



ST. AUGUSTINE  
ELKS LODGE #829



# LODGE BULLETIN



**January, 2019**

# Exalted Ruler's Message

I trust that everyone had a safe and happy holiday with family and friends. Hard to believe how fast the year is passing. The new year will bring some new and exciting events for our members to enjoy. The House Committee has been working hard to get the kitchen running efficiently as well as introducing new entertainment in the months to come. You will see a new band each month to entertain us. The pavilion should be functional for the Spring weather which will also bring new entertainment and outdoor events. We have a sanctioned APA Pool League team using our game room as their home base on Thursday nights. This helps the business on Thursdays and they are a great bunch of new faces. The Team is rendering needed repairs to the pool tables free of charge to our Lodge. We are excited to welcome this group of younger members and new prospects.

I have been receiving many inquiries about what our Lodge is doing with closing Mondays, the kitchen operations and other financial decision making. I would like to extend an invitation for all to please attend the regular Lodge meetings. The Lodge meetings is where all of the information you seek is shared and in fact you can become involved with the decisions being made. Facebook, our social quarters and other social media outlets are not the proper place to express your opinions about Elks Business decisions. Please come to the meetings and get the facts so we may all be well informed and continue our success story.

Don't forget Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup> is our second annual Volunteer Appreciation Party! This party is for you, the volunteers. If you have not had a chance to volunteer this Lodge year I encourage you to. You don't want to miss this event. We plan to make this Volunteer Party bigger and better than the first one. There will be FREE FOOD, OPEN BAR, DOOR PRIZES and LIVE MUSIC featuring DEWEY VIA! All Lodge Officers are invited as well as any and all of you who volunteered this lodge year, no matter how much or little, it all counts. Each volunteer may bring one guest (spouse or friend). We sincerely appreciate you and want you to enjoy a little giving back for all you have done for our Lodge this year.

Finally, my pick for Elk of the Month for January is Mike Hughes. Mike has been a major asset to our Lodge. Mike is in charge of all the games of chance you, the members, enjoy, and it is no easy task. He also is the key player in raising needed funds for out of the ordinary items such as new silverware, kitchen equipment and many other items needed. Mike is always at the Lodge ready to assist in any way. Thank you Mike and congratulations!

Fraternally,

**Lorin Austin, Exalted Ruler**

# Lodge Happenings

## Sunday Karaoke

Joe Smith presents Karaoke on Sunday afternoons.

## Bunco Tuesdays

Come join the fun & play the **BUNCO GAME** on Tuesdays. Games start at 6:30pm AND, there are prizes!!! Plus, Chef Bill is cooking a wonderful spaghetti and meatball dinner on Tuesdays. Enjoy his homemade, slow-cooked sauce, salad, bread & dessert for only \$10.

## Dance Lessons

Dance Lessons will resume in January with the New Year. Jim and Peggy White will teach dance lessons at a new time: 6 to 7 p.m. on Thursdays. East Coast Swing will be the first dance for 2019. So, swing into 2019 with a New Year's resolution to enjoy getting more exercise and lose some extra pounds. All Elks and their guests are welcome.

## Trivia

Join us on Thursdays at 7PM for Trivia night. Great fun and prizes.

## *Special Events this Month*

Check the table flyers for event announcements and details.

## Elks Youth Camp Bus Trip

A fun-filled trip to the fabulous Elks Youth Camp is scheduled for Saturday, February 9th. Both members and guests can make the trip. Please sign up at the Bar-we need 45-60 people for the trip.

## December Event Photos

Look for December's event photos in next month's bulletin.

## **Special Lodge Meeting Notice**

Initiation will be held on January 23, 2019 at 7:30 PM. No other routine business will be conducted. Orientation will be held on Monday, January 21, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

## Proposed By-law Revision

The following section is a revision to the Lodge's Bylaws. Voting on this change will take place at the January 16, 2019 meeting.

### Article X: Fees and Dues

#### Section 2

##### (b) Regular Lodge Dues (Current)

The regular Lodge dues shall be \$84.75 per year, which shall **not** include the Grand Lodge per capita fee, the Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment, and State Association dues.

##### **Proposed change**

*The regular Lodge dues shall be \$85.00 per year, which shall **not** include the Grand Lodge per capita fee, the Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment, and State Association dues.*

***This change is being made because the State Association dues are being raised by \$.75 for 2019/20. By raising the Lodge portion to \$85, the total dues will be \$105. The additional \$.25 keeps the dues at an even number; otherwise, they would be \$104.75.***

# Trivia Night

Thursdays 7:00-9:00 PM

Join a Team-Fun - Excitement - Prizes - Braggin' Rights

## NOTICES

**Dues may be renewed by credit card online: [elks829.com](http://elks829.com)**

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](mailto: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](mailto:elks829secretary@gmail.com) or (904) 471-2829 when your address, phone or email changes.



*Volunteer Appreciation  
PARTY!!*



*Denim and Diamonds Theme*  
*Wear your favorite denim and diamonds*

*OPEN BAR! GREAT FOOD! LIVE BAND! PRIZES!*

*To show our appreciation, this party is for YOU!  
our volunteers. If you have volunteered at all this  
year, you and one guest are invited  
FREE OF CHARGE!*

*LIVE MUSIC FEATURING:*

***Dewey Via and the Moses Creek Band!***

*WHEN : Saturday February 2, 2019 (6-10 pm)*

*WHERE: Main Hall, at Elks #829*

*“Must Sign up at the Elks Lodge Bar”*

**Great Volunteer Opportunity**

**Volunteer Coordinator**– Katherine Helhoski has done an excellent job coordinating the volunteer program, but she needs a break from all she does for the Lodge. The Exalted Ruler is looking for a volunteer to take over as coordinator; the person will assist in getting volunteers for our activities and develop volunteer resources. If interested either email the Secretary or



## ENF CORNER

### 2019 ANNUAL CHARITY SUPERNITE

All ticket renewals have been mailed for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Super-Nite on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you did not receive a renewal letter and believe you should have, please contact Bob Kershner. **We have new tickets available this year** - there is an opportunity for our newer members who have joined the Lodge to participate in the 2019 event!

A change this year is SuperNite envelopes for instruction and payment are available in our social quarters. One ticket admits two people to the event. Only members of an Elks Lodge may purchase tickets. Members can bring in non-member guests to the event under their ticket(s)

Dress Code: LADIES – SEMI FORMAL / MEN – BLACK TIE

Payment may be made in cash or check (preferred). Charity Supernite tickets cannot be paid for by credit/debit cards.

For more information on this annual charity fundraiser see the ad in this newsletter. You may also talk with any Lodge officer or past exalted ruler for more information. We look forward to your participation with us to this annual fundraiser for Elks National Foundation and many of our local St Augustine charities. We sincerely thank you for your support.

**Bob Kershner, PER**  
**Lodge ENF Chairperson;**  
**Annual Charity SuperNite Coordinator**

## Eland News



**Welcome to 2019!!!!!!**



We hope you and your families have had wonderful holidays and fabulous beginnings for this 2019 year. Thank you for your support while sharing good times during the 2018 Eland's "fun" raising events. We are looking forward to our 2019 calendar of "fun events". Watch the bulletin for upcoming dates.

**COMING THIS SPRING - OUR FIRST "SURPRIZE EVENT"!!!!!!**

**For more information contact: Sharyn Grace at 561-312-6317 or [sharynmgrace@yahoo.com](mailto:sharynmgrace@yahoo.com) or Judy Reyes at 904-825-8569 or [jareye-spsp@gmail.com](mailto:jareye-spsp@gmail.com)**

**St Augustine Elks Lodge #829  
PER Association Presents the  
15th Annual Charity**

**"SuperNite"**

**\$10,000 Grand Prize  
\$13,200 Total Payout**

**Limited number of tickets available**

Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019

**5:30 -7:00pm – Social**

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

**7:00 - 9:00pm – Drawing**

**9:00 -11:30pm – Music & Dancing with  
Z Street Speakeasy Band**

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

**TICKET MUST BE PRESENTED FOR ADMISSION**  
**DRESS CODE: MEN-BLACK TIE / LADIES-SEMI FORMAL**  
**ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THE HALL MUST BE**  
**AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE**  
**NO FOOD OR BEVERAGE MAY BE BROUGHT**  
**INTO THE EVENT**  
**OPEN TO MEMBERS AND MEMBER GUESTS ONLY**

**For tickets contact Bob Kershner, PER**

**Ph: 904.829.6220**

**Email: robert.kershner@gmail.com**

# Lodge Activities Committee

## Here's What's Happening in January.....

The Christmas rush is over, and Santa has left the building!!! We would like to thank everyone that helped to make our Social Quarters Merry and Bright by participating in decorating the tree. Thank you for bringing beautiful ornaments! A special thank you to Nancy Fout for the awesome wreath and to Linda Layman for all of your help!

Now we are on to the New Year with anticipation of great things to come.

Bunco will resume on Tuesday, January 8th at 6:30pm . Come join the fun!!!

Keep an eye on the table flyers for our upcoming event!

Wishing everyone a blessed, healthy and prosperous New Year!!!



# January, 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>		<b>1</b> Lounge Open 3-10 PM Open to public Bunco Game Spaghetti Dinner	<b>2</b> Lounge Open 3-10 PM <b>Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM</b>	<b>3</b> Lounge Open 3-10 PM Trivia 7:00 PM	<b>4</b> Lounge Open 3-12 PM <b>Town &amp; Country</b>	<b>5</b> Lounge Open 1-9 PM		
		<b>6</b> Lounge Open 1-9 PM Karaoke	<b>7</b> <b>Lodge Closed</b>	<b>8</b> Lounge Open 3-10 PM Bunco Game Spaghetti Dinner	<b>9</b> Lounge Open 3-10 PM	<b>10</b> Lounge Open 3-10 PM Trivia 7:00 PM	<b>11</b> Lounge Open 3-12 PM <b>Avenue D</b>	<b>12</b> Lounge Open 1-9 PM
		<b>13</b> Lounge Open 1-9 PM Karaoke	<b>14</b> <b>Lodge Closed</b>	<b>15</b> Lounge Open 3-10 PM Bunco Game Spaghetti Dinner	<b>16</b> Lounge Open 3-10 PM <b>Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM</b>	<b>17</b> Lounge Open 3-10 PM Trivia 7:00 PM	<b>18</b> Lounge Open 3-12 PM <b>Calvin O Band</b>	<b>19</b> Lounge Open 1-9 PM
		<b>20</b> Lounge Open 1-9 PM Karaoke	<b>21</b> Lounge Open 6-9 PM Orientation	<b>22</b> Lounge Open 3-10 PM Bunco Game Spaghetti Dinner	<b>23</b> Lounge Open 3-10 PM <b>Lodge Meeting/ Initiation 7:30 PM</b>	<b>24</b> Lounge Open 3-10 PM Trivia 7:00 PM	<b>25</b> Lounge Open 3-12 PM <b>Southern Style</b>	<b>26</b> Lounge Open 1-9 PM
		<b>27</b> Lounge Open 1-9 PM Karaoke	<b>28</b> <b>Lodge Closed</b>	<b>29</b> Lounge Open 3-10 PM Bunco Game Spaghetti Dinner	<b>30</b> Lounge Open 3-10 PM	<b>31</b> Lounge Open 3-10 PM Trivia 7:00 PM		

## LODGE OFFICERS 2018-2019

EXALTED RULER	LORIN AUSTIN
EST. LEADING KNIGHT	MIKE HUGHES
ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT	CONNIE SARNOWSKI
ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT	CHRIS LOWE
SECRETARY	MICHAEL RATHMANN
TREASURER	KEVIN WALSH
TILER	GEORGE APRIL (PER)
ESQUIRE	RANDY STAY (PER)
CHAPLAIN	PEYTON JONAS
INNER GUARD	JOHN GEBERT (PER)
ORGANIST	GEOFF DOBSON (PDD)

## TRUSTEES

ONE YEAR	JOE SMITH SR ( <b>CHAIR</b> )
TWO YEARS	OLEN MEREDITH (PER)
THREE YEARS	SARA MCDAVITT
FOUR YEARS	WILLIAM RODDY
FIVE YEARS	JACK WOLCOTT

## ELKS CLUB INC. COMMITTEE

CHAIR	PAT SHIPLEY (PER)
MEMBER	BOB KERSHNER (PER)
MEMBER	JAMES DEAN (PER)
MEMBER	DAVID LEE (PER)
MEMBER	TED BEAL (PDD)
MEMBER	BARRY MASTERS (PER)

## LODGE ADVISOR

BOB KERSHNER (PER)	robert.kershner@live.com (904) 829-6220
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## COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2018-2019

<b>ACCIDENT PREVENTION/SAFETY</b>	DAVE PARK
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	NECIE SMITH
<b>AMERICANISM</b>	CHRIS LOWE
<b>AUDITING</b>	JAMES DEAN (PER)
<b>BINGO</b>	BOB KERSHNER (PER)
<b>CHARITY</b>	MIKE HUGHES
<b>DRUG AWARENESS</b>	IRVING STOCKDALE
<b>ELAND LIAISON</b>	TBA
<b>ELKS NATIONAL FUND</b>	BOB KERSHNER (PER)
<b>FRATERNAL</b>	RANDY STAY (PER)
<b>GOVERNMENT RELATIONS</b>	LORIN AUSTIN (ER)
<b>INVESTIGATION</b>	TED BEAL (PDD)
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	GEORGE APRIL (PER)
<b>ORIENTATION</b>	CONNIE SARNOWSKI
<b>PARKING</b>	KATHERINE HELHOSKI
<b>PER ASSOCIATION LAISION</b>	OLEN MEREDITH (PER)
<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS</b>	LORIN AUSTIN (ER)
<b>RELIEF</b>	LORIN AUSTIN (ER)
<b>VETERANS AFFAIRS</b>	FRED DUPONT (PER)
<b>YOUTH ACTIVITIES</b>	IRV STOCKDALE

## HOUSE COMMITTEE

<b>CHAIR</b>	CONNIE SARNOWSKI
<b>FINANCIAL REPORTS</b>	CATHY WALSH
<b>MEMBER</b>	CHRIS LOWE
<b>MEMBER</b>	JODY BERTKE
<b>MEMBER</b>	ROBBIE MC GEE