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As this article is published I will be closing out my year as Exalted Ruler. 2015 was a great year but not without a lot of hard work, time and help. As I prepare to leave, the most important thing I can do is to thank all those that helped me throughout the year.

A wise friend once told me that if I start calling out folks by name, I will surely miss someone who dedicated themselves and are worthy of mention. That being said, I am overwhelmed by all the support I have received. When I excelled, my mentors were there to slap me on the back and tell me "Job well done". When I felt targeted I was told "keep moving forward, comes with the job, it will pass, you're doing fine". When I became responsible for the success or failure of events, my friends stepped up, came forward and told me "do not worry, we will not let you fail, we have your back". When it was time to represent, my fellow officers came forward and we rose above, we excelled both as a team as well as individually in competition. Our Past Exalted Rulers and officers filled the gaps during meetings without missing a beat. The pictures were snapped, the scholarships awarded, the organ played, the boy scouts performed, the bingo was called, the Elk's Tale was produced, the cement trucks rolled, the BBQ crews cooked, the soccer shoot shot, the breakfast was fried, Grants were granted and dictionary's rolled. I thank you for the privilege of allowing me to be the Exalted Ruler this year; it has been an absolute pleasure. So, it is with this farewell that I pledge my support to, and leave you in the capable hands of our next Exalted Ruler. It was a h*&% of a year and I thank you all!

Sherri Giovanacci, Exalted Ruler

LECTURING KNIGHT

Welcome to a new year with Lompoc Elks Lodge 2274. There have been a lot of changes to say the least. In the coming months we will be welcoming a new Exalted Ruler and some new officers. Please come out and introduce yourself, meet the new officers as soon as you can. We're looking for volunteers to help with planning and working on future charity events as well as lodge activities for this year. A new sound system has been installed in the lodge and WOW, it sounds great. Come and select a few of your favorite sounds when you visit.

SUGGESTIONS: Do you have ideas for improvements and or activities, please place your suggestion in the "Suggestion Box" on the wall in the "Members Lounge". We want to hear from you, remember this is your lodge to bring your family and friends to enjoy.

PARTIES AND PRIVATE EVENTS: Members, I encourage you to give your lodge the opportunity to hold your party or event here, we have wonderful facilities, hall, full kitchen, and poolroom to make your event great.

A CALL TO ALL MEMBERS: if you see yourself as a possible representative for your lodge, please come to the members meetings each Tuesday evening at 7:30pm. Every year there is an opportunity for a member to become a leader and serve your fellow Elk.

Robert Ramirez, Lecturing Knight.

SECRETARY'S REPORT



The Dues notices have been mailed. If you have not received yours yet, please contact the Lodge office (736-8866) and let us know. Your mailing address, we have, may not be right. We will send you another one. We will send out your new card as soon as we can. Also please

return the statement with your remittance filled in completely. You can drop your dues off at the lounge bar if the office is closed.

Widows and Associate Members are reminded we don't send out renewal notices to you. Widows, the dues are \$5.00 for Door Key Card and \$10.00 for Elks Tale Subscription. If you only want an ID card, it is free. Associate membership dues are \$30.00 for the year. Mail in your dues or stop by the Lodge office and make your payment.

The Lodge Membership Pin night will be March 15. See list of recipients elsewhere in the Bulletin. Please attend the meeting and get your pin if you are on the list.

Check the calendar for the Exalted Ruler's Appreciation Day and Installation of Officers night.

On March 1st we dropped all of the 2015-2016 delinquent dues members. If you were dropped, you have 30 days to pay your back dues and request reinstatement free.

Thank you, Gene Schaefer, Secretary

Major Project Donations - January 2016

Our thanks to the following members for their donations, turning in their Purple Pig Banks, donating to "Boomer" at meals or donating in January 2016.

Boomer (\$333.00): Individual Purple Pig donations: Mary Garcia, Bill Ochs, Ron Williams and Joe Martin; Individual Donors: Gene Schaefer and Sylvia Boynton (Memory of Jerry Davis).



A COIN A DAY SO THEY CAN WALK, TALK, SEE AND PLAY!

Remember bring in your Purple Pig bank to Lodge Office and receive your tax deduction receipt - help our children with disabilities

January Elk of the Month

Ed Edman - is a fixture every Tuesday at our Elk's Lodge serving as a cashier always in place and ready to work. He is another volunteer who takes on a job that helps our Lodge. Ed, I appreciate your dedication and the time you spend supporting our Lodge.

Sheri Giovanacci, Exalted Ruler

February Elk of the Month

Dennis Diffenbacher - is our Lodge Activities Chairman, who works behind the scenes and is rarely appreciated for what he does. He ensures all reports are turned in on time to the Grand Lodge, something if you don't get it done could really land you in hot water. Dennis, I appreciate your commitment to the Elks and thank you for your unfailing hard work.

Sheri Giovanacci, Exalted Ruler

NEW OFFICERS

**Vote by Acclimation
to approve following officers:**

Exalted Ruler	Daniel Oliveira
Leading Knight	Sherri Giovanacci
Loyal Knight	Robert Ramirez
Lecturing Knight	David Oliveira
Secretary	Gene Schaefer
Treasurer	Lydia Garlock
5-Year Trustee	John Larsen
Alternate Rep. to	Sylvia Boynton
Grand Lodge Convention	

PLEASE Save these Dates

April 2, 2016: BINGO, Noon - 6pm

July 2, 2016: BINGO, Noon - 6pm

July 9, 2016: Rummage Sale, 9am-3pm

Oct. 1, 2016: Craft Bazaar, 9am-3pm

Elks Memorial
An Elk is Never Forgotten.
Never Forsaken

Jon W. Ferrall, #4540
Born: October 2, 1948
Died: January 23, 2016
Initiated: July 18, 2006

John Coleman, PER, #1248
Born: July 22, 1926
Died: January 25, 2016
Initiated: August 28, 1973

Larry G. Johnson
Born: August 24, 1946
Died: February 4, 2016
Initiated: September 25, 2007

Roger Allen
Born: May 14, 1936
Died: February 13, 2016
Initiated: September 24, 1966



DELINQUENT MEMBERS

Following Delinquent dues members will be dropped March 1, 2016. You have already been notified in January of this action. You have 30 days from March 1, 2016 to request reinstatement and pay your delinquent dues fee.

Thank you, Gene Schaefer, Secretary

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| Bak, Robert | O'Neill, Lydia Parmelee, |
| Costa, Joseph W | Robert |
| Devine Jr., Thomas J | Plumey, Milton J |
| Eiswick, Derrick L | Ruelas, Ronnie |
| Goldy, David L | Smith, Clifford |
| Gonzales, David | ST Onge, Robert |
| Hadley, Carol | Stoll, Robert |
| Keen Dominic | Tamayo, Eduardo |
| Knouse, James | Townes, Marc |
| Ledune, Norman E | Townsend, Mike |
| Marquez, Charles A | Vargas, John |
| McGivney, Bernard E | Vargas, Manuel Jose |
| Mendek, Michael P | Weedon Jr, James T |
| Nesby, Eric Anthony | Zivich. David |

WINNERS AND LOSERS

January 26, 2016

(#1267) John Hannah	\$60.00	Absent
(#2465) Anthony Durham	\$250.00	Absent
(#4700) Charmain Hadlock	\$500.00	Absent

February 2, 2016

(#1458) Fred Hof	\$70.00	Absent
(#5008) Nick Davenport	\$250.00	Absent
(#3060) Dean Albro	\$500.00	Absent

February 9, 2016

(#2241) David Pawlowski	\$80.00	Absent
(#4992) Keith Stout	\$250.00	Absent
(#971) William Ochs	\$500.00	Absent



"All You Can Eat" on March 31st

\$10.00 - 7PM

"Roof Fund"



Officer Installation at 6PM



Day	Name	Day	Name
01	Belluz, Edward A.	16	Bommersbach, Jerry
01	Block, Dennis	16	Johnson, Sean F.
01	Castro, Steven	16	Magann, Michael
01	Downey, George A.	16	Mercer, Elfriede
01	Ingraham, Walter	16	Ouellette, Don M.
01	Vega, Harold	16	Sedberry, Kelly M.
01	Young, Michael	17	Anderson, Carla
02	Powers, Karin	17	Casarez, Patrick
02	St Onge, Robert G.	17	Leonard, King P.
03	Aleck Jr., John G.	17	Pacheco, Patrick P.
03	Huyck, James A.	17	Smith, Jacob
03	Kornelsen, Robert R.	18	Ayres, Don
03	Maddock, Jay A.	18	Boynton, Sylvia R.
03	Patel, Paul	18	Garife, Reynaldo
03	Payne, Kristy	20	Blackstone, Robert
04	Aguilar, Peter D.	20	Cortez, Virgilio
04	Benson, Garry E.	20	Eckert, Rodney J.
04	Giovanacci, Joyce J.	20	Levin, Alvin
04	Larsen, John C.	21	Arevalos, Robert P.
05	Barry, Joshua	21	Beck III, Clair M.
05	Cromer, Wade W.	21	Thomas Sr., Walter
06	Feliz, Daniel J.	21	Van Dyke, Martin
06	Nesby, Eric Anthony	22	Eckert, Robert E.
06	Rivera, Michael S.	22	Vargas-Shelton, Gloria
07	Bagneski, Mathew	23	Bosley, Clifford P.
07	Dixon, Steven W.	23	Evans, Debra
07	Manfrina, Robert W.	23	Vasques, John J.
07	Montgomery, David	24	Belloni, Linda
08	McKoy, John H.	24	Kelley, James
09	Casarez, Edward G.	24	Vargas, John
09	Hensen, Sherman A.	25	Gildea, Craig M.
09	Stonebarger, Duffey K.	25	Luis, Jerry
09	White, Chuck	26	Adams, Earl Scott
10	Clark, Gary L.	26	Newby, Donald
10	Leach, Steve	26	Vargas Sr., Arthur
11	Ashby, Barry K.	27	Campbell, Bob
11	Durham, Anthony M.	28	Free, John
11	Mora, William Robert	28	Ramsdell, Ken
11	Pata, William H.	29	Gomez, Vince
11	Sowinski, Floryan P.	29	Jones, Harold O.
12	Mathias, Ron	29	Lozoya, Humberto
13	Becker, Melinda	29	Maynard, Joan R.
13	Jansen, Tina	29	Ochoa, Ernesto
13	Schwartz, Larry	29	Thomas, Dan
13	Vasquez, Charles	31	Arevalos, Adam D.
13	Yahne, Robert C.	31	Long, James E.
14	Cook, Charles M.	31	Ochoa, Rafael
14	Wilson, Ellet	31	Palmer, Donald Jeff
15	Duffey, Fred J.	31	Tabor, Nancy

Membership/Lapsation Report	
Beginning Membership Total	
April 1, 2015	927
Increases:	
Initiated:	43
Affiliated:	2
Reinstated:	8
Subtotal:	53
Decreases	
Dropped:	5
Transferred Out:	4
Absolute Dimit:	0
Deaths:	18
Expelled:	0
Subtotal	27
Calculated Membership Total:	953
CLMS Active Members:	953
Average Age:	63.76
Gain/Loss	26
Delinquency	
Six Months:	5
One Year:	28
Over One Year:	0
Total:	33
Lapsation Rate:	3.56%
Applications on Hand	
Waiting to read at next lodge meeting:	0
In the hands of investigating committee:	1
Ready for balloting:	6
Ready for Orientation:	2
Ready for Initiation:	0
Ready for Affiliation:	0
Ready for Reinstatement:	2
Other:	0
Total	11
Life Members:	
Ife Members:	91
Honorary Life Members:	1
Total:	92

**Birthday Dinners are served
Fourth Tuesday of each Month**

Lodge Pin Awards Night, March 15,2016
The following members will be awarded years of membership pins
Plan to attend this meeting to see your fellow members receive their pins

Ten (10) Yrs.

Dean Albro
 Richard Apple
 Randall Beattie
 Robert Bellrose
 John Free
 Kyle Hunter
 Bridget Hurtado
 Lozoya Humberto
 William Makynen
 Ron Mathias
 Elfriede Mercer
 Kristina Mirich
 Catherine Parr
 Mahesh Patel
 Linda Rivaldi
 Lis Woodward

Fifteen (15) Yrs.

Tommy Aguila
 William K Ancheta
 Joseph Barresi
 Ewin Brockett
 Angela Brooks
 Cathy Brooks
 Mike Carpenter
 Steve Clark
 Gilbert Cornejo
 Hugo Galante
 Reynaldo Garife
 Vince Gomez
 Tina Jensen
 Justin Le Cavalier
 William Lindsey
 James Malone
 Raymundo Maya
 Ronald Moeller
 Mark Mushinskie

Fifteen (15) Yrs

CONTINUED
 Joe Naputi
 Rick Osborn
 Don Ouellette
 Tony Palacoiz
 Donald Pommerville
 Bertie Rettburg
 Eugene Schaefer
 Victor Vega
 David Warren
 George Weber

Twenty (20) Yrs

Kenneth Banuelos
 Dan Beach
 Anthony Calderon
 Michael Duffey
 Dan Dutra
 George King
 Richard Moody
 Paul Patel
 Hoyle Wright

Twenty-Five (25) Yrs

Gary Adair
 Ronald Barrows
 William Blaufuss
 Billy Brooks, Sr.
 Michael Cummings
 Edward Edman
 Thomas Hearne
 Glenn Janssen
 James Jenkins
 James Keeling
 Steve Leach
 John Maloy

Twenty-Five (25) Yrs

CONTINUED
 Jeffrey Minyard
 Mark Morehart
 Donald Newby
 Richard Pieprzycki
 Neal Porter
 Thomas Riegle
 Clarence Rollins
 Ron Rule
 Harry Schlueter
 Timothy Staffel
 Gary Sweet
 Gary Wolff

Thirty (30) Yrs.

Leonard Akronowitz
 Sarvovs Blocker
 Steven Dixon
 Raymond Down, Jr.
 William Graham
 Charles Hurlbut III
 Ignacia Luna
 Thomas Meyering
 Bob Rowe
 Derril Schiflet
 Isadore Trigueiro
 Dick Wilson
 Ellet Wilson

Thirty-Five Yrs

George Beeghly
 Garry Benson
 Terry Bertoline
 Douglas Bossert
 Samuel Dunaetz
 Anthony Durham
 Benjamin Feliz, Jr.

Thirty-Five Yrs

CONTINUED
 Gary Gettings
 John Haney
 William McGirr
 David Miley
 James O'Guin
 William Pata
 Ralph Quinn
 Terry Schrecongost
 Jim Silsbee
 Michael Steger
 Stephen Straight
 Tom Willims

Forty (40) Yrs.

Walden Cooper
 Ronald Fairbanks
 Raymond Hantz

Forty-Five (45) Yrs.

George Downey
 Samuel Hines
 Allan Leach
 John McKoy
 Howard Morehart
 Michael Palmer
 Irving Plo, Jr.
 Joe Valencia

Fifty (50) Yrs.

Luis Domingos
 Wyland Fuller
 Fred Hayes
 Jerry Hogan
 Tony Machado, Jr.
 Stanley Setlock, Jr.



COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Auditing and Accounting	Bob Murray, PER
Activities Committee:	
Community Projects	Sherri Giovanacci
Government Relations	Frank Campo
Public Relations	Joyce F. Moiha
Youth Activities	Robert Ramirez
Hoop Shoot	Robert Ramirez
Drug Awareness	Janet Gurley
Fraternal Committee	
Americanism	Bob Schrum, PER
Elks National Foundation	
Flag Day	Sherri Giovanacci
Elks Memorial Day	Joe Poole, PER
Membership	Bob Schrum, PER
Lodge Activities	Dennis Dieffenbacher
Veterans Service	John Hurd
Accident Prevention	Jim Martin
PER Association	Terry Gurley, PER
Sub Committees:	
Ritualistic	Dean Kays, PER
Major Project	Guillermo Lomeli
Bequests & Living Trusts	Gene Schaefer
Aid to Local Handicap	Neil McBratney
BBQ Catered	Glen Ericksen
BBQ Traveling	Joe Gonzales
Bingo	Janet Gurley
Blood Bank	Phil Hager
Building Maintenance	Jim Martin
Business Practices	Bob Schrum, PER
Elks Tale Editor (temporary)	Joyce F. Moiha
Fathers Day Brunch	John Larsen
Historian	
Kids Christmas Party	Joyce F. Moiha
Lapsation	Bob Schrum, PER
Lodge Mediator	Jim Hall
Mothers Day	
Orientation / Investigation	Lis Woodward
Photographer	Peter Cole
Popcorn	John Sams
Presiding Justice	Jim Huseman
Standing Relief	Lodge Officers
Scholarships	Wallace Rogers
Students of the Month	
Scouting	Bob Murray, PER
Sickness and Distress	
Ways and Means	Phil Hager

These Committees are very important to our Lodge. Without them we would not be able to do the things we do for our youth and our community. Please volunteer to assist in any area that you can.

2016 March Birthday Bash!!



**Elks Lodge #2274
5 March 2016
7:00: Cocktails
8:00-12:00: Long Riders**

No Gifts Please

Please bring finger snacks to share

**CHARITY BINGO
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**April 2, 2016 Saturday
Open @ Noon games 1pm - 6pm
OPEN TO PUBLIC (over age 18)**

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Every Other Game**

**21 Game Schedule
plus Bonanza, Treasure Hunt,
Shamrock, Speed Ball, Double Action,
Flash Boards, Lightening, Pull Tabs!**

**Bakery Sales
Benefit "Special Needs Program"**

**Food Sales
Benefit "Back to School Program"**

BOWLING PINS.



Pierre Chaldu has located several extra pins from past bowling events. If you would like to purchase some:

Large L pin is \$2.00 each

Round and Square pin are \$1.00 each

You will be able to purchase them at the bar soon.

WHAT I'VE LEARNED (so far)

1. The **Beautiful Mink Coat** so generously donated to our lodge was raffled to raise funds for our Lodge Charities. We raised \$2,190, thank you so much for the donation as well as everyone purchasing tickets! No, a lodge member didn't win it, darn, was hoping I would!
 2. We have over 927 members in our Lodge.
 3. About 120 of them receive Elks Tale via email.
 4. Which means 807 are mailed to members.
 5. The lodge spends about \$145.00 a month on postage to mail those Elks Tales. This is just for postage.
 6. Toner cartridges (3 color cartridges) for the printer to print Elks Tale cost \$182.00 each. Believe the black cartridge is \$57.00.
 7. Everyone's continued patience with my working on the Elks Tale. **Still a work in progress. smile**
8. Not only does putting the Elks Tale together take several hours (um days?) – There are more steps that many of us weren't aware of:
 - a. Elks Tale is created, reviewed, and approved to print.
 - b. 807 Elks Tales (plus extras for new members packages) are printed.
 - c. Address labels are printed for the 807 members.
 - d. A check request is submitted for the dollar amount to pay the post office for the postage.
 - e. John Hurd and volunteers spend a couple of hours or more (depending on number of volunteers) in the Sauna Room to fold the printed Elks Tales in half and apply those pesky white stickers you grumble about when opening your Elks Tale. The Elks Tales are placed in trays provided by the post office.
 - d. John Hurd applies the Address Labels to the now folded Elks Tales. I'm not sure just how many hours this takes, thank you John for doing this step.
 - f. John also batches the folded Elks Tale by cart sort locations/sections. He keeps them together with rubber bands and again places them in the tray.
 - g. A color sticker is applied to the batched Elks Tales. Stickers are provided by the Post Office, believe they denote the locations /sections of town and out of state for the Post Office.
 - h. NOW the trays of Elks Tales are ready to be taken to the Post Office to be sent to your homes. John said I could accompany him on the next post office run so I can learn what to do. Wonder how long that takes?
 9. Most importantly everyone's continued patience with my working on the Elks Tales and its many steps to completion.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Following events and programs REALLY need your help to make them successful.

Please call me, Joyce F. Moiha, at 757-8862, stop me in the lodge or call the front office 736-8866 to let me know which event(s) you would like to help with.

Elks Tale Editor another person would help to lighten the load.

Ways and Means Committee

We rely on inviting the public and our members to rent our facilities to bring money into the lodge. We have to be able to accommodate their needs by setting up for the rental use as well as serving foods ordered by the renters.

Please talk to Phil Hager at call 736-8866, let him know you are ready to help.

Cooking help and Crews

Let the crew leaders know you are ready to step up and help. This can be rewarding, interesting, and a learning experience. Smile. It also feels good to know you are helping where you can.

March 31, 2016

Kids Understanding Deployment Operations K.U.D.O.S. Program.

We'll be partnering with "Global Hearts Group" at Airman and Family Readiness Center on Vandenberg AFB. A Mach deployment for children of military personnel will be held. Children walk through steps of deployment, experience what happens when their parent(s) deploy. They will simulate deploying by receiving orders, dog tags and a mobility bag. The kids will have a better understanding of the deployment process and hopefully reduce stressors while their parents are deployed. When their deployment is completed for the day, they will be Welcomed Home with a BBQ provided by Lompoc Elks Lodge 2274.

March 31, 2016

Spaghetti Dinner All You Can Eat Fund raiser for \$10.00!

The roof requires some more attention; Robert Ramirez and John Larsen have stepped up to hold this event. Hey, good time to bring all the family out, return dinner invitations and bring everyone here. Look forward to seeing all of you there to support the gentlemen and the roof!

April 2, 2016

BINGO

Each section of BINGO needs volunteers to: sell Game Pieces, Bake and or sell Bakery Items, Beverages, and cook and sell Food.

Please contact Janet Gurley at 315-6738.

May 28, 2016

Back to School Program

A new program we plan to make an annual event. We will furnish school supplies to under privileged children. Volunteers are needed to sort and fill backpacks for the kids. A BBQ is also planned; cooks and servers will be needed too.

Please contact me, Joyce F. Moiha, at 757-8862.

June 4, 2016

Happy Happening at the Lodge 11am to 2pm.

Once again Special Needs individuals will be invited to spend a day of fun, food, and learning with Elks Lodge Members.

Please contact Neil McBratney at 735-2345.

July 9, 2016

Annual Rummage Sale from 9am to 3pm.

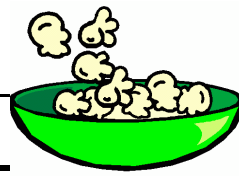
October 1, 2016

Annual Craft Bazaar Sale from 9am to 3pm.

Both the Rummage and Craft Bazaar events need volunteers; the hours you volunteer will be converted into credit you can direct to a Lodge Charity of your choice. We need Bakers, Cashiers, Ticket Sales, Food, Bakery and Beverage sales.

Please contact me, Joyce F. Moiha, at 757-8862

March 2016



Popcorn by Sandy Doty

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lunch is served Monday - Friday Except first Thursday of each Month		Chicken Fried Steak Lodge Meet. 7:30 p	BBQ Pork Ribs ² (Oliveira)	No Lunch Today ³	Cook your Own Or Prime Rib ⁴ (Oliveira)	March Birthday Bash! 8pm-12pm ⁵ Long Riders Please bring snacks to share
Omelets Plus ⁶ (Larson)	Something Dif. ⁷ (Larson)	BBQ Steak ⁸	Chicken Fried Steak ⁹ (Ramirez)		Cook your Own Or Prime Rib ¹¹ (Ramirez)	Queens Premier Fashion Show & Dinner ¹²
Scramblers ¹³ (Gail)	Brunch Burgers ¹⁴ (Oliviera)	Pork Ribs Chili Verde ¹⁵ Lodge Meet. 7:30 p	BBQ Chicken ¹⁶ (Larson) Orientation 6:30p	 ¹⁷ House Committee Meeting 7:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting 8:00 pm	Cook your Own Or Prime Rib ¹⁸ (Larson) Vets Push	Relay for Life Fashion Show ¹⁹
SOS / Omelets ²⁰ (Joe) ER Appreciation 3:00 pm	Pineapple Express ²¹ (Darg)	BBQ Steak ²² Lodge Meet. 7:30 p Initiation	Spaghetti Dinner ²³ (Scanlan)	BLOOD DRIVE ²⁴ Officers Potato Bar 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Cook your Own Or Prime Rib ²⁵ (Scanlan)	
Pancakes ²⁷ (Bill)	Perfect Patty Melts ²⁸ (Box Shop Bob)	Elk Of the Year Social Night ²⁹	Pot Roast ³⁰ (Martin)	Installation of Officers ³¹ 6:00 pm		



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