

THE GRAPEVINE

FEBRUARY News from the Temecula Valley Elks Lodge #2801

Third Place Winner! - Grand Lodge Div. 1 Bulletin Contest

Station of the Exalted Ruler

Steve Jones
Fidelity



Well my year as Exalted Ruler is winding down. February and March are all I have left, yet I have so much to accomplish in this short time. We still have two months remaining to reach our Lodge goals that the Lodge set out to achieve on April 1, 2008. We initiated eight new members in January and there is no reason to slow down now. We need to increase our per capita of \$4.50 on Elks National Foundation and increase the per capita on Major Project. Much can be accomplished to "Grow Elkdom" and our Lodge in the next two months.

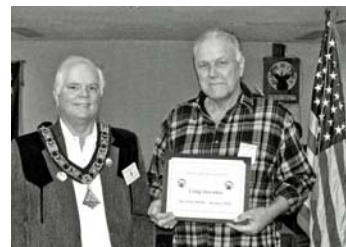
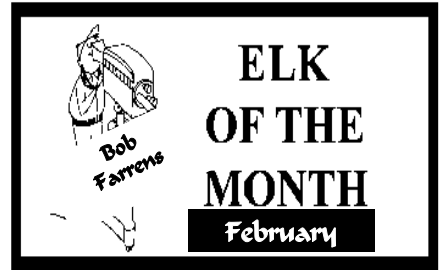
We have our Super Bowl Party on Sunday February 1, 2009 from 1pm -7pm. We are going to have games, raffles, food and, of course, the football game between Arizona and Pittsburg. Sign-up now to have a great day of fun!

On Thursday February 12th is the "Vegas Comes to Palm Springs" which starts at 1:30pm. We will meet at the lodge at 12pm and caravan to Palm Springs. It is about an hour drive. It is a tribute to Liza Manelli, Frankie Valli, Donna Summers and Dean Martin at the beautiful Annenberg Theatre. The going price is \$25, but the Elk's can get in at \$20 per person. Sign-up now so we can get an accurate count.

In August 2008, the House Committee, which includes the Trustees, requested that the By-Law Committee put in motion a pay raise for the Secretary and Treasurer. Going through all the proper channels, I am proud to announce that on Tuesday January 20, 2009, after a lengthy discussion on the floor, their deserving pay raise was voted affirmative by the members.

On Friday February 13, 2009 we will have our Valentine Party and the food will be catered. There will be music and dancing.

We have a new President of the United States that has inherited a massive load on his shoulders. Let us all say a prayer for him and all of us unite together, not as Republicans, Democrats, or Independents, but as Americans improving the conditions of our Country.



ER Steve is seen here with January Elk-of-the-Month, Craig Stevanus. Craig was recognized for all his hard work with overseeing the many tenant improvements completed around the Lodge. Also his lead with the various agencies in getting our ABC and Health Department clearances to operate the

kitchen and bar. Craig is also our Risk / Safety officer, chairs the By-laws Committee, Co-chairs the Building Committee, and Calendar editor for the Grapevine and so much more. Congratulation Craig!!!!

When I was the Esteemed Loyal Knight he was my Exalted Ruler, my leader. Later we started delivering the Neighbors and In Motion together which is going on 3 years. He became a friend and later yet, my golf partner. As long as I can remember he has been actively involved in the Lodge. My wife and I started going with him and his wife to all of the District Elk events and started making friends in the district where he and his wife are still very active.

When I was an Esteemed Leading Knight, I was told that it would be very beneficial for me to have a mentor during my Exalted Ruler year. I asked him if he would be my mentor and he immediately agreed. He has been helpful during my year and answered the billion of questions I asked him!! He is the first at the Lodge and stays to the end to help clean-up and set-up for the next event. He is the Lodge Esquire this year and is assisting in the training of the Ritual team. He is the District's Major Project Chairman and still finds the time to work around the Lodge. Some of you know him as the bartender. That is why I am naming Bob Farrens as February's Elk of the Month.

First Place Winner! - CHEA Bulletin Contest

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Community Activities	TBD	
Drug Awareness	Walt Wilson	(951) 304-9686
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House Committee	Steve Jones	(951) 676-9711
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Investigation	Bob Walker	(951) 699-6431
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Major Project	Linda Jones	(951) 676-9711
Membership	Diane Farrens	(951) 696-8099
MMCT	Marelle Dorsey	(951) 506-8728
Mother's Day	TBD	
National Foundation	John/Sally Hammond	(951) 506-0581
Newsletter	Paul Gonzalez	(951) 693-2289
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Public Relations	Bob/Diane Farrens	(951) 696-8099
RV/Camper Club	Gary Gunn	(951) 694-5071
Scholarships	Bob/Diane Farrens	(951) 696-8099
Soccer Shoot	Chuck Brodie	(760) 782-1942
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The Grapevine

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The deadline for submitting articles for the Grapevine is the third Tuesday of each month. Articles should be typed and transmitted to Paul via E-mail at PJGonzol@Verizon.net. Thank you to all the hard working staff!

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1999-2000	Adam Barraza
2000-2001	Chuck Broddie
2001-2002	Mike Caruso
2002-2003	Tom Kirkonnell
2003-2004	Bob Walker
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2005-2006	Diane Farrens
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2007-2008	Paul Gonzalez

PERs BY AFFILIATION

Bill Clair Keith Meyers Dave Miller

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Officer's News

Station of the Leading Knight (Acting)

**Paul Gonzalez
Charity**



On January 20th, 2009 our United States of America inaugurated its 44th President. It was another historic moment in our country but just as important it was another notable event in our personal lives. As with all our past presidents, their leadership virtues will be written by history. And as events unfold and challenges present themselves, these leaders are tested by how they responded and resolved the matters at hand.

In February we celebrate the birthdays of two of our greatest presidents and American leaders. Lincoln's birthday on February 12 and Washington's birthday on the 22nd. Each of these presidents had overwhelming challenges with wars and dissention and a huge task at hand for unification of a growing country. History has written their greatness.

How our new administration addresses and resolves our current state of affairs will write another chapter that will also come to past. The message realized by our late great leaders and our current president is to build on a sound foundation of unity and sharing in seeking the right answers. Unity garnered from charity and fidelity in our commitment to the American spirit. And sharing, through brotherly love and justice in dealing fairly in our resolve. We must all come together to be the solutions and not remain in the background as part of the problems.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks have known the power of these virtues over their short 150 years of existence. They have protected our personal freedoms and way of Life quietly and without fan-fare. They have acted on their beliefs and through small local lodges, have created a camaraderie among everyday people that builds to a strong chain of responsible American citizens.

Temecula Valley Elks have proven time and time again that we practice what we preach. And in that spirit we too will be welcoming new leadership as your 2009-2010 Officer corp will soon take on their roles and responsibilities. It is our reasonability as members in good standing to commit to our part in helping our country become great again. And it is our obligation as unified Temecula Elks to personalize our commitment to respect and support our new leaders and help them grow Elkdom and strengthen America.

Membership Update

From the Secretary

Number of members @ 4/01/08	237
Elks initiated @4/01 & 12/31/08	+15
Transfer Dimits into our Lodge	+5
Reinstatements into our Lodge	+5
Members dropped per request	-9
Transfer Dimits out of Lodge	-1
Members @ Absolute Dimit	0
Elks deceased	-4
Number of members @ 10/31/08	248
Unpaid Members for 2008-09	0

By the end of January, the 2009-2010 dues notices will be coming out. The dues for this coming year are \$109.00. This includes an increase from Grand Lodge and the increase in the Lodge dues that was voted on when we updated our By-laws. It would help if you could get your dues in before March 24th, because I will be leaving on vacation on March 26th and won't be back until April 5th. If you need your membership card on April 1st, don't wait to send your check in until March 24th, as that will not give me time to send your card out before I leave. Thank you for your help by getting your dues in early.

WHY BE A MEMBER OF

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

BECAUSE.....



BECAUSE.....We Elks are a nationwide community service organization of just under a million American citizens. We love our Country and desire to preserve its cherished institutions, traditions, and values. We respect our neighbors and constantly seek to promote their well-being. We love and enjoy life and believe this enjoyment is increased by sharing it with family, friends, and all with whom we come in contact

BECAUSE.....The Elks Lodge in your community affords you the opportunity to join your neighbors and friends, and take a prominent role in the improvement of community life by the practice of the principles and virtues we have held sacred for over two and a half centuries—*Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity.*

Elks of the Month 2008-09

April	Dave Jones
May	Margie Souza
June	Chuck Dillow
July	Linda Jones
August	Skip Wilkinson
September	Louie Belifore
October	Laurie Calavan
November	Angie Stevanus
December	Diane Farrens
January	Craig Stevanus
February	Bob Farrens

BECAUSE.....We expend over \$16 Million yearly to bring encouragement, cheer and comfort to veterans throughout the United States in fulfillment of our solemn pledge: *"So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."*



The Little Lodge That Can !

Lodge News, Activities, Reports, and Events

Scholarship Committee

By Bob and Diane Farrens

The judging for the "Most Valuable Student" Scholarships was done on January 10, 2009 by ER Stephen Jones, Linda Jones, Laurie Gonzalez, Paul Gonzalez, Bill Nietsch, Rick Christensen, Barbara Conner, Marti Barraza, Howard Adkins, Patti Quick, Joni Stringer, and Marilyn Clark. These wonderful volunteers gave up their Saturday afternoon and did a fantastic job. They scored each application on scholarship, leadership and financial need. We received twenty-four applications: five from males, and nineteen from females. The top three male and the top three female applications were sent on to the district level for further judging and possible scholarship awards. We will be honoring these six students and presenting them with scholarships from our lodge at the March Family Night, on Tuesday, March 10th. Please join us that evening to meet these outstanding students from our community.

Thank You from the Secretary, Diane

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, calls, e-mails, meals, and flowers I received after my ankle surgery on January 14th. They are all helping in my recovery, which of course is longer than I would like. I will not be able to put any weight on my foot for three to four weeks, which will be determined by my doctor. Whenever I am at the lodge during that time, I will be in a wheel chair, so I will not be at the Lodge on a regular basis, until I can drive. However, if you need anything or have a question, I will be working from home and please don't hesitate to call. I will also be at the lodge for meetings and most social evenings and I can answer your questions and help you then.

Box Tops For Education by Barbara Conner

Saving those little pink Box Tops for Education has not gone as well as I had anticipated it might. Maybe they are so small that they get overlooked when the containers they are printed on are empty. --- Then I thought MAYBE people don't think they really are worth much. So, let's just suppose:

We have an active membership of about 200 in our lodge. If 200 members each saved ONLY 5 box tops per month (for example: 1 box of tissues, 1 package of bathroom tissue, 1 box of cereal, 1 package of refrigerator biscuits and 1 cake mix) what would that mean?

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let's figure it out: } & 5 \times 200 = 1,000 \text{ box tops} \\ & 1,000 \text{ box tops} \times 10 \text{ cents} = \$100 \\ & \$100 \times 12 = \$1,200 \text{ per year.} \end{aligned}$$

That is quite a donation to Major Projects *without spending even one cent!* It is a pretty easy way to donate when you think about it. There are lots and lots of products "wearing" the pink Box top for Education, so keep your eyes open, then CLIP & SAVE!

Dictionary Project

Marti Barraza and Barbara Conner, Chairpersons

We are pleased to announce that the Dictionary Project is completed for 2008-09. What a success this year has been. Our lodge has given a dictionary to 667 third grade students. The first year we participated in this project we gave to 3rd grade students at 1 school; the second year to 2 schools; the third year to 2 schools; and now in our fourth year to 6 schools.

This committee will be silent for a while but not inactive as we will be planning new ways to earn more money to enable us to expand to additional schools next school year. If you have any great ideas please contact either of us. Donations specifically for the Dictionary Project are always appreciated. And we wish to thank those who made this year such a success.



Meet our Newest Member

If you haven't had the chance to meet our newest member, meet Sheryl Emery. Make sure you give her that warm Temecula Elks smile and hug. Try to greet her in person and remember that each Elk provides an opportunity for us to pass along our good will and good works! Welcome Sheryl and we hope to see you and our many upcoming events.

Sheryl Emery



Temecula Elks Host CHEA Therapist and Theme Child



On Tuesday Family night January 13th, the Temecula Elks hosted a dinner and honored Mavis Johnson, CHEA therapist and the English family of Temecula. Photo above shows (L to R) ER, Steve Jones, Joe English, Denise English, Mavis Johnson, Leading Knight Paul Gonzalez, Major Project Chairwoman Linda Jones, Lilly our theme child, little brother Joshua.

Holidays Revisited! Christmas and New Years Photos



Lodge Reports, Activities, and Events



Happy February Birthdays

Howard Cunningham	1
Guy Trisler	1
Marsha Warner	1
Richard Schneider	2
Joan Hart	5
John Hammond	6
Peter Recatto	7
Wayne Cobb	10
Steve Heinzen	12
Douglas Stuhr	13
Howard Adkins	17
Barbara L Mitchell	17
Catherine Patric	17
Jim Greaves	18
Chet Williams	20
William Bright	22
Ronald Cascelli	26

House Committee Meeting

WHEN: Thursday Feb 5, 2009
-7:00 PM

WHERE: Temecula Elks Lodge

WHY: Club Management, Calendar and Event Planning is necessary to organize upcoming events and key dates

WHO: All Lodge Officers, Committee Chairpersons, Event Coordinators, Volunteers and those members wanting to get more involved in your Lodge activities and

Have Fun, Doing Good

Veterans Affairs

By Chairman 1-SG Steven Nunez, and Co-Chair Laurie Gonzalez



Join us this month in wishing our Veterans a Happy Valentine! Please sign cards which will be provided by the Committee and delivered on our next visit to our ward at the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Hospital on Saturday, January 31. The Valentine cards will be at the lodge for you to sign the week prior. Let's show our veterans the love, support and appreciation they have earned and deserve.

The South East District Valentine Party is scheduled for Saturday, February 14 from 10a.m. to noon at the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Hospital in Loma Linda. Elks and friends are encouraged to attend the event in the day room.

Thanks to Skip & Sue Wilkinson and Richard & Olga Ochoa for their generous contributions of fleece blankets. The lap blankets are especially popular now that winter is here. Blankets can be hand-made or store bought. Others items to donate are: t-shirts, hats, toiletries, cards, stationary, etc. Please bring them to the lodge or call Laurie Gonzalez at 951-693-2289. Our Veterans are grateful to all who have contributed their time, talents and personal care items. Thank you!

Valentine's Prom Party

Bring your sweetheart for a Valentine's "Prom" Party



on Friday February 13, 2009. It will be a catered dinner of Chicken Parmesan and trimmings starting with social hour at 5pm and dinner at 6 pm. Wear your dancing shoes and red dressy clothing and groove to live music by

Ray Carlan. Tickets will be \$12 per person and please sign up and pay in advance. Also be ready to nominate and vote for the Prom Queen and Prom King.



Lodge #2801 Propositions for Membership

Candidate	Sponsor/Transfer
Anais Spriggs	Skip Wilkinson
Susan Wilkinson	Skip Wilkinson
John Huber	Diane Farrens
Judith Hernandez	Linda Jones
Beatrice Waite	Stephen Jones
Hallie Sebanc	Linda Jones

ELKS Golf Returns

By Mike and Betty Wisener
We will start playing the golf courses that donated to our 10th Annual Charities Golf Tournament. We will play at the Fountains at Lawrence Welk on Monday Feb 9th and Redhawk on Monday Feb 23rd. Contact Mike for more details at his new number 760-304-4435 if you have any questions.

Topless & Classics Car Club

by Mike and Betty Wisener
Bellfleur Winery in the Carlsbad Outlet Center is having a Champagne brunch served between 10am to 3pm on Sunday Feb 22rd. On the way to this great brunch we can visit at Mike and Betty's new home at Lake San Marcos. If you're interested call Mike or Betty at 760-304-4435 for details. The Wisener's new address is 1427 Camino De Vela, Lake San Marcos 92078.

Annual Elks Training

By Bob Walker Last Class Feb.7th
I will be holding the final ELKS TRAINING session on Saturday, Feb.7th at the Lodge. The class will start at 9:00 AM and last about one hour. All interested members and especially current and potential Lodge Officers should plan on attending. There is a sign-up sheet posted at the Lodge. **If you cannot attend this training session please contact me at 699-6431 and we will work something out.**



Elks shown at left are this year's first graduates of our Annual Elks Training. Receiving their certificates are (L to R): ER Steve Jones, Marti Barraza, Ken Patric, First Lady Linda Jones, training chairman PER Bob Walker, Spike Lunn, Howard Adkins, and Skip Wilkinsen

Lodge News and Upcoming Events

Major Projects 2008-09 Contributors

By Linda Jones for Barbara Conner :Major Project Committee Chairperson

Thank you to those who have contributed in Elk year May 2008 thru April 2009. A special thanks to all those Temecula Elks who made their pledge donations at the June 10th VP Visitation.



Purple Pigs:

Jack Van Wey	Skip Wilkinson	Jay Coyne	Cathy Patric
Ken Patric	Herb Nehrling	Keith Meyer	Art Marchesini
Carol Kump	Steve Jones	Tom Jensen	Bob Herrera
Jerilyn Herrera	Bobbie Gutshall	Paul Gonzalez	Ken Craig
Lloyd Clough	James Hackett	Gary Myers	Vicki Puterbaugh
Tina Smith	Bob Farrens	Angie Stevanus	Jack Keefer
John Merry	Opal Bendikson	Bill Bright	Barbara Conner
John Hammond	Ken Nordstrom	Dick Tracy	Guy Way

52 Club

Jim McCrea	Tina Smith	Dick Tracy	Ken Bodenhofer
Skip Wilkinson(2)	Bobbie Gutshall	Howard Adkins	Laurie Calavan
Jack Keefer	Dorothy Nehrling	Herb Nehrling	Art Marchesini
John Hammond	Sally Hammond	Carol Kump	Angie Stevanus
Craig Stevanus	Jo Ann Grant	Steve Jones	Linda Jones
Opal Bendikson	Lloyd Clough	Jack Van Wey	Paul Gonzalez
Jay Coyne	Joni Christensen(2)	Peter Fiouri	Marti Barraza

Century Club:

Richard Dorsey	Marelle Dorsey	Gary Meyers	Vicki Puterbaugh
Peter Fiori	Ralph Souza	Margie Souza	Diane Farrens
Bob Farrens	Paul Gonzalez	Laurie Calavan	Linda Jones
Steve Jones	Lloyd Clough	Susan Alpern	Walt Wilson
Renate Beall	James Beall	Angela Stevanus	Bob Herrera
Jerilyn Herrera	Ginny Mulhern	Marilyn Broddie	Chuck Broddie
Ken Bodenhofer	Ken Nordstrom	Jack Keefer	Jay Coyne
Jo Ann Flowers	Bobbie Gutshall	Don Starr	Hank Hein
Gary Pangborn	Ken Patric	Cathy Patric	Jerry Throckmorton
Pete Recatto	Bob Walker	Mike Wisener	Opal Bendikson
Keith Meyer	Tom Jensen	Ron Loomis	Betty Loomis
Joni Christensen(2)		Terry Zimmerman	Lois Zimmerman
Gary Gunn	Skip Wilkinsen	John Merry	Barbara Conner

Millennium Club:

Adam Barraza	Marti Barraza	Bob Walker	Bob Herrera
Jerilyn Herrera	Paul Gonzalez	Ken Nordstrom	Bertha Webb
Dorothy Nehrling	Herb Nehrling		

Crying Towel 2008-2009

Each week we draw a member's number and if that member is present, he or she wins the money in the box. If the member is not present, the money is added to the next drawing!! We have had some winners and losers.

- ✦ March 4, #254 - Eugene Reed - not present.
- ✦ March 18, # 466 – Melvern Leimer – not present.
- ✦ March 25, # Fritz Zinggeler – not present.
- ✦ April 1, #186 – Paul Gonzalez - PRESENT! 😞
- ✦ April 15, #93 – Mike Caruso – not present
- ✦ April 22, # 453 - Marilyn Broddie – not present.
- ✦ May 6, #462 – Bertha Webb – not present.
- ✦ May 20, #434 William Watson - not present.
- ✦ May 27, #73 Steve Jones – PRESENT!
- ✦ June 3, #401 Chuck Dillow – PRESENT!
- ✦ June 17, #249 – Vicki Puterbaugh —PRESENT!
- ✦ June 24, #450 – Joanne Flowers —not present.
- ✦ July 1, #474, Tom Jensen —not present.
- ✦ July 15, #472, Carol Kump —not present.
- ✦ July 22, # 536, Marshall Krause— not present.
- ✦ August 5, # 82, Mike Mitchell—not present.
- ✦ August 19, #514, Bernard Chung—not present
- ✦ August 26, #507, Margie Souza —PRESENT!
- ✦ September 2, #521, Jim Corliss not present.
- ✦ September 16, #542, Jim Beall not present.
- ✦ September 23, #556, Rick Christensen— not present.
- ✦ October 7, #293, Ann Stevenson— not present.
- ✦ October 21, #88, Dominic Chemello—not present.
- ✦ October 28, #82, Mike Mitchell—not present.
- ✦ November 4, #184, Bill Soderquest—not present.
- ✦ November 18, #532, David Mitchell—PRESENT!
- ✦ November 25, 516, Orin Eric Ash—not present.
- ✦ December 2, #547, Martha Warner—not present.
- ✦ December 16, #481, David Miller—not present
- ✦ December 23, #347, Gary Hagelbarger—not present.
- ✦ January 6, #82, Mike Mitchell—not present.
- ✦ January 20, #438, Bill Outlaw—not present

Elks CareElks Share

Sickness and Distress *By Margie Souza*

Please include the following names in your prayers.

Sue Myers is recovering nicely after her ankle surgery. **Guy Way** passed away January 15, 2009. Please include Anita, his wife, in your prayers. Memorial services will be held at the Heritage Park, January 31st at 2:00 P.M. **Doug Stuhr** is getting stronger every day and with the help of a walker is now mobile and eager to return to the Elks meetings. **Diana Bean** fell and broke her elbow, had surgery and is on the way to recovery. **Ruth Estey** has cancer and is very critical. She is in need of our prayers and recovering at home. **Linda Jones** had breast surgery and will follow up with radiation treatment. **Diane Farrens** had surgery on her ankle and is now mending.

Thank you all for your prayers for our Brothers & Sisters. If you are aware of any sickness or distress, please contact Chaplain Margie Souza at (951) 326-9821

Lodge News and Upcoming Events

Temecula Valley Elks Name Drug Awareness Essay Contest Winners

Recently the Temecula Valley Elks held a Drug Awareness Essay Contest for sixth, seventh and eighth grade students in the Temecula and Murrieta Middle schools. The theme for the essay contest was, "Get Smart...Don't Start". There were 476 entries, and the top three essays for the girls and the top three essays for the boys were selected in the judging process. The students were invited to a dinner and an Award Presentation Program at the Temecula Valley Elks Lodge on December 9th. Each of the essay winners were presented with a framed certificate and a United States Savings Bond. The winning essays were sent on to the Elks' District Level for additional judging and awards. The essay winners at the Lodge Level include:

Female Winners		School	Teacher
3 rd Place	Milia Gibbel	Linfield Christian School	Mrs. Heckert
2 nd Place	Aaitui Poti	Bella Vista Middle School	Mrs. Kenda11
1 st Place	Kelly Trammell	Linfield Christian School	Mrs. Heckert

Male Winners		School	Teacher
3 rd Place	Brandon Cahill	Linfield Christian School	Mrs. Heckert
2 nd Place	Jordan Ramirez	Bella Vista Middle School	Mrs. Kendall
1 st Place	Rhett Johnson	Linfield Christian School	Ms. Woods

Temecula Valley Elks Lodge Key Policy

As a result of having received our licenses and approvals to serve and store food and alcohol at the Lodge, it has become obvious that we also need to improve the process that we use to control access to the Lodge. As specified in Section 7 of Article V of the Lodge By-Laws, the Trustees "shall exercise a general supervision over the property of the Lodge", which in this case includes establishing a policy for the issuance of keys to the Lodge, and managing access to the Lodge building. Given the value of the supplies and equipment within the Lodge, it is incumbent upon the Trustees to limit unmonitored access to the Lodge to only those officers of the Lodge whose position warrants such access. Therefore, the attached Lodge Key policy will take effect the first of the month following its formal adoption by the House Committee. Since a preliminary version of this policy was approved by the House Committee at its January meeting, it is expected that this policy will become effective on February 1, 2009. Any member who currently possesses a key and who does not hold one of the listed offices, is requested to return their key to Diane Farrens by that date.

Steak and Birthdays

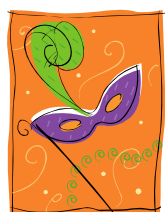
On Friday January 23rd, the Temecula Elks celebrated the January birthday Goats and Aquarians. Photo below of the birthday boys and girls, shows that the good times are already rolling in 2009.



Picture Caption from left to right:
 Front Row: Kelly Trammell, Brandon Cahill, Milia Gibbel, Jordan Ramirez, Aaitui Poti, and Rhett Johnson
 Back Row: Stephen Jones, Temecula Valley Elks President; Susan Alpern, Drug Awareness Assistant Chairman; and Walt Wilson, Drug Awareness Chairman



Mardi Gras Celebration February Steak and Birthday Night



On Friday February 27th, Steak and Birthday night we will be celebrating with a Mardi Gras carnival. Along with our cook-your-own steak night we will have Cajun-style fixins. Dress in your Bayou best of purple, gold, and green for judging and dancing. Beads and masks are encouraged and welcomed to sway the "court of fools" / judges. Social hour begins at 5pm, dinner at 6pm, and music and dancing at 7pm.



Lodge News and Upcoming Events

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Temecula Valley Elks #2801

"Super" Football Party

Sunday, February 1, 2009

1 pm to 7 pm



**Tickets: \$10.00 at the Door
or \$8.00 advance tickets**



BBQ Tri-tip sandwiches, hotdogs & chili

**Terrific prizes, including a
Wii Game Console**

**Table-top
Shuffleboard
Tournament**

Admission limited to the first 100 who purchase a ticket.

Elk's Caring and Sharing

By Walt Wilson

Liberty and Justice for All

Do you remember how nervous you were the night of your initiation into the Order of Elks? Most of us don't remember the content of the Obligation we vowed that night. This article is about only one of the solemn promises we made: "I will uphold the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America...."

As Elks, and more specifically as Americans, we enjoy the fruits of freedom. We accept the unique responsibility to safeguard, confirm, support, and in our own private way, to uphold the principles inherent within the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. If you have ever visited the National Archives in our nation's capital, you would always remember seeing the copy of the Constitution. Near the Constitution there is an inscription carved into the stone wall: "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty".

Our Founding Fathers established the Constitution in 1787-91 to "secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity...." Years before the Constitution was accepted by the States, the Declaration of Independence declared that each of us have certain unalienable rights..."Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." It is believed by some that unrestrained liberty can protect Life as we know it and provide an atmosphere in which we can at least "pursue happiness". Freedom gives us the capacity to choose and/or exercise free will. Are liberty and freedom the same idea?

Freedom seems to imply a total absence of restraint or compulsion, while liberty implies the power to choose

among alternatives rather than merely being unrestrained. Americans had the liberty to choose their own form of government. Freedom within a democracy gives us the right to do as we choose unless we infringe on the rights of others. Liberty protects us from tyranny and the arbitrary exercise of authority.

Liberty also protects our right to exercise our civil rights.

There are numerous symbols of liberty that remind us of our precious freedoms we enjoy. The Statue of Liberty stands as a beacon in the New York Harbor. The Liberty Bell is proudly displayed in Philadelphia. We sing "My Country Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty" and we open our Lodge with the Pledge of Allegiance, closing with the phrase, "with Liberty and Justice for all".

It is my opinion that liberty without justice can not endure. Justice appears to provide the basis of equality which enables us to become whatever we are capable of becoming. Within the Elks, our station of Justice is founded upon the Book of Law, the Bible, and it is always placed upon the altar: "to teach the Members of our Lodge to provide equal justice to all, and teach them obedience to constituted authority."

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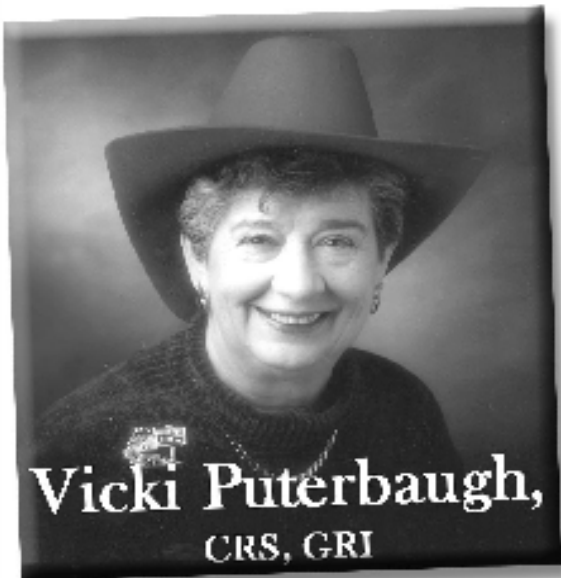
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