce on Monday, December 3. Eddie Bianchi and Jim Moye follow on Mondays, December 10 and 17, and if you haven't tried their tacos, rice and beans, you don't know what you're missing, not to mention Monday night football and drink specials. If you don't believe me, ask the 60 patrons who joined us on November 12!

Tuesday, December 4 marks our last two buck Tuesday of 2012, with Sally Claunch and Karen Martyn providing the service, yours truly flip the burgers and the bar serving \$2 beer, wine and drink specials.

We do have some exciting coming attractions, starting off with a HAIR OF THE DOG party on New Year's Day, with drink specials, potluck food, football, bowling and fun for everyone. We are planning some specials as football season moves into playoffs, finishing with a Super Bowl party on February 3. We are also working on events for Mardi Gras and St. Patrick's Day, so stay tuned for details.

As this year comes to an end, I want to thank all of those who have donated their time and talents to making 2012 a successful year for the bar and kitchen. Undoubtedly, I will miss a few, and I apologize in advance, but here goes: THANKS to Eddie Bianchi, Jim Moye, Kathy Moye, John Moran, Coleen Morris, Boyd Lindquist, Steve McKee, Sally Claunch, Chuck Busch, Lancaster Bob, JB Bre, Robert Koeritz, Catherine Koeritz, Bobby Williams, Donna Leary, Ed Rice, Lou Reis, Beverly Reis, Carl Lanterman, Ben Reiger, Rick Bennett, Jill Williams, David Naccarato, Gregg Miraglia, Jean Miraglia, Karen Martyn, Terry Gicking, Jimmy Miller, George Meehan, Cornelia Meehan, Chet Kozlowski, Myrna Block, Tom Ryder, Joe Clancy, Reggie (Ventura Lodge), Billy Gilmore (Simi Lodge), the FISH FRY CREW and the KAMPERS.

Finally, a special thanks to Brooke and her crew, Tom, Katie and Krista, for doing an outstanding job turning things around. Please remember them at Christmas!

God bless you and yours this holiday season, and best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.

Dan Martyn, Chair
Hospitality Committee



SANTA BARBARA LODGE – OCTOBER 2012

Thursday now seems to be the norm for early arrivals. There was a time when Friday morning or afternoon was arrival time. No more. Thursday (sometimes Wednesday) saw the Ericksons, Millers, Flannerys, Stull, Nemtusaks, Moyes, Osgood, and me. Steve Chiszar, wagon master, pulled in about 7:30 pm.

It was great to have our cruisers back: Flannerys, Stulls, Nemtusaks and Moyes back on terra firma. Lots and Lots of pictures and awesome stories.

What's with the men, especially Jim Moyer out with shorts on in 60 degree weather? Don't they get quite a breeze up their pant legs?

Speaking of early arrivals – because Patty Miller had signed up under two different names, I nearly missed being able to go on Thursday. These two Pats or Pattys often confuse the poor wagon masters.

Joe Nemtusak got a new cell phone. While a bunch of us were sitting around outside the Erickson's rig, we were all checking to see if our phones were ringing. Nope – Joe was playing with his ringtones and just couldn't find one that suited him!

Just have to give kudos to Mike Flannery, seems he has finally mastered backing their trailer into a space, BUT once in, there's a lot of jockeying around to get the proper position to accommodate their slide-outs. Of course, some of the problems are excusable since some of the older camp sites were laid out before so many RV's had slide-outs.

Thursday night is usually hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill. The Lodge had increased the choices for Thursday night – all of which were quite appealing. Personally, burgers and dog are just fine!

We hadn't seen Jan and Ken Stockton; Tina and Mike Dow since Newport Dunes. Two really nice, fun couples. Allegedly Ken is not much of a game player. That is until Steve put together a rousing game of left, right, center (cup – pot). It can get quite loud when one player has lost all their quarters but a player to their right or left still has quarters and may have to pass one or possibly two to the player with none.

The story of the Kampers being the Nemtusak's dog Cookie's therapy group has been somewhat of a legion. We now have a new patient LOL! While Sue Osgood's adorable Scotty, Megan, had to be put in a kennel for an extended period of time, Megan returned home a very unhappy dog. Sue remarked that Megan was so traumatized she no longer would wag her tail. Guess what, the groups' attention, playing and talking to her, Megan has begun to wag her tail. Perhaps not a whole lot, but there has been a pretty dramatic improvement. We'll bring her around – no doubt at all!

Friday night dinner at the Lodge was pretty danged good. We had the choice of

Stir-fry or fish. Their serving crew has it down to a science. When you see the line you may think – This is gonna take a while. No way, it moves very quickly. It is always a pleasure to visit Santa Barbara; they have tables reserved for our group, so that we don't go wandering around trying to collect everyone in the same area.

Several of the group had a great time dancing; however, I'm not sure "Dancing with the Stars" will be contacting them in the near future. What the heck, they were having fun and that's the name of the game - Right?

Saturday was the usual brunch and meeting, not overly long. However we are REALLY in need for someone to step up to the plate to assume some of the openings as officers. Folks, none of these offices require brain surgeons.

Saturday night Steve made reservations at a local restaurant "Harry's" Good drinks, good food, good service and great company.

Interesting conversation with Steve's friend, Jeanie Bateman. She is of the opinion that Steve is a great "party" guy, but being wagon master seems to stress him. Not really sure that's completely accurate, he handled this outing very well, or at least appeared to.

Four of us stayed over Sunday night – driving through Sunday traffic in Santa Barbara just is not in the game plan. Sunday morning, lined up behind Nemtusak to dump our tanks was an interesting experience. Joe you are as slow as molasses! Then, he misplace a key or set of keys, hope you found them Joe!

Until next time, hope to see more of you. Don't forget the Brunch at the new location. Don't be turned off by the name, it is really quite nice, just unique name!

**THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!**



When you enter the dining room for a meal or meeting, you will observe the latest addition to our renovation project-- 153 new chairs-complete with storage racks. These chairs were purchased by the generous donations from the El Konejo Kampers, Elk Ladies, PER Association, and the profits from the Laughlin Bus Trip (Pearsons & Moyes co-chairs).

UPCOMING KAMPOUTS

December 9-Brunch-Junkyard Restaurant



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AN EXCITING TIME OF YEAR

Not many people think of autumn as a special time of year but if you look around you the colors of the leaves are bright and changing color. For me it is a time of expectation as the holidays are upon us. Halloween kicked it off and by this reading we may have already celebrated Thanksgiving. Now we've begun the BIG holidays. I know all of us have something to be thankful for. As for me, I have just so many blessings including being blessed with knowing all of you.

Changes are afoot – yes, the Elks Ladies are moving forward and are becoming more dynamic with all their plans. First, I will be writing the articles until next March as Melinda Pekow has resigned as Second VP. We are grateful for all her contributions and we hope she will continue to be an active member of the Elks Ladies. Second, we are very sorry to say goodbye to Marilyn Cissell who has moved to Colorado to be closer to her daughter. We had a lovely time sending off Marilyn with a cake and bundles of good wishes. Marilyn has been Chaplin for the Ladies for as long as I have been around and many years before that! She writes all her own prayers and delivers them with subject matter that is spot on. She definitely has BIG shoes to fill. Marilyn's smile is her hallmark right next to her love of music and dancing. Marilyn, you keep in touch as we can't imagine the Ladies group without you. We've also added a few new members recently including Jill Williams, Tina Dow and Jan Stockton – we're so glad you're here. A special hello and warm wishes to Angie Prizzi, Kathy Ryder and Margaret Thornton – we miss you ladies.

Third, we have some very important events coming up (and some may have passed):

- November 18** – Veterans Annual Brunch as the lodge;
- December 1** – Tree Trimming & Children's Party;
- December 2** – Widow's Brunch;
- December 11** – Elks Ladies Christmas Party; (Remember to RSVP before November 30)
- December 19** – Gift wrapping for our Charity baskets

And this is just a partial listing of important dates. As you browse through the Antler Antics you will see many other important dates such as for charity basket distribution, Christmas parties galore, New Years Eve and so many more. I suggest as you read this issue that you keep your calendar handy so you won't miss out on so much fun and camaraderie.

Now speaking of fun and calendar marking, I've saved the best for last or is that first? Who cares? The Elks Ladies Major Project event will be here before you know it and this year

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ann Burns-2
Colleen MacFarlane-6
Kay Riebe-10
Catherine Koeritz-14
Roxy Skinner-15
Carroll Stewart-19
Marilyn Cissell-27
Sally Claunch-30



DEPRESSION

**DEPRESSION IS A SCARY PLACE,
WHERE NO ONE WANTS TO GO,
AND HOW OR WHY WE GET THERE,
NOBODY SEEMS TO KNOW.**



**SO GOD WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP,
SUCH DARKNESS ISN'T RIGHT,
PLEASE WRAP YOUR ARMS AROUND US
AND LEAD US INTO YOUR PERFECT LIGHT.**

AMEN

we are excited to present "An International Affair." The event will be held at the lodge on **Saturday, February 2, 2013**. Niki Case, Chair for Major Project in the Elks Ladies, and her committee are pulling out all the stops and will have many surprises for you. For those of you who love to travel, many memories will be rekindled, and for those of you who do not travel but would love to – live vicariously and plan to attend this fun filled and delicious evening. Watch for the flyer in coming issues and get your tickets early. These events have sold out in the past.

Finally, before I close, (and those of you who know me, know it is a big deal to get me to close, as I love putting my thoughts to paper) I would just like to put my two cents in along with President Cornelia Meehan and invite members and prospective members to come to a meeting and join us for discussion, snacks and friendship on the first Tuesday of every month (except December). We look forward to seeing you at the January 2013 meeting.

Jessica Stull

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