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LODGE BULLETIN



On February 29th the Lodge Social Quarters will reopen – it's been a busy time - new paint, new carpet, renovations of the wireless, sound, POS & electronic systems and lots more.

March 2016

Exalted Ruler's Message

With this being my last ER message I want to start by congratulating ER elect John Gebert and wish him and his team success in the coming year. It has been quite a year; we've had our trials, but we've also had tremendous successes. Remembering that we are a fraternal organization first and foremost, our charitable donations were at all time highs. We've given \$7,000 in local scholarships, \$5,000 to the NE Community Hospice, \$15,000 to the Harry Anna Trust Funds and almost \$12,000 to the Elks National Foundation. We've given to the Boy Scouts, the Salvation Army, the Empty Stocking Fund, St Frances House and many other organizations and causes. We've participated in the USO Pal Day, and the Veterans' Stand Down. We bring veterans from local nursing homes to our lodge for luncheons and host several veteran groups for their monthly meetings. In addition, we've updated our bylaws and house rules, upgraded security systems, completed the outside restrooms and during this downtime our staff has cleaned and painted. New carpet for the dining room is coming soon and I hear a rumor that new chairs for the lounge areas are in the works. Be very proud that you are a member of such a strong lodge.

I want to thank again all our "Elks of the Month" for their mostly behind the scenes dedication to our lodge. I want to thank Ann Rendall for taking on one of biggest tasks of all: the House Chair during a turbulent time. I want to thank our trustees and our audit committee for their hard work. I want to thank our secretary, Mike Rathmann, and treasurer David Lee for their superlative work in keeping the business of the lodge flowing. Thanks also to Ted Beal, Pat Shipley and Bob Kershner for their help and a very special thanks to Bob Catuto for his advice, guidance and counsel.

Amphitheater parking season is upon us with six events in March of which three are already sold out! We need parking volunteers! Jim Bellamy is our new parking chairman; contact him at staugvol@aol.com to volunteer. Look for a list of March parking events elsewhere in this newsletter.

You should by now have received your dues notice. You will not be admitted to the lodge after April 1st without your new signed card or a dues check in your hand. Please pay them before April 1st to avoid the embarrassment of being turned away.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your ER this year. It hasn't been easy and each of our PER'S can attest to that from their own years. Support your lodge, put personalities aside, volunteer your time and never lose sight of what Elkdom is really about.

ER Jimmy



**ALL LODGE MEMBERS ARE
CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE**

2016/17 Lodge and Eland Officer

Installation Dinner

5:00 PM, SATURDAY MARCH 19, 2016

**AFTER THE CEREMONY, ENJOY A FINE
DINNER (SALAD, CHICKEN CORDON
BLEU, MASHED POTATOES, VEGETA-
BLES) AND THEN STAY FOR GREAT
ENTERTAINMENT IN THE LOUNGE.**

DINNER TICKETS ARE \$15

New Lodge Officers

Congratulations to the new Lodge Officers for 2016/17:

EXALTED RULER	John Gebert
EST. LEADING KNIGHT	Lorin Austin
ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT	TBA
ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT	Mike Hughes
SECRETARY	Michael Rathmann
TREASURER	David Lee (PER)
TILER	Walt Mickle
ESQUIRE	Randy Stay (PER)
CHAPLAIN	Bob Kershner (PER)
INNER GUARD	Jean Lamblin
ORGANIST	Geoff Dobson (PDD)
LODGE ADVISOR	Bob Catuto (PDD)

Trustees

ONE YEAR	Sara McDavitt
TWO YEAR	Irv Stockdale
THREE YEAR	Elizabeth West (PER)
FOUR YEAR	Joe Smith Sr.
FIVE YEAR	Olen Meredith (PER)

The Installation will take place at 5:00 PM on Saturday, March 19, 2016. Afterwards there will be a dinner; tickets will be on sale soon.

Lodge Happenings

Sunday Morning Breakfast

The Lodge is serves a tasty breakfast on Sunday mornings from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM.

Friday Nights

On Fridays, enjoy luscious Lodge dinners and stay to party with great musical entertainment.

Tiki Bar Closed

Due to some serious maintenance issues, the Tiki Bar will be closed until further notice. A major renovation is needed to correct the problems; we'll keep everyone updated.

St Patrick's Day Party

Join us on Thursday, March 17th for the annual St Patrick Day's Party—more details on Page 8.

Installation of New Lodge Officers

Plan to attend on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 5:00 PM

2016/17 Dues

Dues Notices have been mailed out. Make your payment as soon as possible. You can pay by mail, or by credit card at the Bar or on the Lodge web site. The new cards will go out in early March; please don't use them until April 1st.

As always, you must have a 2016/17 membership card (green color) to enter the Lodge on or after April 1st.

This year, only members will receive a door key card. Spouses will receive an Identification Card.

Eland Message

To my fellow Eland Members and spouses of Elks;

Spring is right around the corner and plans are in the works for our Annual Paula Ball which will be held on Saturday, May 14th. There will be a full dinner and Southern Style will provide musical entertainment. Watch for further details about this event: proceeds will benefit the Children's Therapy Services.

This will be my final bulletin letter to you as President of the Eland Club of St. Augustine Elks. It has been an interesting year and I want to thank everyone who supports us and our efforts to raise money for the Florida Elks Youth Camp and Children's Therapy Services. I would especially like to thank my Board members; Sharyn Grace, Teddie Grace, Rosemary Dean, Janet Masters, Marybeth Geronimo, Elizabeth Wise and Ethel Picknally for their work and dedication to Eland's activities. I would also like to express a special thanks to PER Bob Catuto for his advice and support during the year.

We don't act alone and depend on ALL Elk members for your contributions. Whether you purchase a cake on Monday night, or buy a ticket to the Luau, donate items to the garage sale or attend the Paula Ball – it all helps the children, and it is gratifying to me and all of the members of the Eland Club of BPOE #829 to see how it all adds up. On March 19th the initiation will be held for a new slate of officers who will take over guiding our group to continue fundraising efforts for our children's charities. Please support them in all that they do to carry on our mission.

Remember you are always welcome to join us and become an active member of Eland. Our next regular meeting will be on March 2nd at 7:30 p.m. Help us as we work to fulfill our mission of "Hearts and Hands Helping Children". Thank you everyone.

Sincerely,
Joan Geronimo, President
Eland Club of BPOE 829

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Effects of Binge Drinking

by FRANK SCARPINO Missouri State Drug Awareness Chairman

What is binge drinking? For men it is five or more drinks – for women, four or more – consumed in two hours or less. In the United States one of six adults binge drink an average of four times a month, eight drinks per binge.

Thirty eight million Americans binge drink, which costs the United States \$223.5 billion a year due to loss of productivity, healthcare, crime and other expenses. As adults, men are almost twice as likely as women to binge drink. About 13 percent of women binge drink at least once a month, compared to about 24 percent of men.

For younger people there is less of a gender gap. About one in five high schoolers (both boys and girls) binge drink regularly. When they reach college that number grows. More than 70 percent of college students participate in binge drinking, of those 20 percent do it at least once a week. In fact, 90 percent of all alcohol consumed by people under 21 is in a form of binge drinking.

Is binge drinking really so bad? College students who binge drink often are less likely to have good grades and often skip classes. But worse, binge drinkers are 14 percent more likely to drive drunk than non-binge drinkers. This contributes to the 79,000 deaths for excessive alcohol consumption each year, making it the nation's third leading preventable cause of death.

Binge drinking isn't just dangerous for drinkers; it can put others at risk. So Elks Members, know your limits. Always have a designated driver, and keep an eye on other Elks Members and guests, and ask them to do the same. Remember, binge drinking or any excessive drinking could affect how your Lodge is perceived within your community and perhaps deter potential new Members.

H is for Helping Hospice

Submitted by Sandra "Sam" Williams

Five years ago, Bob Catuto instituted a new weekly bingo game. The player who covered the letter H on a card first would win half the pot. The other half would go to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida. "After my mother got such good care at Community Hospice, I just knew I had to do something to help them out," Bob explained.

After the H game was played Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016, Mr. Catuto presented Susan Ponder-Stansel, president and CEO of Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, with a check for \$5,000.



"Over the years, you and the Elks have raised more than \$20,000 for our St. Augustine inpatient center," Ms. Ponder-Stansel said as she thanked the players and Elks in the crowded bingo hall after receiving the check. She also said that during the four years since the Bailey Family Center for Caring at Flagler Hospital has been open, it has cared for more than 2,500 people and their more than 14,000 family members.



NOTICES

Lists of current membership candidates (new, transfers or reinstatements) are posted on the Lounge Bulletin Board.

Members wanting to comment on a prospective candidate should contact a Lodge Officer or send an email to: elks829secretary@gmail.com.

A list of bills-to-be-paid and detailed budget information is available at the Wednesday meetings.

A delinquency list is posted in the Lounge; remind people you know on the list to pay their dues or contact the Secretary if there is an issue.

Please notify the Secretary (elks829secretary@gmail.com or (904)471-2829 when your address, phone or email changes.

Trivia Night

Mondays 7:00-9:00 PM

Join a Team-Fun-Excitement-Braggin' Rights



Elks Lodge #829
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Every Thursday Night
"Smoke Free"



Doors Open 4pm
Early Birds 5pm • Reg. Games 6:15pm
WE HAVE PULL TABS



Important Information

The following are procedures from the House Rules & Steering Committee governing use of the social quarters. Pay particular attention to the areas with bold type—they pertain to spouses, guests and the purchase of alcoholic beverages; these procedures must be strictly followed to keep the Lodge in compliance with State Law and Elks Statutes. Also note that only Elk “Members” may sign in guests and that guests must wear a wristband while at the Lodge.

Use of the Social Quarters (Lounge, Dining Room, Game Room)

Members and Visiting Members will be admitted to the Social Quarters upon presenting a valid Elks membership card. **Only spouses of St Augustine Elks Lodge members with a valid Identification Card may be admitted and use social facilities in the absence of their member spouses. Persons with identification cards from other Lodges must be accompanied by and signed in by an Elks member and follow the “guest” procedures (wristband, etc.).**

No pets are allowed except certified service dogs.

Only valid St Augustine Lodge Members and Visiting Elks Members may bring guests into the Social Quarters. Guests must be signed in by a member in the Lodge guest book each time they are brought in to use the facilities. Guests will be issued wristbands which must be worn while on the Lodge premises; removal of a wristband before leaving the Lodge will lead to sanctions for the guest and sponsoring member.

No person may be a guest more than (3) times before s/he must seek membership in the Lodge.

No guest may directly order or purchase an alcoholic beverage.

No guest may remain after the Member or Visiting Member leaves.

A Bartender or Lodge Officer shall have the authority to refuse service to anyone at any time.

Suspension of Social Quarters Privileges

In accordance with Lodge By-laws, the House Committee Chair may suspend the privileges of a member or spouse for the following reasons:

Violation of a member’s Elk obligation

Offensive or obnoxious behavior or language

Failing to cooperate or becoming abusive with Lodge employees or officers.

FOCUSING ON YOUTH LOCAL & STATE YOUTH PROGRAMS

Florida Elks Youth Camp

FEYC BUS TRIP

We had over 40 Elks from our lodge attend the quarterly meeting at the FEYC. The two buses we took were full and all had a good time and enjoyed seeing the Youth Camp.

Thanks to all who attended and went on the bus trip.

Thanks to all Brothers and Sisters for your donations to the Florida Elks Youth Camp with your renewal membership. It is never too late to donate money for the camp. Please continue with your donations of games, sports items and other things that are appropriate, for the 9-13 year old children who attend our Florida Elks Youth Camp. They have requested that we not send clothing, as they wish to purchase new clothing items for the less fortunate campers. We continue to need donations, particularly SPORTS equipment that can be used at the camp. Keep them coming!! **Your Continued Support and Donations make this possible—THANK YOU!**

If you have any questions about the camp, trip or donations, please feel free to call me at any time: Irv Stockdale Cell: 904 315 3773, Home 904 471 7812. Email: kodagator@bellsouth.net.



LODGE MILITARY PAGE

HONORING OUR HEROES

During these trying times, some quotes in consideration of "heroes:"

"A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself." --*Joseph Campbell*

"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave." --*Elmer Davis*

"The legacy of heroes is the memory of a great name and the inheritance of a great example." --*Benjamin Disraeli*

"Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of readiness to die." --*G.K. Chesterton*

"And they who for their country die shall fill an honored grave, for glory lights the soldier's tomb, and beauty weeps the brave." --*Joseph Rodman Drake*

"Who kept the faith and fought the fight; The glory theirs, the duty ours." --*Wallace Bruce*

"Without memory, there is no culture. Without memory, there would be no civilization, no society, no future." --*Elie Wiesel*



"So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."



Welcome to our new Members



Elks Lodge #829 initiated 4 new members in February. Please make them feel welcome as you see them in the Lodge.

L to R: Howard Raymond, Jonathan Williams, ER: James Dean, Barbara Brunner, Father Victor Lopez

Elk of the Month

The Elk of the Month for March is **Barbara Smith**. Each month for several years, through the good times and the....well not so good times.... Barbara has quietly volunteered her time in the kitchen for spaghetti nights. I appreciate her dedication and love of our lodge. I also must give a special thanks to **Mikey Dobbins**, who although not a member, has served right along with Barbara.

St Augustine Elks Lodge

St Patrick's Day Party

THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH

5:00 – 10:00

**Corned Beef & Cabbage
Dinner With all the Irish
Trimmings**

Ancient City Pipers

Sass 'n Brass Band

Tickets \$17.00



Parking Volunteers Urgently Needed Upcoming Amphitheater Parking Events

Sunday, Feb 28	Alabama	
Friday, March 4	Steve Miller	SOLD OUT
Sat, March 5	Jason Isbell	
Sunday, March 6	Robert Plant	SOLD OUT
Friday, March 11	Moody Blues	
Thursday, March 24	Aretha Franklin	
Wednesday, March 30	Duran Duran	SOLD OUT
Friday, April 8	1964 Beatles Tribute	

If you can help, send an email to elks829secretary@gmail.com

COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2015-2016

ACCIDENT PREVENTION	Gerald Williams	364-8395
ACTIVITIES	Jean Lamblin	477-2837
AMERICANISM	John Gebert	814-4055
AUDITING	Tom Kavanaugh	868-0007
BINGO	Bob Catuto (PDDGER)	669-3510
CHARITY	George April (PER)	794-0612
DRUG AWARENESS	Jean Lamblin	477-2837
ELAND LIAISON	James Dean ER	797-3854
ELKS NATIONAL FUND	Bob Kershner (PER)	829-6220
FRATERNAL	Jerry Pilkington	940-0842
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS	Harry Waldron	501-2010
INVESTIGATION	Ted Beal (PDD)	824-5070
MEMBERSHIP	George April (PER)	826-6098
ORIENTATION	John Gebert	794-0612
PARKING	Jim Bellamy	461-0139
PER ASSOCIATION LAISION	Wayne Reyes (DDGER)	540-0237
PUBLIC RELATIONS	Sandra "Sam" Williams	364-8435
RELIEF	James Dean ER	797-3854
VETERANS AFFAIRS	Fred Dupont (PER)	540-8704
YOUTH ACTIVITIES	Irv Stockdale	471-7812

HOUSE COMMITTEE

CHAIR	Ann Rendall
BAR	Ed McGowan
GAME ROOM	Bob Jonis
DINING	Jean Lamblin
SAFETY	Gerald Williams
LODGE NETWORK	Lorin Austin

LODGE OFFICERS 2015-2016

EXALTED RULER	JAMES DEAN
EST. LEADING KNIGHT	RON THOMPSON
ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT	JOHN GEBERT
ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT	VINCENT NEWBERRY
SECRETARY	MICHAEL RATHMANN
TREASURER	DAVID LEE (PER)
TILER	WALT MICKLE
ESQUIRE	RANDY STAY (PER)
CHAPLAIN	ANN MARIE GRIETENS
INNER GUARD	SARAH DOUSMAN
ORGANIST	GEOFF DOBSON (PDD)
LODGE ADVISOR	BOB CATUTO (PDD)

TRUSTEES

ONE YEAR	FREDERICK RENDALL
TWO YEARS	IRV STOCKDALE (CHAIR)
THREE YEARS	ELIZABETH WEST (PER)
FOUR YEARS	JOE SMITH SR.
FIVE YEARS	OELN MEREDITH (PER)

ELKS CLUB, INC.

PRESIDENT	PAT SHIPLEY (PER)
VICE PRESIDENT	BOB KERSNER (PER)
TREASURER	JAMES DEAN
SECRETARY	TED BEAL (PDD)
MEMBER	LOUIS WISE (PDD)
MEMBER	BARRY MASTERS (PER)

Serving great food at the Lodge on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday nights and breakfast on Sunday mornings.



Check out the calendar for serving times & menus.

New Lounge Hours

Monday	3 PM - 10 PM
Tuesday	3 PM - 10 PM
Wednesday	3 PM - Midnight
Thursday	3 PM - 10 PM
Friday	3 PM - Midnight
Saturday	1 PM - 9 PM
Sunday	1 PM - 9 PM

Hours may be extended for special events and on nights there is a show at the Amphitheater.

~ March 2016 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Hot Dogs, chips and/or pizza are available in the Bar when a kitchen menu is not being served.		1 Juke Box Tuesday \$1.50 Drafts "Hump Day" Menu 6-8 PM Lodge Orientation 6:30 PM	2 Candidate Dinner Geoff & Becky Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM	3 Happy Hour All Day Juke Box Music Bingo	4 Prime Rib Chicken or Seafood 6:00-8:00 Entertainment Town and Country	5 Lounge Open 1:00-9:00 PM Tiki Bar Closed
6 Breakfast 9:00 – 11:00 Tiki Bar Closed Lounge Open 1:00-9:00	7 Pasta Monday Chef's Salad 5:00-6:30 PM Trivia-7:00	8 Juke Box Tuesday \$1.50 Drafts "Hump Day" Menu 6-8 PM Pool Tournament *	9 "Hump Day" Menu 5-7 PM	10 Happy Hour All Day Juke Box Music Bingo	11 Prime Rib, Pork or Seafood 6:00-8:00 Entertainment "Gypsy Peter Michael"	12 Lounge Open 1:00-9:00 PM Tiki Bar Closed
13 Breakfast 9:00 – 11:00 Tiki Bar Closed Lounge Open 1:00-9:00	14 Pasta Monday Chef's Salad 5:00-6:30 PM Trivia-7:00	15 Juke Box Tuesday \$1.50 Drafts "Tijuana" Taco Night 6-8 PM Pool Tournament *	16 "Hump Day" Menu 5-7 PM Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM	17 Happy Hour All Day St Patrick's Day Party 5:00-10:00 PM Bingo	18 Prime Rib, Chicken or Seafood 6:00-8:00 Entertainment Just Dave	19 Lounge Open 1:00-9:00 PM Tiki Bar Closed
20 Breakfast 9:00 – 11:00 Tiki Bar Closed Lounge Open 1:00-9:00	21 Pasta Monday Chef's Salad 5:00-6:30 PM Trivia-7:00	22 Juke Box Tuesday \$1.50 Drafts Pizza 6-8 PM Pool Tournament *	23 "Hump Day" Menu 5-7 PM	24 Happy Hour All Day Juke Box Music Bingo	25 Prime Rib, Pork or Seafood 6:00-8:00 Entertainment Southern Style	26 Lounge Open 1:00-9:00 PM Tiki Bar Closed
27 Breakfast 9:00 – 11:00 Tiki Bar Closed Lounge Open 1:00-9:00	28 Pasta Monday Chef's Salad 5:00-6:30 PM Trivia-7:00	29 Juke Box Tuesday \$1.50 Drafts "Hump Day" Menu 6-8 PM Pool Tournament *	30 "Hump Day" Menu 5-7 PM	31 Happy Hour All Day Juke Box Music Bingo	* Pool Tournament -Tuesdays (except the first Tuesday) – 5:30 PM warm ups; games start at 6:00 PM	