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A Message From The Exalted Ruler Warren Guest



Although we haven't received an official report at this time the general consensus among those involved is that our visit with the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler went very well. At the inspection of our office procedures and financial records it was determined that most discrepancies were corrected and others were well on the way.

Our office staff has worked hard to earn that "attaboy". Well done and thank you. Our temporary kitchen staff put together a great ham dinner for a room full of visitors. A special thank you to those Mojave Elk members present at dinner to represent our Lodge. All of our Officers were present and the meeting went as smooth as could be. I'm proud of our Lodge. You made an impression.

Congratulations to PER Todd Smith and his team for a great Annual Rib Cook-off in spite of the fact that mother nature tried to destroy Friday with 60mph winds. Small crowd and the RV's were rockin and rollin all night. Saturday dawned beautiful with sunshine and blue skies. A total of 10 RVs camped until Sunday. The crowd grew for dinner and live music with "Johnny and the Ravens". The winning rib cooks were awarded. 3rd place to "Got it Smoken" from Ron Masengale , 2nd place to "Chubby Ninjas" from Charly Mukhar and 1st place went to "Juan Moore Ribs" from Christopher Elias. Good tasting ribs and Todd's deep pit pork was no slouch either. The crowning feature of the weekend was unplanned. Sunday morning Scaled Composites fired up the jet engines on their BIG airplane. Many in attendance ran across the desert to get a better view.

By the time you read this Carolyn and I will be in Sacramento for the California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) Mid-term Session (Convention). Long informative meetings, big dinners and much networking with Elks from all over this state. The highlight of the weekend is the State President's Dinner when our District Vice President, Kevin O'Shaughnessy, will present our Inland District annual donation to the Elks National Foundation (ENF). I'm proud to report that Mojave Lodge met and exceeded the requested per-capita.

When next we meet give me a big smile...you folks have done good !!

Warren Guest PSVP/PER

A Message From The Leading Knight Kira Wagner



I believe everyone has a heart for Charity, all you have to do is look around. Sometimes we need a different set of "eyes" to see it. As individuals with varied beliefs and backgrounds, however, our ideas of charity may be slightly different.

Many of our members give to the lodge in time, service, and/or financial support. But what about a member who does things in the background so that another member CAN give their time or service to the lodge.

It is too easy to fall into the trap that we need to do "more" or something "different". You may participate in lodge activities, donate to the Major Project or ENF, help with the Youth Activities, bake a cake or a pot of beans, or sometimes just share a smile with someone, whatever it is, you are contributing. Moreover, you're doing it to serve and help the lodge.

I hope that the many hands that played even the smallest part in an event like our Rib Cook-Off this past month know how appreciated their services are. Sometimes, just showing up is all you can do. In addition, when you have given your 100%, whatever that is, please know, that is enough.

Join me in taking pride in our lodge and the services we provide both within the lodge as well as within our community and above all, thank you for being a part of this wonderful world of Elkdom.

Sincerely,
Kira Wagner




Scratch notes

Big Thanks to:

**Karls Hardware for the donation of the
Jump House, Dunk Tank**

and

**Alexa Rogers and Kenny Heller for helping with
the Trap Range sign
(we really need a wall there).**

Halloween Pot Luck Party



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Kira Wagner
805-405-5127

On the Mend

Monte Meeks
Mark Flores
Cindy Hodgkinson
Ray Givens
Becky Watts

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

Good of the Order

New Member Howard Krawitz initiated.

Terri Fox Reinstated
James McLoud applying for Reinstatement-Proposer Ramona Mestas
Kenneth Davis read on the Floor-Kira Wagner Proposer
Jared Parsley read on the Floor-Kira Wagner Proposer

Attendance Nathan Sorenson won \$ 209.75 if he had attended.

It pays to attend

Soda----Kenneth Miller
Beer----Ted Hodgkinson
Well ----Ted Hodgkinson
Call----Kenneth Miller

New Members



Howard Krawitz
sponsored by Ted Hodgkinson

November Birthdays

04 Cook, Lynda Lou
07 Roberts, Sean G
08 Ziemer, Michael N
09 Cook, Ronald G
09 Schumacher, R Dean
11 Bann, Ron
11 Stamper, Marty
11 Wingerter, Gary D
15 Rushford, Steven
15 Starkey, Marvin L
16 Pulos, David J
16 Stilson, John S
17 Gerwat, Frank R
17 Rudolf, James
20 Bryant, Timothy B
20 Ikola, Eugene
21 Buisse, Bernard
21 Nault, Thomas Ryan
21 Quarles, Shannon
22 Dassie-Schneider, Renee L
23 Rogers, Alexa
25 Felter, Richard
27 Ross, Rhonda
27 Wilson, James Keith
29 Dunbar, Margie
30 Willie, Richard A

Kitchen Manager and Help Needed

Volunteers to prepare their favorite dinners two times a month on meeting nights. Contact Warren or Ramona.

A Message From The Secretary Ted Hodgkinson



Please note if your name is below. We have these names on file as delinquent. That means we have already paid Grand Lodge your portion of your membership ***IN ADVANCE*** and we really need you to make good on your dues to us as an Elk. You can now make payment online by going to mojaveelks.com (wee will absorb the Credit card charges for now). Many Thanks, Ted.

Ames Floyd	
Ayers Leroy L	
Baumgarten Al	
Buchheim Sherie	
Buckman Thomas	
Casper Donald L	
Cassingham Bradford	
Clinton Kevin	
Collier Leanna	
Cook Patricia	
Cook Ronald E	
Cook Travis W	
DeCecco Diane	Ridgway Donna
DeVedas Don A	Robinson Charles
Dunbar Margie	Rush Robert E
Foote Jr. Charles Eugene	Rust Michael L
Foote Holly	Sanchez Hector R
Griffith Douglas	Schumacher R Dean
Herrera Rudolph	Slack Josephine A
Herrera Yezitt "Jessie"	Smith Connie Lee
Hogan Robert E	Stamper Marty
Jenson Jeffrey Paul	Stilson John S
Keehmer Richard	Stires David W
Kennedy Rolinda	Updegrove Scott Eugene
Koeffler Glen	VanWey Floyd W
Lafleur Wayne	Velguth Edward B
Ledwidge Richard	Wane Joan
Leonard Earl	Watts Shirley A
Liles Samuel	Watts II William Glenn
Matte Monica	Westmoreland James E
Matzinger Sybil	Yarrow Ana
Mosby Carissa Lynn	Zamora Lucy
Neff Klancy Hirth	
Nelson James	
Newman Robert D	
Quarles Shannon	
Quintanar Edward P	
Rader Robert	



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:	3
Expelled:	0
Subtotal:	8

Calculated Membership Total:	284
CLMS Active Members:	284
Average Age:	62.07
Gain/Loss:	10

Delinquency

Six Months:	11
One Year:	49
Over One Year:	0
Total:	60
Lapsation Rate:	21.90%

Applications on Hand

Waiting to read at next lodge meeting:	3
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	0
Other	0
Total:	3

Life Members

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

RIB COOKOFF REWIND

Great Band, Great friends, Great turnout



OFFICERS 2017-2018

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

TRUSTEES

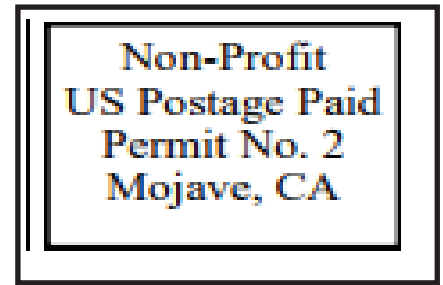
5 Year	Todd Smith, PER
4 Year	Kyle Collier
3 Year	Vacant
2 Year	Vacant
1 Year	Vacant

Mojave Lodge Committees

Accident Prevention	Kyle Collier / Ken Miller
Americanism	Ted Hodgkinson, PER
Auditing	Gary Sampley
Bequest & Living Trust	Warren Guest PASVP, 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 PASVP, 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 PASVP, PER
Scholarship	Ted Hodgkinson, PER
Visitation	Warren Guest PASVP, PER
Youth Activities	Alexa Rogers



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LOUNGE HOURS

Mon, Tue, Thur: 1 - 7 PM
Wed, Fri: 3 PM - Closing
Sat, Sun: 3 PM - 9 PM

Meetings



Lodge meetings: 1st & 3rd Wed of the 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 Wachsman * ++ 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
	2014-15 George "Ted" Hodgkinson
	2015-17 Todd Smith

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

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