

# ELKS TALES

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The national convention held in Charlotte North Carolina in early July was a great time socially as well as informative. There were over 7500 Elks in attendance and I wish every one of you could have been there. We met some wonderful people from all over the U.S.A. confirming that everyone should want to be an Elk. The South Carolina Hospitality Room was one of the most popular at the convention and I want to thank Nancy and Frank Kinard and Theron and Joyce Lawhon for the great job and amount of work they did.

This promises to be a great year for the Elks and we as a lodge have a great deal of work to accomplish for our charities and I am confident that lodge 858 is up to the task.

I would also like to inform you that we start our membership drive in august. To accomplish our goals we will need help from every member. **We must find a way to improve our membership**, work to increase family participation and community service. I am confident that each of you will continue to volunteer to help your lodge, show your love of our fraternity and take the opportunity to work with your Grand Lodge Officers, committee members and State association in helping our community be stronger, thus showing that helping others promote Elkdom and that **Elks Care - Elks Share**

Cordially and Fraternally  
Barbara Stringfield  
Exalted Ruler



**AUGUST 2007**

**Getting a little behind in your dues? Check your card and ensure you are current. Card should read "April 2008". We don't want to and cannot afford to lose you. If there is any doubt, contact the lodge secretary.**



I invite you to take a few minutes to go over the newsletter his month. And if you've missed something , go right ahead and read it again. I like bringing you news of our Lodge, pictures etc. I have had a light volunteering of articles for the newsletters, so please take some time each month to jot down an article or two you'd like to share with your fellow Elks. I know they would be glad to here from you. Please provide the information to me by the 15th of the month. (Jolene) at [b\\_thomas@charter.net](mailto:b_thomas@charter.net)



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#### **Alzheimer's**

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To All District Deputies, Exalted Rulers, officers and members:

I would first like to thank all of you for having confidence in me and giving me the opportunity to reach out to all the members of this great Order by serving as your national president. Beth and I will do our best to represent all of you in the coming year as we spread the tremendous word of Elkdom.

Although the Grand Lodge year has just begun, our lodge year is well into its fourth month. Every lodge should examine their current state to ensure that any changes that are needed be acted upon in a swift and precise manner.

I urge your lodge to revisit the Indoctrination Program to be sure that all of your new members have a clear view of what it means to be an Elk and the benefits and rewards it has to offer.

The best means by which to retain a new member is to ensure that he or she is aware of all of the wonderful deeds we do as Elks. Each new member should know about the National Foundation – "The Great Heart of Elkdom," our dedication to all our veterans, young and old throughout the world, and our commitment to our communities every day.

I charge all of us this year to work together as "Elks – United to Serve Others," and with Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity, to give our never ending pledge that "Elks Care — Elks Share."

Again, thank you for letting Beth and me have this opportunity and we look forward to visiting as many Elks as we can across this great land. Keep us in your prayers, and may God bless all of you.

F. Louis Sulsberger

Grand Exalted Ruler

## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

**1936** The first Olympic games opened in Berlin, Germany

**1966** The University of Texas tower massacre occurred

**1943** The naval ship, PT-109, commanded by Lt. John F. Kennedy, sank off the Solomon Islands

**1960** A world air speed record of 2196 mph was set by the X-15 experimental U.S. rocket plane, piloted by Joseph A. Walker, a civilian test pilot

**1841** The steamboat *Erie*, caught on fire on Lake Erie, killing 175

**1920** The first licensed radio broadcast occurred

**1969** Hurricane *Camille* killed more than 300 people and left 70,000 homeless in Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama

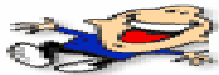
**1807** Robert Fulton's steamboat *Clermont* made its first run from Albany to New York City in 32 hours, traveling t five miles per hour

**1860** The first silver mill began in Virginia City, Nevada

**1858** The first cable message was sent across the Atlantic Ocean from Queen Victoria of England to United States President James Buchanan

**1971** The New York Giants Professional Football Club announced their move to New Jersey





## JOKE OF THE MONTH

### SMOKING AND DRRINKING

The lady was a Southern Baptist who attended services and taught Sunday School every week. On one Sunday, an out of town acquaintance, a gentleman, was in the pew right behind her. He noted what a fine looking woman she was.

While they were taking up the collection, the man leaned forward and said, "Hey, how about you and I having dinner on Tuesday?"

"Why yes, that would be nice," the lady responded.

Well, the gentleman couldn't believe his luck. On Tuesday he picked the lady up and took her to the finest restaurant in that part of South Carolina. When they sat down, the gentleman looked over at her and suggested, "Would you like a cocktail before dinner?"



Oh, no," said our circumspect fine example of southern womanhood, "What ever would I tell my Sunday school class?"

Well, our gentleman was set back a bit, so he didn't say much until after dinner, when he pulled out a pack of cigarettes and asked, "Would you like a smoke?"

Oh my goodness no," said the woman. "I couldn't face my Sunday School class if I did?"

Well, our boy felt pretty low after that, so they left, got in his car and as he was driving the lady home, they passed the local Holiday Inn. He'd been morally rebuffed twice already, so he figured he had nothing to lose so he ventured forth with, "Ahhh .. Mmmm how would you like to stop at this motel?"

Sure, that would be nice," she said in anticipation.

The gentleman couldn't believe his ears, and did a fast u-turn right then and there, and drove back to the motel and checked in.

The next morning, after a wild and passionate night of the most incredible sex and perversions imaginable, The gentleman awoke first. He looked at the lovely Dixie darling lying there in the bed and with remorse thought, "What the hell have I done? He shook her awake and pleaded, "I've got to ask you one thing, whatever are you going to tell your Sunday School class?"

The lady said, "The same thing I always tell them. **You don't have to smoke and drink to have a good time.**"



Marty Collars and Millard Cover have just recently had surgery. Both of them came through it ok. Marty Cain will be undergoing more tests soon. Let's keep all of them in our thoughts and prayers.

### PROPOSED AMDNDMENTS TO ELKS LODGE 858 BY-LAWS

Article V : Elective Officers and Duties  
Section 4: Present

The secretary shall receive as compensation \$2,700 per year, payable monthly.

Proposed Change:

The secretary shall receive as compensation \$3,000 per year, payable monthly.



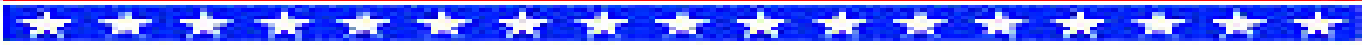
# NATIONAL CONVENTION



## TRIVIA

- The United States government keeps its supply of silver at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY.
- It takes a lobster approximately seven years to grow to be one pound.
- The first toilet ever seen on television was on "Leave It To Beaver".
- There are only thirteen blimps in the world. Nine of the thirteen blimps are in the United States.
- Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds, while dogs only have about ten.
- The name Jeep came from the abbreviation used in the army for the "General Purpose" vehicle, G.P.
- Since 1896, the beginning of the modern Olympics, only Greece and Australia have participated in every Games.
- Montpelier, Vermont is the only U.S. state capital without a McDonalds.
- The cruise liner, Queen Elizabeth II, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.
- Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.
- Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.
- Murphy's Oil Soap is the chemical most commonly used to clean elephants.





### **QUICK COMEBACK**

One of my sons serves in the military. He is still stateside, here in California . He called me yesterday to let me know how warm and welcoming people were to him, and his troops, everywhere he goes, telling me how people shake their hands, and thank them for being willing to serve, and fight, for not only our own freedoms but so that others may have them also.

But he also told me about an incident in the grocery store he stopped at yesterday, on his way home from the base. He said that ahead of several people in front of him stood a woman dressed in a burkha.

He said when she got to the cashier she loudly remarked about the U.S. flag lapel pin the cashier wore on her smock. The cashier reached up and touched the pin, and said proudly, " Yes, I always wear it and probably always will."

The woman in the burkha then asked the cashier when she was going to stop bombing her countrymen, explaining that she was Iraqi. A gentleman standing behind my son stepped forward, putting his arm around my son's shoulders, and nodding towards my son, said in a calm and gentle voice to the Iraqi woman:

"Lady, hundreds of thousands of men and women like this young man have fought and died so that YOU could stand here, in MY country and accuse a check-out cashier of bombing YOUR countrymen. It is my belief that had you been this outspoken in YOUR own country, we wouldn't need to be there today. But, hey, if you have now learned how to speak out so loudly and clearly, I'll gladly buy you a ticket and pay your way back to Iraq so you can straighten out the mess in YOUR country that you are obviously here in MY country to avoid."

Everyone within hearing distance cheered!

### **GUESS THIS ELK**



Last months baby picture was Jim Stringfield

### **FIRST SATURDAY DANCE**

**AUGUST 4TH**

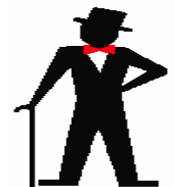
**MUSIC BY**

**"TOP HAT"**

**7700 PELHAM ROAD**

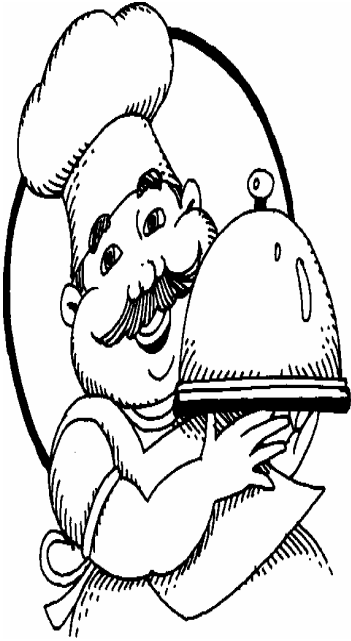
**\$10.00 PER PERSON**

**7:30 UNTIL 11:00**



**RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

**STEAK AU POIVRE**



- 3 lbs beef tenderloin
- 1/2 cup coarsely cracked black pepper
- 1/2 tablespoon salt
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/8 cup fine brandy
- 1/3 cup heavy cream



Combine salt and black pepper. Completely coat the filets in the mixture and allow to sit for 10 minutes. Heat olive oil to medium-high heat. Sear the steaks on both sides for about 3 minutes per side; when done, remove steaks. They will be rare. Finish in oven, if desired. (The pepper will burn on the stovetop.)

Scrape meat drippings from bottom of pan. Add butter, stirring until butter melts. Add brandy, then flame the brandy (do this away from the stove).

Slowly pour in the heavy cream, to form a nice emulsion.

Plate the steaks and serve with the sauce on top.

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 3) Sandy Cher
- Kate Musacchia
- 8) Carl Swanson
- 9) Barry Matthews
- 11) Joey Chism
- 12) James Miller
- 16) D. Kenneth Smith
- Jim Stringfield
- 17) Jim Laidley
- Jimmy Shiflet
- 22) Jack Grayburn
- Bill Nalley
- 28) Dennis Kerwin
- 30) Douglas Guerry

**BAR BINGO**

**Friday August 3rd**

**7:00 till 10:00**

**“CHARLIES BARBEQUE”**

**Barbeque Sandwiches, slaw & baked beans**

**\$7.00 per person**

**Must sign up by July 28th if you plan to eat**





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## DOES CORNER

Does having birthdays in August are Lois Paradowski on the 1st, Sandy Cher on the 3rd, Lynn Smith on the 11th and Dot Owens on the 14th.

Yes, it is me again and once again news is going to be short

Marty Cain is still under the weather, but seems to be improving. I am sure she would appreciate a card or a telephone call to let her know you are thinking about her.

Lynn Smith's son has been in the hospital for several weeks in critical condition. He has some lung problems and has had surgery. He has come a long way, but he still has a long way to go. Be sure to let Lynn know you are thinking of her and her family.

Jason B. Gregory, the son of Jo Anne Kelly is now in Afghanistan. He has a birthday on September 11th. I wish each of you would send him a birthday card. All of our troops need each of us to support them in any way we can. His address is: **Jason B Gregory B-Co-1-118 205 RCAg—K APO, AEO 9355**

Any of you that have family members overseas and want their addresses in my article can do so by calling or writing me with the information.

This will be the last month of only one meeting. In September we will go back to meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

Once again, in case any of you have forgotten, September is our anniversary month and we will also honor 5 year officers during September. Hope each of you can attend. These officers have donated a lot of time and effort into our organization.

We continue to collect soup labels and drink can tabs. It only takes a second to cut a Campbell's soup label from a can and it would mean a great deal the children at St Judes.

Hope each of you enjoy reading these articles as much as I enjoy writing them.

Please remember that I love you and God does too.

Dot Owens, Reporter

If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider that they are there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes!!!



## DANCE

**SATURDAY AUGUST 8TH**

**MUSIC BY**

**"KEITH TRACY"**

**7700 PELHAM ROAD**

**\$10.00 PER PERSON**

**7:30 UNTIL 11:00**



## 'I Hope You Dance...'

Dear Bertha,

*I'm reading more and dusting less. I'm sitting in the yard and admiring the view without fussing about the weeds in the garden. I'm spending more time with my family and friends and less time working.*

*Whenever possible, life should be a pattern of experiences to savor, not to endure. I'm trying to recognize these moments now and cherish them.*

*I'm not "saving" anything; we use our good china and crystal for every special event such as losing a pound, getting the sink unstopped, or the first Amaryllis blossom.*

*I wear my good blazer to the market. My theory is if I look prosperous, I can shell out \$28.49 for one small bag of groceries. I'm not saving my good perfume for special parties, but wearing it for clerks in the hardware store and tellers at the bank.*

*"Someday" and "one of these days" are losing their grip on my vocabulary. If it's worth seeing or hearing or doing, I want to see and hear and do it now*

*I'm not sure what others would've done had they known they wouldn't be here for the tomorrow that we all take for granted. I think they would have called family members and a few close friends. They might have called a few former friends to apologize and mend fences for past squabbles. I like to think they would have gone out for a Chinese dinner or for whatever their favorite food was.*

*I'm guessing; I'll never know.*

*It's those little things left undone that would make me angry if I knew my hours were limited. Angry because I hadn't written certain letters that I intended to write one of these days. Angry and sorry that I didn't tell my husband and parents often enough how much I truly love them. I'm trying very hard not to put off, hold back, or save anything that would add laughter and luster to our lives. And every morning when I open my eyes, tell myself that it is special.*





### **Adopt-A-Vet Provides Hope**

In 1980, George Schwarz of Clawson-Troy, MI Lodge No. 2169 came up with a plan to help our hospitalized veterans. Knowing the loneliness and depression one can feel when hospitalized, especially those far away from family and friends, George devised a simple yet effective solution called Adopt-A-Veteran.

His plan was so successful the National Veterans Service Commission began using it in 1983. Each year Elk lodges across this country adopt many hospitalized veterans to honor our commitment, "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." Last year, many Elk volunteers visited many hospitalized veterans on their birthday and holidays and showered them with gifts and attention. Those who could leave the hospitals were taken out to dinner and those who could not leave the hospital, dinners were brought in to them. These volunteers provided our veterans with comfort, companionship, cheer and understanding, and in the process helped lift some of their loneliness.

The Adopt-A-Veteran program is one in which every lodge should participate. How does it work and how can your lodge become involved?

- The VAVS Representative (or chairman at a state facility) secures the names of veterans without family or friends nearby and forwards the list to the state National Veterans Service chairman.
- The state chairman will divide the list among the lodges in close proximity to the facility and forward the names to the appropriate district chairman.
- The district chairman will determine how many veterans each lodge wishes to adopt. He will then provide the lodges with a like amount of names.
- The lodge should publish the names and birthdays of its adopted veterans in its bulletin each month and encourage members and their families to schedule visits. Gifts for veterans should consist of personal-care items, reading material, games and similar items of nominal cost. Luncheons and dinners at a restaurant or the lodge are also recommended.

The Elks' objective of the Adopt-A-Veteran program is to take the place of family, to replace the loneliness with hope and to let the veterans know we will never forget them.

Dwawayne E. Rumney, PGER Past Commission Chairman

### **Major Project Booths Judged**

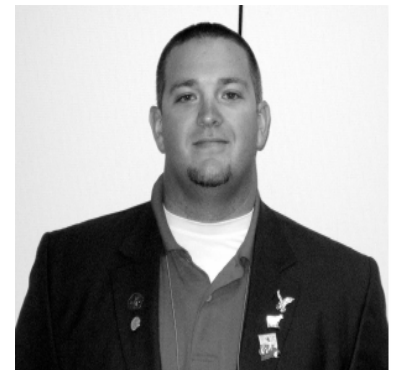
The GL Activities / State Associations Committee judged State Association Booths at the 143rd Convention at Charlotte, NC. Following are the results:

States receiving FIVE STARS: MD/DE/DC, Indiana, Nebraska, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Kansas, Georgia, Florida, California/Hawaii, Arizona, and Illinois.

States receiving FOUR STARS: Ohio, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, Missouri, and Alaska.

States receiving THREE STARS: New York, Texas, Oregon, Idaho, New Jersey and South Carolina,

The oldest ER at the GL Convention was Jerry Eaton, Sr., of Clearlake, CA Lodge #2299. He was born in May, 1915, and just turned 92 years young. The youngest ER at the GL Convention was James Rentschler, 22 years old of Pomona, CA Lodge #2038. He was born February, 1985.



# AUGUST 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 LODGE OPEN	2 LODGE CLOSED	3 BAR BINGO DINNER	4 DANCE TOP HAT
5 LODGE CLOSED	6 RITUAL PRACTICE	7 LODGE CLOSED	8 LODGE OPEN	9 LODGE CLOSED	10 LODGE OPEN	11 DANCE KEITH TRACY
12 LODGE CLOSED	13 RITUAL PRACTICE	14 LODGE CLOSED	15 ELKS MEETING DINNER	16 SUMMER CONVENTION MYRTLE BEACH	17 SUMMER CONVENTION MYRTLE BEACH	18 SUMMER CONVENTION MYRTLE BEACH
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