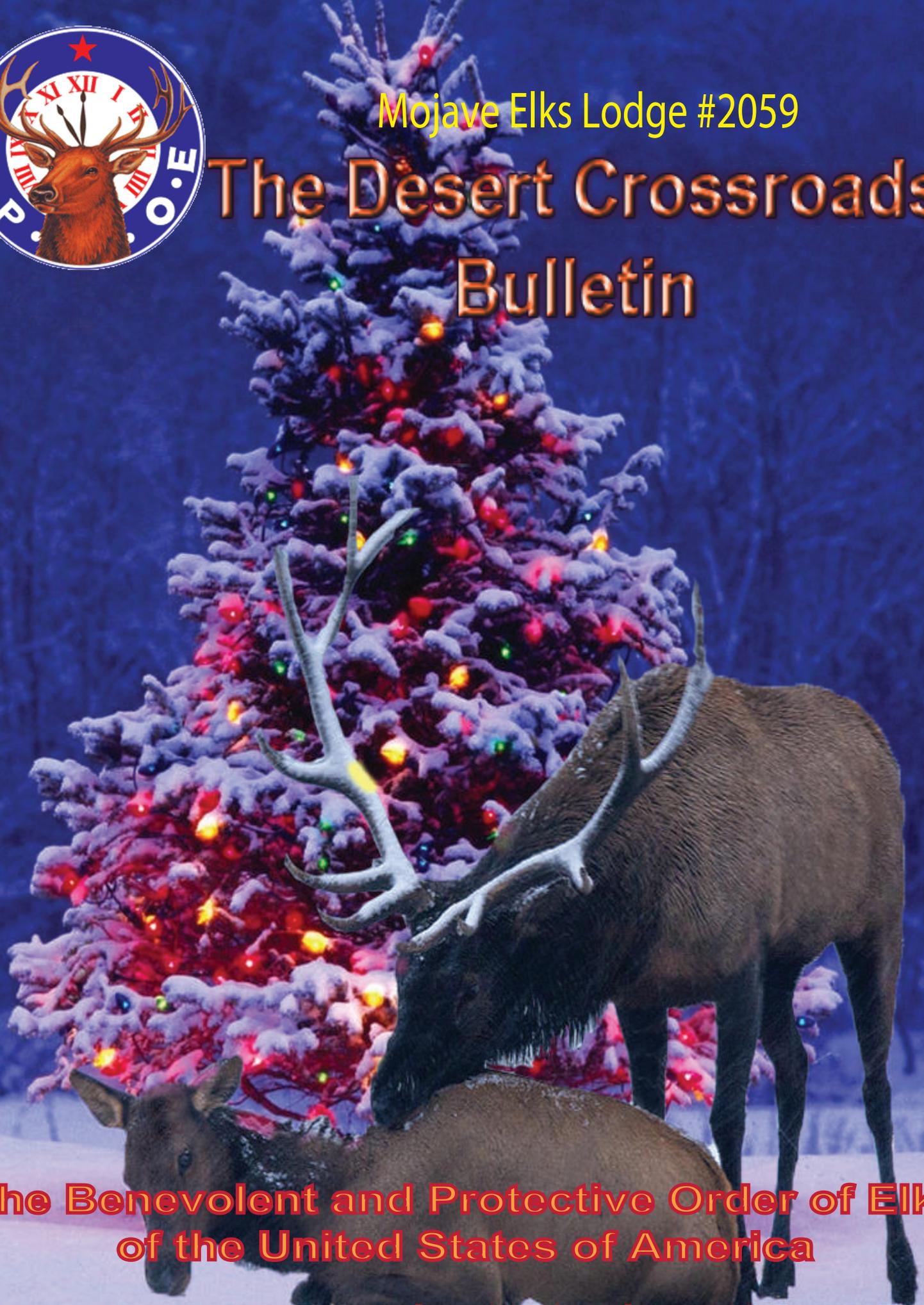




Mojave Elks Lodge #2059

The Desert Crossroads Bulletin



**The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
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A Message From The Exalted Ruler Kira Wagner



Great Ruler of the universe,
all-seeing and benign,
Look down upon and bless our
work, and be all glory Thine;
May Charity as taught us here be
ever borne in mind,
The Golden Rule our motto true, for
days of Auld Lang Syne.

BPOE opening ode sung to the tune of Auld Lang Syne

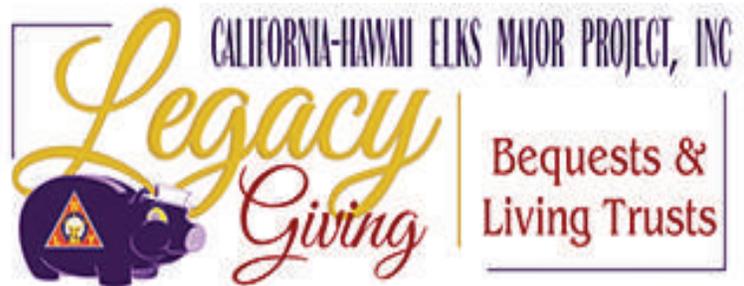
Whether it is a lodge meeting, committee meeting, charity work or simply having fun, these words ring through my mind and my heart as we work together to make something magnificent happen in Mojave. During Thanksgiving we gathered together with other members and businesses of the community to provide a meal for about 200 people. That's 200 smiles, 200 thoughts of gratitude and well over 200 moments of hope. In December we will party together and bring Christmas joy to somewhere between 150-250 children. That effort is a glorious representation of our motto to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. To be a little gentler, kinder, patient and in general, help make this world, this community, a better place to live.

2018 is rapidly drawing to a close and I am grateful for all of the efforts you have made to make this lodge a bright spot on the map of humanity. My prayer is that you continue to find blessings and joy in uncommon moments and when you look into the eyes of those around you, you'll see it reflected back tenfold.

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Fraternally,

Kira Wagner, Exalted Ruler
Strengthening Elksdom through Communication and Teamwork!



Have you ever wondered what BLT Legacy Giving is all about? It's really very simple. These are gifts made to help fund the Major Project. One way to think of BLT is to compare it to ENF. Funds that go to BLT provide future dollars to help children who will need the assistance of the Major Project. In other words, if there is ever a time when the monies raised through the purple piggy banks are insufficient to cover the expenses of providing care to the children, the BLT Legacy Giving program is there to meet that need. In the meantime, these monies remain invested in the BLT fund to grow for the future.

BLT Legacy Giving and the Purple Piggy Bank work hand in hand to ensure that our therapists and vision screeners can continue to provide much needed services to children throughout California and Hawaii. If you would like to learn more about BLT Legacy Giving, contact BLT Legacy Giving Chairperson Kira Wagner.

Kids Christmas December 22, 10 - 2



Note: Because manufacturer's prices are going up beginning January 1, 2019, the Clubroom Management will follow suit with a responsible price increase for drinks. More information will be posted in the Clubroom.

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with the online PDF version**

<http://mojaveelks.com/mojave-bulletin/>

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Joe Hodgkinson
661-992-7447

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

On the Mend

Becky Watts
Fred Hudson
John Meily

Lodge Officers

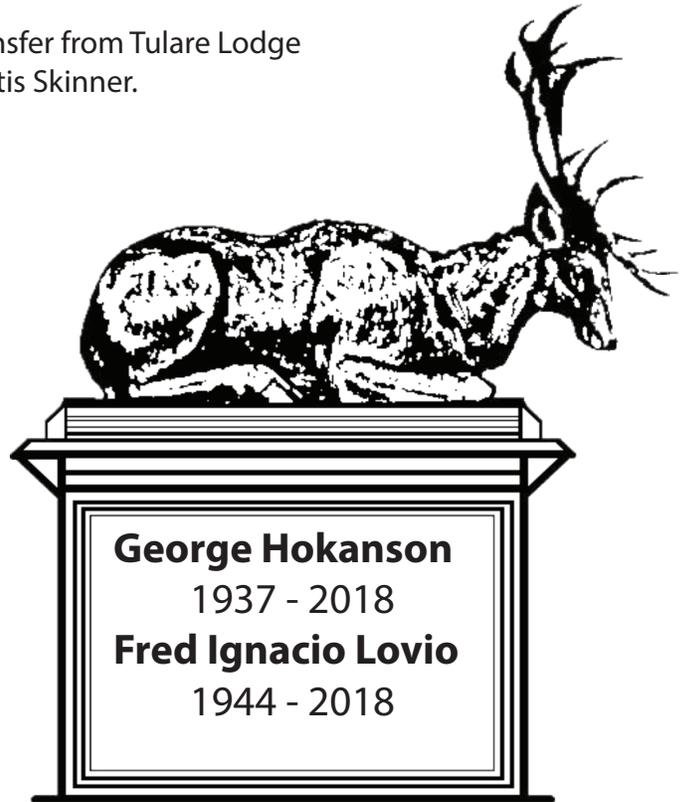
Exalted Ruler: Kira Wagner
Esteemed Leading Knight: Joe Hodgkinson
Esteemed Loyal Knight: Ruben Andrade
Esteemed Lecturing Kinight: Charlie Guest
Esquire: Paul Wagner
Chaplain: Vacant
Inner Guard: Vacant
Tiler: Vacant
Secretary: Ted Hodgkinson
Treasurer: Cynthia Hodgkinson
1st Year Trustee: Warren Guest
2nd Year Trustee: Ryan Heller
3rd Year Trustee: Ed Orchard
4th Year Trustee: Todd Smith
5th Year: Becky Watts

Newly Elected Members, ready for Initiation

Gregory L. Cooper

New Members
Ervin G. Bailey
Clifford Yates

Transfer from Tulare Lodge
Curtis Skinner.



Mojave Elks Lodge 2059 is proud to offer you your birthday steak dinner, one of the perks of membership. But sometimes life happens. Not only for you the member receiving the dinner, but also for the cooks.

So, , we are making a change for 2019. Starting in January there will be **4 Birthday Steak Nights** that will include "potluck" sides in addition to the normal steak and potato.

January 12, 2019 April 13, 2019 July 13, 2019 October 12, 2019

You can get your steak on ANY ONE OF THE 4 dates. The individual selling the dinner tickets will have a list with every member's name and the night you choose to come in, they will check off your name. So, if your birthday is in July, you can come in any one of the four evenings and get your meal. Now, here's no reason to miss your free meal in 2019. We will remind you as a Birthday Steak night gets closer.

December Birthdays

- 01 Heller, Kenneth R
- 01 Michel, Steven T
- 03 Andrade, Ruben
- 05 Kilby, Shannon
- 09 Salle, Jettie L
- 10 Valadez, Michael
- 11 Cramer, Raymond C
- 12 Thomas, Arthur M
- 13 Heller, Ryan
- 13 Perez, Enrique
- 17 Lilly, Shane Ryan
- 17 Schultheiss, William J
- 19 Cooksey, Dollie
- 19 Guest, Warren
- 19 Peery, Robert Jw
- 19 Wagner, Kira
- 22 Hodgkinson, George F
- 24 Ledford, Dannie
- 26 Goff, Joshua Paul
- 27 Johnson, Braxton Wesley
- 30 Buchheim, Sherie
- 30 DeCecco, Diane
- 31 Kipp, Dave
- 31 Michel, Michael Julian

Committees reporting to the Exalted Ruler

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Accident Prevention | Rebecca Watts |
| Americanism | Ruben Andrade |
| Audit & Accounting | Gary Sampley |
| Bulletin (Editor) | Paul Wagner |
| Business Practices | Gary Sampley |
| Club Room Manager | Ramona Mestas |
| Elks Memorial Day | Vacant |
| Elks Training | Kira Wagner |
| Government Relations | Gary Sampley |
| House Committee | Michael Mestas |
| Kitchen Manager | Cynthia Hodgkinson |
| Bar Manager | Ramona Mestas |
| Indoctrination/Orientation | Kira Wagner |
| Insurance & Safety | Trustees |
| Investigation | Leslie Rex-Smith |
| Lodge Activities | Kira Wagner |
| Membership | Vacant/Kira Wagner |
| PER Association | Ted Hodgkinson, PER |
| Public Relations | Paul Wagner |
| Ritualistic | Warren Guest PSVP, PER |
| Scholarship | Vacant/Ted Hodgkinson, PER |
| Standing Relief | Chair Officers |
| Visitation | Kira Wagner |

Committees reporting to the Leading Knight

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| Bequest & Living Trust | Kira Wagner |
| Elks National Foundation | Joe Hodgkinson |
| Flag Day | Charlie Guest |
| Hoop Shoot | Alexa Rogers |
| Major Project | Joe Hodgkinson |

Committees reporting to the Loyal Knight

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| Calendar | Kira Wagner |
| Community Activities | Cindy Hodgkinson |
| Veterans Service | Gini Heller |

Committees reporting to the Lecturing Knight

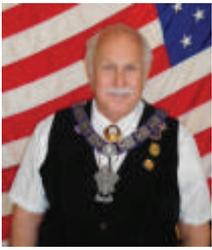
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| Dictionary Project | Paul Wagner/Ted Hodgkinson, PER |
| Drug Awareness | Charlie Guest |
| Youth Activities | Alexa Rogers |



The vote to submit the resolution (page 7) will be held during Mojave Lodge #2059 regularly scheduled second meeting in December (7 PM 12/19/2018)



A Message From The Secretary Ted Hodgkinson



You will see below a list of our delinquent members. If you are on this list, please be aware that our lodge has already paid grand lodge the dues to them, so we are short by the amount paid to them that would have come from YOUR payment. Please help us out by paying your dues to make things balanced.

Fraternally
Ted Hodgkinson
Lodge Secretary

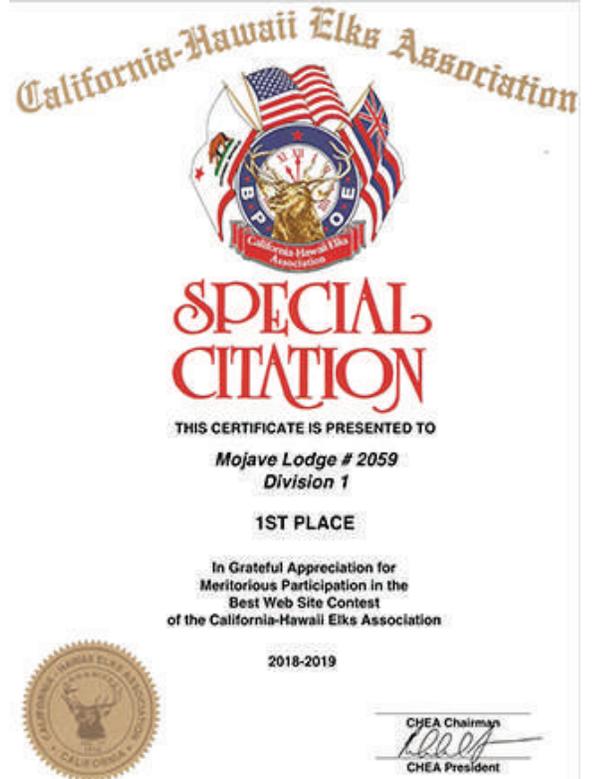
Delinquent Members



Braucht, John B
Buchheim, Sherie
Buck, Shaunte R
Collier, Kyle L
Collier, Leanna
Duncan, Trent
Duquette, Daniel
Felter Jr., Richard
Herrera, Rudolph
Keehmer, Richard
Lowery, Curtis Lee
MacInnes, Jessica
MacInnes, Michael
Maute, Michael
Rush, Robert E
Shamphan, William J
Smith, Leo V
Sparks, Marc C
Spencer, Mr Alexander Joshua
Wane, Joan
Ziemer, Michael N

December 2018

We took First Place!



Mojave Lodge #2059
took First Place for
the best CHEA website--
out of all 168 Lodges
and 19 Districts.

HOW COOL IS THAT!?
<http://mojaveelks.com>



The Annual Elks Hoop Shoot is on Dec 8, 8 am - 12 noon at Mojave Elementary School 15800 'O' Steet. Boys and girls just need to be ages 8 - 13.



Editors acknowledgment: At the Rib Cook off, Robbie Pierce was the primary chef for cooking the pig, even driving back from Mississippi to get here on time for the event. (He also took first place!)

We thank you Robbie for the immense effort and tasty results enjoyed by all.



Photos courtesy of Marlena Miller

Mojave Elks helped prepare and serve the community Thanksgiving meal on November 17 at the Veterans/Senior Center in Mojave.



Proposed Statute Amendment:

In order to ensure that neither acts of God, weather, job commitments, nor health reasons would prevent a member from participating in their lodge business if they were physically unable to get to the lodge for any reason, the Mojave Elks Lodge #2059 is proposing an amendment to Grand Lodge Statutes. The following verbiage would be added to Section 1.160 "Local Lodges may have five members physically present in the lodge room with the quorum balance met by including members as virtual attendees from another location, off lodge property, provided they make prior arrangements with the Exalted Ruler and Lodge Secretary."

If it passes from the membership of our lodge, it will go to Grand Lodge. In compliance with the following amendment requirements, we will read this on the lodge floor 11/7, put in the December Bulletin, then vote 12/19/18. This gives us time to make changes and repeat the process prior to the April 1 deadline should the lodge vote to change the wording.

AMENDMENTS

Section 17.010. A proposal or resolution by a Lodge to amend or enact any Law or to amend the Constitution shall be presented to the Grand Lodge, only after the Lodge has furnished satisfactory evidence to the Grand Secretary: (1) that the proposal was submitted in writing and read at a regular meeting of the Lodge and laid over for a vote thereon at a regular Lodge meeting held not less than two (2) weeks nor more than eight (8) weeks thereafter as designated by the Exalted Ruler of the Lodge; (2) that notice in writing setting forth an exact copy of the proposal was sent to the entire membership not less than ten (10) days before the regular meeting at which the proposal was voted upon; and (3) that the proposal was adopted by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the Members present at the regular meeting, certified by the Exalted Ruler and Secretary setting forth the number of Members present at the meeting and the number in favor and the number voting in opposition. The adopted proposal shall be filed in duplicate with the Grand Exalted Ruler and Grand Secretary not later than April 1st preceding the Grand Lodge Session. A copy of every proposal or resolution, timely and properly submitted, to amend or enact any Law or amend the Constitution which is presented to the Grand Secretary pursuant to this Section shall be submitted to all Local Lodges by the Grand Secretary at least sixty (60) days prior to the convening of the next Grand Lodge Session. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to proposals or actions by State Associations permitted in Section 17.020 nor to any proposals submitted by the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary.

Section 1.160 currently reads:

Section 1.160. Quorum:—One hundred Members of the Grand Lodge, of whom at least two shall be elected Officers, shall constitute a quorum for a Grand Lodge Session. Nine Members of a Local Lodge having a membership of one hundred (100) or more, measured as of the preceding March 31, of whom at least two shall be elective Officers, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of a Lodge in a regular or special meeting. Local Lodges having a membership of ninety-nine (99) or less, measured as of the preceding March 31, shall have a quorum constituted with seven Members, of whom at least two shall be elective Officers. A quorum for transaction of business by any

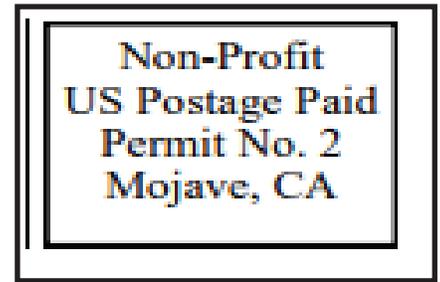
Lodge Committee or Board shall consist of a **simple majority of that body's members** of record, except three (3) members, or a simple majority of its members, whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum for the Past Exalted Rulers Association or Advisory Committee, as defined in Section 13.190 hereof.

We are proposing Section 1.160 would read as follows:

Section 1.160. Quorum:—One hundred Members of the Grand Lodge, of whom at least two shall be elected Officers, shall constitute a quorum for a Grand Lodge Session. Nine Members of a Local Lodge having a membership of one hundred (100) or more, measured as of the preceding March 31, of whom at least two shall be elective Officers, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of a Lodge in a regular or special meeting. Local Lodges having a membership of ninety-nine (99) or less, measured as of the preceding March 31, shall have a quorum constituted with seven Members, of whom at least two shall be elective Officers. Local Lodges may have five members physically present in the lodge room with the quorum balance met by including members as virtual attendees from another location, off lodge property, provided they make prior arrangements with the Exalted Ruler and Lodge Secretary. A quorum for transaction of business by any Lodge Committee or Board shall consist of a **simple majority of that body's members** of record, except three (3) members, or a simple majority of its members, whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum for the Past Exalted Rulers Association or Advisory Committee, as defined in Section 13.190 hereof.

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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 Meeting: 1st & 3rd Wed of the Month 7 PM
House Committee: 2nd Saturday 11 AM
Calendar Meeting: 2nd Saturday Noon
Board of Directors Meeting: 4th Wed 7 PM.
PER Meeting: 3rd Wed 6 PM

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

PAST EXALTED RULERS

1957-58 Max Carol *
1958-59 William Young
1959-60 Jake Keefer *
1960-61 Colonel Moss *
1961-63 Louie Pulos ++
1963-64 Colonel Moss *++
1964-66 Mick Sherwin * ++
1966-67 John Riggo *
1967-68 Richard Willie
1968-69 Lawrence Munsch *
1969-70 Melvin G. Miller * SVP 1974-75
1970-71 Jack Kountz *
1971-72 Tip Miller*
1972-73 Charles Postle
1973-74 Tommy Fields
1974-76 Paul Beeson * ++
1976-77 Richard Bishop *
1977-78 Richard O'Neal *
1978-79 Harold Howard *
1979-80 James Maes
1980-81 Steve Martin
1981-83 Henry Parker * ++
1983-85 Jack Craig ++
1985-86 Ray Cramer

1986-87 David Cleveland
1987-88 Louie Yette
1988-90 Mike Dwyer ++
1990-91 Manny Rivera
1991-92 Jim Gunter
1992-93 Jake Brott
1993-94 Jim Gunter ++
1994-95 Jake Brott ++
1995-96 Robert Gray SR.*
1996-98 Warren Guest ++ SVP 2014-15
1998-99 Jake Brott +++
1999-00 Thomas Brown*
2000-01 Linda Parker
2001-02 James Brott
2002-03 Vickie Francois-Zellner
DDGER 2015-16
PSVP 2013-2014
2003-04 James Brott ++
2004-06 Karen Kennedy * ++
2006-08 Jim Wachsman * ++ July 20, 2007
2007-08 David Cleveland ++
2008-09 Amy Cook
2009-10 Charles "Eddie" Tomlin
2010-12 Henry "Hank" Parker++
2012-13 Donald "Terry" Cook
2013-14 Henry "Hank" Parker +++
2014-15 George "Ted" Hodgkinson
2015-17 Todd Smith
2017-18 Warren Guest ++ SVP 2014-15

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

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