

Well, it's time for my second article and I have a bit of thanking to go out. We had a great turnout for our Annual Easter Party for the families. Glenn Wallace and his wife, Alyssa, for getting together a great crew to work with the children. They did a fantastic job of dying eggs decorating cookies and making bunnies. I would also like to thank the Guerrero's, Hurt and Fisher cooking crews,

The new Officers of the Lodge were installed on April 4th. I would like to thank Marty Mello for acting as the Grand Exalted Ruler and overseeing the proceedings. I would also like to thank all of the installing Officers for taking

their time for this event. Hope Tapia did a fine job selling tickets for the dinner. I heard many compliments from our guests. I wish to thank all of the visiting Elks and our own members who attended.

I also want to thank the Cioppino Cooking Crew for another year of hard work for a great dinner. And, finally, a thank you for the Karaoke from Bill and Tracy Seward.

We are still in need of a Leading Knight, Esquire and Inner Guard. I hope some of you will step up and help our Officers.

State Convention is coming up sooner that I would like. It's May 13th through the 16th this year.

Remember, all guests must be signed in at the bar and any member that has been dropped from our roster cannot be admitted, even as a guest.

Thank you,
David Eddy, Exalted Ruler

Meeting Dates

May 13
May 27

May 10
Mother's Day Brunch

May 13, 14 and 15
Convention

May 25
Memorial Day
Lodge Closed - NO BINGO

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Mother's Day Brunch

Our Annual Mother's Day Brunch will be held on Sunday, the 10th of May, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The cost is \$6.00 for children 10 & under and \$12.00 for adults.

Mother's of Elks and Elk's wives, who are mothers, are free.

Please RSVP by May 4th, to the Office.

Call 662-9138 for more information



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- Ted R. Carrion (Mary) 1966-67
- Thomas Gravink (Jane) 1972-73
- Romeo Losoya (Joyce) 1973-74
- William Southard (Maddie) 1974-75
- William Hartwig (Vicki) 1975-76
- Bob Alspaugh (Pat) 1977-78
- Al Soga (Phyllis) 1978-79
- Ron Fritz (JoAnn) 1980-81
- Herb Caudill (Ann) 1981-82
- Tony Leone (Barbara) 1982-83
- Ron Goselin (Connie) 1983-84
- Dale Ebbinghausen (Evelyn) 1985-86
- Bob Doud (Robin) 1986-87
- Rod Battaglia 1987-88
- Carl Rocksvold (Danielle) 1989-90
- Albert "Mel" Santos II 1992-93
- Jeffrey McGuire (Mary) 1993-94
- Jon Tuscher 1994-95
- Roy Drilling (Patricia) 1995-96
- Craig Lowart (Pam) 1997-98
- David Wyrsh 1999-00
- Juan Garcia Jr. (Leisah) 2000-01
- Perry Niehues (Carole) 2001-02
- Bill Hurt 2002-03
- Malcolm Fenner (Chris) 2003-04
- Marty Mello (Debra) 2004-05
- Dave Eddy (Kathy) 2005-06
- Don Hall (Joyce) 2006-07
- Brian Flemmer (Debbie) 2007-08
- Bruce Newman (Pam) 2008-09

PAST STATE VICE PRESIDENTS

- Tom Gravink 1980-81
 - Herb Caudill 1988-89
 - Bob Doud 1991-92
- PDDGER
- Tom Gravink 1985-86
 - Bob Doud 1993-94

From the Secretary:

Our calendar year for 2009-2010 is well underway. Many members have volunteered to hold our events, but we still have need for more volunteers. If you volunteer, you will have plenty of help. Anyone with some suggestions for events, please let me know.

On May 13-16, our Exalted Ruler, Dave Eddy and his Officers, Lecturing Knight Steve Gravink, Trustee Tom Gravink and I will attend the CHEA State Convention in Ontario, CA. With our Lodge participating in this convention, we can stay abreast with all of the new changes at the State and National level.

We, as members of the Elks must promote the programs of the Grand Lodge and encourage our members to participate in our charitable work. One of the cardinal principles of our Elks Lodge is charity. We have met many requests in our community by our volunteers and our Bingo on Monday Nights.

Vince Guerrero, Secretary



As of this writing approximately 60% of the 2009-10 dues have been paid, this is good. Did you receive your “early bird” sticker? Remember that by paying your membership dues you’ve become a member of one of America’s best fraternal organization.



**Officers
for
2009-2010**

Exalted Ruler	Dave Eddy	1 Year Trustee	John Suhr
Leading Night	Vacant	2 Year Trustee	Kent Henderson
Loyal Knight	Bill Seward	3 Year Trustee	Don Gray
Lecturing Knight	Steve Gravink	4 Year Trustee	Cliff Simes
Secretary	Vince Guerrero	5 Year Trustee	Tom Gravink
Treasurer	Bill Butler		
Tiler	Betsy Noble		
Esquire	Vacant		
Chaplain	Polo Esparza		
Inner Guard	Vacant		



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Membership

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From the Trustees

Dear Members,

A new Lodge year has begun and we are working on the annual budget. The Trustees we have at the present time are very interested in the well being of the Lodge. The Trustees have a limited scope as to what their duties consist of. We must prepare the Lodge budget (not the house committee budget), make a monthly safety inspection of the premises and be responsible for all maintenance and physical assets of the lodge. The Trustees must also keep a record of all Lodge investments and are responsible for the rental property. Any contracts the Lodge approves must be signed by the Trustees.

Our Lodge building is 83 years old and it shows. Preventive maintenance is an on going challenge. One idea to meet this challenge is to have a voluntary maintenance crew that would meet at the Lodge once a week, look at the list of what needs to be done and go do it. This has worked well in other lodges. If all the retired carpenters, plumbers, electricians, painters, plasterers would make themselves available the task would not fall on just a couple of overworked volunteers. If you think you might be interested leave a note in my box at the Lodge office.

Four years from now Woodland 1299 will celebrate its 100 year anniversary. Now is the time to start planning our celebration. The years will go by faster than you think.

Sincerely and Fraternally - Tom Gravink PDD

From the Chair of the Lecturing Knight

First of all let me introduce myself. My name is Steve Gravink and I've been a member of the Elks for 7 years. And yes, I am related to Tom, but I am only his nephew, so don't hold it against me! I've been married to my wonderful wife Debbie for 26 years and we have twin 20 year old boys - Nicholas and Christopher. These last few weeks I've been studying for the Ritual Contest, and with all of the meetings, practices and dinners, I find my calendar has been awful busy! One of my goals is to try to get more of our **618** members involved in the activities of the Lodge. I've heard from some of the members that the Lodge isn't fun anymore. Being new I don't know what kind of fun the Lodge had in the past and I would really like to hear what our **618** members would like to have changed to make it more fun so more members will participate in the activities of the Lodge. I plan on being an Officer for at least 5 more years, and changes can be made. If you are really interested in changing our Lodge so we can get more participation, please talk to me down at the Lodge or contact me on my home phone at 661-0951 or my cell phone 867-5846.

Fraternally
Steve Gravink, Lecturing Knight

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This is important!

A new addition to our Bylaws:

No beverage may be taken out of the West Lounge by a member or a guest when there is a private function being held in the Dining Hall or East Lounge.

No member, nor his or her guest will interfere with any private function held at the Lodge.



Balloting and Affiliation

Requesting Life Membership are Brothers OB Lowe and Ray Perkins and Kenny Han. Balloting for these members will be held at the May 13th meeting.

John Wheeler is requesting affiliation into our Lodge by Reinstatement. This request will also be voted upon during the May 13th meeting.

Please respect McNary's parking lot . They have been very generous by allowing the Elks to park in their lot. No all day parking is allowed. Please don't leave your vehicles in the parking lot overnight. When the funeral sign is out, do not use their parking lot.

Friday Night Dinner



Elk Member Brian Christison and his wife Ann, are shown helping their little girl color an Easter egg during the Family Easter Party held on the 5th of April.

The best beef tacos and chicken enchiladas will be served at a Mexican Dinner on Friday, May 1 at 6:30 pm. Rice and beans will also be served.



Please come early before all of the food is gone!
The cost for dinner is \$10.00 each.

Woodland Elks Lodge Charities

Following is a compilation of our charities donations for the year 2008-2009.

Participants: 13,376 Elks Miles: 2,092
Number of Elks: 1,715 Helpers Hours: 1,340
Number of Helpers: 214 Helpers Miles: 671

Elk Hours: 2,198

No Cash Value

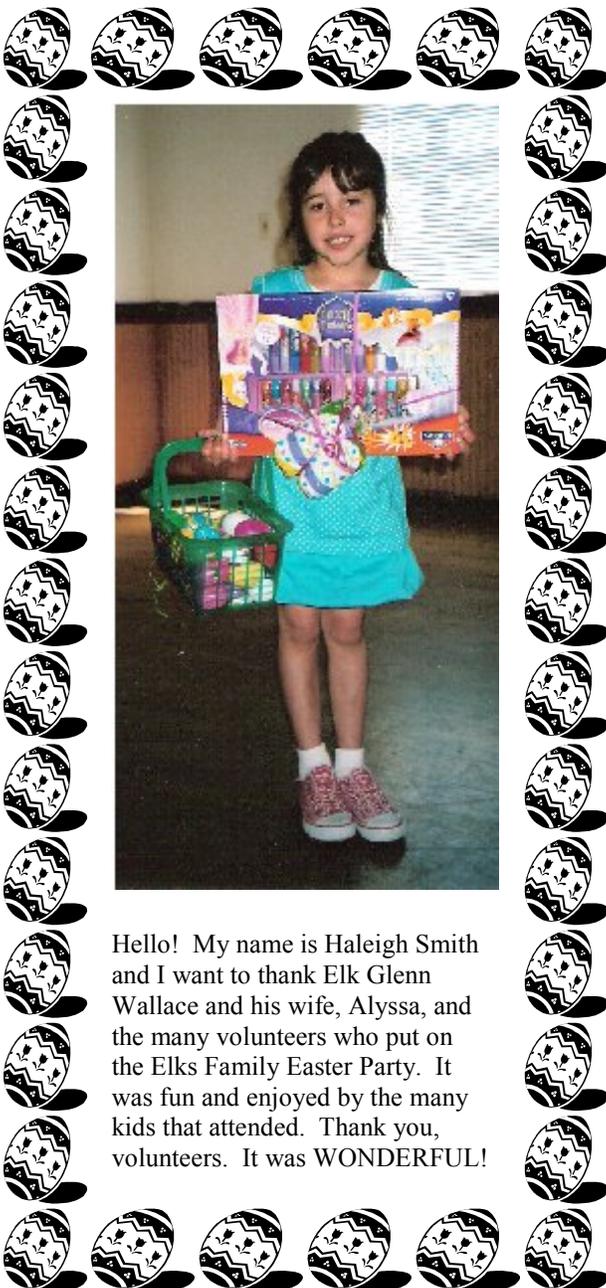
\$35,850

Total: \$82,200

Cash Rendered

\$46,350

Bingo



Hello! My name is Haleigh Smith and I want to thank Elk Glenn Wallace and his wife, Alyssa, and the many volunteers who put on the Elks Family Easter Party. It was fun and enjoyed by the many kids that attended. Thank you, volunteers. It was WONDERFUL!



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On Saturday night, April 4th, the following Officers for 2009-2010 were installed.

Shown above are Chaplain Polo Esparza, Tiler Betsy Noble, Trustee PER Tom Gravink, Treasurer Bill Butler, Secretary Vince Guerrero, Lecturing Knight Steve Gravink, Loyal Knight Bill Seward and Exalted Ruler Dave Eddy. Standing next to ER Dave Eddy is Grand Esquire Roy Drilling.

MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>Birthdays will now be listed in each day of the month on the calendar so they will be easier to find.</p>				<p>1 Friday Night Mexican Dinner 6:30 pm <i>James Imbach Ed Brown Harold Roberts</i></p>	<p>2 Breakfast DO: Guerrero</p>
<p>3 <i>Kevin Findley Tom Fowler Craig Lowart Douglas Wharton</i></p>	<p>4 BINGO  <i>Frank Carrion Buzz Walden</i></p>	<p>5 <i>David Molinaro Rickey Murphy</i></p>	<p>6 Taco Night WE NEED COOKS! <i>Tom Gravink Dick Hoppin</i></p>	<p>7 <i>Sebastian Lopez Jim Naekel</i></p>	<p>8 <i>Bob Button Robert Dixon Al Soga</i></p>	<p>9 Breakfast DO: Noble</p>
<p>10 MOTHER'S DAY <i>Glenn Wallace Robert Winchester</i></p>	<p>11 BINGO  <i>Ronald Pearson</i></p>	<p>12 <i>Herb Caudill Dale Johnson</i></p>	<p>13 Convention Dinner Meeting Duddley's Meat Loaf <i>Darren Ball Dennis Gorman Bob Santoni</i></p>	<p>14 Convention <i>Ronnie Moore</i></p>	<p>15 Convention</p>	<p>16 Breakfast DO: Esparza <i>Ben Barrow</i></p>
<p>17 <i>Robert Eveland Mike Youngmark</i></p>	<p>18 BINGO  <i>Jeff Dyer</i></p>	<p>19 <i>John Carbahal Manny Carbahal</i></p>	<p>20 Spaghetti Dinner Eddy <i>Charles Huff Fred McGrew</i></p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 NO Breakfast DO: Suhr <i>Kevin Hollowell Lyle Jensen Tony Leone</i></p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25 Memorial Day Lodge Closed NO BINGO <i>Richard Leonard</i></p>	<p>26 <i>Edward Conley</i></p>	<p>27 Meeting Clam Chowder and Prawns Suhr <i>Ken Atkins Andy Nantz Jeff Swanson</i></p>	<p>28 Blood Bank <i>Sidney Whitaker</i></p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 NO Breakfast DO: Henderson <i>Johnnie Pike</i></p>
<p>31 <i>Charles Geyer</i></p>	<p>We need a Cooking Crew for <u>EVERY 4th Monday</u> of the month.</p>					

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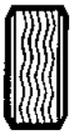
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