

## Exalted Ruler's Message

To Mark Swanson and Larry Violante, retiring from the top leadership positions in the lodge, I give you the warmest thanks and congratulations and best wishes from the entire Lodge. Beyond just fulfilling the duties of your positions, you both put your hearts into service for our members.

I invite all members to come to Lodge meeting on Thursday and meet your new officers. This dedi-

cated group is doing extra work right now to prepare for the ritual contest on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Jack Marden was initiated in January <4005> and stepped right up to Esquire. Drew Herb is also a new officer at Inner Guard. Gino Hernandez was so reliable last year he was re-elected to Tiler. George Hood adds a note of dignity at Chaplain. Marcus Supan sits in the chair of Brotherly Love, while Jeanette Mitchell adds the Chair of Justice to her long list of service. Kyle York exemplifies the motto of his station, Charity. Art Auer continues as our natural choice to liven up meetings with his keyboard talents. Malcolm Macaulay, PER, and Ken Reaves PER stay on as Secretary and Treasurer, while Bruce Bentley, PER, joins the Board of Trustees. These are challenging jobs and deserve the thanks and support of us all.

Most of all I want to thank the chairpersons of our committees. This is where the Lodge work really gets done, so each member should be part of the committee running your favorite event, summer and winter. That's what it means to be an Elk. And remember, every one of us serves on the membership committee--ask your friends to join too.

Of course, work is not the only way to support our Lodge. Monday Night Dinner is a chance for the whole family to have fun while some of your fellow Elks do all the cleanup! Have a great dinner with a glass of wine, good company, and you might even win a raffle prize. Seating starts at 5:30 so you can finish early enough for anything else.

My roses are all breaking into leaf and bud. It reminds me that it's time to roll up the sleeves and do some digging. <6807> We already have a busy schedule but there is plenty of space for more. Come on up to the Lodge and help us fill up the calendar.

Alan Cherry  
Exalted Ruler

## BIRTHDAY/BUDDY NIGHT CHANGED

Your birthday is a big deal, so let's make a deal. If you were born in May, come to the Lodge meeting on the first Thursday of May and claim a free dinner ticket for the following Thursday. That second Thursday is also the night for everyone to invite non-member guests to dinner at the Lodge.

Note that this is a change. Starting in May, Birthday/Buddy Night has moved to the SECOND Thursday each month, but you can only claim a free dinner ticket by coming to the meeting on the FIRST Thursday!

## About the Elks

The Elks organization was founded in New York City on February 16, 1868 under the name "Jolly Corks" by 15 actors, entertainers and others associated with the theater. In ensuing years, membership expanded to other professions.

This Fraternal Order was founded "To promote and practice the four cardinal virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; <4884> to quicken the spirit of American Patriotism and cultivate good fellowship."

The Order is a non-political, non-sectarian and strictly American fraternity. Proposal for membership in the Order is only by invitation of a member in good standing. To be accepted as a member, one must be an American citizen, believe in God, be of good moral character and be at least 21 years old.

<http://www.elks.org/members/password.cfm>

## DEADLINE

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Or fax them to 831-475-4033 By the 13th of the month.

# Join Our Happy Hour



## At the Bar

Every Thursday from 1 to 7 pm

Elks Pale Ale Draft Beer  
\$1.00

Featured "specialty drinks"  
\$2.00

Come on down and get Happy

## 5 Star Catering invites you to Easter Brunch

at the Santa Cruz Elks Lodge

Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>  
10am-2pm

Make your own salad bar

Chilled Shrimp on Ice

Fresh Fruit Display

Fresh Baked Pastries and Muffins

Make to Order Omelet Station

Carving Station with:

Honey Baked Ham & Roasted Turkey

Crepes with Hollandaise

French Toast with Maple Syrup

Chicken Apple Sausage and Smoked Bacon

Country Potatoes

Fresh Fruit Juices, Coffee and Tea

Delicious Dessert Bar

**Reservations Strongly Recommended**

**Family and Friends welcome**

**466-3090**

\$25/adult, \$15/children under 12

## Our Mission as Elks

To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that *Elks Care and Elks Share*.

### Frugal Fridays

Enjoy special dinners & lots of friends at the

**Don Hayward, PER**

**Memorial Bar**

The 2nd & 4th Friday of every month.

Check the Bulletin for menus. Bring friends, win prizes, and

have a wonderful time

To volunteer, ask *Jeanette Mitchell*.

### Card Players Wanted

Every Thursday, 8:00 am til 6:00 pm

Contact: Paul Costa, 429-8218,

Our web site is always updated!

<http://www.santacruzelsk.org>



## Firefighter Appreciation Night

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009**

No Host Cocktails—5:00 pm

Dinner—6:00 pm

This event is free to current firefighting personnel in Santa Cruz County. Elk members, non-active firefighting personnel, or firefighters outside Santa Cruz County pay \$14. Firefighters are encouraged to bring spouses or other guests to assist in generating revenue to cover the cost of the event.

Location: B.P.O.E.  
150 Jewell Street  
Santa Cruz, CA

Food: New York Steak Dinner with all the fixing's

Contact Eric Assen at 420-5293 if you'd like to make a short presentation following dinner or provide a static display of apparatus.

Each agency should r.s.v.p. to Cindy at 423-8240 by April 16th with the number of attendees.



## Let's Play Bingo

Every Tuesday - All Elks and guests are welcome. Doors will open at 5:00 PM. Early Bird game 6:00 PM. Regular Games 6:30 to 10:00 PM. Food is by Five Star Catering.

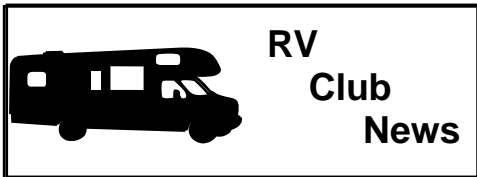


*Elks Care - Elks Share*

**April 2009**

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Lodge 7:30pm Birthday Night  Slow Roasted Brisket	3	4
5	6 Monday Dinner  Pork Loin	7 Bingo 5:00 pm	8	9 Lodge 7:30pm  Parmesan Tilapia	10 Frugal Friday  Steak	11
12	13 <u>No Monday Dinner</u>	14 Bingo 5:00 pm Trustee Meeting Investigation	15	16 Lodge 8:00pm Balloting Chicken with Artichokes, Mushrooms	17	18
19	20 Monday Dinner  Calamari	21 Bingo 5:00 pm	22	23 Firefighters Appreciation Night (No Lodge) BBQ Steak	24 Frugal Friday  Tri Tip	25
26	27 Monday Dinner  1/2 Chicken	28 Bingo 5:00 pm	29 Indoctrination	30 Lodge 7:30pm Initiation  BBQ Steak <4005>		



Had a fantastic camp-out for February with 20 other rigs... That is right, we had 21 rigs for our first camp-out of 2009. That is going to be something we will have a great time trying to beat.

We still had some members who couldn't make it for one reason or another and they were missed. We did vote in two new member families, Don and Bernadine Dodson and Rich and Andrea Criswell. Even the weather held off until late on Saturday and stayed pretty clear on Sunday morning for our breakfast and departure. <4093> We're looking forward to next month's camp-out at Casa de Fruta in Hollister. Contact the Trail Masters, Hank and Marlyn Crook, to reserve your spot 408-353-3260. In May we will be going to French Camp in Manteca.

I neglected to thank our membership for voting for and giving a 300 dollar donation to the Christmas Fund of our Lodge when it was brought to our attention by Gary Nickel, and also to our members that donated toys at our December luncheon to help out with the gifts for kids. Thank you, Thank you.

If you have an RV and wish to join in the fun of our camp-outs, please contact, myself - Wayne Rustigan 476-1545, or one of our other members. We will be heading out to Casa de Fruta in Hollister, French Camp in Manteca, Maple Leaf RV Park, Morgan Hill, Half Moon Bay and Laguna Seca in Monterey in the months ahead. Come join us!

Wayne Rustigan  
Wagonmaster

## About Your News Bulletin

This is *your* News Bulletin. If you have something you would like to see in the bulletin, send it to me and I'll put it in, subject to space available.

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ATTENTION!	
NEWS BULLETIN SCHEDULE	
DATE	ACTION
13	Deadline for articles
13-16	Preparation of Bulletin
16-18	Office Approval
18	Finalize Copy
19	Send to Printer & E-Mail Addressees
21-23	Printing
24	Printed Copies to Office
25	Address for Mailing
26	Deliver to Post Office
27-29	Mail Delivery

## Sickness and Distress



Rufus McCain  
Larry Violante PER  
Jim Cavanah  
Charles Elmore PER  
Rich Kleinert PER  
Art Auer

## Crying Towel



The following members names were drawn at Lodge meeting on the specified dates. If they weren't there, they lost out on winning \$100, \$75, \$50, or \$25 respectively.

<b>February 19<sup>th</sup></b> Richard Emigh Johnnie Ghio Grant Wilson Robert Kirk	<b>March 5<sup>th</sup></b> Tony Franceschini Kevin Allen Al McCommon Jim Swift
<b>February 26<sup>th</sup></b> Wayne Rustigan Randy O'Meara Charles Cheatham Nicholas Yukich	<b>March 12<sup>th</sup></b> Don Santos Daniel Foy <b>Alan Cherry won \$50</b>

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## Lodge of Sorrow

May light perpetual shine upon him until the morning breaks and the shadows flee away.

Charles Basile died 2/21/2009.

A member for 22 years

Louis Horvath died 2/12/2009.

A member for 40 years

The Lodge extends its deepest sympathy to the families of these departed members.

## Elk of the Month

What an honor to name Jack Weaver to start the new term as Elk of the Month! You may not notice Jack around the Lodge so much because he is usually behind the bar <4403> or in a back room or even outside. And sometimes he isn't there at all, because he is also a big part of the RV Club trips.

Jack is an anchor on the Bar-B-Q team, manages inventory in the members' bar, and has been an all-around good Elk supporter for many years. It's time we show our appreciation, Jack! Fraternaly yours,  
Alan Cherry, ER

## Purple Pig Donations

Several members have included a donation with their dues, a convenient way to support the major project for 2009.

Others are turning in purple pigs that have been saving up coins all year.

### 52 Club (=>\$52)

Frank Carroll  
Don Pylant  
Ken Reaves  
Gil Santos  
Peter Reigler


### Century Club (=>\$100)

Dale O'Rourke

## Membership Report

April 1st 2008 thru February 2009

Members on April 1, 2008. ....	675
New Members Initiated . . . . .	57
New Members affiliated by demit/transfer . . . . .	3
Reinstatements . . . . .	2
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS . . . . .	62
Members stricken for non-payment of dues . . . . .	12
Elks expelled . . . . .	0
Transfer dimits . . . . .	3
Absolute dimits . . . . .	2
Members deceased since April 1, 2008. . . . .	14
TOTAL MEMBERS DROPPED . . . . .	31
MEMBERS CURRENTLY ON ROLL . . . . .	706
<b>Net Gain</b> . . . . .	<b>31</b>
Applicants awaiting investigation . . . . .	4
Applicants awaiting vote . . . . .	0
Applicants awaiting initiation . . . . .	2
Life Members (excluding Honorary Life) . . . . .	153
Honorary Life Members . . . . .	20
Elks 6 months in arrears . . . . .	17
Elks 12 months in arrears . . . . .	20

<b>Office Hours</b> M thru F 9 am to 3 pm Thursday 5 pm to 7 pm		<b>Club Room Hours</b> M-W Closed Thursday 11 am to 11 pm Friday 11 am to 1 pm
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<b>INITIATION</b>	
<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Phil Crawford Norman Gruczelak William Prouty Ron Randazzo  Anthony O'Neil	Kevin Crawford Malcolm Macaulay PER Henry Crook John Hadveck  T/D San Luis Obispo #322

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

The following applications for membership, transfer dimits, or reinstatements will be investigated on **April 14, 2009**, and balloted upon at the **April 16, 2009**. Lodge meeting. All comments regarding the eligibility of these candidates should be addressed to Ken Reaves, PER, Chairman of Investigations, or the Lodge Secretary, in writing or in person, on or before **April 14, 2009**. Anonymous letters will not be accepted

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Robert McClafin Susan O'Hara Michelle Morton Marjorie Miller Meredith Feldsted Berit MacAlister Tim Fillmore	Retired    Bookkeeper Hairdresser Haz Mat Prg Mgr	James Baker Kristen Peterman Michele Ignoffo Peg Muller Peg Muller Vicky Trujillo T/D Hanford #1259

## What's Your Card Number

Each month, the card numbers of four members are hidden somewhere in this News Bulletin, bracketed with the symbols < >. If you find your number, come to any Lodge meeting that month, tell the Secretary, and you will get a FREE dinner ticket. Last Month, the following members numbers were drawn: .

**Editorial Privilege**

The editor reserves the right to correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling, and to edit text to fit space available.

## Get Your Bulletin Early

Of the 706 members in our Lodge, 81 members are receiving their *News Bulletin* by e-mail. Of those, 48 of them are receiving their bulletins by e-mail only. If you would like to get *your* bulletin by e-mail, *rather* than by snail mail, send me your e-mail address. You'll get your bulletin a week or so early, save your Lodge a bit of postage, and help save a tree. If you want to continue receiving the paper copy also, please say so.

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## Santa Cruz Elks Lodge #824 Officers 2009-2010

Exalted Ruler	Alan Cherry
Leading Knight	Kyle York
Loyal Knight	Jeanette Mitchell
Lecturing Knight	Marcus Supan
Secretary	Malcolm Macaulay, PER
Treasurer	Ken Reaves, PER
Esquire	Jack Marden
Tiler	Gino Hernandez
Chaplain	George Hood
	Norm Gruczelak
Inner Guard	Drew Herb
1 Year Trustee	Robert Bowman PER
2 Year Trustee	Paul Violante
3 Year Trustee	Pat Kleinert, PER
4 Year Trustee	Jim Cavanah
5 Year Trustee	Bruce Bentley, PER
Pianist	Art Auer
Bulletin Editor	Wil Parsons, PER
Webmaster	Kyle York

**District Deputy**  
Les Yeffa

**Past District Deputies**  
Hon. Thomas S. Brazier, PDDGER 2002-03

**District Leaders**  
Hon. Thomas S. Brazier, PDDGER  
Catherine "Kitty" Tufford, PDDGER

## Rural Wisdom Money

⇒ It is no disgrace to be poor, just rather inconvenient at times.

⇒ Money and happiness don't agree.

⇒ If you don't have the money to buy something, hold off buying it until you do. The exception is buying land.

⇒ Even when your income is small, put some money away. You never know when your income will be smaller still, or disappear altogether.

⇒ Never let money come between you and a friend. Better to give a friend some money than lend it.

⇒ Living to accumulate money is not living.

⇒ Money can't buy your health, a sunset, a friendship, or a baby's laughter.