



**ST. AUGUSTINE
ELKS LODGE #829**



LODGE BULLETIN



February 2021

Exalted Ruler's Message

As we begin 2021, I hope the New Year revives our faith in each other, renews our trust and belief in this fraternal organization, and ignites our sense of responsibility for what we need to focus on, moving forward.

We recently hosted District Vice President, Elizabeth West's, homecoming at our lodge. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped prepare a wonderful meal, beautiful decorations, and profitable raffles. What a wonderful turn out we had for this event!

Rudy J. Masi, Sr., Florida State Elks President, will be visiting our Lodge on February 13th. Meetings will begin at 10:00 AM and the luncheon will be provided by Woodpecker's BBQ. A sign-up sheet will be in the social quarters or you may contact Secretary Mike Rathmann at elks829secretary@gmail.com if you plan on having lunch with us.

The February Quarterly meeting will be at 10:00 AM on February 6th at the Florida Elks Youth Camp in Umatilla. Grand Exalted Ruler, Paul R. Ryan will address the assembly. We will not be taking a bus this year because our driver, Wayne Reyes, will already be at the camp.

We also have a PER fish fry on January 29th. It is crucial that everyone who is able supports & lends a hand to make sure this event is successful in raising funds. This is essential to the financial stability of the Lodge.

Remember why you became an Elks member. We have a lot of good people that have done impressive acts of charity and have been a true Elk. I am so proud to be a part of raising money for a good cause, helping members of our community, supporting our youth, feeding the hungry, recognizing our veterans, proudly displaying our patriotism and our faith in each other.

My Elk of the month is Cathy Walsh. Cathy helps a lot behind the scenes. She is the CLMS Assistant in the Secretary's Office and assists with the membership program, sending out the monthly bulletin and accomplishing administrative tasks. In addition, she is dedicated to charity projects and worked hard on last year's Teddy Bear program and the QOH fundraiser. Cathy's can-do attitude and volunteerism is greatly appreciated.

We need to focus on the positive and not the negative in this New Year. Together we can overcome any challenge in the New Year ahead!

Connie Sarnowski, Exalted Ruler

State Elks President's Visit

The mighty Northeast District will host State Elks President Rudy Masi at our Lodge on Saturday, February 6, 2021. The meeting is at 10:00 AM with a luncheon to follow catered by Woodpeckers BBQ. All members are invited to the meeting. Those wanting to attend the luncheon should sign up at the Bar or send an email to the Secretary at elks829secretary@gmail.com.

Calling all Florida Elks

The State is busy preparing for the 2021 Grand Lodge Convention that Florida will host this year in Tampa. The Florida Grand Lodge Local Support Committee is looking for your help so that we can help provide the best convention experience to all the visiting Elks from across the country.

VOLUNTEER NOW:

We have set up a volunteer management system online and are asking that you consider signing up and helping out. All you need to do is head to the FLORIDAEELKS.ORG web site and click on the volunteer now button under the Elks National Convention upcoming event. There you will find step by step instructions to help you get signed up. Remember, more helping hands make for a lighter load for all!

Thank you in advance and we look forward to seeing everyone in February!

Joe Cooper, PDD

NOTICES

The 2021/22 dues notices have been mailed. Dues will remain the same as last year.

Dues may be renewed by credit card online: elks829.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.

**Come Join Carolyn Anderson For laughs fun and dancing
Tuesday nights 6-7 PM**





Harry Anna Investment Fund

Of everything that the Florida Elks do, perhaps nothing is more important than our work with the state's youth. Sowing the seeds of accomplishment and commitment through our Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services and Florida Elks Youth Camp programs, children are given the opportunity to grow and learn beyond their dreams.

The trust fund started in 1951, was named after Harry and Anna Miller who donated land and a building to establish the original Florida Elks Hospital for Crippled Children. Its purpose was, and continues to be, the collection of donations and the acceptance of endowed gifts.

The trust fund is restricted, which means that only the income derived from it may be used to support our major projects: the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services and Florida Elks Youth Camp programs.

So maybe this is the first you have heard of our sustaining donor campaign. Believe me, getting started could not be any easier:

- ◆ Simply visit our website at www.floridaelks.org. In the upper right corner of the website, hover over the word "Donate" and when the page peels back, click on the donate button. Complete the required information and don't forget to click the "yes" box on the line where it says to automatically repeat this gift every month.
- ◆ That's it; you are done! You are now a sustaining (monthly) donor and a supporter of both our major projects! Your donation is now on autopilot and your credit card will be charged for your monthly donation each month like clockwork. Your name will be printed every quarter in the Florida Elks Magazine declaring you a sustaining supporter of our major projects!

Now, and this one is entirely up to you, but the next time someone in the lodge asks you to donate to the major projects, tell them you are a sustaining donor and that you already give!

Contact the Lodge Secretary if you would prefer to donate on a mail-in form.

February 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Lodge Closed	1 Lodge Closed	2 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Dance Class 6-7PM Karaoke by Tony 6-10 PM	3 Lodge Closed Lodge Meeting/ 7:30 PM	4 Lodge Closed	5 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Grapes of Roth	6 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Karaoke by Tony 6-10 PM Elks State Meeting- Umatilla
7 Lodge Closed	8 Lodge Closed	9 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Dance Class 6-7PM Karaoke by Tony 6-10 PM	10 Lodge Closed	11 Lodge Closed	12 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Avenue D	13 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Karaoke by Tony 6-10 PM Elks State President Visit 10:00 AM
14 Lodge Closed	15 Lodge Closed	16 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Orientation Karaoke by Tony 6-10 PM	17 Social Quarters Closed Lodge Meeting/ Initiation 7:30 PM	18 Lodge Closed	19 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Dakota	20 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Karaoke by Tony 6-10 PM
21 Lodge Closed	22 Lodge Closed	23 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Dance Class 6-7PM Karaoke by Tony 6-10 PM	24 Lodge Closed	25 Lodge Closed	26 Lounge Open 3-10 PM CRS	27 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Karaoke by Tony 6-10 PM
28 Lodge Closed	The Elks State meeting will be on Saturday, February 6th at 10:00 AM. at the Youth Camp in Umatilla, FL The Pavilion will be open when weather permits.					

COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2020-2021

ACCIDENT PREVENTION/SAFETY	RANDY STAY (PER)
ACTIVITIES	
AMERICANISM	TED HORTENSTINE
AUDITING	
BINGO	
CHARITY	JOE SMITH SR.
DRUG AWARENESS	GRACE ANDREWS
ELAND LIAISON	SHARON GRACE
ELKS NATIONAL FUND	JOHN GEBERT (PER)
FRATERNAL	CONNIE SARNOWSKI
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS	CONNIE SARNOWSKI
INVESTIGATION	MIKE HUGHES (PER)
MEMBERSHIP	JOHN GEBERT (PER)
ORIENTATION	RANDY COOK (PER)
PARKING	CHRIS LOVE
PER ASSOCIATION LAISION	LORIN AUSTIN (PER)
PUBLIC RELATIONS	CHERIE STUCKI
RELIEF	CONNIE SARNOWSKI
VETERANS AFFAIRS	GEORGE APRIL (PER)
YOUTH ACTIVITIES	IRV STOCKDALE

HOUSE COMMITTEE

CHAIR	JOHN GEBERT (PER)
MEMBER	STEPHEN THREATT
MEMBER	CHERIE STUCKI
MEMBER	MINETTA DUNN
MEMBER	JEAN TETTA

LODGE OFFICERS 2020-2021

EXALTED RULER	CONNIE SARNOWSKI
EST. LEADING KNIGHT	JOE SMITH SR
ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT	RANDY COOK (PER)
ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT	DR ERIC COLON
SECRETARY	MICHAEL RATHMANN
TREASURER	JUDY REYES
TILER	GRACE ANDREWS
ESQUIRE	
CHAPLAIN	LIBBY JOHNSON
INNER GUARD	
ORGANIST	GEOFF DOBSON (PDD)

TRUSTEES

ONE YEAR	TOM PHILLIPS
TWO YEARS	BLAIR CRAIG
THREE YEARS	LORIN AUSTIN (PER), Chair
FOUR YEARS	RANDY STAY (PER)
FIVE YEARS	OLEN MEREDITH (PER)

ELKS CLUB INC.

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

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