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WIN THIS ONE OF A KIND BELT BUCKLE



Lance's Shinning Stars are raffling off this one of a kind hand made belt buckle to raise funds for the Major Project. AVP R.A. Pickett from the South Central Coast designed this wonderful belt buckle and it was donated to raise money for the Purple Pig.

Tickets are \$5. each and can be purchased from your Association Vice President. Show your support by winning this wonderful buckle and wearing it with pride.



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Lance & Karens Homecoming

The West Central Coast District will be hosting the Homecoming of Lance and Karen Erickson on March 3-5 2017 in Santa Maria, CA. The main Hotel will be the **Radisson Hotel** located at 3455 Skyway Drive, Santa Maria the reservation phone number **(805) 928-8000** Please identify yourself as with the **ELKS GROUP** to receive the special rate of **\$129.00 plus taxes**. All the meetings will take place at the Radisson Hotel and dinners will be at the Santa Maria Elks Lodge #1538. The Friday night Cook your Own at the Elks Lodge is one not to miss!! If you desire an RV spot at the Lodge you can and should contact them now at (805) 922-1538, if they don't have any more please contact me as I have a very limited number on hold.

Hurry donate now!



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UPDATE TO ALL LEADING KNIGHTS

All Leading Knights Challenge entry forms are due by February 5th. Forms must be in our hands by either US Mail, Email, or fax (925-822-3288) by the end of the business day at 5 p.m.

Thanks, Gerry and Bill



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Did You Know?



The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (B.P.O.E.) of the United States of America is a large community service organization. It was started in 1868 by a group of New York actors and entertainers known as "The Jolly Corks" who wanted to make their club into a service organization. Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian, a singer and dancer from London, had been a member of The Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes in England and provided the Elks with many of their original rituals and traditions. They chose the Elk as a symbol of strength, nobility and loyalty.

Unlike other fraternal organizations such as Freemasonry or the Rosicrucian Order, the Elks are not a mystic order. They have dropped many of the original secret rituals. In the beginning, they had elaborate initiation ceremonies, meetings, secret handshakes and passwords. Reportedly, new members were blindfolded during the initiation rite and had to ride around the meeting room on a goat, the basis for the humorous 1901 poem "When Father Rode the Goat". Of course, some traditions do persist, like the solemn "Eleven O'Clock Toast" to absent colleagues or the funny hats, jackets and titles (e.g. Grand Exalted Ruler).

The Elks are "committed to ideals of charity and patriotism". They provide money and services to youth, veterans, the disabled and the disadvantaged and are one of the largest providers of college scholarships in the United States. They support Scouting, youth sports, and the Special Olympics. Other programs support veterans, for example a Lodge might "adopt" an area veterans' hospital and provide regular entertainment or simply visit the people. Elks participate enthusiastically in patriotic events (they were the first organization to recognize Flag Day on June 14, 1907) and have been known to give away flags, especially to new citizens.

All of the elected leaders, from local to national levels, serve without salaries. To apply for membership, a candidate must be invited to join, must be a citizen of the United States, must be at least 21 years old and must believe in God. In 1996, membership was opened to women as well as men.

The Elks also call themselves "The Best People On Earth". Famous Elks include: Presidents Warren Harding, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, John Kennedy and Gerald Ford; entertainers Lawrence Welk, Will Rogers, Jack Benny, Andy Devine and Clint Eastwood; sports stars Vince Lombardi, Casey Stengel, Mickey Mantle, Whitey Ford and Jim Finks as well as members of Congress and others too numerous to list.

The B.P.O.E. has spread to Canada. The first lodge was started in 1912 in Vancouver, British Columbia. They are affiliated with the women's auxiliary The Order of the Royal Purple, now called The Royal Purple of Canada.

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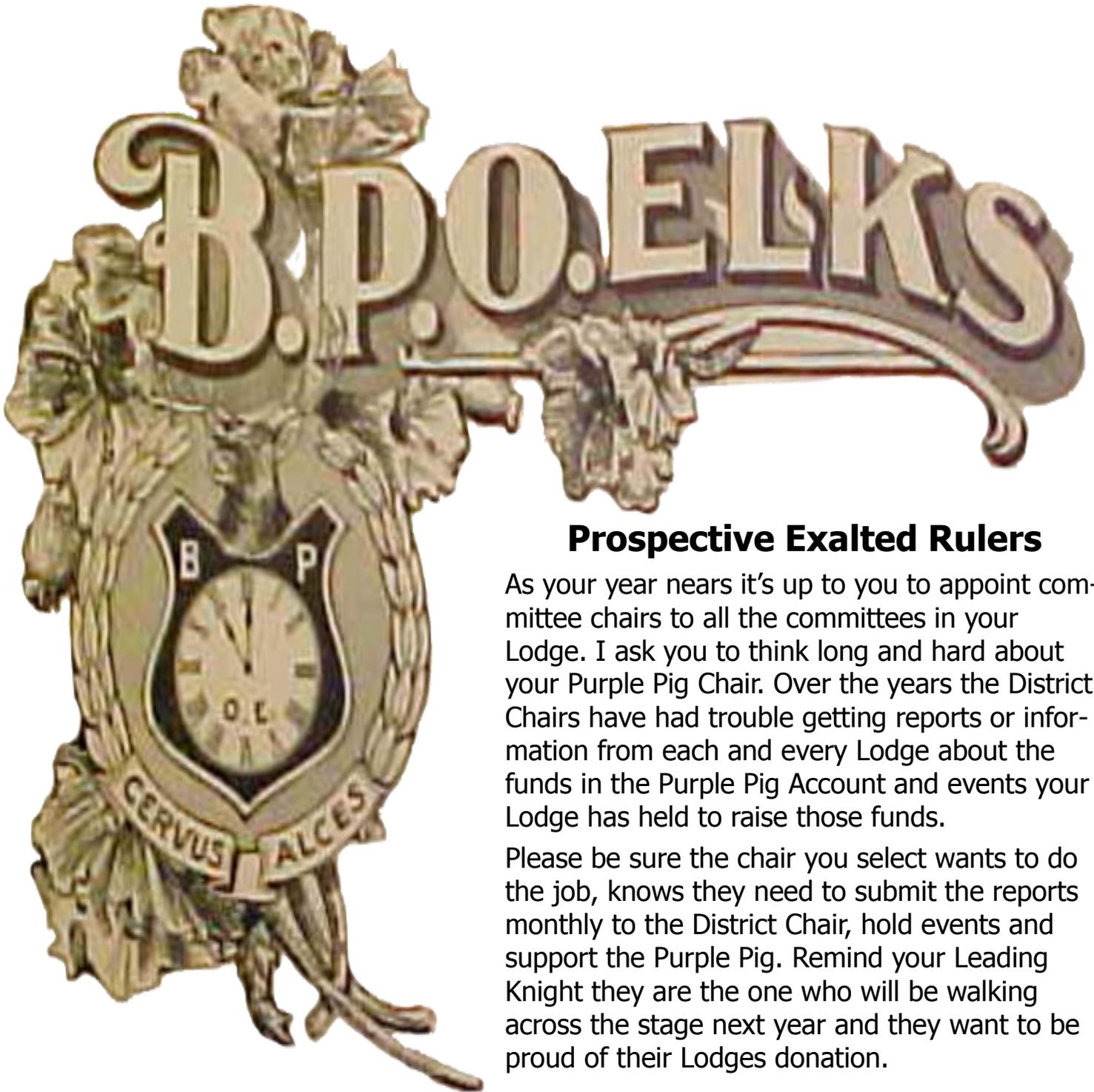


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Prospective Exalted Rulers

As your year nears it's up to you to appoint committee chairs to all the committees in your Lodge. I ask you to think long and hard about your Purple Pig Chair. Over the years the District Chairs have had trouble getting reports or information from each and every Lodge about the funds in the Purple Pig Account and events your Lodge has held to raise those funds.

Please be sure the chair you select wants to do the job, knows they need to submit the reports monthly to the District Chair, hold events and support the Purple Pig. Remind your Leading Knight they are the one who will be walking across the stage next year and they want to be proud of their Lodges donation.



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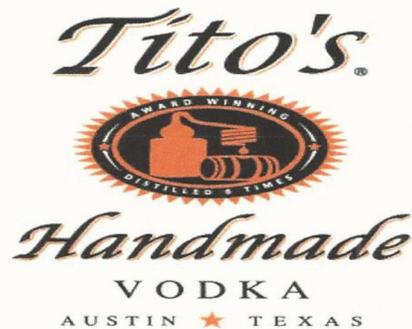
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Great Idea for

OCEANO/FIVE CITIES ELKS LODGE

410 AIRPARK

OCEANO, CA 93445



We would like to invite you to the Oceano/Five Cities Elks Lodge for our first annual Bloody Mary Contest to be held on Sunday, January 22nd 2017 - judging commences at 1pm. All proceeds will go to the Purple Pig fund, which provides therapists to disabled children. The entry fee is only \$20 and all vodka will be provided by our sponsor, Tito's Handmade Vodka. This event helps a great cause. We here at Lodge #2504 know we have the best Bloody Mary and we dare you to challenge us for the crown (entry form and rules attached). Hope to see you there!

Fraternally Yours,

Kristi Dupler

(805) 709-1414



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a Fund Raiser

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

2 people maximum, per team

Prize categories:

- ❖ Overall Winner (Best)
- ❖ 1st Place Elk
- ❖ 1st Place Local Bar/Restaurant
- ❖ 1st Place Amateur
- ❖ Crowd Favorite
- ❖ Best Drink Presentation
- ❖ Best Unique Garnish

This is a great idea for a fund raiser for your Lodge. I want to congratulate Kristi for thinking out of the box on this event. What a great way to get the Lodges or possibly prospective members into your Lodge to try to win.

As always remember to drink responsibly and do not let anyone over do, we have to watch this very carefully. But as responsible Elks we always do. Be safe but have fun you might even serve a meal after the judging or even during to raise even more money.

January 22, 2017, at the Oceano/Five Cities Elks Lodge

Participant set-up from 11:00am until 1:00pm

Judging is from 1:00pm until 2:30pm

Prizes will be awarded at 3:00pm

Food will be available for purchase during the contest

There will be five total judges, with two randomly selected

Blind judging

LODGE (INCLUDING LODGE #)/BUSINESS NAME: _____

TEAM MEMBER NAMES: _____

\$20 APPLICATION FEE METHOD OF PAYMENT:

CHECK: MAIL OR DELIVER TO P.O. BOX 476, OCEANO, CA 93475, ATTN: KRISTI DUPLER

CREDIT CARD AND CASH PAYMENTS ARE C.O.D.

ANY ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER JANUARY 18, 2017 ARE SUBJECT TO 50 LASHES WITH A WET NOODLE AND A \$5 LATE FEE!

FOR QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT KRISTI DUPLER

KRISTI.DUPLER@GMAIL.COM



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Fellow Elks,

This is something I have been doing for several years and I thought I would pass it along to many Elks. Do you order stuff thru Amazon.com? I am sure just about everyone has used Amazon at one time or another.. We are all increasingly ordering online and the biggest supplier by far is Amazon.

But, did you know that by doing your online shopping thru **SMILE.AMAZON.COM** (<https://smile.amazon.com>), your purchase AUTOMATICALLY makes a donation to the charity of your choice?

I do. And my charity choice has been Elks National Foundation. While I am not responsible for all of it, I see that ENF has this year received \$2,349.26 from Amazon as of the end of November. And Amazon has donated \$37,903,623.82 to all of the charities designated by their online shoppers.

CHEMPI is also available as a choice for Amazon donations. It's so easy. All you need to do is bookmark the following link in your browser <http://smile.amazon.com/> and use it when you shop Amazon.

So, sign up and pass it on to someone else, too. I can't think of a simpler, easier way to support our charities.

Thanks to Verna Eisen and Wayne D. Wilson from the Northwest District for this information please pass it on.



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Total event sales in the amount of \$36,101.09 with the donation amount of 15% results in \$5,415.16 raised for Purple Pig. This year's top 3 Chili's restaurants were Manhattan Beach with \$2,200 in event sales, Escondido with \$1,857, and Torrance with \$1,400 in event sales. The results of this event are the highest since I began this back in 2014 and I have to thank each and every one of you and your districts that participated, as well as Ted Olsen for the incredible cover of the CHEA Magazine. Chili's will be presenting the check to me at the Escondido Elks Lodge in February on a date not yet determined.

I was introduced to the Chili's Southern California Regional Director on the evening of the event and was proud to have been able to explain what the Elks are about and what this event was supporting. When he heard about what we do to help children he was very proud that Chili's was a part of it. There are some great things in the works being discussed with Chili's as we move forward. Steve Wagstaff

