



# The WESTERNERS Los Angeles Corral

## Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Roundup

Almanson Court - 700 South Almanson Street, Alhambra, CA  
Social Hour at 5 P.M., Dinner at 6 P.M.

### ***Our Speaker:***

**Mark Mutz, Corral Member, Newspaper Publisher and member of the Ancient and Honorable Order of E Clampus Vitus (Peter Lebec Chapter)**

*Sheriff Ann Shea declares the January Roundup as **E Clampus Vitus Night!** Clampers are encouraged to wear ECV regalia.*

### ***His Subject:***

**Stories: The Myths, the Facts, and the Realities**

Mark Mutz has always had an interest in history and events. As we go through life, we can begin to realize that the descriptions of many events in history are tainted in such a fashion as to make the subject of the events appear quite different than the actual circumstances.

Mark's love of history and events started at an early age. He was born and raised in New England, where history was all around him. There were stories of Indian Wars, some of which occurred 140 years before the United States declared independence. One battle led to a day of Thanksgiving being declared in 1637, following the Mystic Massacre during the Pequot War. When walking through the woods, he occasionally came across stone walls in the middle of stands of Oak trees that were third or fourth growth. Other times, he found lone Chestnut trees and later realized that the oaks had replaced these mighty trees. He also remembers walking through a graveyard and finding a headstone marked for "A Soldier of the Revolution".

Stories are all around us and the retelling can share the facts, portray the reality, or turn them into myths. While stationed in Fort Richardson, Alaska as an Infantryman, Mark also found an old cemetery for Russians, complete with little houses on each grave. When he was stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, there were more graves, but this time for Veterans of the Civil War.

One of the biggest problems in telling an accurate story is getting accurate information to base it on. For Mark, the art of storytelling involves presenting a topic in a space ranging from ¼ to two pages long that allows the reader to develop a complete picture in their mind when reading the Fence Post, a newspaper that Mark and spouse Dorothy own and publish monthly.

**Come spend an evening with the Westerners, as we listen to storytelling presented by our newest Corresponding Member, Mark Mutz!**

## Future Los Angeles Corral Events

- February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020    **Randy King**    Wild West Gunslingers: Short biographies of various gunmen, lawmen, feuds, and their outcomes.
- March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020    **Bruce Merritt**    The Founding of the Society of Colonial Wars in Los Angeles in 1895.

## Dinner Fees, Reservation Deadline & Meal Choices

Please make your reservations by Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, so that we can include your meal preferences when placing the food order for our event. This month, your meal selection is beef, chicken and vegetarian. The beef meal will be **Top Sirloin grilled and slow roasted**. The chicken option is **Baked Garlic Chicken, lightly breaded, topped with garlic and parmesan cheese**. The Vegetarian entrée is **Vegetable Pad Thai, made from classic Pad Thai noodles with stir fry fresh vegetables and topped with scallions and peanuts**. The dessert for January is Panna Cotta.

The Roundup Dinner Fee is unchanged for 2020 at \$40 for those who register before the deadline. If registering online at [www.lawesterners.org](http://www.lawesterners.org), the Roundup Store can be reached through the **Members Only** tab, and entering your **password: oldjoe**. Be sure to select your meal option, then pay using a PayPal account or by credit card.

If paying by check, please mail your meal selection and payment to:  
Mr. Aaron Tate, Registrar of Marks and Brands, 9768 via Roma, Burbank, CA 91504.

**Questions or late reservations** can be directed to Aaron Tate by calling or texting to (818) 804-9926, or email at [airnbobo@gmail.com](mailto:airnbobo@gmail.com).

Early reservations are strongly recommended and preferred, as there will be only limited, or potentially no meals available for walk-ins. The cost for late registrations and walk-ins is \$45.

## Dues Renewal Reminder

As a reminder to all members, it's time to renew your dues! If you have not already renewed your 2020 dues, please send in your payment or renew online as soon as possible. As per our Range Rules, Article VI, dues shall be paid yearly by February 15<sup>th</sup>. Members who have not renewed by this date will receive a notice from our Registrar of Marks and Brands.

**The Dues Store** is located under the Members Only tab at [www.lawesterners.org](http://www.lawesterners.org). Use the same password: oldjoe, to enter this members only section of our website and pay using a PayPal account or credit or debit card (through PayPal). If paying by check, please forward your payment to: **Mr. Aaron Tate, 9768 via Roma, Burbank, CA 91504**. With Brand Book 23 due out in February, and Brand Book 24 already in process, this is a wonderful time to be a Westerner! Your dues also help support our Fellowship program and pay for the Branding Iron, Special Keepsakes and Westerners International dues.

## Visit our Corral at Live on Green!

We will be tabling at the **Live on Green!** Festival at the Pasadena Convention Center on December 29-31. Volunteer to help us promote membership in the LA Corral or, at least, when you visit this outstanding free festival, stop by the Eubanks Equestrian Pavilion and **visit our booth!** Contact Jim Macklin to volunteer at (626) 305-2391 [jhmacklincpa@gmail.com](mailto:jhmacklincpa@gmail.com).