

FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER

We are officially at the half way mark of our Elk year. We have done extremely well in our membership department, bringing in an average of 4 new members a month. The best part is that they are being ACTIVE by helping serve, making a

dessert or a side dish at our Friday dinners, holding special events in the Lodge Room, volunteering to help with our many different events throughout the year and just by being around the Lodge.

I had one of the highest honors of the year on Friday, September 18th at our "Henry

L. Smith, P.E.R. Appreciation Night". We packed the Lodge for Gary Skippon's Tri-Tip and made sure there was no green on the plates in Henry's honor. Monte Larson emceed the evening and members shared numerous stories. Henry was then awarded a plaque from the Lodge to recognize his 35 years as an active Charter Member. Henry is pictured here with his plaque (made by member Merlin Wagner), Keith Hinchcliffe PER, and myself. Thank you Henry!! I can not say it enough, WE LOVE YOU!!

We showed our gratitude to all the members that make this Lodge what it is at the Member Appreciation Picnic on Saturday, September 19th. A complimentary lunch (hamburgers, hot dogs,



BBQ corn on the cob, potato salad, pasta salad, chips and watermelon) was prepared and cooked by Bill Brown, Merlin Wagner and myself. We had a variety of raffle prizes that we gave away and a game of corn hole was played, even in the

95-degree heat. I wanted to show our appreciation for our membership!

We had a very special treat at our ElktoberFest event. Guest Member Gisela Schrum from the Lompoc Lodge prepared an authentic German dinner that was *hervorragend* (outstanding). Thank you for

adding some spice to our event!

I hope you are enjoying all our new events and look for even more things to do at the Lodge. I am getting suggestions for "special" nights all the time. Do you have an idea? Do you have a group of card or game players that would like a change of scenery? Why not come down to the Lodge. We would love to open up early for you and we might even stay late if needed.

Be involved in our Classic Car Show on October 10th and our Halloween Party on October 30th. Do you have an hour or two to help out? Let us know!! Be a part of our winning team!!

See you around the Lodge, Rebecca Lewis

Did you know??? Janelle Willis is very well-travelled, having visited 19 countries already in her young life including Australia, Kenya, Indonesia, Austria, Germany, France, Ireland, Switzerland, Italy, Guatemala and the Czech Republic. When she was in New Zealand, she bungee jumped off the world's second-highest platform! Where in the world will her adventures take her next??

2015 - 2016 Lodge Officers



Exalted Ruler Rebecca Lewis



Leading Knight Beth DuVall



Loyal Knight Stefan Ornelaz



Lecturing Knight Sally Baldwinson



Secretary Phil Daighton PER



Treasurer Jeff Shively

2640'S NEWEST MEMBERS

We had 3 new members come in at our September 3rd meeting: a couple familiar faces, and a brand new one-please make them ALL feel welcome!



Pictured left to right are Clay Garland (proposed by Sally Baldwinson), Susan Lewis with her proposer (and daughter) ER Rebecca Lewis, and Mary Stoltz with her proposer (and husband) Everett Pike PER.

CLASSIC CAR SHOW NEWS

Tamera Jewell and her crew are working like crazy to gather entries, sponsorships, raffle prizes and more to make our 2nd Annual Classic Car Show a bigger success than our first--and that's not an easy task, as last year was fantastic! The groundwork is there, now we need refinement and help, especially on the day of the event, October 10th: Set-up, cooking and serving tri-tip sandwiches, t-shirt and raffle ticket sales, cleanup, and judges that know a thing or three about classic cars. Have a car you'd like to enter? Forms are available online at syvelks.com.

It promises to be a fun day of cars, music and prizes (for the car owners AND the spectators!). Wander on over to downtown Santa Ynez between 10AM and 2PM, buy lunch, look at great cars, and pick up a raffle ticket or 6. You can't win if you don't play!



Inner Guard Keith Hinchcliffe PER



Tiler Jennifer Mullins



Officer at Large Kelley Sadecki PER

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Esquire Janelle Willis

Chaplain Ines Greenwald



3 Year Trustee, COB Georgia Daighton



2 Year Trustee Gary Skippon



1 Year Trustee Jim Kannas



Officer at Large Greg Packham PER





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 LOUIS 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

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE ELKS

Did you know that the Elks are the third largest granter of scholarships, right behind the US Government and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation? Do you know a high school senior planning to go to college, or anyone planning to go to trade school? ?Read on!

Most Valuable Student Scholarship

The Elks National Foundation awards 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the competition each year. High school seniors planning to attend college are eligible to apply; it is not necessary to related to an Elk member.

Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Get more in-depth information at <u>www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs/cfm</u>.

Legacy Awards

Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships (\$1,000 year for four years) for children and grandchildren of Elks members (those that became members on or before April 1, 2013) in good standing. Applicants must be high school seniors, and are judged on knowledge, charity, community and integrity

Applications for the 2016 contest are available ONLINE ONLY and are due by noon Central Time on Friday, January 29, 2016. The Foundation will offer a total of up to 250 awards in the 2016 contest. More information and the application are available at <u>www.elks.org/enf/scholars/LEGACY</u>.

Vocational Grants

The program is open to anyone residing in California or Hawaii who is a US citizen and planning to pursue an eligible vocational/technical course resulting in a certificate or two-year degree and leading to employment opportunities.

While graduating high school seniors may apply, it is not limited to high schoolers—in fact, it is open to all prospective students who require training or retraining to compete in the workplace.

The Vocational Grant will be between \$500 and \$2,000 for one academic year, with an option to renew for one additional year.

The definition of an eligible program is a two-year or less vocational/technical program culminating in a terminal Associate degree, diploma or certificate, but less than a Bachelor's degree. Students planning to transfer to a four-year school to pursue a Bachelor's degree are not eligible to apply.

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SYV SUPPORT THE TROOPS HAS A NEW HOME!

For those of you have helped back boxes in the past, you know that the real estate has been tight, with volunteers

jockeying for table and even floor space. Thanks to the generosity of the property owners and property manager, SYV STT has a new home for their monthly packing efforts. Located at 1992 Old Mission Drive, across Alamo Pintado from Carlos's Barbershop and the SYV Coffee Company, there's elbow room for all.

SYV STT has packed boxes for active duty military (including their K9 partners!) for years. Started by Pat Sullivan (Col USAF Ret.) and funded through donations and grants totaling \$100,00 per year, a rotating group of volunteers gather on the 4th Wednesday of each month. September's packing day saw 106 boxes to be sent all over the world completed by a dozen or so participants. Personal notes of thanks are included in each box. If you are unable to attend the packing day, you are MOST welcome to write a note to a service man or woman. Our Lodge has supported this effort by writing grants totaling \$4500 to supply



the group with postage and supplies, primarily providing the heavily requested beef jerky and flavored drink powders. Tax-deductible donations may be sent to SYV STT, PO Box 683, Solvang CA 93463. Info: <u>http://supportsoldiers.us</u>

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Recently approved courses include a 6-month Police Academy, 13-month Cosmetology, 3-month Lineman, 13month Veternary Tech, and 2-year Fire Science certifications

Applications must be filed with the Scholarship Chairman, Exalted Ruler, or Secretary of the Elks Lodge having jurisdiction in the area of the student's legal residence. More information can be obtained at <u>www.chea-elks.org</u>.



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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 <u>info@syvelks.com</u>) Lounge hours: Mon-Sat 2PM-7PM, Sun 1PM-7PM

October - Stefan				1 - 5PM: DDGER Visitation 6:30PM: BBQ Chicken Dinner, \$13 ~7:30PM: Lodge Mtg	2 - *6:30PM: Lasagna	3
4 - 10AM-noon: Sunday brunch Lounge open 10AM- 7 PM	5	6 - 5:30PM: Trivia Tuesday, \$10 Quizmasters: Jeff & Janelle Willis!	7	8 - 2PM: SYV Gals	9 - *6:30PM: Tri Tip, \$15	10 2 nd Annual SYV Elks Classic Car Show!
11 - Lounge open 1-7PM	12 Columbus Day 5:30PM: PER Mtg 6PM: House Mtg	13	14	15 - 5:30-6:30 PM: Sandwiches, \$6 6:15PM: Trustees 7PM: Lodge Mtg, Initiation, Pig Dump	16 - *6:30PM:Pork Tenderloin	17
18 - Lounge open 1-7PM	19	20	21 - 6:30PM: Wine (& games!) Wednesday, \$10	22	23 - *6:30PM: Becca's Chicken Parm	24
25 - Lounge open 1-7PM	26 - 6PM: House Mtg	27	28 - *Noon: SYV Support the Troops	29	30 - Halloween Party Potluck! Drawing for Wheelbarrow Full o' Fun!	³¹ Halloween
1 - Daylight Saving Time ends Lounge open 1-7PM	2 - 6PM: House Mtg	3 Election Day	4	5 - 2PM: SYV Gals 5:30-6:30PM: Sandwiches, \$6 6:15PM: Trustees 7PM: Lodge Mtg. Open Nominations for Lecturing Knight	6 - Midterm Convention, Riverside *6:30PM: Pork, \$13	7 - CHEA Midterm Convention, Riverside
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22 - Lounge open 1-7PM	23	24	25 - *Noon: SYV Support the Troops	26 Happy Thanksgiving Lounge closed	27 - No dinner; enjoy your leftovers! Lounge open regular hours	28
29 - Lounge open 1-7PM	30 - 6PM: House Committee	31	30			November - House

ELK OF THE MONTH

The Elk of the Month for September is Phil Daighton. Phil has put countless hours into our Lodge this year as Lodge Secretary and as a PER adviser. He knows the meaning of Teamwork and is the true definition of what being an Elk is all about: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Phil has a heart made of gold and a passion for our Lodge that we all have experienced from him. We could all take a page from your book. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!! -Rebecca Lewis, ER

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Please join us as our guest on any Friday dinner this month, and we'll buy you a birthday dinner if you're an SYV October Birthday Elk!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

William Hardy	01	Mike Maiden	15
Robert Darby	04	John Rivas	16
Michael Sell	06	Patrick McLaughlin	17
Robert Sutti	07	Joshua Ward	18
Bonnie Barber	08	Karen Beckstead-Crookston	23
Vern Gerritsen	08	Donald Fry	23
Mark Eggleston	09	Ken Hollister	23
Teresa Kelley	09	Tom Carlson	24
Patricia Peternel	09	Edward Ellison	24
Brad Paige	12	Mike Moniot	24
Ralph Hernandez	13	Henry Roberts	26
Paul Foust	15	Robert Montgomery	27

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