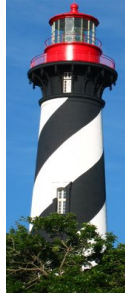
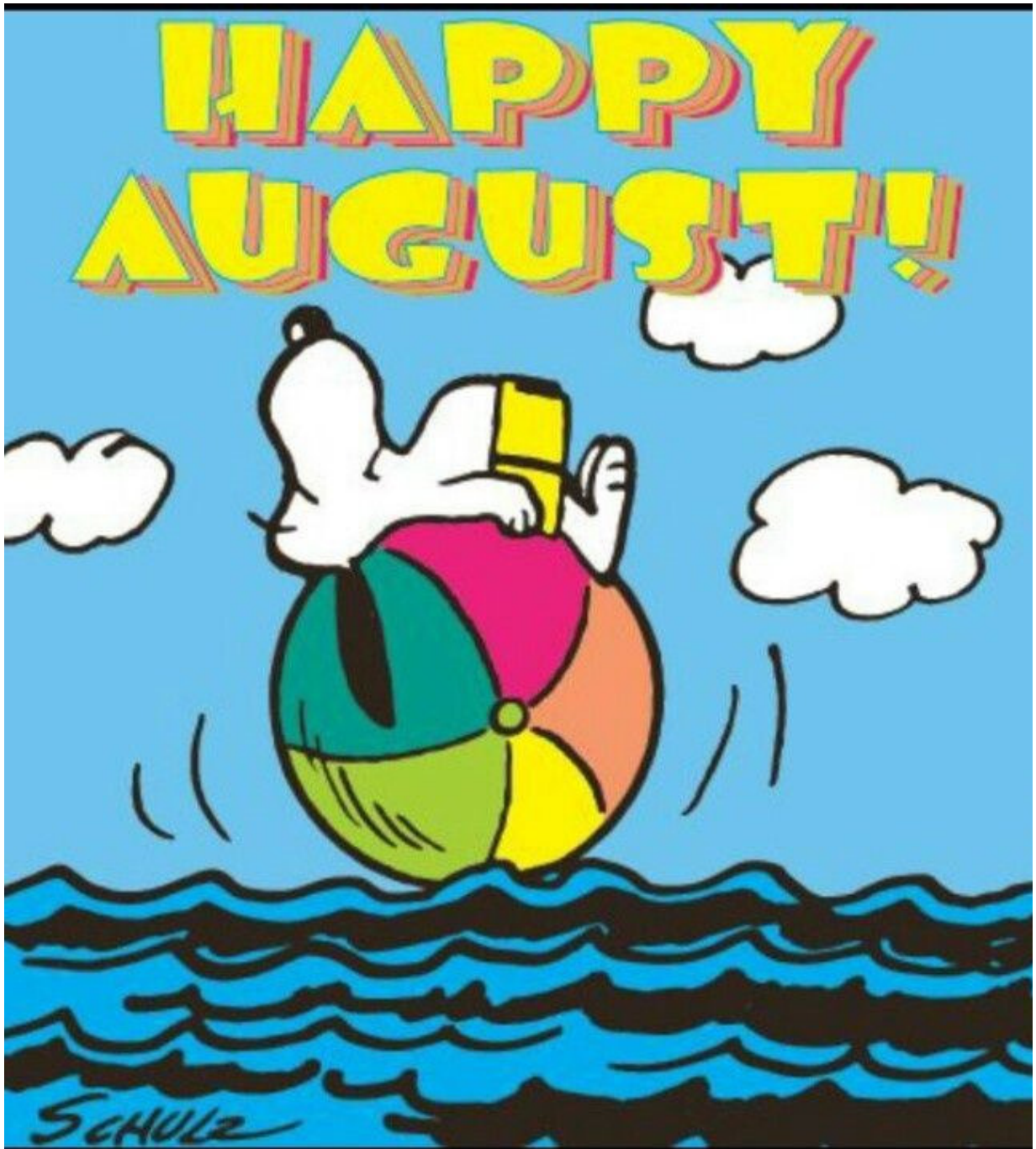


ST. AUGUSTINE
ELKS LODGE #829



LODGE BULLETIN



Exalted Ruler's Message

We are back! A group of members, including myself, traveled to Reno Nevada for the 153rd Grand Lodge session. We conducted Grand Lodge business, received great training and voted on many new resolutions. The opening ceremony was spectacular, but my favorite event was watching Tallahassee Lodge 937 bring the national ritual title back home to Florida. I have come back renewed, refreshed and inspired to spread the word of Elkdom. Let's keep up the momentum!

Our Lodge has a new District Vice President: Pat Shipley. Pat will be doing his district duties and traveling around to other lodges. Please support Pat and let's make a good showing as he travels around the district (see the schedule on Page 5 of this Bulletin).

A lot of things are going on at the Lodge, with so much that it is difficult to cover here. This month we are starting a Lodge Major Projects Update page to inform you about the progress of the Lodge projects. Of course, you can always come to the meetings and learn a lot more and add your ideas.

The kitchen is again open on Friday nights and we are having some good turnouts through the slow Summer months. We have also obtained kitchen licenses for a group of volunteers. A licensee is required to be on duty whenever food is being served.

We are now looking for a volunteer to take over the management of the kitchen and its finances. The new person would work under the House Committee as a separate sub-committee chair. The duties include: preparing a budget & menu items, cost conscience shopping to ensure good quality, staying within the budget, coordinating staff & volunteers and monitoring inventory & equipment. We currently only have the kitchen open on Friday nights and special events. If we get the right volunteers, we can expand our food service.

My Elk of the month is Jack Wolcott. You might see Jack in the game room or sipping a cold one in the lounge. He works in the background for the House Committee, creating the first phase financial reports that help the officers and trustees monitor the stability of the lounge, kitchen and parking. He is a quiet guy who is super smart about finances. Thanks Jack!!

John Gebert, Exalted Ruler

Lodge Happenings

Friday Dinner

The Lodge serves dinner on Friday evenings. Prime rib will be served every week with a second “Chef’s Special” entrée. The menu will be posted in the Lounge; stop by to see it, or call 904-471-2829 during the hours the lounge is open. You must sign up for dinner prior to Friday either at the Lodge or by calling.

Scholarship Fundraiser

The annual Lodge Scholarship fundraiser will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017, starting at 3:30 PM (shortly after the Lodge opens). This year, we will have fresh deep-water shrimp, prepared (3) ways by the PER master chefs with garlic cheese biscuits, cole slaw and cheese grits, along with three tasty sauces to try. Desserts by the Eland Club and great entertainment by Southern Style. All this for only \$10.00; please try to make it to this delicious and fun event so even more students can benefit from our scholarship program.

Don’t Ring the Doorbell—Use Your Card

Please use your membership door lock card to enter the Lodge. The bartenders are busy and should not have to push the button unnecessarily. The Exalted Ruler challenges members to comply by asking that members with cards who ring the doorbell donate \$5.00 to the Harry Anna Trust Fund Container (by the sign-in sheet).

Sponsor a New Lodge Chair

The Lodge purchased a large group of chairs from the Pompano Lodge. For \$20 you can sponsor a chair. See the House Chair, Cary Coleman for details.



Eland News

Has July already passed??? This year is flying past!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone that was involved in making the Luau a wonderful event and successful fund raiser. It was a special night!

Remember that on Saturday, September 16th we will be hosting a Sock Hop in the back hall of the Lodge. Our special entertainment group is **Avenue D**. For those of you who don't think you know them, they are the Lodge members Tom Landers, Judy Patrick and Ken Dellmire. They are absolutely amazing!!! The music will "knock your socks off". Avenue D sings songs that you will love to dance to, and some that will possibly bring back great memories. The Lodge will be decorated in the theme of a 1950's malt shop. Light snacks will be on the tables, and one or two food trucks are scheduled to be outside the back doors. You can order and pay for the food you want, then bring it into the lodge/malt shop to enjoy. The Lodge will have a cash bar open in the hall as well. Tickets are \$10 each, and once again our terrific bartenders will be selling them at the bar.

I'll be in my poodle skirt and Mike will be in blue jeans and T-shirt. You can join in the 50's or 60's dress style or wear your current every day attire. Hope to see everyone at this fun event.

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.

The August Eland meeting has been cancelled. Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 6th, 7:30 PM in the lodge back hall room.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT ELAND, PLEASE CONTACT OUR VICE PRESIDENT/MEMBERSHIP CHAIR LADY JUDY REYES @ reddhott411@yahoo.com (904) 825-8569 or you may contact me, Sharyn Grace, President (561) 312-6317 sharynmgrace@yahoo.com

Northeast District Vice President Visitations

Plan to join our own Pat Shipley as he visits Northeast District Lodges as this year's Vice President:

Orange Park	08-26-2017
Mandarin St Johns	09-23-2017
Jacksonville	10-21-2017
Green Cove Springs	11-04-2017
St Augustine	12-02-2017

Lodge Major Projects Update

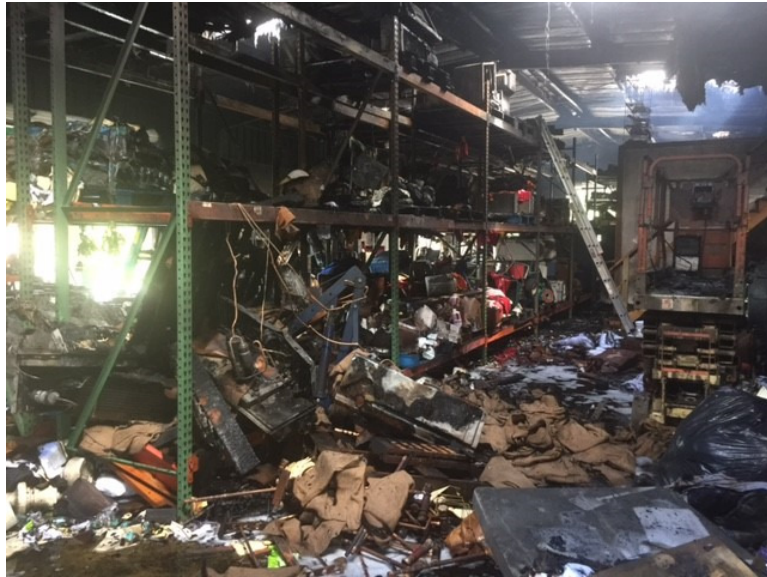
Keys & Locks - All interior and exterior keys have been changed to eliminate the risk of unauthorized keys and to streamline the locking system. Key issuance is limited to certain positions and persons authorized by the ER.

Security/Fire Alarm System - Renovating the alarm system is about 90% completed.

Renovation of Ante-Room & Front Entrance - Plans have been developed to renovate the ante-room and to begin using its door for regular Lodge entry & exit. The current Bar entrance area porch will be improved and continue as the Lodge's designated smoking area.

Outside Pavilion - The initial plans are completed and the Lodge vote approved the project. Currently, awaiting the Grand Lodge review.

Expansion of Parking Area - Underbrush has been cleared and the area partially levelled on the east side of our property to add more parking spaces. Awaiting engineer study and obtaining required permits to further expand the area.



Fire at the Youth Camp

On Friday, July 28th at around 5:15 a.m. the maintenance/warehouse building at the Youth Camp caught fire. Thankfully no one was in the building at the time and no one was injured. Neither campers nor staff were ever in danger and most did not even find out about the incident until going to the pavilion for breakfast.

The building was partially engulfed at the time the fire was discovered and required a response from the Marion County Fire Department who eventually sent (5) different pieces of equipment to assist. It appears that the fire started in the laundry facility which is contained within the building. The building and most of the contents are an entire loss.

The fire investigators will continue their investigation and clean-up throughout the day. State Elks staff responded in force and have been doing everything possible to maintain the camp and the camping experience for the campers as if nothing had happened. This is the last week of summer camp so it will not affect summer camp or any future uses of the camp that are scheduled in the months ahead.

Be a *Ready Rider* and Help our Lodge Get It Done!

In the Old West, a posse was made up of *Very Busy* citizens who sometimes were able to get away from the daily challenges of survival to assist in a necessary community objective. The ELKS Ready Riders are busy living their lives but are willing to be approached when certain activities are in need of assistance. The Ready Riders are asked to check activities of interest such as decorating for parities, assisting food services, etc.

Elks Ready Riders are never obligated to assist if contacted. By filling out the form you are only stating an interest and *May Be Contacted* to find out more about how you are looking to volunteer and be part of the Ready Riders!

Preference chart is listed below; add any special talents to the “other” box.

Check your areas of interest:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ready Recruitment Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting and Decorating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ready Rider Contact Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Minor Carpentry/Construction/Maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bingo Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Inventory Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event Parking Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Office Support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Preparation | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Activities Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event Decoration | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event Set-up/Take-down | <input type="checkbox"/> Charity-Related Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civic/Community Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other! | |

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ Best time to contact you: _____

E-Mail: _____

Comments: _____

These forms will be available at the Bar or you can use this page and drop it in the Secretary's Mailbox (at the Bar) or mail it: PO Box 238, St Augustine, FL 32085.

Upcoming Amphitheater Parking Events
Parking Volunteers Urgently Needed

Wednesday, August 2nd

311 with New Politics & Passafire

Saturday, August 12th

Donald Fagan & the Nightflyers

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

NOTICES

Lists of current membership candidates (new, transfers or re-instatements) 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	August, 2017					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The Bar is closed during Wednesday meetings!!		1 Lodge Closed	2 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM	3 Lodge Closed	4 Lounge Open 3-12 PM Dinner * Town & Country	5 Lounge Open 3-10 PM
		6 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Karaoke	7 Lounge Open 3-10 PM	8 Lodge Closed	9 Lounge Open 3-10 PM	10 Lodge Closed
13 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Karaoke	14 Lounge Open 3-10 PM	15 Lodge Closed	16 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM	17 Lodge Closed	18 Lounge Open 3-12 PM Dinner * Just Dave	19 Lounge Open 3-10 PM
20 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Karaoke	21 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Orientation	22 Lodge Closed	23 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Initiation	24 Lodge Closed	25 Lounge Open 3-12 PM Dinner * Southern Style	26 Lounge Open 3-10 PM
27 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Karaoke	28 Lounge Open 3-10 PM	29 Lodge Closed	30 Lounge Open 3-10 PM	31 Lodge Closed	* Call or stop by the Lodge to specify the entree you want. You may leave a message; the mailbox (904-471-2829) is checked daily	

LODGE OFFICERS 2017-2018

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	GLORIA BENISCHECK
ESQUIRE	DR ERIC COLON
CHAPLAIN	MEGAN KELLEY
INNER GUARD	BEN BENISCHECK
ORGANIST	GEOFF DOBSON (PDD)

TRUSTEES

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

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

LODGE ADVISOR

BOB KERSHNER (PER)

robert.kershner@live.com
(904) 829-6220

COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2017-2018

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

CHAIR	CARY COLEMAN
BAR	BOB JONIS
KITCHEN	
FINANCIAL REPORTS	JACK WOLCOTT
SAFETY	JIM BELLAMY
LODGE NETWORK	LORIN AUSTIN