

## Exalted Ruler's Message

As I reflect upon my six years in the chairs and this past year, serving as your exalted ruler, if I've learned anything, it is that B.P.O.E. truly does have a dual meaning. This, being my final message as your E.R. prompts me to thank you, the membership, for the privilege, honor and pleasure of serving you and being your representative to Grand Lodge, state and local events. It was an honor to represent Santa

Cruz Lodge this past year. (Tuesday night is Bingo Night!)

Also, I must thank the Trustees, Treasurer, Secretary and office staff, Five Star Catering, the employees of the lodge, the guys in the card room and bar and my 2008-09 Corps of Officers for making this a most memorable year. Also, a special "shout-out" to the R.V. Club, the ex-shore birds and Monday Night and Frugal Friday crews for all of your continued service and support of the Lodge. (Tuesday night is Bingo Night!)

Certainly, a closing message would be incomplete without sending special thanks, as well, to the Gold DiggERS and our wonderful and classy advisors, Mike and Jeanette Mitchell. (Tuesday night is Bingo Night!)

As I sum up this reflection, <1326> the result really is certainly a BIG "Thank You" to everyone who, through their deeds, proved to me that B.P.O.E. really does mean: Best People on Earth.

Fraternally yours,  
Mark Swanson, ER

## Elks Care Elks Share Closet

Our Elks Care; Elks Share Closet is beautifully stocked and open! We are located in the Cloak Room, just off the entrance to the Lodge room. There is no check-in or out; just take what you like, leave what you like.

To date we are stocked with:

- Stunning purses and shoes
- Beautiful scarves and sweaters
- Smart business attire
- Classy after-five and evening wear
- Men's dress shirts

We are open to Elks members and their families. You are welcome to take, swap and/or donate!

Cheers,  
Beverly Swanson  
First Lady

## CHRISTMAS CHEER

In December, we hosted our annual Christmas party for the developmentally disabled adults in our community. The day included a hamburger lunch and donated desserts. A DJ magically appeared to spin tunes for our guests to enjoy and a local dance troop came in for additional entertainment. Even Santa showed up as well. Elks and community members worked together to make this a great event.

Thanks to the following Elks for their volunteer hours:  
Curly Tisdial, Bruce Bentley, Eunice Baker, Jim Baker, Donna Comelli, Vern Lillehaugen, Mark Swanson, Alan Cherry  
*Pat & Rich Kleinert,*  
Co-chairs

## ENF Programs

The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We provide tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with a healthy beginning; honor the Elks' pledge to never forget our veterans; help the state Elks associations accomplish their charitable objectives and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

At its February 14, 2008, meeting, the Elks National Foundation Board of Trustees approved the Foundation's appropriations and distributions. In doing so, the ENF will distribute a record \$17,071,246.00 during the 2009-10 year.

# 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

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Installation of Officers

In Honor of

*Alan Cherry*

And his Corps of Officers

You are cordially invited

Sunday, March 29th at 11:00 am.

Lunch will follow

Twenty dollars per person

R. S. V. P. By March 26th

(831) 466-3090

## 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*.

## 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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## AWARDS NIGHT MARCH 26th

Please plan to attend the dinner during which time the Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year, etc., will be announced. At this time, ER Mark Swanson will also honor members who have been members of the Lodge for 50 years or more

## Happy Easter

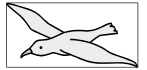
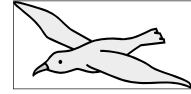
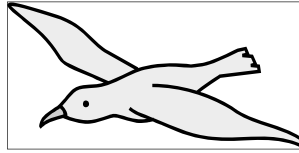
5-Star Catering will be serving Easter Brunch on Sunday April 12th from 10am to 2pm at the SC Elks Lodge.

\$25/adult, \$15/child under 12. Reservations strongly recommended. Call 466-3090.

## KUDO'S TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

We have an awesome crew of volunteers in the kitchen & BBQ areas! Thank them when you see them as they never miss an event unless they are out of town or ill. We have just started on our 4th year of Monday Nights and the 5th of Frugal Fridays! Audrey Johnson from up on the hill who comes because she cares & is friends with members, Darla (Hayward) Belshe has been part of Fridays since the first one & Mondays, Vern Lillehaugen has worked Monday nights since the beginning with Mario, Montee Allen does all 3 -BBQ, Mondays, & Fridays, Gino Hernandez when he can AND bbq'd Oysters for us now & then, Allen Cherry started last Fall & also helps clear up, Marilyn Crook when health allows, our recently retired Executive Baker Bob Bowman PER, & the new Pastry Chef Karen Lechner. BBQ'ers Ed Lake & Crew, Steve Johnson & Crew, our bartender Jack Weaver & his helpers, & when he can, Mike Mitchell who fits in everywhere. THANK YOU ALL!

*Jeanette Mitchell*



## 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

**March 2009**

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Monday Dinner  Calamari	3 Bingo 5:00 pm	4	5 Lodge 7:30pm Birthday Night  Skirt Steak	6	7
8	9 Monday Dinner  Turkey Dinner	10 Bingo 5:00 pm Trustee Meeting Investigation	11	12 Lodge 7:30pm Balloting  Herb Crusted Pork Loin	13 Frugal Friday  Steak	14
15	16 Monday Dinner  Corned Beef & Cabbage	16 Bingo 5:00 pm	18	19 Lodge <b>8:00pm</b> Law Enforcement Night Tri Tip	20	21
22	23 Monday Dinner  Enchiladas	24 Bingo 5:00 pm	25 Indoctrination	26 Awards Night Initiation  BBQ Steak	27  <u>No</u> Frugal Friday	28
29	30 Monday Dinner  Prawns	31 Bingo 5:00 pm	31			

## 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  
[wilpar2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wilpar2@sbcglobal.net)

## An Adventure Waits in Portland, Oregon in 2009

The Oregon State Elks Association, sponsor PGER James W. Damon and local Chairman Lowell E. Hootman, extend to you and your state of Elks, their spouses and families, an invitation to attend the 145th Grand Lodge Convention being held in Portland, Oregon, from July 5 to 9, 2009. It will be an adventure you will never forget.

## Embarrassing Medical Exams

A man comes into the ER and yells, 'My wife's going to have her baby in the cab!' I grabbed my stuff, rushed out to the cab, lifted the lady's dress, and began to take off her underwear. Suddenly I noticed that there were several cabs — and I was in the wrong one.

Submitted by Dr. Mark MacDonald, San Francisco



## Sickness and Distress



Bruce Clark  
 Charles Elmore, PER  
 William Simas, PER  
 Steven Yeffa  
 Chuck Goddard  
 Barney Langner

## 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.

<p><u>January 15</u>                  George Ash                  David Madsen                  Tony Franceschini                  Art Weeks</p>	<p><u>February 5</u>                  John Lake                  Burt Taylor III                  Gary Pezzi                  Renee Sharp</p>
<p><u>January 22</u>                  Tim Brown</p> <p><b>Curly Tisdial won \$75</b></p>	<p><u>February 12</u>                  Barbara Lawrence                  John Callahan                  Ron Downing                  Chuck Cheatham</p>
<p><u>January 29</u>                  Art Weeks                  John Aguilar                  Wm. Sarow, PER                  L. E. Nichol</p>	

## Elks Magazine Online

**Welcome!** The Elks Magazine is published 10 times per year for the one million members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America. If you'd like to submit fraternal news, please check out our [fraternal news guidelines](#)

## Lodge of Sorrow

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

Joseph Bertoli, Jr. died on January 27, 2009. He was a member for more than 23 years

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

## Elk of the Month

Keeping with my duality theme of B.P.O.E., I name, with extreme pleasure, one of the Best People On Earth, Rich Kleinert, the March Elk of the Month. Rich has been my "go-to-guy" on lodge night when I needed a fill-in, be it Esquire, Chaplain, or any other position.

Recently, he spent considerable time and effort, as well as, personal expense, to honor our past District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers with a beautiful, new display in the Lodge Room. <6706> Due to the aging of some of the photos, professional enhancements were necessary, which Rich carefully supervised. As well, Rich had each photo adorned with an impressive brass plaque commemorating each ER and PDDGER year. A job well done!

Along with many other lodge activities, Rich also serves as Ritual Coach for our incoming Corps of Officers. Thank you, Rich, for your hard work and dedication to our Lodge, and congratulations on being named the March 2009 Elk of the Month! Fraternally yours, Mark Swanson, ER

## Golf Tournament '09

The attendance of the Santa Cruz Elks Annual Golf Tournament has been declining for years. Last year the tournament was canceled as only four teams signed up, and I had assumed it would not be revived this year. However, several folks have approached me inquiring about it. Before I expend too much energy, I would like to know if people would like a golf tournament in '09. If revived, I'm thinking of possibly moving it. I need a firm commitment from at least twenty full teams (80 people), and at least five members for the committee.

If you are interested in either playing or being on the committee, or have any other questions or comments, please send an email to

[golf@santacruzels.org](mailto:golf@santacruzels.org)

or leave me a note at the office.

Thank You,  
 Kyle York,  
 Golf Committee Chair

## Get Your Bulletin Early

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.


Wil Parsons, PER  
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## Membership Report

April 1st 2008 to January 2009

Members on April 1, 2008. . . . .	675
New Members Initiated . . . . .	53
New Members affiliated by demit/transfer . . . . .	2
Reinstatements . . . . .	2
<b>TOTAL NEW MEMBERS . . . . .</b>	<b>57</b>
Members stricken for non-payment of dues . . . . .	11
Elks expelled . . . . .	0
Transfer dimits . . . . .	2
Absolute dimits . . . . .	2
Members deceased since April 1, 2008. . . . .	12
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS DROPPED . . . . .</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>MEMBERS CURRENTLY ON ROLL . . . . .</b>	<b>705</b>
<b>Net Gain . . . . .</b>	<b>30</b>
Applicants awaiting investigation . . . . .	7
Applicants awaiting vote . . . . .	0
Applicants awaiting initiation . . . . .	0
Life Members (excluding Honorary Life) . . . . .	154
Honorary Life Members . . . . .	20
Elks 6 months in arrears . . . . .	23
Elks 12 months in arrears . . . . .	24

<b>Office Hours</b>		<b>Club Room Hours</b>
M thru F 9 am to 3 pm		M-W Closed
Thursday 5 pm to 7 pm		Thursday 11 am to 11 pm Friday 11 am to 1 pm

**NO APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP THIS MONTH?????**

<u>INITIATION</u>	
<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Cheryl Grijalva Jphn P. Marden III Hilary Weaver	Gary Nickel, PER Edward Finley Greg Jackson

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

The following applications for membership, transfer dimit, or reinstatements will be investigated on **March 10, 2008**, and balloted upon at the **March 12, 2008**. 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 **March 10, 2008**. Anonymous letters will not be accepted

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Jennifer Mankins Robert Camacho Arthur "Skip" Barnes	Sales Mortgage Broker	Juli Ann Sanderson Kurt Karst Reinstatement

**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



**Purple Pig Donations**

For contributions to the CHEA Major Project, the newest members of our "52 Club" are *Eric Aasen, Bill Ekwall, Dennis Maynez, Duke Overton, Chuck Perston, Michael Roske, Jesse Sanchez, Wayne Shada, and Art Weybright*. Current members of our "Century Club" are *John Hadveck, Gino Hernandez, Ian Mackenzie, Dale O'Rourke, and Kyle York*.

Other members have sent contributions directly to CHEA. Please remember to turn in your Purple Pigs and bring your contribution up to the \$52 or \$100 level. I encourage everyone to support this wonderful Elks program!  
*Alan Cherry*

**DEADLINE**

Please e-mail your articles to  
[wilpar2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wilpar2@sbcglobal.net)  
or fax them to 831-475-4033

**Card Players Wanted**

Every Thursday, 8:00 am til 6:00 pm  
Contact: Paul Costa, 429-8218,  
for more information

**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: *3233 Howard Essegian, 4574 Duane Watters, 3670 Allan Zuckswert, 6850 Joseph Galea*.