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A Message From The Exalted Ruler Warren Guest



Busy, busy, busy December coming up so grab your calendar and follow along with me. Saturday December 2nd is Mojave Elks Hoop Shoot contest for children 8 to 13 years of age. It will be held at Backus Gym at 8am. Volunteer jobs available from sitting and taking notes to chasing runaway

basket balls.

Sunday December 3rd the annual Elks Memorial Service for all members who have passed on this year. This is a Grand Lodge required ritual to be performed by every Lodge in the country. All Lodge Officers and interested members are expected to be at the Lodge at 10am.

Saturday December 9th Mojave Elks Lodge turns 60 years of age. We will celebrate with a chicken dinner served from 5 to 11pm for only \$12 and, of course, sing Happy Birthday in the key of Z#...or whatever works. Our last remaining Charter Member, Ray Given, will be honored.

Saturday December 23rd Old Saint Nick, AKA Santa Claus, will be at our Lodge from 11am to 1pm to greet the children of our community. They will be able to sit on Santa's lap, present their gift requirements, receive an age appropriate gift and some snacks. Parents may take pictures of their youngsters with Santa.

Sunday December 31st...HAPPY NEW YEAR..we say goodbye to 2017 and Hello to 2018. I have seen the D.D.G.E.R. inspection report and we finish 2017 with an outstanding review. Let's keep up the good work in 2018.

No, I didn't forget, December 25th, Carolyn and I wish all of you and yours a Very MERRY CHRISTMAS

Warren Guest
PVSP, PER

A Message From The Leading Knight Kira Wagner



"Be Charitable to all mankind."
As your Leading Knight, I would ask that we all remember, and take action, on this one thought now and perhaps each consecutive moment of our lives. We could demonstrate our charity towards each other by simply remembering that when something is going awry, simply respond with empathy.

Who knows, your response could make all the difference in the outcome.

As the holidays are upon us I would like to wish you each a heart filled with peace and good will, a home filled with laughter and love and at least one confidant to help carry the load when it becomes to heavy.

As we embark upon the final quarter of our Elk Year, I would like to express my gratitude for all that you bring to the lodge. Particularly those members who help support our Youth, Veterans, Major Project Events, and our National Foundation. It is through these activities that the Elks will continue to thrive and exist for future generations. If YOU have an idea for an event or activity – let us help you to bring it to life so that we continue to spread the good works.

May the blessings of Christmastime be with and may the New Year bring you joy and prosperity.

Kira Wagner
Leading Knight

Scratch notes

BIG Thanks to:

**Ted, Cindy, & Joe Hodgkinson
and Becky Watts**

**for helping at Thanksgiving Dinner with
all the trimmings for the community**

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Kira Wagner
805-405-5127

Remember: reports of Sickness and Distress are always welcome! Please call Kira with any updates. Thank you!

On the Mend

Monte Meeks
Mark Flores
Cindy Hodgkinson
Ray Givens
Becky Watts

It is my sad duty to announce the death of our member "Someone Else"

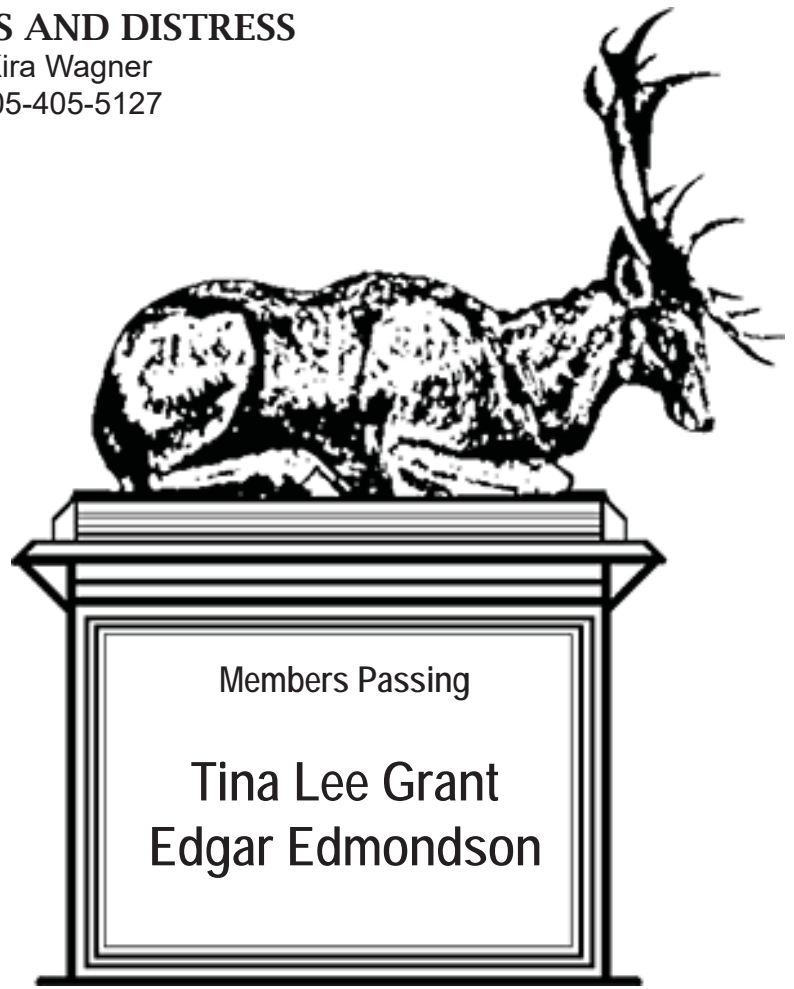
Else's passing creates a vacancy that will be hard to fill. Else has been with us for many years and every one of those years, Someone Else did far more than a normal person's share of the work.

Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results. "Someone Else can work with the group." Whenever there was a job to do, one name was on everyone's list. "Someone Else" will do it. It was common knowledge that Someone Else was always the one the organization relied on for support. Everyone assumed that Someone Else would provide what was needed. Someone Else was a wonderful person-sometimes appearing superhuman. But people can only do so much. Were the truth known, everyone expected too much of someone else.

Now, Someone Else is gone. We wonder what we're going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, But WHO is going to follow it? WHO is going to do the things that Someone Else did? When you have a chance to participate in our activities, REMEMBER WE CANNOT DEPEND ON SOMEONE ELSE ANY LONGER!

(from Fox Tales)

December 2017



Good of the Order

November 1—Attendance \$215 Leo Davis
(Not present) It pays to attend the Meetings

November 15—Attendance \$221.65 Dewey
Storm (Not Present)

Soda—Ted Hodgkinson

Beer—Ken Miller

Well—Warren Guest

Call—Blaine Osmond



**Elks Volunteers, Chamber of Commerce, Four Square Church
and Mojave Seniors,
host Thanksgiving Dinner for the Community**

December Birthdays

Day	Name
01	Heller, Kenneth R
01	Michel, Steven T
03	Andrade, Ruben
05	Kilby, Shannon
07	Ridgway, Donna
08	Lovio, Fred
09	Sallee, Jettie L
10	Herrera, Yezitt
10	Valadez, Michael
11	Cramer, Raymond C
12	Ledwidge, Richard
12	Liles, Samuel
12	Thomas, Arthur M
13	Perez, Enrique
17	Lilly, Shane Ryan
17	Schultheiss, William J
19	Cooksey, Dollie
19	Guest, Warren
19	Wagner, Kira
22	Hodgkinson, George F
24	Ledford, Dannie
26	Goff, Joshua Paul
27	Johnson, Braxton Wesley
29	Slack, Josephine A
30	Buchheim, Sherie
30	DeCecco, Diane
31	Kipp, Dave
31	Michel, Michael Julian

New Members

**NONE - So go out and get some!
Show them the video on our
home page mojaveelks.com**

A Message From The Secretary Ted Hodgkinson



Please encourage our fellow elks who are behind in their dues to catch up. WE MISS THEM!

In addition at the Mid-Term Board of Trustees of the California-Hawaii Elks Association has voted not to increase the CHEA annual assessment for this coming year. It will remain at \$6.50.

On December 02 we will be having the Annual Elks Hoop Shoot at the Bachus Gym at Mojave High School. It will start at 8:00 AM and continue till about 12 Noon. It is open for children ages 8 to 13. As with any of our efforts please come down and volunteer.

The holiday season is now upon us and I would like to remind our members we are rapidly approaching our major charity for the year. That of course is our Christmas Toy Party on December 23rd. We will need donations of gifts and money for the event along with volunteers to wrap gifts on the evenings of the 21st and 22nd. Please contact 661/754/0561 for further information.

Fraternally
Ted Hodgkinson
Lodge Secretary

Kitchen Manager and Help Needed
Volunteers to prepare their favorite dinners two times a month on meeting nights. Contact Warren or Ramona.



60th Anniversary Celebration Saturday, December 9 5 PM - 11 PM



Membership/Lapsation Report Mojave, CA Lodge 2059

Beginning Membership Total 4/1/2017: 274

Increases

Initiated	14
Affiliated:	0
Reinstated:	4
Subtotal:	18

Decreases

Dropped:	1
Transferred Out:	4
Absolute Dimit:	0
Deaths:	4
Expelled:	0
Subtotal:	9
Calculated Membership Total:	283
CLMS Active Members:	283
Average Age:	62.10
Gain/Loss:	9

Delinquency

Six Months:	7
One Year:	46
Over One Year:	0
Total:	53
Lapsation Rate:	19.34%

Applications on Hand

Waiting to read at next lodge meeting:	0
In the hands of the investigating committee:	0
Ready for balloting:	0
Ready for Orientation:	0
Ready for Initiation:	0
Ready for Affiliation:	0
Ready for Reinstatement:	1
Other:	0
Total:	1

Life Members

Life Members:	11
Honorary Life Members:	3
Total:	14
Life Percentage:	5.11%

OFFICERS 2017-2018

EXALTED RULER Warren Guest, PSVP/PER
LEADING KNIGHT Kira Wagner
LOYAL KNIGHT Ken Miller
LECTURING KNIGHT Joe Hodgkinson
SECRETARY Ted Hodgkinson, PER
TREASURER Cindy Hodgkinson
INNER GUARD Blaine Osmond
TILER Vacant
ESQUIRE Charles Guest
CHAPLAIN Paul Wagner

TRUSTEES

5 Year Todd Smith, PER
4 Year Kyle Collier
3 Year Theodore Miller
2 Year Steve Rushford
1 Year 7 Rebecca Watts

Mojave Lodge Committees

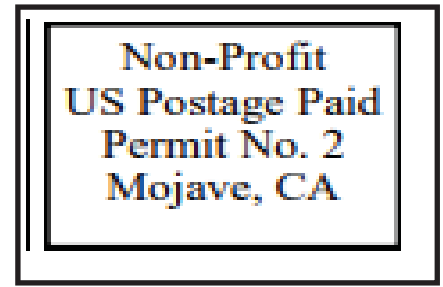
Accident Prevention Kyle Collier / Ken Miller
Americanism Ted Hodgkinson, PER
Auditing Gary Sampley
Bequest & Living Trust Warren Guest PSVP, PER
Club Room Manager Ramona Mestas
Club Room Manager Assistant Colleen Heller
Community Activities Cynthia Hodgkinson
Drug Awareness Alexa Rogers
Elks National Foundation Kira Wagner
Elks Training ER Assigned
Flag Day Ted Hodgkinson, PER
Government Relations Gary Sampley
Hoop Shoot Ted Hodgkinson, PER
House Committee Chairperson Michael Mestas
House Committee Members: Becky Watts,
Ken Heller, Ken Miller, Joseph Hodgkinson
Indoctrination Warren Guest PSVP, PER
Insurance & Safety Trustees
Investigation Leslie Rex-Smith
Kitchen Manager Vacant
Lapsation & Membership Monte Meeks
Lodge Activities Kira Wagner
Major Projects Kira Wagner
Memorial Paul Wagner
National Veterans Service Gini Heller
PER Association Ted Hodgkinson, PER
Public Relations Warren Guest PSVP, PER
Scholarship Ted Hodgkinson, PER
Visitation Warren Guest PSVP, PER
Youth Activities Alexa Rogers

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p>Thank you for all of your support! If you'd like to see something added to the calendar please email mojaveelks@gmail.com</p>	<p>Happy Holidays</p> 		<p>EVERYONE DEPLOYED</p> 	<p>8 AM Hoop Shoot Contest for Youth 8-13 - Backus Gym</p> 
<p>10 AM Elks Memorial Service Breakfst Brunch (KPW) Immediately Following \$2.50 with Memorial \$5.00 W/O</p> <p>Proceeds to Leading Knight Charity Fund</p>	<p>Membership Monday 6 PM 12 Step Program Club Room 3-7PM</p> 	<p>7 PM Lodge Meeting</p> 	<p>6 PM Spaghetti Dinner (KPW) \$8 Proceeds to Purple Pig</p> 	<p>11 AM Lunch & ClubRoom Open 11 AM House Committee Calendar Immediately Followir</p> 
<p>Open Pool Table</p>	<p>7-9:30 AM Senior Sack Membership Monday 6 PM 12 Step Program Club Room 3-7PM</p> 	<p>6 PM Board of Directors 7 PM Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>Bulletin Articles Due early due to holidays</p>	<p>5 PM Social 6 PM Dinner 7:15 Special Presentation</p> 
<p>Open Pool Table</p>	<p>Membership Monday 6 PM 12 Step Program Club Room 3-7PM</p> 	<p>7 PM Lodge Meeting Initiation Night</p> 	<p>@ 5-7 PM Wrap Presents Lodge Room</p>	<p>10 AM - 2 PM Kids Christmas</p> 
<p>Open Pool Table</p>	<p>Membership Monday 6 PM 12 Step Program Club Room 3-7PM</p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>@ 5-7 PM Wrap Presents Lodge Room</p>	<p>Club Room 1-6PM</p>
<p>The Lodge / Club Room will be Closed for the holiday Have a blessed Christmas!</p>	<p>25 Merry Christmas</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>6 PM Members Christmas Party In The Club Room Pot Luck / 50/50 & More!</p>	<p>Club Room 1-9PM</p>
<p>Open Pool Table</p>	<p>Happy New Year 6 PM 12 Step Program (Normal Hours of Operation)</p> 	<p>LEAD A HAND VOLUNTEER ALL WE NEED IS YOU!</p> 	<p>Birthdays Steak Dinner For December and January DD Clinic for Officers at Victorville Lodge</p>	<p>Club Room 1-9PM</p>
<p>Open Pool Table</p>	<p>Happy New Year 6 PM 12 Step Program (Normal Hours of Operation)</p> 	<p>Happy 2018!</p>	<p>12/16/18 2/16/18 BPOE 150th Birthday</p>	<p>Club Room 1-9PM</p>

Note: Club Room is Closed Durin Lodge Meetings and Special Servi

Updates / Changes to the Calendar are posted here <http://mojaveelks.com/calendar-of-even>

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LOUNGE HOURS

Mon, - Thur: 3 PM - 7 PM
Wed, Fri: 3 PM - 9 PM
Saturday: 1 PM - 9 PM
Sunday: 1 PM - 6 PM

Meetings



Lodge meetings: 1st & 3rd Wed of the Month 7 PM
House Committee: 4th Sunday 10 AM
Board of Directors mtg 2nd Wed @ 6 PM.
Trustees meet the 2nd Wed @ 7 PM

Your input is valued. Your attendance is welcomed.
Come for dinner and stay for the meetings.

PAST EXALTED RULERS

1957-58 Max Carol *	1986-87 David Cleveland
1958-59 William Young	1987-88 Louie Yette
1959-60 Jake Keefer *	1988-90 Mike Dwyer ++
1960-61 Colonel Moss *	1990-91 Manny Rivera
1961-63 Louie Pulos ++	1991-92 Jim Gunter
1963-64 Colonel Moss *++	1992-93 Jake Brott
1964-66 Mick Sherwin * ++	1993-94 Jim Gunter ++
1966-67 John Riggo *	1994-95 Jake Brott ++
1967-68 Richard Willie	1995-96 Robert Gray SR.*
1968-69 Lawrence Munschy *	1996-98 Warren Guest ++ SVP 2014-15
1969-70 Melvin G. Miller * SVP 1974-75	1998-99 Jake Brott +++
1970-71 Jack Kountz *	1999-00 Thomas Brown*
1971-72 Tip Miller*	2000-01 Linda Parker
1972-73 Charles Postle	2001-02 James Brott
1973-74 Tommy Fields	2002-03 Vickie Francois-Zellner DDGER 2015-16
1974-76 Paul Beeson * ++	PSVP 2013-2014
1976-77 Richard Bishop *	2003-04 James Brott ++
1977-78 Richard O'Neal *	2004-06 Karen Kennedy * ++
1978-79 Harold Howard *	2006-08 Jim Wachsmen * ++ July 20, 2007
1979-80 James Maes	2007-08 David Cleveland ++
1980-81 Steve Martin	2008-09 Amy Cook
1981-83 Henry Parker * ++	2009-10 Charles "Eddie" Tomlin
1983-85 Jack Craig ++	2010-12 Henry "Hank" Parker++
1985-86 Ray Cramer	2012-13 Donald "Terry" Cook
	2013-14 Henry "Hank" Parker +++
	2014-15 George "Ted" Hodgkinson
	2015-17 Todd Smith

* Deceased ++ 2nd Term +++ 3rd Term

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