



# THE NEWSLETTER

## GRAND JURORS ASSOCIATION OF ORANGE COUNTY

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**JOIN US FOR LUNCH  
Thursday, March 4  
at Phoenix Club  
1340 S. Sanderson Ave. Anaheim**

**Speaker**

**Steve Rodermund  
O.C. Registrar of Voters**

### MORE ON AB312 - GRAND JURY REFORM

The Honorable Todd Spitzer's amended version of AB312, was presented to the Assembly Committee on Local Government in January, '04. Jack Zeff, Grand Jury Association of Orange County and California Grand Jurors Association, Judge Kopp and Professor Vitiello testified against the bill in committee, while Todd Spitzer and Orange County Supervisor Tom Wilson spoke in favor. The bill was defeated, in committee, 5 to 3. Todd stated his intention to bring the bill back to committee in "the near future". The deadline to ask the Legislative Counsel for a bill was January 23rd. It is not known whether or not the deadline was met.

Among other changes, AB312 would remove the confidentiality of Grand Jury witness testimony. Supervisor Wilson (District #5) and Lynn Doucher (District #72), a member of the Assembly Committee, both supported the passage of AB312. You may want to question their reasons for support of this bill.

### GRAND JURY REPRESENTATION

The Grand Jury Association has received a letter from Judge Daniel Didier, supervising judge of the Superior Court's criminal panel, in which he states: "It has recently come to my attention that one or more members of a *previous* grand jury ... may have made public or private presentations to the Board of Supervisors that possibly could have been perceived, as representative of the *current* empaneled grand jury..."

This is just a reminder that former grand jurors have no more power than any other private citizen. In that capacity, they may of course advocate any position before a governmental agency, but may not represent themselves in the official capacity of the currently empaneled grand jury.

Karen Evarts  
2/04

## SIERRA COUNTY HAS NO GRAND JURY

Sierra, population: 3555, normally boasts a Grand Jury of eleven members.

Sadly, three of them have resigned stating as their reason that they have been individually threatened and/or intimidated.

On January 16th, the balance of the jury resigned en masse, stating that they too "have been obstructed in investigating complaints brought to our attention".

We find the behavior of the citizens of Sierra County inconceivable as we compare occurrences there with what we find normal here in Orange County. We wish to congratulate our Orange County citizens and compliment them for the support and protection they consistently provide our County Grand Jury. Thank you.

## MEASURE M COMMITTEE WANTED

Applications for membership on the Measure M Oversight Committee will be available at our March General Meeting at the Phoenix Club luncheon.

The selection committee will be recruiting applicants from the first and fifth districts. If you are interested, please pick up an application at the luncheon. Solicitation for applicants from the general public will be made starting in April.

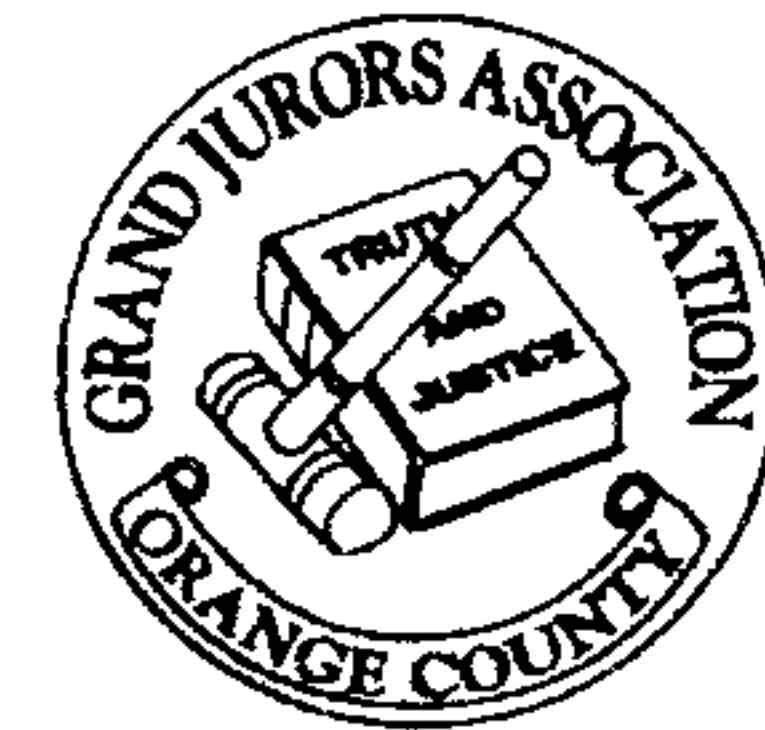
### MEMBERSHIP

193 paid members for the year 2003 should have received their up to date membership book in January '04. If not, there will be a few copies available at the March luncheon.

As of February '04, 160 of those members have renewed. Any doubts about your dues status shall be addressed by Jim Nolan who will be available for questions at the March luncheon.

Poll Workers are needed for the coming election. Registrar Rodermund is scouring the land for eligible participants on March 2nd. He still needs a substantial number of volunteers. The accompanying page contains all the information needed to sign up. Grand Jury Newsletter Editor, Cheryl Brothers, declares this to be the most interesting election in a long time. "My civic duty as a Fountain Valley council member, with a mandatory meeting on March 2nd, is the only reason I will not be manning this election personally."

The first time we, in California, will be able to vote electronically is only part of this highly important, milestone election.



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- Gardening rule: When weeding the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.
  - Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway.
  - If quitters never win, and winners never quit, then who's the fool who said, "quit while you're ahead?"
  - There are two kinds of pedestrians, the quick and the dead.
  - Health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
  - Life is sexually transmitted.
  - An unbreakable toy is useful for breaking other toys.
  - Get the last word in - apologize.
  - The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.



# NOTES & MISCELLANEA

## TREASURERS REPORT

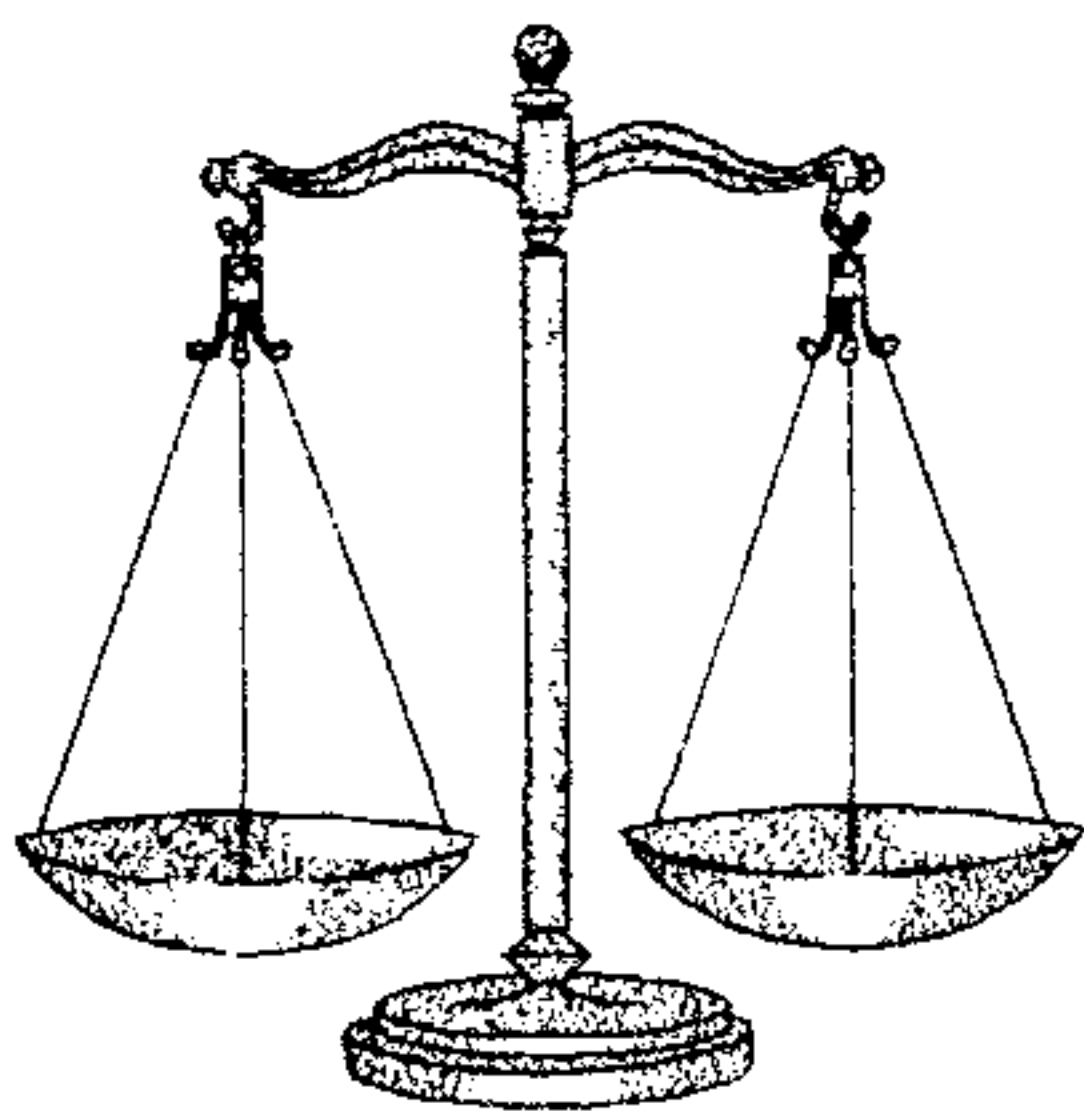
As of January 31, 2004  
Checking account balance:  
\$6,357.82  
Custom Time Deposit:  
\$3,392.83  
Total Reserves:  
\$9,750.65  
R. H. Fauteux, Treasurer

## 2004/05 GRAND JURY PROSPECTS

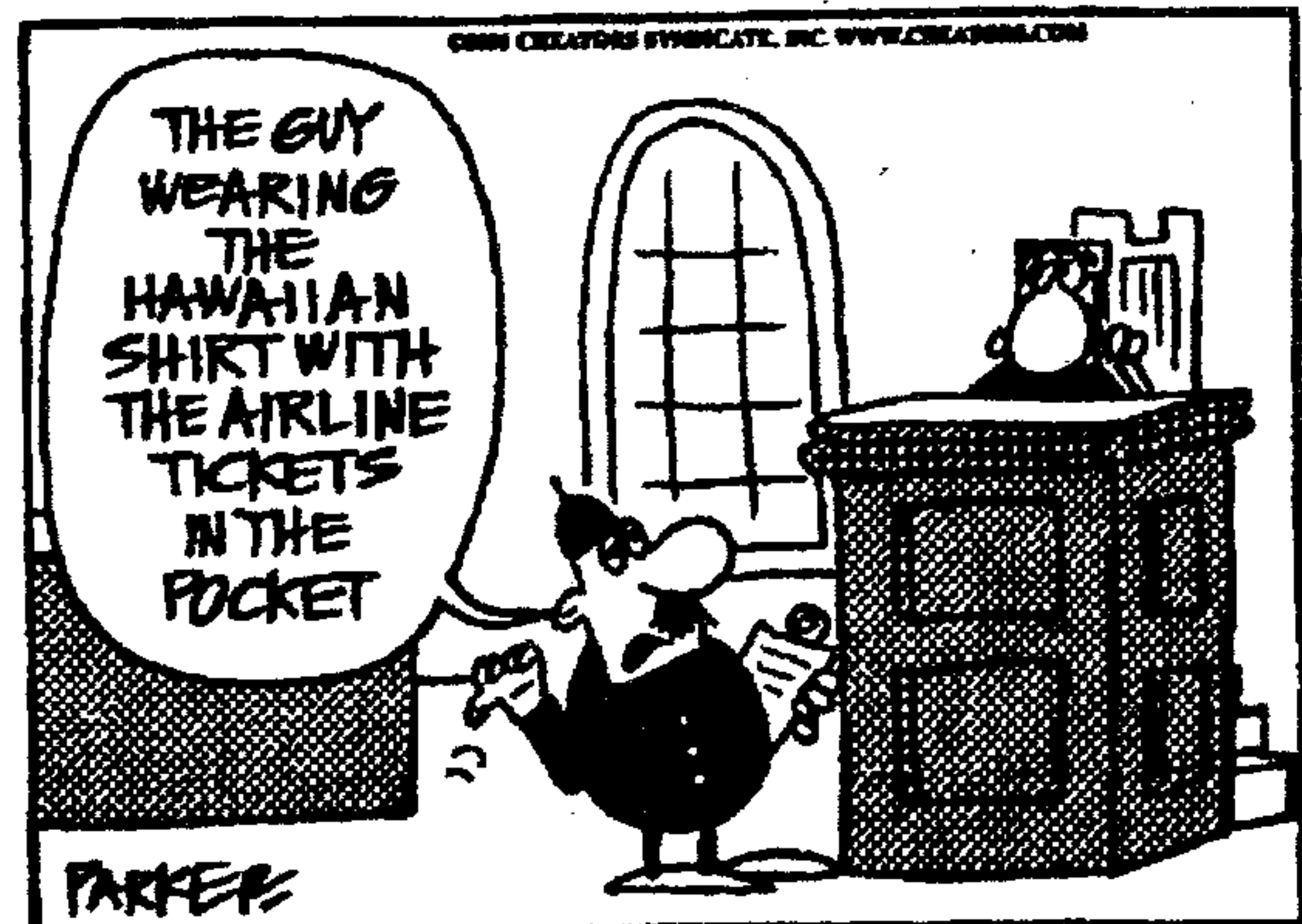
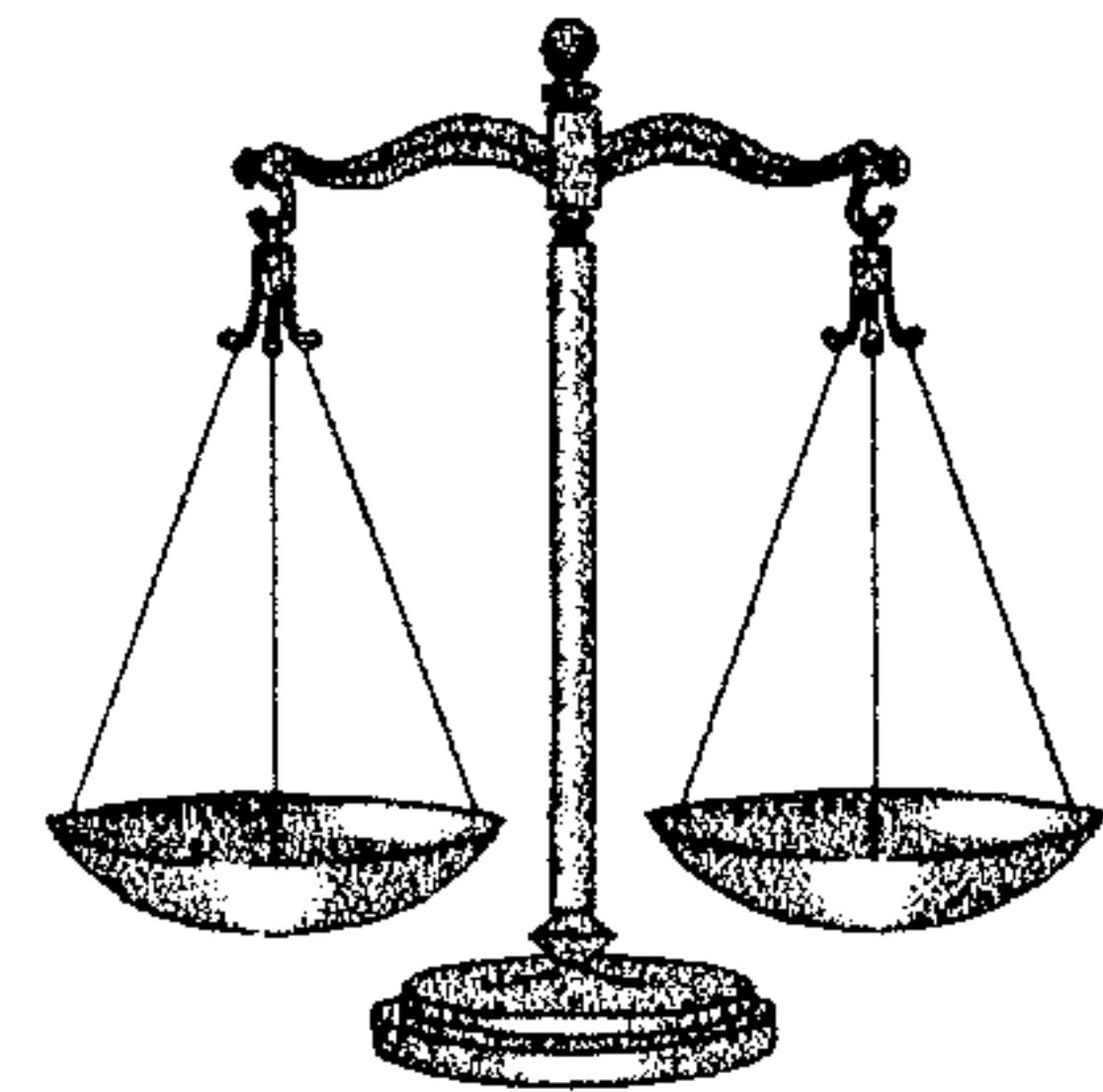
175 applicants met on January 29th for a brief look at grand jury service.  
As we all know, the process will continue until all but 19 people have been eliminated and the 19 lucky winners, sworn in.

## IN MEMORIAM

Derald Hunt  
1979/80 Grand Jury



Providing information to members at quarterly luncheons requires approval. Contact a Board member with your request to distribute hand-out material or to speak.





# WORK ELECTION DAY

*This is your future, be a part of it!*

- Become active participants in the Orange County electoral process
- Learn more on how your political system works
- Increase your knowledge about voting and the election process
- Serve the citizens in your community

## ELIGIBILITY:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be able to read and speak English
- Must be willing to work 15 hours on Election Day

## COMPENSATION:

### *Inspector*

- \$70 to serve as a person-in-charge
- \$20 to attend training
- \$10 to pick up supplies

### *Clerk*

- \$50 to serve as a board member
- \$20 to attend training

**YOU MAY MAKE UP TO \$100 IN ONE DAY**

**BE PART OF  
OUR TEAM**



**ASSIST YOUR  
COMMUNITY**

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