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LODGE BULLETIN



April, 2017

Exalted Ruler's Message

The new fiscal year is upon us and we are ready to blast Elkdom into the future. We ended March with one of the largest group of candidates we ever had. Although several of them won't be available for initiation until next month, I see us starting the new Elks year with a sizable number of new members. I have met lots of smiling faces ready to get involved in making things happen for charity.

My Elk of the month for April is one of those new smiling faces. Peyton Jonas. She has jumped right in. You can see her smile around the lodge or outside parking cars. She says she has met many nice people and enjoys volunteering. Thanks Peyton.

We also have some smiling faces in the House. Cary Coleman has accepted the position of House Committee Chairman. He brings a lot of knowledge and love of Elkdom. Bob Jonas will be in charge of the bar. He is a smart guy and well qualified.

This is the busiest time of the year for the lodge secretary. Along with all his other duties, he must get cards out for well over a thousand members and their spouses. Mike Rathmann is doing a great job so please be patient.

I have been getting a lot of positive feedback about how the lodge is doing. I have also seen members that have not been around much and want to get back involved. I encourage everyone to come to the meetings and see the great things that are happening. Let's keep the momentum going!

Finally strive diligently, that the name of Elk as borne by you may be worthy of an American citizen one who loves others.

John Gebert, Exalted Ruler

April Calendar	April 2017						May ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
						1 Lodge Closed	
3 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Karaoke	3 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Trivia 7:00 PM	4 Lodge Closed	5 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Lodge Mtg 7:30 PM	6 Lodge Closed	7 Lounge Open 3-12 PM Town & Country	8 Lodge Closed	
9 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Karaoke	10 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Trivia 7:00 PM	11 Lodge Closed	12 Lounge Open 3-10 PM	13 Lodge Closed	14 Lounge Open 3-12 PM Ragged Edge	15 Lodge Closed	
16 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Karaoke	17 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Trivia 7:00 PM	18 Lodge Closed	19 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Lodge Mtg 7:30 PM	20 Lodge Closed	21 Lounge Open 3-12 PM Just Dave	22 Lodge Closed	
23 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Karaoke	24 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Orientation Trivia 7:00 PM	25 Lodge Closed	26 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Initiation 7:00 PM	27 Lodge Closed	28 Lounge Open 3-12 PM Southern Style	29 Lodge Closed	
30 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Karaoke	Notes: Lounge closed during Wednesday meetings						

*****Florida Elks Youth Camp*****

Sign up for Summer Camp

Please get children who are in need of going to camp this summer signed up for the camp. Boys and Girls from age 9-13 are eligible. The cost is \$180 per child for the week. If unable to pay our lodge will support any child from the area to go to camp. They do not have to be Elks Lodge #829 members. Please contact me with any questions regarding the camp and/or registration for the camp. The application MUST be filled out on line at: <http://floridaelks.org/camper-application>. You can contact me cell 904 315 3773 or email at: kodagator@bellsouth.net.

Thanks again for your donations of clothing, games, sports items and other things that are appropriate for the 9-13 year old children who attend our Florida Elks Youth Camp. We continue to need donations, particularly SPORTS equipment that can be used at the camp. Keep them coming!!

Please commit to the voluntary \$25 donation to the Florida Elks Youth Camp when you renew your 2017-2018 Membership.

If you have any questions about the camp or donations, please feel free to call me at any time.

Irv Stockdale Cell: 904 315 3773.

**Your Continued Support and Donations
Make this possible.**

Thank YOU!

2017/2018 Dues

Approximately 700 renewals have been processed and the cards mailed out. Starting in April, new cards are mailed immediately when the renewal is received at the beginning of the week. When renewals are received on Thursdays or Fridays, the cards are held at the bar over the weekend in case the member wants to pick it up. On Monday, all cards being held are mailed.

If you want to pick up a card or have it sent to a different address, please include a note with your payment or send an email to the Secretary. We are processing payments very quickly this year so make sure any special requests are in with renewal or before your payment is received.

We have a number of invoices that have been returned as undeliverable either with new addresses or no forwarding address. It takes time to redo the correspondence or to try to contact the member for a new address. In some cases, there is no phone or email information on the database. Please make sure you notify the Secretary when your address, phone or email changes; preferably by an email or a note in the mail.

Secretary's email: elks829secretary@gmail.com

Trivia Night

Mondays 7:00-9:00 PM

Join a Team-Fun—Excitement—Braggin' Rights



Mark your calendars, Eland’s final-final 2016 / 2017 meeting is planned for Wednesday, April 5th at 7:30 PM in the back hall. Yes, there is one more meeting in this current year. The Installation of Officers is on Sunday, April 9th, please plan to there to support our New Eland Officers for 2017 / 2018.

Our last big fundraiser for this year was our Garage/White Elephant Sale and it was a great success. Please be sure to let our Event Coordinator, Annette Pacetti-Heggie know what a great job she and her team did, congratulations Annette. And, our team of Eland members who helped to make this event a great success was Shirley Mickle, Joan Geronimo, Ethel Picknally, Elizabeth Bastedo, Sharyn Grace and Debi Bassette. Another very big thank you goes to the Lady Elks who were there by our side aiding in the success of this big event, Kathy Helhoski, Lind Malek, Jean Terra, and Elizabeth West. Thank you ladies for all of your love and support, not only for Eland, but, for the Children of our community and the major projects who will benefit from this and all our fundraisers efforts this year.

Congratulations to Eland’s new incoming officers – Sharyn Grace, President, Judy Reyes, Vice President, Ethel Picknally, Secretary, and Elizabeth Bastedo, Treasurer. These ladies are “ELAND PROUD”.

“The power you have is to be the best version of yourself you can be,
 So you can create a better world.”

Ashley Richards

Again, our next Eland meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 5th 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.

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 or you may contact me.

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Eland Proud!

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2017-2018

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

HOUSE COMMITTEE

CHAIR

Cary Coleman

BAR

Bob Jonis

GAME ROOM

DINING

SAFETY

LODGE NETWORK

Lorin Austin

LODGE OFFICERS 2017-2018

EXALTED RULER	JOHN GEBERT (PER)
EST. LEADING KNIGHT	
ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT	MIKE HUGHES
ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT	CONNIE SARNOWSKI
SECRETARY	MICHAEL RATHMANN
TREASURER	MICHELE ROBBINS
TILER	GLORIA BENISCHECK
ESQUIRE	DR. ERIC COLON
CHAPLAIN	MEGAN KELLEY
INNER GUARD	BEN BENISCHECK
ORGANIST	GEOFF DOBSON (PDD)
LODGE ADVISOR	BOB KERSHNER (PER)

TRUSTEES

ONE YEAR	DOUG RODDY
TWO YEARS	SARA MCDAVITT
THREE YEARS	ELIZABETH WEST (PER)
FOUR YEARS	JOE SMITH SR. (CHAIR)
FIVE YEARS	OLEN MEREDITH (PER)

ELKS CLUB INC. COMMITTEE

CHAIR	PAT SHIPLEY (PER)
MEMBER	BOB KERSNER (PER)
MEMBER	MICHELE ROBBINS
MEMBER	TED BEAL (PDD)
MEMBER	LOUIS WISE (PDD)
MEMBER	BARRY MASTERS (PER)

Lodge Happenings

Friday Nights

On Fridays, enjoy great musical entertainment at the Lodge

Sunday Karaoke

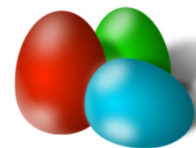
The Lounge is open on Sundays with Joe Smith's great karaoke.

New Officer Installation

Join us at the Lodge at 5:00 PM, Sunday, April 9, 2017 for the installation of the 2017/18 Lodge Officers. Chicken Cordon Bleu dinner afterwards; cost is \$12.00. Tickets are available at the bar.

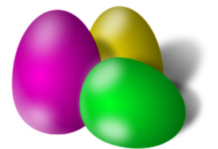


**The Easter Bunny is hopping
over to the Elks Lodge for a
great Easter Egg Hunt!**



Saturday, April 8th

10:00 AM



**Sign-up at the Bar
List any little ones you're bringing**

Upcoming Amphitheater Parking Events

Parking Volunteers Urgently Needed

Sunday, April 2nd

Steve Miller Band with Los Lonely Boys

Saturday, April 8th

Alan Jackson, Lee Womack & Adam Wright

Sunday, April 9th

Buddy Guy with the Rides

Saturday, April 15th

Adam Sandler, David Spade, Rob Schneider, Nick Swardson

Thursday, April 20th

Boston

Wednesday, April 26th

Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats with the Seratone

Saturday, April 29th

Umphrey's McGee with Big Something

**To help, send an email to
elks829secretary@gmail.com or call
Katherine Helhoski (904) 540 7515**



ENF Corner

I have very good news to report on two fronts.

Our Annual Charity SuperNite held on February 25th was the most successful night raising funds for our charities in its 13 years. **We raised \$11,760 for our charities!** Those funds are transferred to our restricted charity funds for 2017-18 Elks year. From the total raised, \$5,000 goes to Elks National Foundation as a contribution from the Elks members who hold a subscription ticket to the 10K Charity Supernite. Those contributions will be credited based on the number of tickets owned by the participating members. The remaining \$6,760 will go to our local Lodge charities. A tremendous thank you to all who participated in this annual charity event!

We awarded the first of the new ENF pin set series to six of our members at the initiation meeting on March 29th. There are four pins to the set: Great Heart, Youth, Veterans, and Community. The following members were recognized as second year donors and were awarded the first pin in the series: Chris Cantabene #4941, Brian Herschkowitz #4099, Robert Kirschner #5583, James McIlheney #5208, Harry Metz #5020, and Izabela Riffe #5111. Congratulations on receiving your first pin in the series.

PDDGER Wayne Reyes was presented with the Permanent Benefactors Certificate. This designation is awarded to Elks whose total contributions to ENF have met or surpassed the \$2,000 level. Congratulations to Wayne on this achievement in the ENF donors program.

Fraternally,
Bob Kershner, PER
Elks National Foundation Chair, Lodge #829