



**WELCOME BRANCH 163 MEMBERS**

**JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER**



**Last luncheon for those who could not attend was very nice. We had a great crowd owing to our spouses joining us. Meal was excellent except there was no ‘fried chicken’. We heard you on that one; we’ll make certain we always have this tasty meat on every lunch. One great Blessing from Hodels is their customer care. We always have a great room, table cloths and napkins, coffee, tea, and water; all provided at no extra cost. They don’t ask anything extra from us, just a larger number of attendees. We do the best we can and THANK YOU Hodels!**

**We had a number of members on vacation to the coast mostly, where the temperatures are bit more comfortable. No guests other than our wives this time but at prior meetings you guys have brought guests and new members so THANK YOU also.**

## GRACIOUS PERFORMERS

Kim McAbee

Kyle Carter



As per our Host agreement from Sir Jim Shapazian, they agreed to speak about their past and present lives primarily related to musical performances and also about their efforts in developing the Bakersfield Music Hall of Fame which has been very successful although Kim will tell you it is a load of work and a challenge every day; nothing great ever comes easy! They bring in mostly 'Tribute bands' which are very entertaining and take us back to our earlier lives when times were fun and not so complicated. Make it a point to attend some of their events I think you will enjoy the evening.

They also sang several songs and yes, Kim still has a beautiful voice. Thanks for sharing it with us.

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Quote from Abraham Lincoln:

**God, is the Silent Partner in every successful enterprise.**

And so it has been for Kim and Kyle; stay on the Bright Side!

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This special day of celebration should by no means get lost in hot dogs and beer although those will be fun also. I take time to reflect on and share the tremendous blessings of liberty and freedom God has poured out on America. I try not to forget the hundreds of thousands who sacrificed life or limb to protect this blessing from enemies who wish us great harm. This battle between Good and Evil continues 24x7 and never seems to lessen in intensity and is evident on the world stage as we gather now.

I think it bears repeating to our families, kids, friends --the understanding we must remember: God has selected and He Guides America; we must follow.

***ENLISTMENT OATH: (Given when inducted into the military):***

***“I, (your name), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the Officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military justice. So Help me God.”***

***GOD Said in Romans 13: Everyone must submit himself unto the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which GOD has established. The authorities that exist have been established by GOD. He who rebels against the authority, is rebelling against what GOD has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgement on themselves!***

*Sir Larry Sitzman*

# THE LIBERTY BELL

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- To Proclaim LIBERTY
  - Through all the land and to
  - all the inhabitants thereof.
- *This inscription engraved on the Bell in 1753 is taken from Leviticus 25:10*



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR JULY

**3 July Honor Flight Breakfast at the Elks Lodge 8 AM**

**10 July SIR Lunch-Out 'Skillet Diner', Hageman / Verdugo, 11 AM**

**17 July SIR Luncheon, Hodels, 11 AM registration**

**28 July Pool Buddies pending; New ownership with new hours. Not sure how and when. Will keep you posted.**



## 50 / 50 DRAWING offers 3 wins

- Val Vasquez \$\$\$



- Donald Forsyth \$\$\$



**EVERY LUNCHEON MEETING WE HAVE THE 50/50 DRAWING WITH THREE CHANCES TO WIN ONE OF THREE SPECIAL DUCKS. If you want to keep it you can but so far all winners have redeemed their duck for cash at the Treasurer's table. This week we paid out \$62 which means we retained \$62 for the Branch. By the way, this is how we exist by not charging dues. It has worked for years and as long as you guys buy lots of tickets we will stay in business and continue. Thanks Men!**

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**\*\*\*NEW  
MEMBER\*\*\*  
WELCOME  
DAN IRVIN!!!!!!!!!!!!**



Whether by hook or crook or plain willingness, we members invite friends, neighbors, or family and many stay on to become active members. Thanks to all-- you are the ones to make it happen!

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He has declared that he will set you in praise, fame and honor high above all the nations He has made and that you will be a people holy to the Lord your God, as He promised! *Deuteronomy 26:19*

I personally believe this applies to America also.

**HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**

*Sir Larry Sitzman, Branch 163*

