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RIDGECREST CHAPTER 60

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Organized by Law Enforcement in Fresno, California in 1929



**Old West Mounted Lawmen** presented the program for December. From left to right: Mike Thomas, Jim Tooker, Ernie Harris, Doug Parlet, and Jim Murphy. See page 3 for more photos.



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## Purpose

To foster good fellowship, mutual respect, and helpfulness between Peace Officers, Federal Law Enforcement agencies, Business and Professionals and all persons having a sympathetic attitude and understanding toward Law Enforcement and Law Enforcement Agencies; and to promote the true spirit of Ameri-

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

I hope that all of you had a great Christmas and I wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

It's been a several month's since we have published a Newsletter. I will combine some of the write ups I did into this Newsletter.



From the October write up:

The annual BBQ was not well attended this year. Those of us who were there enjoyed the fellowship and some great food. Thanks to those who could attend for being there. A big thanks to Diane Guignet for hosting the event and Mike Guignet for doing the cooking.

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ple to take care of a victim in a compassionate manner so that law enforcement is freed up to do their jobs more efficiently. One staff member is a Deputy Sheriff.

From the November write up:

Many of you are aware we had to cancel the annual golf tournament mainly because we did not have the team sign up to have a successful tournament. Since the golf tournament has been the major fund raiser over the years we will not have many funds to distribute this next year.

We owe thanks to KLOA and The Daily Independent for their efforts in publicizing the event. We had several businesses sign on for sponsorships. Those businesses have been contacted and all have said to consider their funds as donations to the Footprinters. Those businesses are **Coldwell Banker Best Realty; Jacobs Sverdrup Naval Systems Group; Gary Charlon State Farm Insurance; Ridgecrest Regional Hospital; Holland and Lyons Mortuary; D.D.S. Craig Bare and John Ahn; and T & T Alignment.** The Board at the last business meeting voted to set aside the donations received for the scholarship program.

The board would like for the membership to come up with ideas for fund raisers other than a golf tournament and the beer booth. Please pass any ideas on to a Board member.

At the November dinner meeting Supervisor Jon McQuiston was the guest speaker. Those who were unable to attend missed an informative presentation relative to subjects important to our area.

Mayor Chip Holloway was scheduled to speak at the November dinner meeting. Since the attendance was down the Mayor agreed to come back after the first of the year.

**PLEASE R.S.V.P. by Tuesday, the 10th of January. Give me a call at 375-2442, cell phone, 608-0970 or email at [blion@verizon.net](mailto:blion@verizon.net).**

Yours for Bigger and Better Footprints,



Winner of the 50/50 drawing was one of our guest speakers Jim Murphy, President of the Old West Mounted Lawmen's Association. Murphy immediately donated the \$25 take to Footprinters, Chapter 60.



Belly up to the bar! OWMLA members Doug Parlet and Jim Murphy have a concentrated discussion before dinner.



OWMLA president, Jim Murphy, far left, discusses the requirements to become a member of the Old West Mounted Lawmen's Association. A member must have some form of law enforcement in their background.



OWMLA member Jim Tooker talks about his custom made saddle that is a replica of the type used during the late 1800s. Also discussed were other equipment and weapons used during the period.



OWMLA member Mike Thomas show us his 1856 45/70 black powder rifle made by Springfield Armory.

**The Old West Mounted Lawmen**

You've heard about them. Bat Masterson, Bass Reeves, Wyatt Earp, and many more. The lawmen who tamed America's west and took great risk for little money. The Old West Mounted Lawmen's Association pays tribute to the special breed of men who were dedicated to upholding the law in settling the old west. The organization is unique in recognizing the purpose of the old west lawmen, so its members must have some experience

working in law enforcement.

Eligibility can be can be current and former law enforcement officials such as: U.S. Marshal, State Police, Sheriff Deputy, Border Patrol, Prison Guard, Federal or State Ranger, Military Police, Reserve Officer, Police Volunteer, and other related fields.

OWMLA members participate in parades or other functions where it would be practical to ride mounted in a group.

The image OWMLA is trying to project is that of the Old West Frontier during the period of 1865—1900. Each member is encouraged to collect and wear clothing worn by deputy marshals in the typical style of Wyatt Earp and Bat Masterson. Members are not required to own a horse but they should be able to ride and be able to lease or borrow one for special functions.

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**Jan. 1 - New Year's Day**

**Jan. 11** - Dinner meeting at K of C Hall, 725 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.

**Jan. 25** - Board of Directors meeting Knights of Columbus Hall, 725 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.

*February 2006*

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**Feb. 12** - Dinner meeting at K of C Hall, 725 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.

**Feb. 14 - New Year's Day**

**Feb. 22** - Board of Directors meeting Knights of Columbus Hall, 725 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.

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**Announcement:** For a monthly automatic meeting reminder send your e-mail address to **IFA60@mchsi.com**. Newsletter articles & questions welcome.



**Next Meeting—Wednesday, January 8, 2006**

**Dinner - Special Program**

**We're on the web  
www.footprinter.org/60ridgecrest.html**