



Since things didn't work out as planned, I guess I'll be around for a few more months. I realize that's not something that was planned, but I will continue as needed.

I just came back from Grand Lodge Convention in Portland, and it was very interesting. They are striving for the Lodges to comply with our rules as we are constantly being viewed by everyone with whom we have licenses or permits to operate. We are not a corner bar and have to comply, not only with the federal, state and county laws, but the laws of our order. That has not happened here for years and we are in, or were in, violation of many things. We are trying to get back to Elkdom and being a private organization.

One thing we don't need is rumors at the bar. As always, if you want to know why we do the things we do, come to a meeting, a Governing Board meeting or a Trustee meeting. They are open to all members and you can voice your opinion and get the facts. We are not to speak about Lodge business at the bar, with each other or the bartender. If you wish to talk business, come to a meeting. We are looking forward to our volunteer bartenders, but all bartenders will go by the rules.

Starting in August, we will be sending out the Bugle every other month. That means that the August Bugle will contain both August and September information. This will save our Lodge several hundred dollars a month. Some dinners may not be in the Bugle, as they are not scheduled at this time. Please come in and check the signs behind the bar or on the bulletin board.

In closing, let's make this a Lodge that we can say lives up to the reputation that Elk's deserve.

Thank you,

Dave Eddy, Exalted Ruler

Meeting Dates

August 12 Meeting
8:00 pm
District Deputy Visit

September 9 Meeting
8:00 pm
Gray Coat

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8:00 pm
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Puttin' on the Hits

Fellow members, I am waiting patiently by my phone for it to ring... and the person on the other end to volunteer to be in the November 6 "Puttin' on the Hits" Show. I know it's still early. The fact of the matter is that the sooner I get the show lined up the better I'll sleep. It's a lot of fun and it's only one night. There is the matter of getting up on stage in front of 500 people, but don't worry, the audience is great. Come on, step up! You'll be signing autographs in the lobby!

Patently waiting,
Rod Battaglia - PER

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PAST EXALTED RULERS

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
John Wheeler (Debbie)	1990-91
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



VISITATION

On August 11, North Central District Deputy Mel Keeter will visit our Lodge. All officers, and chairmen will attend and make their reports, either written or oral. He will arrive at 5:30 pm for his business visitation, then return Wednesday, August 12 for his official visitation at 6:00 pm. He will be our guest for dinner and attend our 8:00 pm meeting.

Vince Guerrero, Secretary



From the Secretary:

Membership Report
as of August, 2009

Number of members as of April 2, 2009
618

Increases

Initiated	0
Affiliated	0
Reinstated	1
Sub Total	1

Decreases

Dropped	3
Transferred Out	0
Absolute Dimit	0
Deaths	1
Expelled	1
Sub Total	5

Delinquency

Six Months	66
One Year	0
Over One Year	0
Sub Total	66

Total Members 614

Your dues are coming in pretty well and we appreciate your prompt replies. For those that have not renewed, it's time to get those dues in.



Vince Guerrero, Secretary

Happy Birthday to YOU

If your birthday falls during this month, clip this coupon and fill in the information below. Present proof of your birthday, along with this coupon, to the bartender and you will receive two free drinks.

Name _____



Membership

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2009 Elks Family Campout

The Elks Campout is just around the corner (September 25 and 26). There has been a great response as the A, B & C sites are full. There are plenty of other sites available. Cassini Ranch offers fishing, swimming, boating, outdoor playgrounds and a kids arcade. The activities that are planned: Friday Night Potluck and appetizers. Saturday, a washerboard tournament, games for the kids and another potluck dinner with BBQ pork donated by Mark Hedington and family and will be cooked by Jeff McGuire and crew, and the "Campout Raffle". Don't forget to bring a dish for the Saturday Night Potluck. Don't miss out on the fun. Cassini Ranch 1-800-451-8400. If you have any questions, call Ron @ 908-9843 or John @ 668-4766.

Moving?

Name _____

Old Address _____

New Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Let us know if you're moving or have moved. Clip this Change of Address form and return it to the Office. Thank you.

AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p style="text-align: center;">LIFE MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>Robert Tauzer, Jr. \$3126 is requesting a Life Membership. Balloting will be held at 8:00 pm at the August 12 meeting.</p>						<p>1</p> <p><i>DO: Polo</i></p>
2	<p style="text-align: center;">3 - BINGO</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>GRAND LODGE</i></p>	4	<p>5</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jared's Swiss Steak</i></p>	6	7	<p>8</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Yountville Vet BBQ</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>DO: Suhr</i></p>
9	<p style="text-align: center;">10 - BINGO</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>11</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>DD Business Meeting 5:30 pm</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Meeting 6:00 pm</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>District Deputy Visitation</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Coat</i></p>	13	14	<p>15</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>DD VP Homecoming Rancho Cordova</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>DO: Simes</i></p>
16	<p style="text-align: center;">17 - BINGO</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>18</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Governing Board</i></p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Trustee Meeting</i></p>	21	<p>22</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>DO: Guerrero</i></p>
23	<p style="text-align: center;">24 - BINGO</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>CCC Breakfast</i></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	25	26	27	28	<p>29</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>DO: Eddy</i></p>
30	31	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">We need Cooking Crews</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;"><u>Wednesday Night Dinners - NO COOKS! NO DINNERS!</u></p> <p style="margin: 0;">Call Vince Guerrero at 662-9138</p>				

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 <i>DO: Doud</i>
6	7 <u>NO BINGO</u> <i>Lodge Closed Labor Day</i>	8	9 <i>Meeting 8:00 pm</i> <i>Coat</i>	10	11	12 <i>DO: Seward</i>
13	14 - BINGO 	15 <i>Governing Board</i>	16	17 <i>Blood Bank Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm</i>	18	19 <i>DO: Gravink</i>
20	21 - BINGO 	22	23 <i>Meeting 8:00 pm</i> <i>Coat</i>	24 <i>PER Dinner</i>	25	26 <i>DO: Guerrero</i>
27	28 - BINGO  CCC 8:00 am	29	30			

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 is out, do not use their parking lot.

We need Cooking Crews

Wednesday Night Dinners - NO COOKS! NO DINNERS!

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August Birthdays

- 2 Billie Butler, Tom Charter, Harold Edgar and Tony Martin
- 3 Stephen Imbach
- 4 Bill Hurt
- 5 James Fuller, Fred Heidrick and Lowell Joseph
- 6 Franklin Gardner and Dave Wyrsh
- 7 John Donker
- 9 Peter Marker and Vicki Whetten
- 10 Danny Campbell, Gerald Colbert, Elmer Plocher, Robert Sternes and Jeffrey Woods
- 11 Art Heras, Anthony Iten, John Lauricella and Stephen Martin
- 12 Don Ferro
- 13 David McCullough
- 15 Simon Breckenridge, Steve Gravink, Paul Leathers and Dan Parcell
- 16 William Bickel and John Newsom
- 17 Ed Dinova, Bob Harrison, William Maddocks and Mahlon Whittle
- 18 Doug Ostlund
- 21 Ricardo Sandoval and Richard Stockton
- 22 Clarence Bradford
- 23 William Felton
- 24 Robert Garner and Greg Kamienski
- 25 Tom Pattison
- 26 Antone Anastasi
- 28 Kent Henderson and Gus Nunez
- 29 Louis Francis, Rod Gasser and Jim Peart
- 30 Jacob Barth and Dave DeKreek
- 31 Robert Gasson, Ernest Roncoroni and John Suhr

September Birthdays

- 1 Larry Dinsdale and Robert Mathews
- 2 Jeff McGuire, James Moore, John Roncoroni and George Schuyler
- 3 Doy Fenton, Amy Hurt, Lyle Parker and Dennis Stanley
- 4 Greg Gartung, Robert Grant and Don Hall
- 5 Robert McGriff
- 6 Bill Alexander and Rick Butterfield
- 7 Gary Cain, Larry Kirkbride and Bill Plumb
- 8 Eric Blickle and Gerald Dyer
- 9 Scott Teusher and John Timothy
- 10 Edward Beall, Dave Carter, Kent Lang and John Rost
- 11 Jon Dec and Patrick Ely
- 12 Thomas Brock
- 13 Peter Faye and Larry Timko
- 15 Steven Boots and Mary Ann Trongo
- 16 David Aukes and Gil Ehresman
- 17 Nathan Fielding, Fred Ichtertz, James Rathbone and Mark Soga
- 18 John Daniel
- 19 Mel Burgess
- 20 Larry Highfill
- 21 Earl Balch and Mike Volonte
- 22 Garry Peterson
- 23 Steve Dalforno and Gary Dettling
- 24 Ken Han and Louie Lopez
- 25 Brian Christison and Bob Frommelt
- 26 Eugene Gale
- 28 Nick Poronowicz
- 29 Marc Jaconetti

Biography of Melvin Keeter, District Deputy Grand ER - North Central District 2009-10

Melvin Keeter was born in the City of Suffolk, Virginia, which is known as the peanut capital of the world and is the home of Planters Peanut Company.

During WWII his father served in the United States Navy. During that time, Mel lived with his grandparents in the small town of Driver, VA. After the war, his father was transferred several times throughout the United States, necessitating Mel to attend six grade schools in four years and attended four different high schools, two in Virginia and two in California. In 1959 he graduated from Churchland High School, in Churchland, VA.

He then enlisted in the Air Force and served for four years and while in Japan, he served as an Airman Aide to the General Officer. After his discharge from being stationed at McClelland Air Force Base in 1963, he remained in Sacramento.

In 1976, Mel was initiated into Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge #2484. He was first elected Treasurer and then Lodge Secretary. He was also elected to the Board of Trustees and had a successful run for Lecturing Knight. He moved through the Chairs to become Exalted Ruler for the 1981-82 term. In 1984, for a second time, he was elected Exalted Ruler and still remains the only two full-term Exalted Ruler the Lodge has ever had. He has held ever position except Tuler, which his daughter, Sharon, has held for the past seven years. In 1987 he became the first Life Member of the Rancho Cordova Lodge.

On the North Central District level, Mel has served three times as Bequest and living Trust Chairman, District Membership Chairman, Insurance Chairman, Safety Chairman and Business Practices Chairman. He has acted in the capacity of mediator in numerous cases and was able to settle all of the cases that he was involved in.

As Presiding Justice of the Subordinate Forum, he has presided over many preliminary hearings and trails for the District at various Lodges at the request of Exalted Rulers. He served as the Auditor to DDGER John Staup and as alternate Auditor to DDGER Ronald Howell.

In 2007 Mel was selected to be Vice President of the North Central Distinct for the Lodge year of 2007-08. He was the District ENF Chairman in 2008-09 before being selected by the District Leaders and PDDGER's to be the District Grand Exalted Ruler for 2009-10.

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