



Exalted Ruler
Leo Rodriguez

ANTLER ANTICS

Bring the Spirit...The Time is Now

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2013 Elk's Ladies Major Project Fundraiser

AN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIR

February 2, 2013

\$25.00 per person

Social Hour @ 5:30pm

Dinner @ 6:30pm

Pork Tenderloin or Chicken Marsala
catered by: Country Harvest

Door Prizes!

Raffle Baskets!

Music by:

"One Last Dance"



Buy your tickets by January 28, 2013!

No tickets sold at the door! Tickets available at the bar
or call Niki@ 805-492-0212

Reserved Tables Available.

**EXALTED RULER****Leo Rodriguez**

Well here we are at the start of 2013. I trust that you and your families had a wonderful holiday and wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Since last month's Antler the Lodge has been very busy very busy. The Children's Christmas Party showed us success. Our members, whose children and grandchildren are now too old to attend, brought the next generation, the "Great" grandchildren to enjoy a fun filled afternoon with crafts, face painting, hot dogs and a visit from Santa. We had 28 children and even more adults!

The Elks Memorial was also a very nice affair. Many widows are our departed members came and had brunch prepared by Dan & Karen Martyn and their crew and served by June Leadam and family. Dave Naccarato made homemade waffles. Following the brunch the Officers held a Memorial Service in remembrance of our absent members. I want to thank my Officers for doing a very nice job.

Our 2nd Annual Holiday Potluck and Gift Exchange was again this year as much fun as last years. All in attendance had a great time stealing gifts from one another; it seemed that a few people were "Hijacked" at least half a dozen times. Sorry George, better luck next year! For those who missed out, we hope to see you for the 3rd Annual.

We are gearing up for the Christmas Basket Program at this time, but will be over by the time you read this article. We are scheduled to see 78 families and I understand those families included 192 children. The Ladies had their work cut out this year, but I'm confident they will accommodate those children with the generosity as they show year after year with the donations they bring in at their Christmas Party. This year, 90 ladies RSVP'd to attend. That being said, I will take the opportunity to thank all our members who volunteered their time to bring this program to fruition along with the Elk's Ladies for their participation with gift wrapping and where ever else they were needed.

The Xmas Tree Lot was also in full swing and had 3 tree deliveries. A big thank you to Eddie Rice, Ben Reiger, Herb Jellander along with the volunteers who were as always busy and that's what makes our tree lot a sellout year after year. I don't think I can remember a year they weren't sold out several days early.

It seems every year we grow in all our successes and good work we do for our community. It takes our hard work and effort, but our Lodge proves to produce the goals set out to accomplish. You should all be proud; I know that I am proud to be Exalted Ruler for such a wonderful membership and Lodge.

**LEADING KNIGHT****Terry Baker**

The Emblem of my station is the flag of our country and the motto of my station is Charity. That line right there is what we do as Elks. It's what sets us apart from the rest. With our flag we present one to a lucky recipient every initiation. We hold flag retirement services to honor a tattered flag after it has served its purpose. We hold flag day services here at the lodge and at off-site events that invite us. We have been invited again for next year at the Reserve Retirement Home. Let me know if you want to participate. We as Elks should show the community our respect for the flag by attending our flag retirement services. We had many empty seats. Holding these rituals is mandated by Grand Lodge and it's what we do.

The value of the Elk's charitable works since our inception in 1868 is more than \$4 billion. Many of the Elks' charitable programs are funded in part by the Elks National Foundation. The foundation annually disburses more than \$19 million in support of youth athletic programs, scholarships, veteran's service, drug awareness, state charitable projects and other philanthropic programs. The Grand Exalted Ruler said if a lodge can hit a mark of \$4.50 per member he will send us \$2,000.00 to use for our programs... Now get this. If we raise \$1,791.00 which is \$4.50 per member we can get \$2,000.00. How can they do this you ask? Every dollar we send in they earn \$2.80. Great return. I want some of that action.

Did you donate your \$4.50 to help us reach our goal or did someone else give extra which covered your portion. Think of how much our lodge could have raised and sent in if all of us did our part. It's still not too late. Once our lodge gives the \$7500.00 for our local seniors scholarships and they move on up the ladder to district, State, Area and national judging that could earn \$60,000 in scholarship money and our Lodge name will be plastered all over Elk literature that we in turn get more points for. What do you say?

Collection bin in the lounge
awaits your donations for

MANNA



LOYAL KNIGHT

JB Bre



All of Dec I had the Merle Haggard song humming through my head "If we make it through December", and we have! So many activities we have completed...

Christmas parties for the Elk Ladies and the ER dinner, the El Konejo Kampers holiday brunch, the kids community party, and our Holiday Cheer program. So much accomplished by so many of us. I won't begin to try and mention everyone by name because surely I will miss too many. And each one of you is precious and priceless!

As we begin this New Year with our resolutions I would like to ask each to add one more to your resolutions list. Let's join together to commit ourselves to our obligation especially: "I will always protect our Members, their good names and their families; and I will always respect and defend the purity and sanctity of their homes and firesides." (Emphasis added by me) It takes 10 positives to erase one negative and some of us have been buried by careless and hurtful words. Yes, we also quote, many quite regularly, our motto: "The faults of our Members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.", As if this excuses our actions! Our foundation and groundwork of our Order is "To do unto others as we would they should do unto us".

I believe that we are expected to rise above the norm and be encouragers and builders of a better community within our lodge and our communities. Negativity breeds negativity...

I'm challenging myself and hoping to challenge you to make 2013 a year of positive growth in all areas of our lives. Thank you for allowing me an opportunity to 'grow where I'm planted' and I hope to be a sower of positives for myself and others.

In service ~jb



Our Web Site

Happy New Year everyone. I hope your holiday season was one of joy and good cheer. May your new year be prosperous and fulfilling.

The purpose of this article is to bring to your attention some of the features of our web site, www.elks2477.com. The site will be going through some updating with more current information i.e. officers, committees etc. Certain static pages will remain the same as they provide the public with information regarding the B.P.O.E. and our lodge that does not change.

For those of you who participate in Facebook and Twitter you should have already seen postings/tweets from the lodge Blog. The Blog is on our web site and can be found in the menu bar at the top of the Home page. Information forwarded to elks2477@gmail.com from members regarding events such as parties, dances, BBQs, memorials, youth activities etc. are posted on our web site Blog. Once posted on our Blog the posting then migrates to Facebook and Twitter. There has been a recent improvement to this Blog feature and the posts are appearing on the social sites almost immediately.

You can find us on Facebook by clicking "Find Friends" at the top-right of the Facebook page and typing "Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge" in the search box. On Twitter, log in and click on "#Discover" at the top of the opening page. Then type "Elks Lodge 2477" in the search box and click the search icon. The lodge Twitter page should appear. Click the "Follow" button and you will begin receiving Blog post updates as they occur.

If you do not participate in these social sites simply go to our web site www.elks2477.com and click on the Blog button to keep updated on lodge events.

Remember, the Antler Antics is also posted on our web site. Click on the "Antler's Antics" button in the menu bar at the top of the Home page. Do not click on "Antlers Archives" unless you want to research an issue of the Antlers from 2008 or later.

I hope this bit of information helps make your experience with our web site more useful and enjoyable. If you have any postings you would like to submit to the Blog please send them or any questions you may have to elks2477@gmail.com. Please include names of people in any photos submitted along with a description of the event and the venue.

Thank you for helping make our web site a part of your lodge experience.

In Elkdom,
Steve Smith

Carl Lanterman
Chairman-National Services
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January 17th – Persian Gulf War began - 1991; Robert Jones was there.
January 27th – Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord - 1973

November is Veterans Remembrance Month for the Elks. And what a month it was. With more than 100 veterans, scouts, parents and elks members on Nov. 4th, a great brunch was served and the veterans from the Sepulveda VA are still telling me what a great experience they had with the flag retirement. Veterans Day was Nov. 11th and veterans events were everywhere, so it was quiet at the lodge. On Nov. 18th, a second brunch was held for the Cal Vet Home – Ventura residents and local veterans who were also invited. A smaller crowd but just as exciting, the brunch was provided by Bill Gillmore and friend Mike Gulotta of the Simi Valley Elks Lodge. The Ronald Reagan Marine Corps League from Simi presented a color guard and replaced our service worn American and POW/MIA flags with new ones. Then, led by Bill Sternberg, the officers proceeded to lead in a flag retirement including those two just removed from service. Finally, on Nov. 30th the month was concluded with a lunch for ambulatory veterans from the Sepulveda VA Hospital at the Northridge Black Angus Restaurant.

December is a quiet month for veterans events, with all the holiday events. However, we did have time to help an active duty airman on disability, with a family of four whose wife was recently laid off from her job.

We also have collected, and will continue to collect gift cards for those families in need. The employees at the base in Oxnard who are trying to provide gas, food and other items to those in financial need cannot ask for money; they are asking for gift cards. Any gas or food cards as well as Costco, Target, Wal-Mart and other such stores are gladly received by the base officials, and provided after the personnel have gone through the routine financial aid and other processes as necessary. Just take the cards to the office and David Nacarrato will see that they are properly accounted for. Arrangements will be made for delivery on an as needed basis.

January will see the continuation of assistance to veterans as the calls come in. One Korean War Veteran is currently in need, and receiving assistance as we can provide through other agencies.

Veteran of the month – Ed Ayril – U.S. Army



On behalf of the many New Jersey residents and New Jersey Elks we thank you for your recent donations to our New Jersey State Elks Association Charities, Inc.

You can be assured that all monies collected will be used to assist the victims of "Super Storm Sandy."

James St. George, PSP Elks
Storm Relief Coordinator

Elks Care - Elks Share

A fine example of Elks Caring and Sharing, is the El Konejo Kampers. The group donated \$1000 each to Manna, Salvation Army and our Christmas Basket Program. THANK YOU

DICTIONARY PROGRAM



Dictionary Program visits Pleasant Valley 3rd grade classes for assemblies with Santa and Elroy

COMING ATTRACTIONS



Jan. 1-Hair of the Dog Party
Jan. 19-Jolly Corks

Feb. 2- Elk Ladies Dinner Dance

ENTERTAINMENT



Jan. 4- Karaoke with Jim & Patty
Jan 11- music by Spare Parts
Jan 18- music by One Last Dance
Jan. 25- Open Juke Box



ROAST BEEF DINNER FEAST

FRIDAY JANUARY 25, 2013

Roast Beef - \$10.00
(Baron Of Beef)

or

Chicken Cordon Bleu - \$8.00
(Home made)

Salad – Rolls and Butter
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Dessert

Served Buffet Style

If you do not want to serve yourself we will have a waitress/waiter who will serve you at your table

The Ryder Crew
(Tom R, Chet K, Kenny K, Greg M)

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Coleen Morris
805-241-8928

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Our Armed Forces and their families who keep us free, Kathy Ryder; Angie Prizzi, Bev & Joel Erickson from a car accident; Chuck busch from a fall; Mitzi Nau from intestinal surgery



POLICE AND FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION NIGHT
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 8TH 2013
BBQ STYLE DINNER WITH ALL YOUR FAVORITES
COME ON DOWN AND SUPPORT OUR PROGRAM
THIS YEARS CHAIRMAN IS PAUL STEIN
PAST FIRE CAPTAIN



David Naccarato, PER



We received two letters from GER Tom Brazier and recruitment pins that were presented to Rick Herrera and Steve Chiszar for bringing in 3 new members into the order. Rick will be doing it twice more before the years out.

We received many cards and donations for the memorial service we held for our brother Jon Andersen. Our Memorial Ritual is one way a non member can get a view of what Elkdom is all about. It is a very impressive service. If you haven't seen it, we have a memorial the first Sunday in December each year. Come out and support it in 2013. Elks are never forgotten never forsaken.

OK I'm off the subject.

We received a Thank you letter from Child Development Resources. Our lodge sent out a crew to their 5th annual event at Camarillo Ranch and cooked and served 3000 hot dogs and chips to the guests. Our train was on hand to give over 500 kids a ride around the parking lot. Steve Buczynski and Christine Harrison had the honors of boarding and driving those children around.

I want to take a moment and thank JB Bre and Terry Gicking for coming to the lodge to provide Thanksgiving dinner for the members that came down to the lodge. They served 56 dinners on Thanksgiving which was no small task. Let them know that they are appreciated.

I had asked for help with the plaques that hang on the walls of the conference room. They were hung (by me) just willy nelly (I can only reach so far) A little birdie told me a member wanted to get more involved, but no one asked him. So I took that opportunity to call Wilson "Bill" Dyer to come down and rehang the plaques neatly in the conference room. The plaques are the history of this lodge and I don't want them to get lost. Our Ante room is too nice now and I want to keep it that way. Anyway Bill came over and removed all the plaques and said to me "you know what would really make this room stand out...Paint"

Now mind you I did not ask him to paint the conference room, but he did it. We had left over paint and tape used from a previous job and it looks real good now. We will add a chair rail so as not to damage the walls. With the expansion in that room we are renting it out more and more now. Thank you Wilson Dyer (but I still need my plaques put up).

Don't know if you even noticed that the air conditioner and heater has not been operating in the lodge room. A 100 amp, three phase, obsolete circuit breaker went bad back in



the new BBQ room. When checking around on the internet and where the A/C Company told us to call the price for it came in at around \$605.00 to \$750.00 plus shipping. And that was for a rebuilt one. I made a few calls to members who are in the "know" and when I reached Dean Reichle and explained to him our dilemma he starts describing the breaker to me to a "T". I asked how could you know that. His answer "I'm holding one in my hand"! What are the odds on that one? Dean saved us quite a bit of money that can now be used for our Christmas Cheer program. Besides that Dean has been down and replaced all the lights in the conference room and replaced the light switches that would spark when activated. Thank you Dean

Dean and his wife Kathy work as cashiers on BBQ team "The Cut ups" and have had many a day in our kitchen. Dean is a retired

Well we're into the seventh inning stretch, approaching the bottom of the ninth. The Elk year runs from April 1st to march 31st. Dues notices will be going out for the 2013-2014 Elk year. We had to cut loose 25 members who chose not to renew their membership this past Elk year. That act cost this lodge \$500.00 that we had to pay in assessments. The assessments are paid even if the member does not renew their membership. The lodge also lost \$3,000.00 in dues not paid to the lodge for this Elk year 2012-2013. When the budget is put together by our Trustees they are counting (no pun intended) on this money.

Our Trustees work many hours to balance the budget. They again have to look at mid-year changes to continue to have a balanced budget. My hat is off to these gentlemen, for their many long hours. The Trustees are also part of the House and Officers Committees. It means they also have to sit in on meetings concerning lodge business that is not money related plus the weekly Lodge meetings? When our funds come up short, it puts them in a bind. So I said all that to say this, when your dues statement arrives, reevaluate your roll in the Elks Lodge. Call my office with questions and concerns. We need your support. The Elks support Scouts, Veterans, Youth and the elderly. Now we are reaching out to active-duty military members and their families.

The Elks exist for two main reasons, protecting and caring for each other and helping as many of those in need as possible. To accomplish this we must return to our obligation

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HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LODGE

Thousand Oaks Elks Ladies enjoy another successful Christmas Party



Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge Christmas Tree Lot in Full Swing



Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge host their 2012 Annual Pot Luck Dinner and Gift Exchange



Elks Ladies Host 2012 Children's Christmas Party and Tree Decorating Event



MILITARY HISTORY



Franz Ferdinand of Austria who was the nephew of a Hungarian Emperor was assassinated in Sarajevo by a group called the Black hands. Because they were Serbian Nationalist Society the empire declared war on Serbia. Then Russia who was bound by a treaty was forced to mobilize which meant that Germany had to declare war on Russia. Then France declared war on Germany. The Allies started picking sides and that was the beginning to WWI because the Emperor's nephew was killed.



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

Procedes to the Lodge operating budget

Dinner and a Show in our newly lit and remodeled Showroom



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

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and the principles of our order. No lodge divided can provide these services that are needed by so many. How do we meet the needs of our communities and for our lodges to be fun and enjoyable places for our members and future members? Simple "Be an Elk"

Past PGER Michael Smith said "Elks must be loud and proud". Current GER Tom Brazier motto is "Elks A beacon of hope". Remember, we were founded by a group of men calling them the "Jolly Corks". Be jolly, have fun, care for each other and help as many people as possible. The definition of "Faith" is Substance of the things hoped for in the evidence of things not seen.



Our Lodge has had the pleasure to have a gentleman move into the Arch Stone apartments across the street from the lodge. He is a Past Exalted Ruler from San Fernando Lodge #1539. His name is Harold Constantine. Harold was initiated into the San Fernando Elks Lodge in 1971 and began his rise through the offices of Lecturing, Loyal and Leading Knight. He also was a Tiler, Trustee (2terms), Esquire (3 times) Chaplain (several terms) and as Exalted Ruler 1983-1984, 2002-2003.

Harold is a Veteran of WWII and a member of the American Legion Post #581.

Harold worked for Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank. He retired and became a successful businessman in San Fernando for over 30 years while as an active member of the Elks.

Harold has served on the investigation committee, Indoctrination, Public Relations, and Liaison to the city of San Fernando, Protocol Officer, parliamentarian and many others. Harold was Esquire to the Metropolitan D.D.G.E.R. John Holt in 1989-1990.

Harold was voted into Life membership in 1984 and has received many local, state and national awards. His prize possession is the 1984 Olympic Torch for his efforts in Elkdom in the city of San Fernando.

Even now Mr. Constantine continues to strongly support our major Project and the Elks National Foundation. To Know Harold is to understand his commitment and zeal to follow the rules, regulations and statues of the order.

Harold has the experience, knowledge and dedication of over 40 years to assist your lodge. All you have to do is ask. After the 1971 earthquake damaged his home in Sylmar he moved to oak ridge Mobil Home Park. The 1994 earthquake took its toll on that Mobile home but he was able to repair it. The wild fires of 2008 burned his home to the ground and he moved to Porter Ranch and has now located to the city of Thousand Oaks to be closer to his daughter. Through adversity and disaster Harold still continues to serve the B.P.O.E.

Harold and His wife Virginia have been married for 62 years and have one child Margie.

While Harold may never quit his home lodge (I understand he has already worked your BB Q's) he will always volunteer to help your lodge all you have to do is ask.

Jerry Grant #5899

San Fernando Elks #1539

Harold Constantine lives across the street at the Arch Stone apartment complex and walks to our weekly meetings and Friday dimmers. Noticing how dark that crossing is and having a conversation with some of our members that it is an unincorporated area that nothing will be done about it. To Harold that's a challenge. He notified the city and two council members and a letter was sent to the lodge that states,

Mr. Constantine, thank you for alerting us to the nighttime lighting conditions at Los Feliz & Conejo School Road. Fortunately, there are some overhead utility lines at this intersection that may be able to be utilized to affix a light fixture to. These poles are owned by So. California Edison and I will contact them to see if a light can be added. Please give me a week to allow Edison time to respond. Akbar Alaskan, Public Works

2ND letter Mr. Constantine SCE was able to confirm that the pole directly in front of the Elks Lodge is the only pole at the intersection suitable for a light fixture. A work order has been issued to SCE to go ahead and proceed with the installation of a new light on the pole. At this time I do not have a completion date however, I should receive a general time frame next week at which time I will update you. Again thank you for bringing this to our attention. Akbar 3rd letter a council member Thank you Mr., Constantine I'm aware Akbar is working on a light at your location. We appreciate residents who bring items like this to our attention so we can fix them before residents get upset. I actually have several Friends who are members of the Elks Lodge. Joel Price

All this for a phone call. Thank you Harold. Only been here a month, what's going to happen a year from now?
David Naccarato Secretary



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

[Thousand Oaks Elks Assist with Eagle Scout Project- Building Chumash Indian Huts](#)

The Scouts who worked on the project are:

Christopher Fields, Andrew Clements, Justin Clements and Conrad Petlin

The Adults overseeing the project are:

Tom Hartin, Tom Fields, Rick Petlin and Grey Wolf



HOSPITALITY CORNER



January kicks off with our Hair of the Dog party on Tuesday, January 1. We'll have food, football, games and a few surprises. See the flyer for details. We have some great Friday night dinners planned this month. Come on down on Friday, January 4, for a homemade ravioli dinner prepared by none other than Johnny D'Ambrogio assisted by the fabulous but notorious Kay Bees. After dinner we will be having a blast with karaoke by Jimmy and Patty, so come in and have some fun.

Another January surprise? Brooke can cook! Yes she does, and on Friday, January 11, Brooke will be serving up her legendary chicken puff roll-up dinner, and if you are still able to move after gorging yourself on dinner, you can work it off by dancing to the music of Spare Parts.

Friday, January 18, marks the return of Reggie and the Venturians (yes, they really are from this planet) serving up their famous and fabulous fried chicken dinner. Folks, this is the one that sold out last time, so feel free to call Brooke (805-496-4550) to reserve a dinner. After dinner, dance to the sounds of One Last Dance.

We will close out January Friday night dinners with Tom Ryder's Beef Feast on January 25. There will be no shortage of roast beef or, if you prefer, chicken cordon bleu served buffet style. There is no doubt about Tom's ability to cook up a first rate meal, so please join us for another Ryder food fest.

Please see the Antler calendar for other meal offerings during the week including Sunday breakfasts, Monday tacos or pasta, Two Buck Tuesdays and Tommy the Kid's Wednesday night dinners. Our kitchen crews work hard to provide members with great meals at a reasonable price, so please patronize our kitchen, and have a libation or two while you're at your Lodge.

We are going to try something different for the first three Sunday breakfasts. We find that not everyone wants the loaded plate breakfast for \$7, so we will be offering a couple of smaller alternatives at \$4 or \$5, along with \$2 Bloody Mary's or Mimosas during the breakfast hours. During NFL playoff games at the Lodge, we will be offering drink specials and we are planning quite a Superbowl party for February 3. More info to come. Other coming attractions in February: pasta dinner by Jean Miraglia (this former Brooklynite can really cook!) and a Mardi Gras party. In March, we will be having a St. Patrick's party with corn beef and cabbage by the one and only Tom Corrigan!

Finally, in closing, January 1 marks Brooke's 1 year anniversary as Club Manager. We thank her for her efforts and we congratulate her on her success.

Best wishes to all for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Dan Martyn, Chair
Hospitality Committee



WOW! AWESOME! November at Kenney Grove 2012

More adjectives I'm sure – we had 16 rigs – great turnout and a boatload of fun.

There were quite a few Thursday arrivals, and the custom has developed that those who choose go to La Cabana for Mexican food – really good stuff. However, with a lot of people, sometimes things get a bit confused. I ordered my dish with all beans, no rice; Mike Flannery wanted all rice and no beans. You got it – both of us got rice and beans! Oh well, the food is good any way it comes.

Two months of physical therapy went down the drain. Carol Gottlieb and her blessed SCRABBLE. Sue Osgood, Carol and I sat for hours on the wooden benches, I was nearly crippled, therefore my camp chair went with me everywhere – much softer sitting – a whoopee cushion would have been welcome. John Puckett was so kind – made sure I always had my chair.

Ya know, Mike Flannery can be downright cruel. While the other gals were taking a Scrabble break, he came over to take a picture of me, sitting alone at the table. “Mike, do you have a new camera?” NO – he had taken a picture of me sitting in front of this BIG USC banner, knowing full well I'm a UCLA fan.

Imagine the surprise when Walter and Anne Ogden drove their motorhome in – that hasn't happened in quite a long time. They had a number of issues with their rig after their son had it for what seems like forever. One big problem, RATS had eaten all the wiring, the list of things wrong is too long to remember. Great to have you back guys.

Saturday afternoon we had an invasion. The Bookers, Leadhams, Chet and his friend Rosa. Quite a gathering around the Ogden rig – soaking up the sun. When the sun began to set, the group disappeared. Got more than chilly and Don Booker was just recovering from pneumonia, so not a good idea to hang around in the cold.

Due to circumstances beyond control, the original cooking crew couldn't do the job – so our ever loyal, capable Breakfast crew took over the job. What a job it was. Cheryl Templeton came just for the deep fried turkey. Jim Moyer was left watching the pot while Joel participated in the washer toss tournament. Haven't done that in a long time. A number of the group participated. James Dill having won, Joel came in second and Donna Collieran third.

Speaking of Donna, she is now formally retired. Ed could hardly contain his enthusiasm, having to announce the



fact several times during the meeting. There was a (quite) bit of celebrating of this event

Oh yah, the meeting. The domination committee did their very best to get some new people involved on the Board. Not a great deal of success – come on people– these positions are not brain surgery. Joel remains as Pres, Jim Moyer – Veep, Thank you Sue Osgood who stepped up to the plate as secretary, and poor Beverly Erickson will take over as Treasurer. There was a rumor that Donna Leary was considering this position. Since she was a “no show” guess she changed her mind?

As per usual the Saturday dinner was awesome, with lights, heaters and the canopies, everything went smoothly. Dang there were some great looking desserts, but many didn't have room for another bite!

Dan and Karen Martyn joined us Saturday nite! I think they were very impressed with the function. Actually who wouldn't be? It is IMPRESSIVE!

Quite a few stayed over Saturday night. Sunday morning as we were sitting around sharing leftovers, to our wondering eyes should appear? NO, not Santa you silly goose! None other than Johnny D' YEAH! Sorry to say, as quickly as he appeared – poof like a puff of smoke he was gone. Turned around to get my usual hug – he was gone!

Sunday was another round of games. Aggravation was one; don't think I ever want to get involved in that, dealing with enough aggravation in my own life. Then out came Mexican Train which I dearly love – however, this group plays by different rules. Can't hazard a guess if we've been doing it wrong all these year or not, when I found our rules at home, didn't read quite the same, but it was a lot faster and certainly no less fun.

By the time you read this-the Kampers wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year!



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THE ELVES (ELKS) LADIES COLOSSAL REIGN

By Jessica Stull

Did the title grab ya'? Good, as a few things need to be said. Actually lots needs to be said but space is limited so before I begin, let me apologize now for the errors and omissions of this article. You see, it is way overdue and people promised input, but here I sit with a deadline and a weeks worth of commitments.

The Lodge looks so festive and the elves (Elks Ladies) made it so. Along with the Tree Trimming Party, The Kids Christmas Party, toy collection, turkeys these elves are busy people. Suffice to say the elves work tirelessly and there will be no coal in their stockings this year. Without this quiet group of elves like Sharon Baker, Lynn, Cornelia, Sally, Trudy, June, Myrna and or course me working with joy and enthusiasm, it would be a dull Bah Humbug kind of place. And the list goes on – we have so many dedicated elves in this group and I'm sorry if I didn't mention you by name. Santa knows who you are!

Last night was the Elks Ladies Christmas Dinner and I don't know where to begin, so let's just say that Lynn Rodriquez and crew outdid themselves in every area, from the personalized ornaments, to the home baked desserts and the attention to every detail. Thank you, Lynn. As for the food, Tom Ryder and Chet Kozlowski and crew have never failed to produce a Cooking Channel-worthy masterpiece. You guys are the best. Of course there are always other busy hands that make it happen, like the waiters – my own David Stull, Carl Lanterman, ER Leo Rodriquez, PER George Meehan among them. Santa (Terry Gicking) did a great job with photo opps, as long as you restrained those trained hands! Thank you all so much – the show can't go on without you. All of this was the logistics though, the memories and faces of people we see once a year or very infrequently have so much more of an impact as I get older. It was wonderful to see Jet Perry, Patty Serota, and so many more. I got a chance to speak with Kathy Ryder, a woman I have always admired looked to for guidance in this group. Pat and Sylvia from Thunderbird with all their bejeweled friends from the park are always so friendly and warm. I just love them.

We must be doing something right because all the new ladies who have joined in the last couple of months turned out and really got into the spirit. The most poignant comment of the evening for me was from one of those new

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Carol Fredericks- 18
Elaine Goldner- 27
Cheryl Templeton- 27

members who lost her Mother this year. She remarked that she had recalled that her Mother had received a scholarship grant for the Elks long ago. The smile on her face and the memory it evoked touched me deeply and seemed to give her a greater sense of belonging.

If you're reading this, you either already belong or are eligible to belong and I hope this encourages you to seek us out, talk to us, feel our sincerity and desire to include you. I wish you all a very safe and happy holiday season and a blessed 2013.



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