

# St Augustine Elks Lodge 829

## February 2017 Bulletin

(This month's bulletin is abbreviated because of our closed status).

### Exalted Ruler's Message

What is the big question on everyone's mind? What is going on with our lodge? Here are the facts:

We had a visit from the health department that alerted us to some possible problems.

We had a professional company come in and while they found no threats with our Food Service we did find some areas for concern in other parts of the lodge.

Paul Davis Systems is taking care of the cleanup with a few new ceiling tiles and insulation. We will be given a certificate of clean air after the work has been completed and an inspection of the entire lodge.

Meanwhile, we are getting some much-needed maintenance and clean up done during this time. The inside of the walk-in cooler is getting a face-lift. The entire kitchen is being cleaned top to bottom. Jerry is shampooing carpet and assured me the tile in lounge and main hall will be as shiny as a new penny. We have also given all the restrooms a deep cleaning and looking at doing some updates to lounge restrooms.

We have some very dedicated Elks who are working hard behind the scenes to help make our lodge clean and shiny! George April is taking care of our campers staying out back. Bob Kershner is meeting with his team to choose ENF most valuable student. He is also working on the 10k charity night for later in February. We need your support for the 10k event and remember this is our lodge's major fundraiser for the National Foundation. We still have tickets available for the 10k night and I hope to see you there.

The lodge will soon be back to full speed doing the job of Elkdom. There are many different organizations that use our lodge for meetings functions and fund raisers. The Elks have always been a charitable entity; we also have a large presence in the community. We affect many more aspects than most realize. If we focus on our core goals of Charity and Brotherly love everything else will fall into place.

**John Gebert, Exalted Ruler**

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### Eland News (Hand & Hand, Building a Future for Children)

Mark your calendars, the next Eland meeting is planned for Wednesday, February 15th at 7:30 PM in the hall.

Your nominating committee has been hard at work and will have a slate of officers to present at this meeting.

Also, we will be having the final discussion of our upcoming Garage/White Elephant Sale to be held on Saturday March 11th with setup planned for Friday March 10th; please make plans to be there. Everyone's help is need for this last fundraising event of the year. Our contact person for this event is Annetee Pacetti Heggie and she can be reached at 630-334-9623. This is promising to be our biggest event of the Year. Let's all be "ELAND PROUD".

Again, our next Eland meeting will be held in on Wednesday, February 15th at 7:30 PM in the Hall and I encourage all of you to stay after to enjoy each other's friendship and share ideas.

For additional information about Eland, please contact our Vice President / Membership Chair Lady, Sharyn Grace, you can reach her at (516) 312-6317 or by e-mail [sharynmgrace@yahoo.com](mailto:sharynmgrace@yahoo.com) or you may contact me.

**Eland Proud!**

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March 11, 2017—Eland Club’s

Annual Garage Sale



The annual Eland Garage Sale has been a major fund raiser over the years. The next one is scheduled for Saturday, 11 March 2017. All items sold are donated by elks and their friends. Donations are currently being accepted and arrangements for drop off can be made by contacting an Eland member. Funds raised will help Elk and local charities supported by The Eland Club. Contact Annette Pacetti Heggie (Chair lady) (603) 334-9623 for information.

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**2017/2018 Dues (Upcoming)**

Dues statements will be mailed in early February. For next year, we have obtained plastic holders for spouse’s cards and will use a smaller image stamp to designate spouses of our Lodge members.

## ENF Corner

Northeast District Most Valuable Student Scholarship Committee has completed its evaluation of student applications submitted from all the Lodges in our district. With the help of committee members Sara McDavitt, Mike Hughes, and Peter Beckwith, and myself as District Chair, we evaluated 34 student applications. As was communicated in last month's article, there are (4) areas in the scoring of applications:

(1) Scholarship scoring is based on course load quality, intensity, presence of honors and advanced placement courses, and the number of courses taken. (2) Financial scoring is based on family financial issues such as a death of a parent, disability, single parent, medical issues, and other extenuation family circumstances. (3) Essay scoring is based on mechanics, style, and content of the essay. The essays should be clearly written, well organized, and should sustain a well-focused discussion. (4) Discretionary scoring is based on community service, extracurricular activities, honors, awards, leadership, and employment.

The committee evaluations were submitted on January 14th for State competition. From the 34 applications submitted, the top six boys and six girls will go forward to the State competition. Grand Lodge will award 500 scholarships totaling \$2,440,000. They are as follows: (480) runners up for \$4,000; (14) fourth place for \$14,000; (2) third place for \$30,000; (2) second place for \$40,000; (2) first place for \$50,000. The boy and girl awarded the first-place scholarships will be invited to Grand Lodge in July and will speak before the General Session.

Again, I thank Mike Hughes who assisted me at the Lodge level and Mike Hughes, Sara McDavitt, and Peter Beckwith, who assisted me at the District level.

**Bob Kershner, PER ENF Lodge Chair**

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**St Augustine Elks Lodge #829 & the PER Association Present:**

**"SuperNite"**

**13<sup>th</sup> Annual 10K Charity**

**\$10,000 Grand Prize**

**\$13,200 Total Payout - Limited number of tickets available**

**Ticket Price \$100 / Admits 2 Saturday February 25th 2017 5:30 -7:00pm - Social**

**5:30 - 9:00pm – Food available for purchase**

**7:00 - 9:00pm – Drawing**

**9:00-Midnight – Music & Dancing to the music of **Falling Bones****

**\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICES \*\*\*\*\***

**TICKET MUST BE PRESENTED FOR ADMISSION BLACK TIE OPTIONAL / JACKETS REQUESTED**

**ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THE HALL MUST BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE**

**NO FOOD OR BEVERAGE MAY BE BROUGHT INTO THE EVENT**

**For tickets contact Bob Kershner, PER. Ph: 904.829.6220 (Email: [robert.kershner@gmail.com](mailto:robert.kershner@gmail.com))**