



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY
LODGE # 2640

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JANUARY 2016

FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER

I hope everyone had a MERRY CHRISTMAS and is bringing in the New Year with health and happiness! Every month is a great month to be an Elk, but December was an especially wonderful time. We got to show our community exactly what we can do and what our hard work goes towards. Not only do we raise money year round for our Christmas Family Fund, we received grants this year (thank you, Georgia and Phil Daighton!) so that we were able to adopt 3 families and provide the children with gifts and the parents with gift cards so it makes their holiday season that much brighter. (Please see Gail Plowman's article). If you missed our Christmas Party on December 11th, you missed out on an amazing meal prepared by the Hinchcliffes and crew, you missed out on Santa stopping by the Lodge, and you missed out on seeing the faces of the children that we helped!! If you question why you are an Elk, that should have just answered it! Everyone left full of food, Christmas joy, and the spirit of Elkdom.

One of the "Big Pushes" with National this year was membership and we are doing a FANTASTIC job of bringing in new members and seeing a lot of these new faces help out around the Lodge. We are on track to have a

300-membership by the end of this Elk year!! To all the new members, thank you for your support and belief in the Charities that we support all year round. And by getting new faces, we are opening up to different events and busy times in the Lodge.



One change starting on January 1st, 2016, is the Lounge will be open from 4-7PM (or later if warranted) Monday-Friday. Weekends we will still open at 2PM and stay till 7PM (or later if warranted). We know this new schedule will work better for our members and for the Lodge.

Even though 2015 is behind us, we still have 3 more months of this Elk year and we still have a lot going on! We have outside catering events, a Golf Tournament, Nominations and Elections, plus our weekly dinners and Lodge events.....if you are interested in helping with anything, call or stop by. We are ALL volunteers and we all work together so that we may give back to the community that has supported us and our families.

I hope every had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

See you around the Lodge,
Rebecca Lewis



Did you know??? Trustee Gary Skippon was born in Ontario Canada. The family's 1957 cross-country trip to Santa Barbara included going no more that 30MPH; towing a 27' single axle trailer any faster would cause the trailer to take up 2 lanes as it wobbled behind their vehicle! Gary was in the first graduating class from San Marcos HS (1961) and went to work for Jordano's, then completed his career with 30 years in the automotive department at Sears. After retirement, he went back to work at Hughes Auto and retired again in 2005. Gary and Janette, married in 1963, have lived in the same house in Santa Ynez since 1972. He's still alive and moving, and we couldn't be happier that he is!!

2015 - 2016
LODGE OFFICERS



Exalted Ruler
 Rebecca Lewis



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 Jeff Williams



Secretary
 Phil Daughton PER



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 Jeff Shively

LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

We hosted three special families at our Christmas party. Thanks to grants and donations, we were able to provide the families with presents and gift cards in hopes of making their holiday season a little easier.

Annie just turned four and has a one-year-old brother. She was diagnosed with ALS in October. Out of the last two months she has been in the hospital about five weeks. She is receiving chemotherapy, but has had some complications.



Matthew was diagnosed with ALS in July; he also is four years old, and is also currently receiving chemotherapy. He loves superheroes and we feel he is one himself. He says he is fighting his cancer with superpowers.

Our third family was actually adopted last year, but Nathan was too sick to attend the party, so we got to meet them this year! Nathan is eight years old, and has three siblings. He has relapsed and was sent home from the hospital on hospice care.



All the kids and their parents were joys to get to know. Please keep them in your thoughts throughout the year.

-Gail Plowman

(A note from the editor: Gail has done a phenomenal job targeting these families, and supporting them on their journey. Along with Jerry, she brightens their lives year in and year out. Thank you both for the love you spread through Elkdom!)

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LODGE OFFICERS



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3 Year Trustee, COB
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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

The class of December 2015 consisted of five new members, just like November! We're on our way to becoming a 300-member Lodge; why don't you nominate a friend?



Pictured above are Karen Waite and her proposer Patti Landis, and Pauline Heedy, who was proposed by Judy Hinchcliffe.



These new members are Ed Betts, and Justin & Cora Philley, all three of whom were proposed by Becca Lewis, ER.

As always, we look forward to having you be involved in the great things we do as Elks, and seeing you around the Lodge and the Valley.

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CRYING TOWEL

The anticipation mounts each month as we wait to give away money. Once again, no one was present to collect the pot when their number was drawn.

It pays to come to meetings!

12/3/15		12/17/15
Jerry Plowman	\$80	Robert Bergstrom
Billy Hale	\$90	Mclane Tilton
James Lewis	\$100	Jim Reid

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FROM THE DESK OF THE LODGE SECRETARY

As of 12/20/2015, the following members are delinquent. If by March 1st their membership dues have not been paid for 2015-2016, the member will be dropped from our roles. They may be reinstated at a later date after paying a fee and being voted upon again by the membership. Any questions, please contact our Lodge Secretary Phil Daughton, PER.

Anthony Barrack
 Stacey Lee Bertelsen
 Travis E Bruce
 Eric Buchs

John P Gauger
 Dan L Kelly
 Linda Kay Kelly
 Amelia Pino

Rafael Quiroga
 Tyler Storey
 Joshua Ward

CHRISTMAS PARTY FUN!



The "kids" led us in singing a Christmas carol



Our hard-working, fun-loving kitchen elves!



Our neighbors--
 the Santa Ynez Valley Cheese Company
 --are offering our members 10% off purchases
 when you present a current membership card!
 Please peruse their great selections
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THOUGHT FROM THE COWBOY

Life will change without our
 permission. It is our attitude
 that will determine the ride.



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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)

Lounge hours: Mon-Fri 4PM-7PM, Sat 2-7PM, Sun 1PM-7PM

January - Beth					1 <i>Happy 2016!!</i> No dinner at the Lodge	2
3 - Lounge open 1-7PM. Football's on!	4 - 6PM: House Mtg	5	6	7 - 5:30-6:30PM: Light supper, \$6 6:15PM: Trustees 7PM: Lodge Mtg.	8 - *6:30PM: Greg & TC's Pork Tenderloin, \$12	9
10 - 10AM-noon: Sunday brunch Lounge open 10AM-7PM	11	12 - 5:30PM: Trivia Tuesday, \$10	13	14	15 - *6:30PM: Daightons' Pot Roast, \$12	16
17 - Lounge open 1-7PM. NFL Playoffs!	18 - 5:30PM: PER Mtg 6PM: House Mtg	19	20	21 - 5:30- 6:30PM: Light supper, \$6 6:15PM: Trustees 7PM: Lodge Mtg, Initiation	22 - *6:30PM: Member Chili Cookoff!! \$7	23
24 - Lounge open 1-7PM. NFL Playoffs!	25	26	27	28	29 - *6:30PM - Beth's Chicken Enchiladas, \$10	30
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February - Stefan	1 - 6PM: House Mtg	2	3	4 - 5:30-6:30PM: Light supper, \$6 6:15PM: Trustees 7PM: Lodge Mtg.	5 - *6:30PM: TBD	6 - *Presidential Golf Tournament; *Lodge Rental
7 - Come watch the Super Bowl at the Lodge!	8	9 - 5:30PM: Trivia Tuesday, \$10	10	11	12 - *6:30PM: Valentine's Dinner, TBD	13 - 9:30AM: Leading/Loyal Knight Clinic 1PM: GLMA Mtg
14	15 - 5:30PM: PER Mtg 6PM: House Mtg	16	17	18 - 5:30-6:30 PM: Light supper, \$6 6:15PM: Trustees 7PM: Lodge Mtg, Initiation, Pig Dump	19 - *6:30PM: TBD	20
21	22	23	24 - Noon: SYV Support the Troops	25	26 - *6:30PM: TBD	27
28	29					

ELK OF THE MONTH

December's Elk of the Month is Karen Seeley. Karen has stepped back into the Elks with full force! She assisted us with preparing and serving some dinners as well as stepping behind the bar and greeting you with a smile on our Football Sundays. We will be seeing a lot more of Karen around the Lodge and we couldn't be happier! Thank you Karen for your help and for you smiles!

-Rebecca Lewis, ER

CHILI COOK OFF!

Think you've got what it takes to prepare a prize-winning chili to please a crowd? We'd love to taste it on January 22nd during our chili dinner! Please sign up with the bartenders or email us at info@syvelks.com and we'll give you details.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

If you have a birthday in January, 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!!

Ed Betts	01	Bobette McClellan	15
James Neary	01	Jeanne Wafer	15
Allen Castillo	03	Donald McIntyre	19
Richard Stewart	04	Travis Bruce	21
Ralph Zabala	05	Janelle Willis	22
Kristi Sharpe	06	Joe Reese	23
Frank Grand	07	Fred McNeil	25
Jim Matsukas	07	Brad Prows	25
Natalie Velotta	07	Glenn Johansen	26
Mack Brown	12	Aaron Schwarzwalter	27
Louis Rovtar	12	Justin Philley	29
Pamela Johnsen	14	Tony Valdes Jr	31
Christine Goldie	15		

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