



**ST. AUGUSTINE
ELKS LODGE #829**



LODGE BULLETIN



Everyone's Irish
On March 17th.

March, 2018

Exalted Ruler's Message

This will be my last newsletter as your Exalted Ruler. I am honored to have served and very appreciative of all the help that I have had during the year. I have made many friends this year and made the bonds of brotherhood stronger in those I have known for years. I do not know what the future of Elks has in store for me, but I am sure that God will reveal the path I will take.

I am confident there is a good future for St Augustine lodge. We have elected five new officers last month and they will take over April 1st. Lorin Austin will take over as ER, he is knowledgeable, evenhanded and competent. I am very proud to call him one of my best friends. Mike Hughes will take over the Leading Knight. Connie Sarnowski moves to Loyal Knight and Chris Lowe as Lecturing Knight. Lastly Jack Wolcott will assume the vacant trustee chair. I have worked with them all year and feel they will lead this lodge in a positive direction. I expect all members to get behind them and give them the support and respect they deserve for these difficult volunteer positions.

I would like to mention some of the projects we have tackled in the past year. We have torn down the old Tiki bar and hopefully by summer we should see a new 3000 square foot pavilion style facility that is more room and diverse for many functions. Our front entrance is getting a face-lift. I urge you to come check it out we have a new front door, floor, walls and furniture that give it a whole new look. We are very close to getting the necessary permits to clear more land and increase the parking by over 100 vehicles. This translates to more help for those in need and that is what we are all about.

The lodge has come a long way in two years. We are on the right track to become a leading force in helping our community, veterans and children. Please join me in keeping this positive momentum going.

My Elk of the month is Cary Coleman he is good man with a heart as big as all outdoors. He always has a smile and a kind word for everyone. He is willing to volunteer wherever he is needed and is a good asset to our lodge.

I will close with a quote from the station of Esteemed Lecturing Knight:

"We cannot retrace our steps nor call back the days that are gone; but the passing moment is ours long enough to grasp the hand in friendship, to lighten each other's burdens, to bring rest to the weary, and to comfort those who mourn-this is Brotherly Love. "

God Bless All!

John Gebert, Exalted Ruler

Lodge Happenings

Friday Dinner

The weekly menu will be posted on the monitor in the Bar. Take advantage of the Early Bird Special by reserving by 5:00 PM on Wednesdays either by signing up at the Bar or calling 471-2829 when the Bar is open.

Sunday Karaoke

Joe Smith presents Karaoke on Sunday afternoons. A group of volunteers prepare a delicious "Pub Grub" menu each week.

Monday Pasta Dinner

Volunteer chefs create pasta dinners every Monday. If you would like to do one of the nights, contact Jim Bellamy.

Dance Lessons

Dance lessons begin at 7:00 PM and last for about an hour. We plan to continue Rumba lessons in March. That will give us time to develop beginning dancers as well as adding more advanced step combinations for experienced dancers (cross body lead, Cuban walk, open break).

Project Update

Ante Room: Painting and the new floor have been completed. New furniture has been put in the ante room; a copper ceiling will be installed next.

Parking, RV Area and Pavilion: We are waiting for the permits to begin the expansion and construction.



Eland News

If you are the spouse of an Elk, we are extending a special invitation to join our Eland organization. We would love to meet and answer any questions that you may have.




FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT ELAND, PLEASE CONTACT OUR VICE PRESIDENT/MEMBERSHIP CHAIR LADY

**JUDY REYES @ jareyespsp@gmail.com
(904) 825-8569 or you may contact me, Sharyn Grace, President (561) 312-6317 sharyn-mgrace@yahoo.com**


Our next Eland meeting will be Wednesday, March 7th at 7:30 PM. Hope to see you there.

Social Happenings

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING....

Get the Ribbons , Flowers , Bunnies  and Easter Grass ready ...then hop on over to the 829....We are having a contest!!

The Best Dressed and most Creative Easter Basket wins the top prize!!

Throw in an "Eggstravagant" Easter Bonnet  and join in the Easter Parade!!!

We will be awarding 4 prizes!!!

- Most Creative
- Most Colorful
- Most Traditional
- Most Wacky & Crazy

The date will be Friday, March 30th beginning at 7:00. Papa Smurf and the PER's will have a great fish fry and we'll party to the music of Southern Style.

We also want to keep you informed of additional upcoming events:

Mother's Day Brunch **Sunday, May 13th**
Father's Day Lunch **Sunday, June 17th**

They'll more information on these events in April's bulletinstay tuned for some exciting and fun times!!!!

Upcoming Amphitheater Parking Events

Parking Volunteers Urgently Needed

Saturday, March 3rd

Justin Moore with guest Dylan Scott

Friday, March 9th

Southern Uprising with Travis Tritt, The Charlie Daniels Band, The Marshall Tucker Band and the Outlaws

Saturday, March 10th

Brad Paisley with guest Chase Bryant

Sunday, March 11th

Impractical Jokers Tour

Friday, March 16th

Foreigner with a full band and rock orchestra

Saturday, March 17th

Beatles Tribute

Tuesday, March 20th

A Day to Remember Tour

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

Special Meeting Notice

Initiation will be held on the 4th Wednesday of this month at 7:00 PM. No other routine business will be conducted at the meeting. Orientation will be held on Monday, March 26th at 6:30 (Bar Bingo is cancelled this night).

John Gebert, ER



ENF Corner

We have completed another successful charity fundraiser with the 14th Annual Charity Supernite. The final report from the event will be presented at the first business meeting in March. We thank all who participated in this event. It was great seeing many our new members who have joined the Lodge since the last event. All participating members of Lodge 829 will have a portion of the \$100 ticket price sent as a donation to Elks National Foundation in April 2018. You will receive a letter later in the year from ENF acknowledging your donation.

I especially thank the 31 volunteers who worked the event between Friday afternoon and Saturday night. It was your dedication and work that made the event a great success.

It's Great to be an Elks! Elks Care Elks Share

Fraternally,

Bob Kershner, PER
Elks National Foundation Lodge Chair

2017/18 Dues

Dues statements are being mailed in March. For next year, ID cards will continue to be stamped to designate Lodge 829 spouses and spouses will again receive door key cards.

The current purple membership cards will expire on March 31st; please use the new beige cards starting on April 1st. New cards will be mailed within a day or so of the renewal being received; if you would prefer picking it up at the Bar, please put a note on your invoice. The Secretary will be at the Lodge during the evening on the first several days of April to resolve issues or take dues payments and issue the new cards.

*****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.

Your Continued Support & Donations Make this possible.

Thank YOU!

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.

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.

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

| April Calendar | March, 2018 | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| Sign up at the Bar or call to reserve Friday dinner selections. Dinner starts at 5:30 PM. Dance Lessons on Mondays, starting at 7:00 PM. | | | | 1 Lodge Closed | 2 Lounge Open 3-12 PM Dinner Town & Country Parking | 3 Lounge Open 1-9 PM Parking |
| 4 Lounge Open 1-9 PM Pub Grub Karaoke | 5 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Pasta Dinner | 6 Lodge Closed | 7 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Bar Food Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM | 8 Lodge Closed | 9 Lounge Open 3-12 PM Dinner Avenue D Parking | 10 Lounge Open 1-9 PM Parking |
| 11 Lounge Open 1-9 PM Pub Grub Karaoke Parking | 12 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Pasta Dinner | 13 Lodge Closed | 14 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Bar Food | 15 Lodge Closed | 16 Lounge Open 3-12 PM Dinner Just Dave Parking | 17 Lounge Open 1-9 PM Parking |
| 18 Lounge Open 1-9 PM Pub Grub Karaoke | 19 Veterans Luncheon Lounge Open 3-10 PM Pasta Dinner | 20 Lodge Closed Parking | 21 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Bar Food Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM | 22 Lodge Closed | 23 Lounge Open 3-12 PM Dinner Southern Style | 24 Lounge Open 1-9 PM |
| 25 Lounge Open 1-9 PM Pub Grub Karaoke | 26 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Pasta Dinner Orientation 6:30 PM | 27 Lodge Closed | 28 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Initiation 7:00 PM | 29 Lodge Closed | 30 Lounge Open 3-12 PM Easter Basket Contest Papa Smurf Fish Fry Southern Style | 31 Lounge Open 1-9 PM |

LODGE OFFICERS 2017-2018

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| EXALTED RULER | JOHN GEBERT (PER) |
| EST. LEADING KNIGHT | LORIN AUSTIN |
| ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT | MIKE HUGHES |
| ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT | CONNIE SARNOWSKI |
| SECRETARY | MICHAEL RATHMANN |
| TREASURER | KEVIN WALSH |
| TILER | |
| ESQUIRE | DR ERIC COLON |
| CHAPLAIN | MEGAN KELLEY |
| INNER GUARD | GEORGE APRIL |
| ORGANIST | GEOFF DOBSON (PDD) |

TRUSTEES

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| ONE YEAR | IRV STOCKDALE |
| TWO YEARS | OLEN MEREDITH (PER) |
| THREE YEARS | JOE SMITH SR (CHAIR) |
| FOUR YEARS | SARA MCDAVITT |
| FIVE YEARS | WILLIAM RODDY |

ELKS CLUB INC. COMMITTEE

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| CHAIR | PAT SHIPLEY (PER) |
| MEMBER | BOB KERSHNER (PER) |
| MEMBER | JAMES DEAN (PER) |
| MEMBER | LOUIS WISE (PDD) |
| MEMBER | TED BEAL (PDD) |
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LODGE ADVISOR

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| BOB KERSHNER (PER) | robert.kershner@live.com (904) 829-6220 |
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COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2017-2018

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| ACCIDENT PREVENTION | JIM BELLAMY |
| ACTIVITIES | |
| AMERICANISM | MIKE HUGHES |
| AUDITING | TOM KAVANAUGH |
| BINGO | LARRY CAPITANO |
| CHARITY | LORIN AUSTIN |
| DRUG AWARENESS | GRACE ANDREWS |
| ELAND LIAISON | JOHN GEBERT (PER) |
| ELKS NATIONAL FUND | BOB KERSHNER (PER) |
| FRATERNAL | RANDY STAY (PER) |
| GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | JOHN GEBERT (PER) |
| INVESTIGATION | TED BEAL (PDD) |
| MEMBERSHIP | GEORGE APRIL (PER) |
| ORIENTATION | CONNIE SARNOWSKI |
| PARKING | KATHERINE HELHOSKI |
| PER ASSOCIATION LAISION | OLEN MEREDITH (PER) |
| PUBLIC RELATIONS | JOHN GEBERT (PER) |
| RELIEF | JOHN GEBERT (PER) |
| VETERANS AFFAIRS | FRED DUPONT (PER) |
| YOUTH ACTIVITIES | IRV STOCKDALE |

HOUSE COMMITTEE

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| CHAIR | JIM BELLAMY |
| BAR | |
| GAMEROOM | DOMINIC MAZZUCA |
| FINANCIAL REPORTS | JACK WOLCOTT |
| SAFETY | CARY COLEMAN |
| RENTAL COORDINATOR | MIKE RATHMANN |