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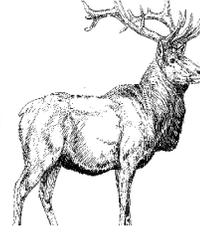
2015 ELK OF THE YEAR
Grace Andrews

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**ST. AUGUSTINE
ELKS LODGE #829**



LODGE BULLETIN



Those we have loved the dearest, The bravest and the best,
Are summoned from the battle to their eternal rest;
Those Who kept the faith and fought the fight;
The glory theirs, the duty ours to keep their memory bright

May, 2016

Exalted Ruler's Message

The first thing that comes to mind is Wow. The outpouring of support has been almost overwhelming. Lodge members come to me daily with well wishes and support. I am inspired to work hard to make our Lodge a welcome and friendly place to share support and common goals.

Many people pledge their support and ask what can I do to help? The most basic gesture we can do is reach out to your fellow members and greet them with the hand of friendship. This is Brotherly Love. If we follow these principles in our daily life I am sure everyone will be amazed at atmosphere of the Lodge.

We started off Day One of the fiscal year with a three-day "open to public" permit. We saw a lot of visitors come through our doors over the weekend of April 1st and our new team of officers/volunteers stepped up and took it all in stride. I am extremely grateful to all the volunteers that worked late into the night to make the weekend a huge success.

There is one volunteer that stood out to me this month. The quiet person who is quick to lend a hand to whatever situation comes along. Whether it is running around helping the bar or checking cards at the door, he never says no. My Elk of the month for May is Cary Coleman.

We now have a full compliment of officers working hard not only at the affairs of the Lodge but we are also dedicated to a competition ritual team. We encourage all members to come to initiation and show your support for our ritual team and our new members.

On the first Wednesday in May the PER's will perform the initiation. This will be a good performance because they have put together a team that has some of the best ritual members in this Lodge. Come join us and be a part of what the ELKS are all about: our obligation!

John Gebert
Exalted Ruler Lodge #829

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I want to make a special note regarding the following volunteers who helped me organize and manage the crews and repairs.



Olen Meredith – Olen assisted with inspecting and developing the scope of work, picking up all the materials and managing crews.

Bruce Kather – Bruce assisted with inspecting and developing the scope of work. Bruce provided his personal tools for performing replacement of all the deteriorated wood railings. Bruce also managed the crew for wood work and painting.

Christopher Lowe – Chris helped with repairs and managing crews. Chris worked (4) days on the Tiki Bar project. Anything we asked, he did.

Tim Harrel – Tim hung ceiling fans, replaced the palm fronds, rebuilt the grill at the outside kitchen, cleaned all of the outside kitchen appliances and cooked on the opening day for the Tiki Bar patrons.

Lady Elks – The lady volunteers were called in on the last day before opening. They performed beyond our expectations. They cleaned all of the chairs, tables, equipment, the storage room, etc. When they were finished, the Tiki Bar was clean and ready for service.

It was truly a pleasure to work with our brother and sister Elks. In total, there were (34) volunteers. We called, and the volunteers responded, making this project a total success.



Tiki Bar Volunteer Support

Joe Smith Sr., Trustee Chair

The following is a list of Volunteers who worked on upgrading the Tiki Bar:

Committee

Joe Smith
Olen Meredith
Bruce Kather



Volunteers

George April	Coleen Coleman	Tim Harrel
Lorin Austin	Blair Craig	Linda Layman
Shella Bell	David Fierreri	Christopher Lowe
Jim Bellamy	Ken Gabriel	Gary Maguire
Ben Benischeck	John Gale	George Splane
Bill Braman	Roger Geronimo	John Warmington
Bob Brown	Cathy Harrill	Jim White
Cary Coleman	Debra Harrill	

The above volunteers performed their task without complaint. Everyone did an excellent job, no matter what we asked. As a result, the Tiki Bar is now open and operational.

I also want to make honorable mention of the remaining volunteers. I did not contact them because everyone I called responded and we did not need everyone on the list. I want to thank everyone for their willingness to help.

Steve Abott	Peter Nmatzen
Steve Belrose	Bob Ozley
Chuck Blauser	Patricia Rowles
Nicky Ehart	Peggy Shope
Dave Fletcher	

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 Reopens

Due to the hard work and dedication of a fine group of volunteers, the Tiki Bar has re-opened. The hours are 1:00 - 9:00 PM on Saturdays and 1:00 - 8:00 PM on Sundays (weather permitting). Note that on Amphitheater concert nights the Tiki Bar will close at 6:00.

2016/2017 Dues

We've experienced a few mail problems in that some members did not receive their new membership card. All cards have been mailed so if you don't get yours within 10 days of submitting your payment, contact the Secretary (quickest is by email: elks829secretary@gmail.com).

This year, only members will receive a door key card. Spouses will receive an Identification Card. The "Spouse" stamp was added so the bartenders can quickly identify Lodge 829 spouses, who are permitted to purchase drinks themselves; spouses from other Lodges are treated as a guest (signed in by an Elks member, who must order and purchase alcoholic beverages for them).



Eland News
Hand & Hand, Building a Future for Children



Thank you to all who attended our first meeting of the new year, it was a very busy and successful meeting. Our calendar for the 2016 – 2017 is very full and we are all very excited.

Our first Eland Luncheon Social was very well attended, thank you to all who attended our first Social and a special thank you to a possible new member Charlotte Antelo. Our next Luncheon Social is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th at Jay Birds at Noon. All Eland members and those who would like to learn more about Eland are welcome.

Our first big fundraising event for the year is May 14th, Eland's Second Annual Paula's Ball. And it will be here before we know it. Please make plans to join us for this fun filled event, cocktails at 6 PM and dinner will be "served" at 7 PM (Filet Mignon, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Salad, Rolls and Butter and Dessert) and then we will dance the night away to "Southern Style". The proceeds from this event will benefit "The Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services". The tickets for this Big Event are \$35 per person and the dress is Semi-Formal (remember it is a Fun Filled Ball). Tickets will be available from any Eland member, they will be on sale at the Lodge every Monday during Monday Night Pasta, on Wednesdays and Fridays until May 6th. So make plans to stop by and get your tickets, they are going fast. And Eland is proud to announce the we are now accepting all Credit and Debit Cards for your convenience.

Orientation for new Elks Members will be Tuesday, May 3rd at 6:30 PM, come join Sharyn Grace, our Vice President and Membership Chair Lady, as we share Eland with the new incoming members and their spouses.

Eland's next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 4th at 7:30 PM in the back Hall and I encourage each of you to stay after to enjoy each other's friendship and share ideas. And don't forget our Eland Luncheon Social for Eland members or anyone who would like additional information on becoming an Eland member is Saturday, May 7th at Noon at Jay Birds. So let's do lunch.

If anyone is interested in joining our organization or needs additional information please let our Vice President / Membership Chair Lady, Sharyn Grace know, you can reach her at (516) 312-6317 or by e-mail sharynmgrace@yahoo.com or you may contact me.

Eland Proud!

Judy Reyes, President
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ENF Corner

Our Lodge contributions to ENF come from a combination of a portion of the annual 10K Charity Supernite and from individual members who make an annual pledge to Elks National Foundation.

ENF has announced its distributions for the 2016-2017 year (**\$29.52 million**). Administrative expenses of the foundation are less than 7.4% of the budget. That means nearly 93% goes directly to issues that we care about as Elks: helping veterans; developing drug free kids; helping talented students attend college; and building stronger communities. The breakdown for Elks National Foundation Grants and Appropriates for 2016-2017 are as follows:

State Grants	30.84%
Community Investment Programs	33.23%
Scholarships	14.60%
Fundamental Expenses (Administrative)	7.37%
Youth Programs	5.7%
Veterans Services	4.96%
Memorial Maintenance	2.39%

This year I hope to bring you an update on ENF activity each month through ENF Corner. Thank you to all who contribute to the ENF programs.

Bob Kershner, PER

ENF Lodge Chair

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

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

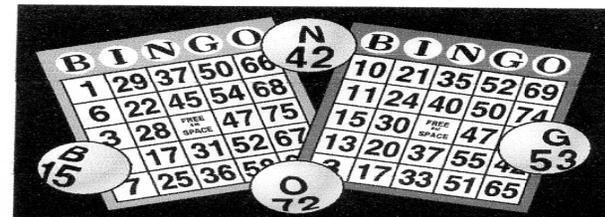
Join a Team-Fun—Excitement—Braggin' Rights

BINGO

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



Eland's 2nd Annual Paula's Ball
St. Augustine Elks Lodge



“In The Still Of The Night”



Proceeds to Benefit the
“Elks Children’s Therapy Services”

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Cocktails 6:00 PM
Dinner 7:00 PM

\$35.00 per person
Semi-Formal

(Payment by cash, check, credit or debit cards)

Entertainment by
“Southern Style”

Tickets will be available: at the Lodge every Monday during “Monday Night Pasta;” on Orientation night; on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays; every Friday night during the dinner hour, or from any Eland member.

FOCUSING ON YOUTH
LOCAL & STATE YOUTH PROGRAMS

History of the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services
(Reprinted from the State Elks Website)

The Florida State Elks Association has a long history of providing rehabilitation services to needy children of Florida. In 1933, the Association accepted the donation of a hotel in Umatilla, Florida and turned the facility into the Harry-Anna Home for Crippled Children. This unique facility offered free treatment to Florida children who suffered from orthopedic diseases and disabilities. Over the years, the name of the hospital changed several times and it occupied three different locations.



In succeeding years, the hospital operated continuously as a rehabilitative facility for orthopedic conditions and diseases in children. Through the years the bodies and lives of victims of polio, head trauma, birth defects, and accidents received the postoperative care that helped turn them into functioning and productive citizens. All this was done at no cost to the families. For more than 66 years, the hospital was among the finest rehabilitative facilities in the county and a source of great pride for Florida Elks.

However, times change and so did the Florida Elks. Due to major medical advances that meant extended hospital stays for rehabilitation were no longer necessary, and combined with changes in the health care delivery system, the hospital was forced to close its doors on February 26, 1999. Wanting to continue to serve children's needs, a new program of in-home physical and occupational therapy began on March 1, 1999 named the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services. Covering most of Florida's 67 counties, the program provides mobile in-home children's therapy services to more patients than what was ever possible with the hospital.

LODGE MILITARY PAGE

HONORING OUR HEROES

*Each donned their uniform to be
Defenders of our liberty*

*Their mission sure, their spirits bright
Guard freedom's home, be brave to fight*

*One final day each faced their call
Each gave their best enduring all*

*We'll never know what they went through
But know they loved this country true*

*Deep down inside we should all feel
What heroes gave, their cost so real*

*We must stay thankful, grateful of
The gift of freedom through their love*

*Their loved ones bore the gravest pain
What we can't know, some now sustain*

*To God I pray their pain will cease
And each will find long-lasting peace*

*Remember this from year to year
What heroes gave - shan't disappear*



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



The 11:00 Toast



**DID YOU KNOW ANY ELK MEMBER
CAN GIVE THE 11 O'CLOCK TOAST?
IN MY VIRGINIA LODGE WHERE I
FIRST JOINED THE ELKS, MOST
ELKS KNEW THE 11 O'CLOCK
TOAST FROM MEMORY. AS NEW
ELKS, 20 YEARS AGO, OUR CLASS
WAS ENCOURAGED TO LEARN IT
ONCE WE WERE INITIATED. WHEN
THE OPPORTUNITY AROSE, ONE**

**OF OUR NEW ELKS GAVE THE 11 O'CLOCK TOAST. SO
FOR ALL ELKS BOTH LONGTIME AND NEW HERE IT IS:**

*You have heard the tolling of eleven strokes. This is to impress upon you that with us the hour of eleven has a tender significance. Wherever Elks may roam, whatever their lot in life may be, when this hour falls upon the dial of night, the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs. It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more. Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message: **“To our absent Member.”***

Enjoy learning and especially enjoy the opportunity to lead it!! (The toast does not have to be given only at 11:00 – other suitable times are appropriate)



**Bob Kershner, PER
Ritual Coach
St Augustine Elks Lodge 829**

Parking Volunteers Urgently Needed
Upcoming Amphitheater Parking Events

Sunday, May 1	An Evening with the Gipsy Kings
Tuesday May 10	The 1975 w/Japanese House & Wolf Alice
Saturday May 14	STYX with .38 Special & The Outlaws
Tuesday, May 17	Deftones with Code Orange
Saturday May 21	Salt-N-Pepa and Kid 'n Play with Rob Base
Sunday May 22	Chuck Ragan w/Tim Barry-Backyard Stage
Friday May 27	Follow the Sun Music Fest-Backyard Stage
Saturday May 28	Wilson Phillips w/ Jacksonville Symphony

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

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



Check out the calendar for serving times & menus.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2016-2017

ACCIDENT PREVENTION	Gerald Williams	364-8395
ACTIVITIES	Jean Lamblin	477-2837
AMERICANISM	Ted Beal (PDD)	824-5070
AUDITING	Tom Kavanaugh	868-0007
BINGO	Bob Catuto (PDDGER)	669-3510
CHARITY	Lorin Austin	377-5758
DRUG AWARENESS	Irv Stockdale	471-7812
ELAND LIAISON	John Gebert ER	814-4055
ELKS NATIONAL FUND	Bob Kershner (PER)	829-6220
FRATERNAL	Randy Stay (PER)	460-0550
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS	Harry Waldron	501-2010
INVESTIGATION	Ted Beal (PDD)	824-5070
MEMBERSHIP	George April (PER)	826-6098
ORIENTATION	Lorin Austin	377-5758
PARKING	Jim Bellamy	461-0139
PER ASSOCIATION LAISION	Fred Dupont (PER)	540-8704
PUBLIC RELATIONS	Sandra "Sam" Williams	364-8435
RELIEF	John Gebert ER	814-4055
VETERANS AFFAIRS	Fred Dupont (PER)	540-8704
YOUTH ACTIVITIES	Irv Stockdale	471-7812

HOUSE COMMITTEE

CHAIR	Ann Rendall
BAR	George April (PER)
GAME ROOM	Bob Jonis
DINING	Jean Lamblin
SAFETY	Gerald Williams
LODGE NETWORK	Lorin Austin

LODGE OFFICERS 2016-2017

EXALTED RULER	JOHN GEBERT
EST. LEADING KNIGHT	LORIN AUSTIN
ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT	RANDY STAY (PER)
ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT	MIKE HUGHES
SECRETARY	MICHAEL RATHMANN
TREASURER	DAVID LEE (PER)
TILER	WALT MICKLE
ESQUIRE	CONNIE SARNOWSKI
CHAPLAIN	MEGAN KELLEY
INNER GUARD	JEAN LAMBLIN
ORGANIST	GEOFF DOBSON (PDD)
LODGE ADVISOR	BOB CATUTO (PDD)

TRUSTEES

ONE YEAR	SARA MC DAVITT
TWO YEARS	IRV STOCKDALE
THREE YEARS	ELIZABETH WEST (PER)
FOUR YEARS	JOE SMITH SR. (CHAIR)
FIVE YEARS	OLEN MEREDITH (PER)

ELKS CLUB, INC.

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

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.

Tiki Hours

Saturday	1 PM - 9 PM
Sunday	1 PM - 8 PM *

(Tiki closes at 6 PM during Amphitheater Events)

~ May 2016 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Breakfast 9:00 – 11:00 Tiki Bar 1-8 PM Entertainment TBA Lounge Open 1:00-9:00	2 Pasta Monday Chef's Salad 5:00-6:30 PM Trivia-7:00	3 "Hump Day" Menu 5-7 PM Orientation 6:30 PM	4 Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 PM	5 Happy Hour All Day Bingo	6 Prime Rib, Pork or Seafood 6:00-8:00 Entertainment Town and Country	7 Lounge Open 1:00-9:00 PM Tiki Bar 1-9 PM
8 Breakfast 9:00 – 11:00 Tiki Bar 1-8 PM Entertainment TBA Lounge Open 1:00-9:00	9 Pasta Monday Chef's Salad 5:00-6:30 PM Trivia-7:00	10 \$1.50 Drafts Hot Dogs	11 Taco Night 5-7 PM	12 Happy Hour All Day Bingo	13 Prime Rib, Chicken or Seafood 6:00-8:00 Entertainment Peter Michael	14 Lounge Open 1:00-5:00 PM Paula Ball Cocktails 6 PM Dinner 7 PM Tiki Bar 1-6 PM
15 Breakfast 9:00 – 11:00 Tiki Bar 1-8 PM Entertainment TBA Lounge Open 1:00-9:00	16 Pasta Monday Chef's Salad 5:00-6:30 PM Trivia-7:00	17 \$1.50 Drafts Hot Dogs	18 "Hump Day" Menu 5-7 PM Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM	19 Happy Hour All Day Bingo	20 Prime Rib, Veal or Seafood 6:00-8:00 Entertainment Just Dave	21 Lounge Open 1:00-9:00 PM Tiki Bar 1-9 PM
22 Breakfast 9:00 – 11:00 Tiki Bar 1-8 PM Entertainment TBA Lounge Open 1:00-9:00	23 Pasta Monday Chef's Salad 5:00-6:30 PM Trivia-7:00	24 \$1.50 Drafts Hot Dogs	25 Hot Dogs	26 Happy Hour All Day No Bingo Tonight	27 Prime Rib, Chicken or Seafood 6:00-8:00 Entertainment Southern Style	28 Lounge Open 1:00-9:00 PM Tiki Bar 1-9 PM
29 Breakfast 9:00 – 11:00 Tiki Bar 1-8 PM Entertainment TBA Lounge Open 1:00-9:00	30 Memorial Day Pasta Monday Chef's Salad 5:00-6:30 PM Trivia-7:00	31 \$1.50 Drafts Hot Dogs	Hot Dogs and/or snack pizzas are available in the Lounge when a kitchen menu is not being served. Tiki Bar will close at 6:00 PM on nights there is an Amphitheater event or anytime there is severe weather (lightning, heavy rains, etc.)			