

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OF WESTCHESTER / PLAYA



Area's Fraternal Organizations Promote Fellowship, Values

By **Jack Topal**, NCWP Board Member, Fraternal & Service Organization seat

The Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista areas are filled with a host of fraternal organizations that are designed to promote fellowship and promote good values among their members. Here's a snapshot of three of the most prominent fraternal organizations in our area:

Masonic Lodge

Southern California Lodge #529
7765 West Manchester Ave., Playa del Rey

The Masonic Lodge is a fraternity of like-minded men who strive to be better human beings through the practice of brotherly love, relief and truth. Masons teach these principal Masonic values within the friendly, safe and family-oriented environment of the lodge and apply them in their daily lives. Membership is comprised of individuals from diverse ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds. For more than 400 years, Freemasonry has helped shape the lives of countless men on every continent. The Playa del Rey Lodge has stood for 111 of those years through good times and bad, war and peace. Local Masons strive to be a beacon for our community, proudly shining the light of Freemasonry, the very same illuminating principles which helped create our great nation. The Lodge's doors are open to all good men, no matter what religion or faith, who want to better themselves by being a part of the world's oldest and most renowned fraternal organization. In addition to Lodge social events, the Lodge participates in several community activities, including sponsoring the Little League Division 25 Challengers teams, providing free Child I.D. services at public and private events, participating in the Westchester Fourth of July Parade, and opening the Lodge to civic events such as voting and civic meetings. **John Drewery** is the Master of the Lodge for 2011. The Lodge meets every Thursday. For more information, please call (310) 345-4064 or view the web site at www.calodges.org/no529.

Westchester Elks Club

Lodge #2050
8025 W. Manchester Blvd., Playa del Rey

Dedicated to the principles of charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent

and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share. The Westchester Elks' Exalted Ruler is **Patty Crockett**. For more information, please call (310) 821-3005.

Westchester Elks Lodge Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
– 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.
Tuesday – Noon until 8 p.m.
Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Knights of Columbus

Father Emil Kapuan Council #3744
8049 West Manchester Ave., Playa del Rey

Knights of Columbus, the world's foremost Catholic fraternal benefit society, is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity. The Knights was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works. The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to more than 14,000 councils and 1.8 million members throughout the world. The Playa del Rey Council hosts regular Friday fish fries that fund scholarships for local students. The Deputy Grand Knight is **Bob Wright** and the Council meets monthly. For more information, please call (310) 821-2324.

Want to Serve on the Neighborhood Council?

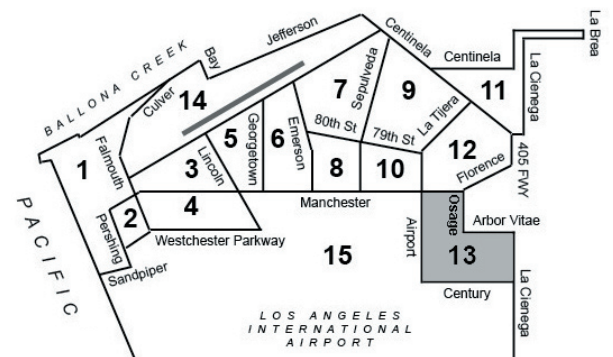
The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa currently has two openings on its 31-member board of directors. The two open seats are in the following categories:

Community Organizations

Shall be an officer or director of a non-political community organization located and regularly meeting within the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa boundaries.

Residential District 13

Shall be a resident of Residential District 13, bordered roughly by Manchester Avenue (to the north), Airport Boulevard (to the west), Century Boulevard (to the south) and Aviation and La Cienega Boulevards (to the east). Please see map below:



If you would like to serve on the Neighborhood Council, please send a resume and cover letter to President Cyndi Hensch at KentwoodNW@aol.com for consideration.

Attend NCWP Committee Meetings

The Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa has eight standing committees that discuss various topics of interest to our community. To learn about these issues in more depth, please take the time to attend our committee meetings and let your voice be heard.

	<u>Meeting Time/Date</u>	<u>Meeting Location</u>
Airport Relations	Third Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.*	Clifton Moore Administration Building, LAX
Budget and Finance	First Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.	7166 W Manchester Ave., Community Room
Education	Fourth Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.	Westchester Loyola Village Library
Government Affairs/City Services	As needed – please check website for time and location	
Homelessness & Vehicular Living	As needed – please check website for time and location	
Outreach	As needed – please check website for time and location	
Planning & Land Use	Second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.	8020 Alverstone Ave. (YMCA Annex)
Public Safety	As needed – please check website for time and location	

* Dark in January, 2011