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Tom Gravink	1985-86
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Coming Events

See Calendar	Bingo
Every Friday	Happy Hour
Every Friday	Dinner
December 1	Memorial Service
December 4	Rib Kauter
December 6	\$2 Tacos
December 7	Hoop Shoot
December 7	State Pres. Visit
December 10	Emblem Christmas Dnr
December 15	Santa's Visit
December 19	PER Dinner

**CHECK THE CALENDAR
AND THE "BUGLE" FOR**

EXALTER RULER'S MESSAGE WAY TO GIVE!!!

It is Christmas time, the season in which the art of giving becomes the main focus in most of our lives. Maybe we don't want it to be all consuming, but advertisers, retailers, and our own individual traditions make the act of giving all important in the month of December. Where we sometimes go wrong is that we relate the act of giving to the amount of money we have, especially in Dec. We lose focus on all of the many different ways people can give. Some people have all of the money they can spend, but no family or friends to spend it on. Bottom line, the act of giving really has little to do with money. Everyday at this lodge I see people giving, and not just in the month of December. An act of kindness is a great gift to give someone. Visiting someone in a rest home or hospital is priceless to the person being visited. Sending a card or a condolence to someone in distress is a gift to that person. Giving of ones time is a valuable gift, one that we often don't even think about. Many of our members not only give of their time for the Elks, but many belong to other very worthy organizations. Many of our members give of their time in the community with Care Car, Food closet and Meals on Wheels. They do this on a week in and week out basis,



not just in December. My point is that giving does not require money, and that some of the best gifts in life are free. Don't get me wrong, I love the month of December. When I start hearing that music it really gets me thinking about who to buy for and how much to spend. If I could only hit the lottery!!!!!!!:)Linda and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

A MESSAGE FROM LEADING KNIGHT — Debra Mello



November we went to Mid-term in Modesto and they reviewed a lot of information regarding the Elks programs. We learned about the “Box Tops” program. Box Tops for Education is one of the nation’s largest school fundraising loyalty program and has been helping schools succeed since 1996. You can find the Box Tops on many products like Hamburger Helper, Ziploc bags, Cereals, Frozen Foods, paper products and even apparel. It’s an easy way for schools to earn cash for the things they need. Each Box Tops coupon is worth .10 cents and they add up fast! Schools can use their Box Tops cash to buy whatever they need most, from books to field trips to playgrounds. At the lodge we will have jar for you to put these “Box Tops” in. Once a month we will forward them to the Fresno Office for them to get all those needed supplies for our kids.

The holiday season has arrived and our thoughts turn to our families, veterans and all the kids. Remember to bring your kids and grandchildren down to see Santa Claus on December 15 to enjoy this holiday season at our lodge.

We have changed a few Friday Dinners so remember to check out the calendar.

HATS FOR SALE!!!!

With the holiday season coming up we want to remind you that the lodge still has some of the centennial hats for sale. These might make a good stocking stuffer. Call the office at 662-9138 to order or you can order through the west bar. Please make sure we have your name and phone number. Also give us what you want, name or initial wise, embroidered on the hat. If you have paid for a hat already, please pick it up. I would like to thank PER, Romeo Losoya for his work on the hat project. He put in a ton of



A MESSAGE FROM LOYAL KNIGHT— Karen Wells

All I can say is WOW!! Somebody got it right when they said "build it and they will come". The Haunted House was a huge success admitting over three hundred screaming adults and children. A good time was had by all while raising money for charity. I could not have pulled such a massive project off without the help of everyone involved. A BIG THANK YOU TO Bill, Fran & Logan Hurt, Dave, Debra & Kaitlynn Buse, Rod & Donna Riggins, Amy Pasarski, Tika & Jordan Ball, Pam & Hannah McClure, Lydia Lindsay, Alexandria Nunez, Jon Tuscher, Francine Santos, Jay Finklang, Bonnie Gomes, Pam Baccei, Joyce Hall, Sandy Esparza, Ginger Sheppard, Dave Wyrsh, John Fabiani, Aaron Kameyer, Alex Martin, Glenn Wallace, Miles Jensen, Denise Tabor, Norm & Ava Woodard, Brian Flemmer, Carl & Debra Prutch, Janiece Kinsey, Kevin Fraiser, Juliette Parker, Jennifer Henneke, Kent & Cheryl Henderson and Pam Newman I am forever in your debt. A special Thanks to my husband, Tom Wells, who suffered through the entire month of October without me. Rest up everyone and start thinking of new and scary ideas for 2015!!!

CHRISTMAS VACATION

Taco Tuesday, The Poker Tournament and Sunday Brunch are going on vacation for the month of December. These events will be back in force in January. You can check out the return dates in the January calendar.

Thanks for your support!
Rod



**FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS
FOR December**

December 6	Hamburgers
December 13	Steak Sandwiches
December 20	Christmas Dinner & Egg Nog
December 27	Hor d'oeuvres

**FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS
FOR January**

January 3	Steak Sandwiches
January 10	Hamburgers
January 17	Spaghetti
January 24	Dinner
January 31	Fish & Chips

**UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR
STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

During the year in which this annual scholarship assistance competition has been in existence, the scholarship has increased from five scholarships of \$1000 each to twenty to thirty scholarships of \$1000 to \$2000 each. Scholarship recipients can reapply each year. If qualified they can receive up to a total of four years assistance.

This scholarship is a financial needs-based and academic use scholarship. It is intended for undergraduate work at a licensed vocational school, accredited community college or four-year college. The funds are to cover academic expenses, which include tuition, books, lab fees and on-campus room and board only.

Individuals applying must be a United States citizen and a resident of California or Hawaii; have a physical impairment, neurological impairment, visual impairment, hearing impairment and/or speech-language disorder **and** be a senior in high school, a high school graduate, or have passed the General Educational Development (GED) Examination or California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE).

The Scholarship Committee of the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. will review applications. All persons involved will be notified of the results.

Applications for 2014-15 academic year will be available after November 5, 2013 from the Elks website at www.chea-elks.org. Please obtain an application packet that is designated for the approaching academic year. The applicant is responsible for properly executing and forwarding the completed application to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Applications must be postmarked on or before March 15, 2014.

THE LOVE TRAIN

Get on board “The Love Train” leaving from Sac(or Davis) to Reno on Friday February 14th. Valentines Day, and returning on Sunday February 16th.

The price is \$389.00 per person and includes:

- Silver Service on the train (as a group)
- Lunch in both directions on the train
- 2 nights at the El Dorado Hotel/ Casino
- Group seating at “Ring of Fire” show in the showroom
- Daily breakfast or lunch at the El Dorado.



The train will be decorated in Valentine Theme and have an Elvis impersonator and an ordained minister performing vow renewals. We have total access to the Piano Car, Cigar Car, and Dance Cars. We can BYOB and our own food, if we want. The price will be the same no matter how many go. It is a 3 day holiday weekend. Must be 21 to ride” The Love Train.” Insurance can be purchased for \$10.00 and allows for cancellation for any reason up to 48 hrs. in advance. Time is of the essence and \$20.00 will reserve your seat! Guys, its a great way to get rid of the “what do I do for Valentines blues”. Call me, I will be taking names and money. Let’s get on board ‘The Love Train”.

Rod Battaglia

HOOP SHOOT—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Mark your calendars if you have children or grandchildren, ages 8-13 as of April 2, 2014. Our Lodge will hold our annual free Hope Shoot on Saturday, December 7. Registration is from 9-9:30am in the Lee Middle School Gym. A parent or guardian is required to accompany entrants. The Hoop Shoot for all ages will begin at 9:30am and will be completed by 11:00am.

Each contestant will shoot 5 practice free throws and then 25 free throws that will count in the contest. There are three divisions—for both boys and girls—8-9, 10-11 and 12-13 year olds. The 8-9 groups shoot four feet closer to the basket and will use the smaller ball (regulation girl’s ball). All girls will use the girl’s ball.

Three winners from each of the six divisions will complete in the playoffs January 18 in Sacramento with other District Lodge winners.



Contact Warren Meyer at 530-747-6473 for further information.

Elks Blood Drive

The Elks Blood Drive Thursday November 14, 2013 was a great success, 74 pints were drawn and we appreciate the tremendous generosity of members and community friends as well. Many Elk Members and family members are regular donors. We couldn't do the drive without the participation of donors like Bob McGriff, Roger and Barbara Landucci, Patrick Imbach, Jeff Woods, Joyce Losoya, Brendan Freitas, Co-Chair Gil Ehresman, George Berrettoni, Bruce Newman, who comes for the cake, Susan Griffin, Alyssa Garcia, Don Hall, Kevin Timothy, Tom Farber, Amber Sorenson, Nancy Sorenson, Greg Weicher, Malcolm Fenner, Chris Fenner, Dona Ostergaard, Robyn Hall, Robin Faille, Nancy Campbell, Richard West, Courtnie Robinson, Kenneth Martinez, William Felton, Tom Fowler, Rod and Linda Battaglia, Sharon Frommelt, Kurt Tikalsky, and so many, many more. Apologies to those who weren't on the sign in sheets, we really appreciate all of your participation.

Thanks go to our 2013 volunteers for another successful year, drawing a total of approximately 700 pints of blood for use in our local community. Co -Chairpersons Joyce Hall and Gil Ehresman. Brilliant volunteers, Joann Schofield, Ann Guererro, Hope Tapia, Dona Ostergaard, Pat Alspaugh, Karen Webber, Maxine Tiffany and Mary Aulman. We are truly in your debt. At this drawing we had Eagle Scout candidate Jacob Mazon, volunteer his time to work with our volunteers to earn one of his Eagle Scout badges. Thank you Jacob, good job.

The January 2014 drive will be Thurs January 15th. See you there.
Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Miles Jensen, Chairman,
Woodland Elks Blood Drive 530-661-0280

Americanism



To all Elk Veterans:

I am creating a Patriotic wall with photos of Woodland Elk Members who have served in the armed forces. Send a photo (to the Elks office) with your name and a brief description of the years served and whether or not you served during a war. We are very proud of our men and women who have served our country with dignity and honor. If you have any questions, please contact me at 530-666-9253. This is an ongoing project, but as of today I've only received 2 photos. This article will be sent out in every monthly bulletin until I have a good representation of our Elk Veterans, so please step up and be recognized.

Thank you,

Denise Tabor - Americanism Chairperson

ACTIVE 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)	1976-77
Al Soga (Phyllis)	1977-78
Herb Caudill	1981-82
Dale Ebbinghausen (Evelyn)	1985-86
Bob Doud	1986-87
Rod Battaglia (Linda)	1987-88
Carl Rocksvold (Danielle)	1989-90
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 (Fran)	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
Brian Flemmer (Debbie)	2009-10
Rod Battaglia (Linda)	2010-11
Garlyn Aday (Dorene)	2011-12
Steve Gravink (Debbie)	2012-13

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Memorial Service	2 BIG 	3	4 Dinner 6:30m Rib Krauter	5	6 Happy Hour 4-7pm Dinner 6-7pm \$2 Tacos	7 Hoop Shoot Breakfast 7:30am State Pres. Visit
8	9  6:30pm	10 Emblem Christmas Dinner Indoctrina- tion 6pm	11 Dinner 6:30 Smokey D's Meeting 7:30m Initiation	12	13 Happy Hour 4-7pm Dinner 6-7pm Steak Sand- wiches	14 DO Tabor
15 Santa's Visit 	16  6:30pm	17 House Com- mittee/ Board of Directors Mtg. 6pm 6pm	18 Dinner 6:30pm Roast Pork Dave Eddy	19 PER Christ- mas Dinner	20 Happy Hour 4-7pm Christmas Dinner & Egg Nog	21 Breakfast 7:30-9am DO Flemmer
22	23 No Bingo	24	25 Lodge Closed 	26	27 Happy Hour 4-7pm Hor d'oeuvres 6-7pm	28 DO Hanson
29	30 No Bingo	31 NEW YEARS EVE 				

January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Happy New Year</i> Lodge Closed	2	3 Happy Hour 4-7pm Dinner 6-7pm Steak Sandwiches	4 Ritual Clinic DO Jensen
5 Ritual Clinic	6  6:30pm	7 Emblem Mtg 4pm Scouts	8 Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm	9	10 Happy Hour 4-7pm Dinner 6-7pm Hamburgers	11 Texas Hold'em Tournament 12noon-4pm DO Hall
12 Sunday Brunch 9am-11am	13  6:30pm	14	15 Dinner 6:30pm	16 Blood Drive 12noon-6pm	17 Happy Hour 4-7pm Dinner 6-7pm Spaghetti	18 Breakfast 7:30am-9am <i>Emblem Fashion Show</i>
19	20  6:30pm	21 House Com- mittee/Board of Directors Mtg. 6pm	22 Dinner 6:30pm Meeting 7:30pm	23	24 Happy Hour 4-7pm Dinner 6-7pm	25 DO Wells
26 DD Clinic	27  6:30pm	28 Taco Tuesday 5-7pm 	29 Dinner 6:30pm ,	30	31 Happy Hour 4-7pm Dinner 6-7pm Fish & Chips	



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Name _____

Birth Date _____

Member # _____

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 3 William Butler
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- 7 John Dahler
John Johanson
- 8 Gary Christison
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Moms, Dads, Grandparents, it is time to gather the family and trek to the lodge for the annual visit from Santa Claus. The traditional ham dinner will begin at 4:30 for the measly price of \$12.00 for adults and \$ 6.00 for children 3-12. The date for the visit is Sunday, December 15th. Please call the office by December 11th so that Santa has a good list of everybody coming. If you want your child to receive a gift, please bring a wrapped gift with your child's first and last name on the gift. Leave the gift in the west bar in the box provided. There will be Christmas music and, of course, the opportunity to get great pictures with Santa. Please bring your cameras. Come and enjoy a great evening with family, friends and our guest of honor, Santa Claus.

