

Exalted Ruler's Message

Happy New Year! I hope the New Year finds you all healthy and happy. Here's to a fine 2009! December offered much to remember. From the reverent memory and honoring of those in uniform as we flew our flags at half staff over the "infamy" of Pearl Harbor to honoring the birth of our Savior, to yet, another legendary visit from St. Nick.

December was a memory-maker for Santa Cruz Elks members, their friends and families. Beginning with a reverent and respectful Elks' Memorial Service, and moving on through our Chris Sana Tom & Jerry Gathering, the Adopt-a-Family Program, our Family Storytelling-Santa-and--Dinner Celebration, the Skills Center Holiday Party and ending with our New Year's Eve Celebration. The month had members, family, and friends sharing memories and making new ones.

It is my hope that all you memory-makers who attended these events had a wonderful time. I invite you to join me in a heart-felt "thank you" to all the memory-making volunteers who made these events possible. <7010> After the chaos and pressure of the holiday season, January always signals a return to the normal routine, as well as a time of renewal, which offers the opportunity for even more Elks-care-Elks-share-memory-making. I invite you to care, share and make a memory by volunteering for and/or attending any of our on-going activities. There are many from which to choose: Monday Night Dinners, Tuesday Night Bingo, Thursday Night Lodge Meetings and Dinner, Frugal Fridays and various specialty offerings.

Make it a fine 2009 by renewing your commitment to our lodge. Remember, you are not only the life-blood of our lodge, but the energy which makes the Elks-care-Elks-share-wheel-go-round. Now, let's all get out there and make some memories!

Fraternally yours,

Mark Swanson, ER

Elks Drug Awareness Program

The Elks Drug Awareness Program has once again teamed with Marvel Entertainment and the federal government's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to bring you the *Hard Choices* comic book, featuring Marvel Super Heroes and Elroy the Elk in a battle against underage drinking!

Hard Choices is designed to educate fourth- through eighth-graders about the perils of underage drinking. In October 2008, almost 800,000 comic books were sent to select elementary and middle schools in Elks communities across the nation.

Want to see Elroy the Elk and his Superhero friends in *Hard Choices*? Look no further. This year, the comic is available in digital format at:

[www.elks.org/dap/marvel.cfm#
Calling All Super Heroes!](http://www.elks.org/dap/marvel.cfm#CallingAllSuperHeroes!)

Hard Choices features the **Elks Drug Awareness Program Heroes Essay Contest** for kids in 4th through 8th grade. The 2009 contest will run from October 15, 2008, through January 31, 2009. See the above website for all the super details!

There are all sorts of fun Marvel prizes. You have to enter to win, so be sure to spread the word. The Grand Prize winner will appear in a Marvel comic book with his or her favorite Marvel Superhero!

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

*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 Cacciatori
Italian Meat Balls
Genovese Ravili Bolognese

SALADS

Antipasto Caesar Salad
Caprese, Tomato & Fresh Mozzarella
Artichokes

DESSERT

Tira Misu

Mario Esposito PER, Chairman

Card Players Wanted

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

Contact: Paul Costa, 429-8218,

for more information

DEADLINE

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

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.

Wil Parsons, PER

Editor/Publisher

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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.*

Humor

Only in America

.....do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.

Only in America

.....do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.

Only in America

.....do we use the word 'politics' to describe the process so well:

'Poli' in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures'.

Only in America

.....do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering!

Bulletin Articles Wanted

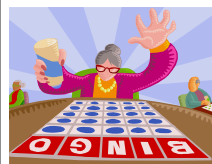
Noteworthy events and personalities involved should be reported as they occur or soon to occur. If you are a chairperson or otherwise privy to an item of interest — past, present, or future — please send the information to me by the 13th of the month or drop it off at the office.

My email address is:

wilpar2@sbcglobal.net

Phone/fax: 831-475-4033

Wil Parsons, PER



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

January 2009

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Happy New Year	2	3
4	5 Monday Night Dinner Enchiladas	6 Bingo 5:00 pm	7	8 Lodge 7:30pm Birthday Night Pot Roast	9 Frugal Friday Steak	10
11	12 Monday Night Dinner Steak	13 Bingo 5:00 pm Investigation Trustee Meeting	14	15 Lodge 7:30pm Balloting Lemon Taragon Chicken Breast	16	17
18	19 Monday Night Dinner Chicken Parmesan	20 Bingo 5:00 pm	21	22 Lodge 7:30pm Seafood Crepes	23 Frugal Friday Ribs	24
25	26 Monday Night Dinner Prawns	27 Bingo 5:00 pm	28 Indoctrination	29 Lodge 7:30pm Initiation BBQ Steak	30	31

ELK OF THE MONTH

January's Elk of the Month shows up on my candidates' list each month, and has, in fact, already been named Elk of the Month this past year.

Think: B.P.O.E. December saw her go so far above and beyond even her usual- above-and-beyond sharing and caring for our lodge. She coordinated dinners, prepared and served a wonderful luncheon <3625 >for our Memorial Service, decked our lodge with boughs of holly, was a Santa's helper for our Christmas party, was a major force behind our Adopt-a-Family Program, and still carved out time to sit in for the Lecturing Knight at our regular meetings. .

It is my honor and pleasure to name my good friend and fellow Elk, Jeanette Mitchell, the first Elk of the Month for 2009. When you see her at the lodge, which is always, take the time to thank her for all of her hard work and dedication to our lodge. She exemplifies that B.P.O.E. truly does mean "Best People on Earth." Thank you, Jeanette and congratulations on being one of the B.P.O.E. and our January 2009 Elk of the Month.

Fraternally yours,
Mark Swanson, ER

Sickness and Distress



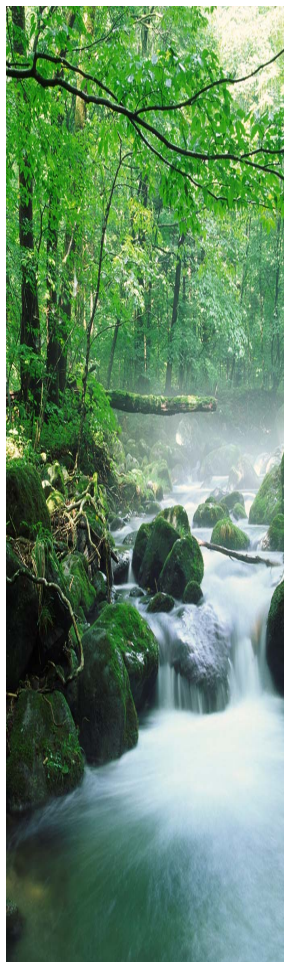
Robert Bowman PER
William Simas PER

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>November 20</u> William Sarow PER George Mungai Paul Quilici Pamela Maynez	<u>December 4</u> Joe Parker Atillio Cantoni Sunny Stickel Hallie Carl
<u>November 27</u> No Meeting	<u>December 11</u> Rusty Ferguson Steven Yeffa John Comelli Larry Evans

*A friend
Is someone
Who reached
For your hand
And touched
Your heart.*



Lodge of Sorrow

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

Marvin Shaw died November 29, 2008, a member for 42 years

The Lodge extends its deepest sympathy to the families of this departed member.



RV Club News

Here we are in 2009, a new President of the United States about to begin his term and great hopes that everything is going to start getting better. My wish to all is that the new year brings health, happiness and prosperity.

The RV club has had a pretty great year, new members, lots of great food and great companionship. I think 2008 was our best year for a long time having participation at camp outs. We also were able to donate \$414.25 to the Purple Pig Fund from book sales (Renie Leaman) and a silent auction thought up by Chuck and Mary Jo Goddard.

Today was our Christmas Brunch at Peachwood. We had 44 in attendance and we all had a great time. <6958>

Sorry more of our members could not have come but we all hope everyone had a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

If you have an RV and wish to come as a guest or join, please contact one of our members and let them know, my number is 831-476-1545, and we will see that we get hooked up. Our camp out locations this year look really great. Casa de Fruta, San Lorenzo Park in King City, French Camp in Manteca, Half Moon Bay and Laguna Seca to list a few. Our next get together is January 9th, Frugal Friday at the Lodge.

Help our Lodge and come have a great meal at Frugal Fridays put on by Jeanette Mitchell and her crew.

Wayne Rustigan
Wagon Master

Get Your Bulletin Early

Of the 704 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

Membership Report

April 1st 2008 to December 2008

Members on April 1, 2008.	675
New Members Initiated	48
New Members affiliated by demit/transfer	1
Reinstatements	2
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS	51
Members stricken for non-payment of dues	11
Elks expelled	0
Transfer dimits	2
Absolute dimits	2
Members deceased since April 1, 2008.	7
TOTAL MEMBERS DROPPED	22
MEMBERS CURRENTLY ON ROLL	704
Net Gain	29
Applicants awaiting investigation	1
Applicants awaiting vote	0
Applicants awaiting initiation	2
Life Members (excluding Honorary Life)	158
Honorary Life Members	20
Elks 6 months in arrears	28
Elks 12 months in arrears	26

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*.

\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 dimits, or reinstatements will be investigated on **January 13, 2009**, and balloted upon at the **January 15, 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 **January 15, 2009**. Anonymous letters will not be accepted

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Hilary Weaver	Paramedic	Greg Jackson
John Marden III	Teacher	Edward Finley
Cheryl Grijalva	Receptionist	Gary Nickel PER
Steve Childress	N/A	Al Costa

INITIATED DECEMBER 4TH

<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Kevin Crawford	Kurt Karst
Corrina Dilloughery	Kurt Karst
Jay Devore, Jr.,	C/R Paradise Lodge #2026

Women Quotes

Whatever women do they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good. Luckily, this is not difficult.

Charlotte Whitton

Guys are like dogs. They keep coming back. Ladies are like cats. Yell at a cat one time...they're gone.

Lenny Bruce

I love women. They're the best thing ever created. If they want to be like men and come down to our level, that's fine.

Mel Gibson

I wonder why it is, that young men are always cautioned against bad girls. Anyone can handle a bad girl. It's the good girls men should be warned against.

David Niven

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.

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*.

**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	Kyle York

District Deputy

Les Yeffa

Past District Deputies

Thomas S. Brazier, PDDGER 2002-03

District Leaders

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

Elks Finest

A great way to serve your lodge and your community is as an Elks Officer.

Besides conducting rituals at lodge meetings, the officers are the first to know of events and activities.

Officers are elected or appointed for one-year terms. Any member is eligible. If you have recently joined, or been inactive for a while, this is an easy way to find out what's happening now. <3911> Call Leading Knight Alan Cherry at 429-1874 for more information!

