

Exalted Ruler's Message

While contemplating this month's message, it dawned on me that this fiscal year is almost over. This is a "red flag" to remind us to get our house in order. (Feed the Purple Pig.) At my last meeting with our District Deputy I was reminded that we are behind last year's totals for donations to The Elks' National Foundation and the CHEA Major Project. How about making it your New Years' resolution to donate to ENF?

<3233> Last year, California received a return of approximately 1.5 times what we donated.

The "red flag" is also a reminder to turn in your FULL Purple Pig. Leading Knight, Alan Cherry is most eager to roll your change so that he will have a LARGE dollar amount to present at the ER's March at the state convention. (Feed the Purple Pig)

We have done a good job of recruiting new members; now is a good time to gear our efforts toward retaining membership. We are also "red-flagged" that dues need to be brought to a current status. If you know a member whose dues have lapsed, give them a friendly reminder: Feed the Purple Pig.

While getting our house in order, I am reminded that on February 19th we will vote to ratify our House Rules; this should have been done quite a while ago. Copies, for your review, are available in the office.

We still have time in this fraternal year to not only feed those pigs, but to make an impressive impact as well. Remember: Elks care; Elks share; Elks make dreams come true.

Fraternally yours,
Mark Swanson, ER

Christmas Project

Thanks to a lot of people, the Lodge adopted 14 families which included 34 children.

Many thanks go to Marti Brugler, Donna Comelli, Shannon Conley, Frank and Charlotte Carroll, Darla Hayward, Karen Lechner, Patty Locatelli, Jud Muse, Beth Thurman, Steve Pizzo and Jeanette Mitchell who adopted the families.

And thanks to Pat Parsons for lining up the stores for us.

Donations of food, toys and money were donated by a lot of people, many were anonymous. Our project was a success thanks to donations by Ann and Art Auer, Don and Ida Mungai, Steve and Bev Johnson, Patty Locatelli, Donna Comelli, Karen Lechner, Pete and Midge Ehrman, Fred Casey, and Mike Franscioni of Salinas Lodge. To those who made donations and were not named, we thank you also.

Thanks to all of you, many people had a nicer, brighter Christmas.
Les Yeffa, DDGER
Committee Chair

SantaCruzElks.org website gets a face lift

For those who want to get their Santa Cruz Elks information online, Elk member John Greathouse has re-tooled the *SantaCruzElks.org* web site. On the site you'll find our up-to-date calendar of events, noteworthy announcements and links to a bunch of other cool stuff. Login and bookmark our web site www.santacruzels.org today. Make it a part of your monthly routine to check the site, glance at the calendar and browse the monthly newsletter... all online! John is encouraging anyone to give input. If there is something you'd like to see on the web site send him an email. All ideas are considered. John's e-mail address is

bananabb@yahoo.com

Thanks folks! -
John Greathouse

Nominations and Election of Officers

The first round of nomination of officers will be held on February 5, 2009. The second round of nominations and election of officers will be on February 12, 2009.



Chef Paul Violante & Friends

Present

*S. C. Elks Italian Night
Dinner Dance*

****February 7th, 2009****

\$30.00 per person

Advanced Ticket Sales Only

Reserved Seating

**Tickets on sale in office starting
December 8, 2008**

HORS D'OEUVRES

Fried Calamari
Tomato Bruschetta
Relish Tray
Crab Puffs

HOT ENTREES

Veal Osso Bucco
Chicken Cacciatore
Italian Meat Balls
Genovese Ravili Bolognese

SALADS

Antipasto Caesar Salad
Caprese, Tomato & Fresh Mozzarella
Artichokes

DESSERT

Tira Misu

Mario Esposito PER, Chairman

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

ATTENTION!

The following members will be dropped for non-payment of dues on March 31, 2009

Card No	Name	Balance Due
6239	Phillip E. Arro	\$194.00
6527	Peter Atkinson	\$194.00
6601	Robert Balzer	\$194.00
6933	Ryan Barnholt	\$194.00
6560	Neil Brooks	\$194.00
5231	Paul Buell	\$194.00
6574	Michael Burtch	\$194.00
5741	Ken Cowart	\$194.00
6241	Norman Crowell	\$194.00
6398	Chuck Fetter	\$194.00
6841	Douglas Lee Hansen	\$194.00
5525	David Heald	\$194.00
5783	Larry Heirigs	\$194.00
6630	Richard Kirkham	\$194.00
6421	John Lake	\$194.00
4668	Richard Leonard	\$194.00
6685	Glenn Millhauser	\$194.00
2509	Charles Modena	\$106.00
6804	Rhonda Prunella	\$194.00
6727	Marion Quesenberry	\$194.00
5458	Don Santos	\$194.00
6061	Steven W. Sawyer	\$194.00
7008	Marshall Shoquist	\$194.00
6407	Wil Thureson	\$194.00
5178	Andrew Van Valer, Jr.	\$194.00



LIFE MEMBERS

The following members have achieved the three requirements for becoming a Life Member:

1. Must have been an Elk in good standing for 30 years/;
2. Must have been a member of Santa Cruz Lodge #824 for the past 10 years.
3. Must be 65 years of age as of April 1st of the year of eligibility.

Voting will be held on February 12, 2009.

6484	Ben Anguiano
2951	Charles Canfield
2993	James Cavanah
4005	Marcus Fearnough
4265	Erich Horn
4262	James Laznicka
4363	Tom Marketello
4271	Floyd Perkins
4300	Curtis Rayer
6091	Anthony Salciccia
3884	James Swift

CONGRATULATIONS!

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; <4574> 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*.



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

February 2009

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Super Bowl Sunday	2 Monday Dinner Tri Tip	3 Bingo 5:00 pm	4	5 Lodge 7:30pm Birthday Night 1st Round Nomination of Officers 2009-10 BBQ Tri Tip	6	7 Italian Night
8	9 Monday Dinner Apple Pork Loin	10 Bingo 5:00 pm Investigation Trustee Meeting	11	12 Lodge 7:30pm Balloting 2nd Round Nomination and Election of Officers Baked Ham	13 Frugal Friday 1/2 Chicken	14 St. Valentines Day
15	16 Monday Dinner Beef Stew in a Bread Bowl	17 Bingo 5:00 pm	18	19 Lodge 7:30pm Vote on House Rules Roast Chicken w' Chestnut	20	21
22	23 Monday Dinner Lamb Shanks & Polenta	24 Bingo 5:00 pm	25 Indoctrination	26 Lodge 7:30pm Initiation PER Night BBQ Steak	27 Frugal Friday Enchiladas	28



**RV
Club
News**

We had our January get together at Frugal Friday on Jan. 9th. We didn't quite get to standing room only, but it was close. As I looked around the room it was evident that we had a great turn out from the RV Club, other Elk members, and friends. Jeanette and Mike Mitchell, Chuck Goddard, Ed Lake, Pete Zuckswert, Montee Allen, Jack Weaver and Phil Fortier are all members of the RV group and volunteer for Frugal Fridays and helping the lodge. What a job they do! If you have not been to a Frugal Friday, you are missing a great meal at a reasonable price that also helps to support the Lodge. So, on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month, come enjoy a great meal, company and support the Lodge.

Do you have an RV? If so, how about coming out to one of our RV Club outings. We have some great outings planned for this season and that means some fantastic food and great friends. Don't let that rig sit there, come join us and set your own pace. Read, relax or join others in games and/or conversation.

February 19th to the 21st campout was at Casa de Fruta. Our thanks to Al Costa, Barbara Cardoza and Cliff and Alice Busenhart for a great weekend. Our next campout will be San Lorenzo Park, King City March 20-22. Please contact Chuck or Mary Jo Goddard to reserve your spot (831-457-2687).

If you're interested in the RV club, call me or speak to one of our members for more details. Get that RV back on the road and relax!
Wagon Master
Wayne Rustigan, 831-476-1545



**Sickness
and
Distress**

Art Auer

Crying Towel	
The following members names were drawn at the Lodge meeting on the specified dates. If you weren't there, you lost out on winning \$100, \$75, \$50, or \$25 respectively	
<u>December 18</u>	<u>January 1</u>
<i>No Meeting</i>	
<u>December 25</u>	<u>January 9</u>
	Edward West Aimee Washburn James Bockius Alex Solombko Jr

Get Your Bulletin Early

Of the 705 members in our Lodge, 79 members are receiving their *News Bulletin* by e-mail. Of those, 49 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.
Wil Parsons, PER
wilpar2@sbcglobal.net

Free Birthday Dinner

If your birthday is this month, come by the office as you enter the Lodge on the first Thursday this month and get a free dinner. ticket.



Lodge of Sorrow

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

Arthur Medina died January 12, 2009. He was a member for 47 years.

Angelo Passarino died December 24th, 2008. He was a member for 39 years

Larry Peters died December 29, 2008. He was a member for 39 years.

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

Elk of the Month

It is my pleasure to name Eric Aasen our February Elk of the Month. Not only has Eric volunteered for and helped out with our many Bar-B-Qs, but he volunteered for, created and served as chair for our Elks' Family New Years Eve Party. I am happy to report that the celebration was one of the best in recent memory. Eric and his committee of volunteers organized an event which offered "fun and games" for everybody, including the children. <3670> While the children enjoyed supervised games, movies, a bounce-house and even a "quiet room," the parents enjoyed a memorable adult New Year's Eve celebration.

Here's to Eric and his committee for a job well done. On behalf of the membership of The Santa Cruz Elks' Lodge, I offer much thanks and our warmest congratulations for being named the February 2009 Elk of the Month.

Congratulations!
Mark Swanson. ER

DEADLINE

Please e-mail your articles to wilpar2@sbcglobal.net or fax them to 831-475-4033 by the 13th of the month

Thank You!

"I would like to thank all members as well as their families and friends who joined us for a festive and fun New Years Eve Party. More than 100 adults and 58 children enjoyed a great evening of dancing and celebration, with appetizers from 5-Star Catering, and many activities for the children. What a great way to ring in the "New Year."

Special thanks for organizing and planning this event goes to my wife Karlyn, member Greg Jackson and his wife Lisa, member Paul Horvat and his wife Christina, member Laura Fernandez and her husband Verne, Holly Schipper, Jeanette Mitchell, ER Mark Swanson, and Cindy in the office for all their hard work and perseverance in seeing this function come to fruition for the first time in many years. Expect to see a bigger and better New Years Party when we ring in 2010!"

Eric Aasen
Committee Chairman

Membership Report

Report from April 1st to December 2008

Members on April 1, 2008.....	675
New Members Initiated	50
New Members affiliated by demit/transfer	2
Reinstatements	2
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	54
Members stricken for non-payment of dues . . .	11
Elks expelled	0
Transfer dimits	2
Absolute dimits	2
Members deceased since April 1, 2008.	9
TOTAL MEMBERS DROPPED	24
MEMBERS CURRENTLY ON ROLL	705
Net Gain	30
Applicants awaiting investigation	4
Applicants awaiting vote	0
Applicants awaiting initiation	0
Life Members (excluding Honorary Life)	156
Honorary Life Members	20
Elks 6 months in arrears	25
Elks 12 months in arrears	25

Office Hours

M thru F 9 am to 3 pm
 Thursday 5 pm to 7 pm

**Club Room Hours**

M-W Closed
 Thursday 11 am to 11 pm
 Friday 11 am to 1 pm

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following applications for membership, transfer dimit, or reinstatements will be investigated on **February 10, 2009**, and balloted upon at the **February 12, 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 **February 10, 2009**. Anonymous letters will not be accepted

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Ronald Randazzo	Real Estate Broker	John Hadveck
Phil Crawford	Attorney/Professor	Kevin Crawford
Fred Karst	Retired	Kurt Karst
William Prouty	Retired	Henry Crook
Norman Gruczelak	Retired	Malcolm Macaulay, PER
Anthony O'Neil	Sales	T/D San Luis Obispo #322
Eric Herrick	Retired	C/R Yreka #1980

Trustee Report

As you know Bingo is now running and we have been adjusting the payout rates, etc. to try to maximize the participation and profitability. The progress is satisfactory and we are optimistic that more progress will be made.

On the expense side, the thermostat on the heater in the gym failed, but we have turned this into a positive. The old thermostat was replaced with a new programmable thermostat where we will be able to control the temperature both more accurately and shut it down in the middle of the night when not required. This will be a cost reduction. At the same time it was discovered that there was an exhaust fan sucking the warm air from the gym 24-7. A change has been made that will also be a significant cost reduction.

A few months ago a water leak in the landscape piping, that has existed for years, was found and repaired and the water and sewer bill has dropped by over \$100 per month.

The agreement with Five Star Catering was extended for another year and slightly modified. They have done a great job of providing a full time employee at the Lodge to assist in booking and arranging for weddings and special events. Use this free service for your events. The bookings are filling up and this is a major benefit to the club. <6850>

I have mentioned the major capital requirements that the club faces without the resources to meet them at this time, i.e., parking lot paving and new roof requirements. Well now we are faced with a new requirement. There has been a national law passed that adds a safety feature regarding the water drain for all swimming pools except pools in private homes. This change will apparently be required before the summer pool is opened and has a cost of approximately \$5,000.

Jim Cavanah

**Santa Cruz Elks Lodge #824
Officers 2008-2009**

Exalted Ruler	Mark Swanson
Leading Knight	Alan Cherry
Loyal Knight	Kyle York
Lecturing Knight	George Hood
Secretary	Malcolm Macaulay, PER
Treasurer	Ken Reaves, PER
Esquire	Robert Zarembo
Tiler	Gino Hernandez
Chaplain	Marcus Supan
Inner Guard	Clarence "Curly" Tisdial
1 Year Trustee	Larry Violante, PER
2 Year Trustee	Robert Bowman PER
3 Year Trustee	Paul Violante
4 Year Trustee	Pat Kleinert, PER
5 Year Trustee	Jim Cavanah
Pianist	Art Auer
Bulletin Editor	Wil Parsons, PER
Webmaster	John Greathouse

District Deputy

Les Yeffa

Past District Deputies

Thomas S. Brazier, PDDGER 2002-03

District Leaders

Hon. Thomas Brazier, PDDGER
 Catherine "Kitty" Tufford, PDDGER

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*.

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: 7010 *Helen Dowling*, 6958 *Jess Pimentel*, 3625 *Berj Marker*, 3911 *Charles Bush*.