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## FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER

What a great start to 2016. We've had larger showings at dinners, are booking catering gigs, and gearing up for our big fundraising events.

We are so excited about all our new members taking interest in the events and seeing more new faces around the Lodge. We also love seeing our more seasoned faces sharing their know-how with these "young bucks." It's the only way the "Santa Ynez Valley Elks" way will be passed on.

By showing interest in your Lodge, you are directly responsible for the good we do and the money we raise throughout the year. If you are a newer face, or a longer-term member that wants to get re-involved, or just want to know what is really going on with our Lodge, I encourage you to get involved. Come to a Lodge meeting, speak with an Officer or myself. Be more than a DMO (Drinking Member Only). Each and every one of us can make a difference within our community and it all starts with volunteering your time in the Lodge.

Being an officer for the past four years has been extremely rewarding for me. Starting out as Tiler and learning about our Lodge was such an incredible experience. Having our elder Elks pass their knowledge along to me and the other enthusiastic volunteers is how our Lodge thrives. Moving to Lodge Secretary, I saw the internal works and the day to day operations. My love for the Elks, my spunk and my enthusiasm led the PERs to ask me to step up as the Exalted Ruler this past year, and I was

more than honored to bring my ideas and passion to the Lodge.

Do you have ideas? Do you have a passion for what we do? Don't just sit at the bar or at home and talk about it. . . act on it! New events and ideas come from the people who think "I can do that better than they can!" That's the winning attitudes we need! Come prove it to us! Do you think you can do this better? Show us you can! We will help you every step of the way if you'd like; you don't have to go it alone. Having a passion for charity and acting on it is one of the most fulfilling feelings many of us have

experienced, and now it's your turn. You joined the Elks for a reason.....what was your reason?

We are looking for qualified individuals for the next Elk Year. If you are interested in any position within the Lodge, including being a chair officer, a trustee, another officer (all pictured on page 2), editing the Bugle, being on the House Committee, or our Kitchen Manager, etc., please speak with a PER (see the list on page 3) or any current officer.

Planning for the Elks Jamboree, Old Santa Ynez Days and the Classic Car Show have already started for the year. What's your role going to be in raising money for the Lodge and community?

**Do More, Be More, Feel Fulfilled!**

See you around the Lodge,  
Rebecca Lewis



2015 - 2016  
LODGE OFFICERS



Exalted Ruler  
Rebecca Lewis



Leading Knight  
Beth DuVall



Loyal Knight  
Stefan Ornelaz



Lecturing Knight  
Jeff Williams



Secretary  
Phil Daughton PER



Treasurer  
Jeff Shively



Did you know??? Inner Guard Keith Hinchcliffe, PER, Charter Member, Candidate for 2640's first ritual, Charter Esquire, past kitchen manager, titles ad naseum, has been involved so long that there are many Did You Know stories he can share. Did you know that Al Pain PER, Jim Mc Donald and Keith stayed after a meeting for a drink and the jamboree was born some 34 years ago? Did you know the funniest occurrence during a meeting was when his Loyal Knight, during an initiation, said "upon the altar there lies the open bottle" (instead of open Bible)...the Lodge went nuts! And did you know that Keith has stayed at about 100 Elks Lodges over the years, and visited another 100 plus? His favorite is Lodge 2640, however there's a little lodge in New York's Catskills with a membership less then ours that has a soft spot in his heart. After 10 minutes of visiting he felt as if he had been a member there forever, and after 20 minutes Keith was the new bartender only because he could make margaritas! The Hinchcliffes are currently traversing the American Southwest, and averaging 18 miles a day. Don't want to push it, there, Mario! Come home soon, Keith and Judy; we miss you!



**Nathan Mendoza**  
Feb 5, 2007 - Jan 8, 2016  
We were blessed to meet you.  
Heaven is a brighter place  
because of your smile.  
Rest in peace and comfort.



Inner Guard  
Keith Hinchcliffe PER



Tiler  
Jennifer Mullins



Officer at Large  
Kelley Sadecki PER



Officer at Large  
Greg Packham PER

2015 - 2016  
LODGE OFFICERS



Esquire  
Janelle Willis



Chaplain  
Ines Greenwald, PER



3 Year Trustee, COB  
Georgia Daughton



2 Year Trustee  
Gary Skippon



1 Year Trustee  
Jim Kannas

## 2640's PAST EXALTED RULERS

1982-83 HARRY BLACKSTOCK\*  
 1983-84 KEN RAMSEY  
 1984-85 AL PAINE  
 1985-86 KEN OLSON  
 1986-87 DICK MILLER\*  
 1987-88 HENRY SMITH  
 1988-89 LON RIGONI\*  
 1989-90 JIM SMITH\*  
 1990-91 TRUE BEACH  
 1991-92 JACK PRESTON\*  
 1992-93 LON RIGONI\*  
 1993-94 ROBERT PARSON  
 1994-95 BILL DOUDS  
 1995-96 MONTE LARSEN  
 1996-97 ROBERT PARSON  
 1997-1998 HENRY SMITH  
 1998-99 HOWARD SAHM\*  
 1999-2000 HOWARD SAHM\*  
 2000-01 LEWIS WATKINS  
 2001-02 FRANK TAYLOR  
 2002-03 RUTH SAHM  
 2003-04 WILLIAM SPEULDA  
 2004-05 PATRICK SADECKI  
 2005-06 PATRICK SADECKI  
 2006-07 GREG BOVERSON\*  
 2007-08 EVERETT PIKE  
 2008-09 KELLEY SADECKI  
 2009-10 KEITH HINCHCLIFFE  
 2010-11 DIANNE WITTENBROCK  
 2011-12 JERRY PLOWMAN  
 2012-13 PHIL DAIGHTON  
 2013-14 PHIL DAIGHTON  
 2014-15 KELLEY SADECKI  
 \*DECEASED

## 2640's NEWEST MEMBERS

Two more members joined our ranks on January 21, 2016.  
 Please make them feel welcome!

We have one more chance to initiate brothers and sisters in the current Elk year. Consider proposing worthy members to close out our year with a bang!



Nicole Thomas, left, was proposed by Rebecca Lewis ER. Connor Wolford was proposed by Cary Boles. Nicole and her kids have been frequent guests at Friday night dinners. We look forward to seeing you around, and Connor, to seeing you more!

## Elks Care - Elks Share

- FEB 4: Nominations for 2016-17 Officers
- FEB 6: Golf Tournament & BBQ (see docs at syvelks.com)
- FEB 6: 6PM Private party at the Lodge; have dinner at the vets Hall after the golf tournament instead!
- FEB 7: Super Bowl Potluck at the Lodge



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### CRYING TOWEL

Despite Keith's insistence that his member number is NOT in the drum, we prove him wrong--but only when he's not here. Hope you're enjoying your trip. Mr. Hinchcliffe.

That \$100 sure could have come in handy to buy a round at whatever Lodge you're visiting!

1/7/16		1/21/16
Mark Carr	\$80	Richard Patterson
Cheryl Mudica	\$90	Patty McKinney
Morris Scheiber	\$100	Keith Hinchcliffe PER

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## FROM YOUR PER ASSOCIATION

On February 4, 2016, nominations will open for 2016-17 Lodge Officers, and at the meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup> the nominations will close; should there need to be a vote it would take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> as well. It is very important to understand that because of the Statutes, if you (or anyone you know) is interested in running for a position this coming year, you *must* be nominated on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February. The only way you can be nominated for an office on the 18<sup>th</sup> is if no one was nominated for that position on the 4<sup>th</sup> or if a person that was nominated on the 4<sup>th</sup> has withdrawn their name.

To recap- You must be nominated at the meeting February 4<sup>th</sup> if you wish to take a position this coming Elk year. If you are nominated and no one else is nominated on the 4<sup>th</sup> for the office you seek then you have been elected to that position. If someone else is nominated for the same office, then there will be a vote on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Currently there has been little expressed interest in people running for the officers' chairs. Please keep in mind that in order for SYV #2640 to remain an Elks Lodge we need to have officers, especially the positions of Exalted Ruler and Secretary. If you are interested, please contact one of the PERs of the Lodge to fully understand what is expected of an officer.

Phil Daughton, PER  
Lodge Secretary



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## CONGRATULATIONS, CHILI COOK OFF WINNERS!

What a fantastic turnout we had for our chili cook off. Thanks to everyone who cooked, judged, ate, and helped! It was a close contest, but the winners determined by the judges were:

**1<sup>st</sup>: Steve Meyer & Pauline Heedy**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Don Hollister**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tie: Nicole Ornelaz/Cindy Larson**

It was such a fun time and we want to do it again,  
so keep an eye out for more cook offs in the future.

## THOUGHT FROM THE COWBOY

An old timer's a man who's had a  
lot of interesting experiences...  
some of 'em true.



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# LODGE ACTIVITIES

Subject to Change. Items marked with \* require staffing (please call the Lodge at 688.3448 for information, or email [info@syvelks.com](mailto:info@syvelks.com))

Lounge hours: Mon-Fri 4PM-7PM, Sat& Sun 2-7PM

<b>February - Stefan</b>	1 - 6PM: House Mtg	2	3	4 - 5:30-6:30PM: Tri Tip Tacos, \$6 6:15PM: Trustees 7PM: Lodge Mtg, PER Night, Nominations open for 2016-17 Officers	5 - *6:30PM: Tri Tip, \$13	6 - *Presidential Golf Tournament; *Lodge Rental
7 - Super Bowl potluck at the Lodge! Lounge open at noon, kickoff at 3:30	8	9 - 5:30PM: Trivia Tuesday, \$10 The Willises are your Quizmasters!	10	11	12 - *6:30PM: Valentine's Dinner, Spaghetti, \$10	13 - 9:30AM: Leading/Loyal Knight Clinic 1PM: GLMA Mtg
14	15 - 5:30PM: PER Mtg 6PM: House Mtg	16 <i>Happy 148<sup>th</sup> Birthday Elks!</i>	17	18 - 5:30-6:30 PM: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, \$6 6:15PM: Trustees 7PM: Lodge Mtg, Initiation, Pig Dump, Nominations & Elections for 2016-17	19 - *6:30PM: Chicken, \$12	20
21 - 10AM-noon: Brunch by AYSO U19 players & families; proceeds support their trip to Nationals in FL!	22	23	24 - Noon: SYV Support the Troops 1980 Still Meadow	25	26 - *6:30PM: Ribs, \$13	27
28 - 2PM: Jamboree Mtg	29 - 6PM: House Mtg <i>Happy Leap Year Day!</i>					
<b>March - Jeff</b>		1	2	3 - 5:30-6:30PM: Light supper, \$6 6:15PM: Trustees 7PM: Lodge Mtg - Step Up Night	4 - *6:30PM: Beth's "Tinisagna," (think lasagna-meets-rotini pasta) \$11	5
6	7	8 - 5:30PM: Trivia Tuesday, \$10	9	10	11 - *6:30PM: Pork	12
13 - 10AM-noon: Sunday brunch	14 - 5:30PM: PER Mtg 6PM: House Mtg	15	16	17 - 5:30- 6:30PM: Light supper, \$6 6:15PM: Trustees 7PM: Installation of 2016-17 Officers	18 - *6:30PM: Everett & Crew's Corned Beef, \$13	19
20	21	22	23 - Noon: SYV Support the Troops	24	25 - *6:30PM: 2015-16 Awards Night!	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## ELK OF THE MONTH

The Elk of the Month for January is new member and Public Relations Chairman Adelaide Wavra. Adelaide has been submitting articles to our local papers, the Association Magazine, and our National Magazine. We have been published numerous times all thanks to her hard work and creative writing style that draws attention to our good deeds. Thank you Adelaide for stepping up and getting us the recognition we deserve!

-Rebecca Lewis, ER

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

If you have a birthday in February, and you're a member of our Lodge, we'd like to treat you to dinner this month!  
Have a wonderful month celebrating YOU!

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!*

Karen Seeley	01	Karen Starbuck	17
Charles Hamby	03	Nicole Thomas	19
Mark Hoyt	03	Cary Boles	21
Don Bratt	04	John Volk	21
Phillip Beuoy	05	Mark Mendenhall	22
Duane Landis	06	George Shaw	23
Cynthia Beckert	07	David Tallmadge	25
Michael Kemp	07	Conner Wolford	26
David Louy	07	Jack Coble	27
Randall Jewell	09	Tony Howell	27
BPO Elks	16	Susan Lewis	28
Joe DuVall	16	Stephen Meyer	28
Patricia Landis	16		

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