



**ST. AUGUSTINE
ELKS LODGE #829**



LODGE BULLETIN



April, 2018

Exalted Ruler's Message

As we begin a new Lodge year (2018/2019), let me start off by saying thank you for the opportunity to serve you as your new Exalted Ruler. It is both an honor and a privilege for me to assume the role as leader of our great team of Officers, Volunteers and Employees at St. Augustine Elks Lodge #829. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Exalted Ruler John Gebert for his selfless dedication as our Exalted Ruler for the past two years. John stepped up and volunteered an extraordinary amount of his time to assume the most important and difficult position in our Lodge. The past two years have been some of the most difficult times our Lodge has witnessed, and John played a key role as we rebuilt our management and communication systems in all departments in the Lodge. I believe we now have a great foundation to start from in this new Lodge year. If you see John around the Lodge take the opportunity to thank him for his service; he has definitely earned our respect, Thank You John.

I am very excited about this new Lodge Year. We have so many projects in the works for this coming year that I think we all will enjoy. Expect to see more activities for us all to enjoy each month, look for the new Pavilion construction to begin very soon as well as the additional parking areas and camping site upgrades. As the new Exalted Ruler, the only promise I can make to you is that I will give 110% of my effort to make this lodge year one of the best. With that said I will be calling on you, our membership to join me in this effort. No single person can make this Lodge great, it will take the efforts of all of us to make this happen. When we the membership decide we want to be the best, great things will happen, and I can't wait to see what we can accomplish together. Those of you that know me know that I am a person who will always treat others as I would like to be treated. I encourage us all to do the same, I would really like to see us build the reputation as the "Friendliest Lodge in Florida". We are ELKS! Let us spread some love and compassion and make our Lodge a safe and welcoming home.

Thank you again for your confidence in me by electing me as your Exalted Ruler, my door is always open, come see me!

Lorin Austin, Exalted Ruler

Lodge Happenings

Friday Dinner

The weekly menu will be posted on the bar monitor. 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.

2018/19 Dues

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. Lodge 829 spouses and widows/widowers will receive a door card this year.

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

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.



Eland News

Eland's "Spring Time" Community Garage / White Elephant Sale

Saturday, May 12, 2018

9 AM – 1:30 PM

St. Augustine Elks Lodge **8 Foot Tables plus 2 Chairs \$20**

Do you have items lying around that you would like to sell?
Ready to earn a little extra cash \$\$\$\$?
Join the fun at our Community Event

Contact our Event Coordinator Annette Pacetti Heggie
1-630-334-9623

Or E-Mail apheggie@ameritech.net

To reserve your space today.

All spaces are available on a first come first serve basis.

Come join us on Saturday, May 12th and browse through the booths
for great buys and a few hidden treasures at our
1st Annual Eland's Community Garage / White Elephant Sale

Do you have any items to donate?
The Eland Club will also be joining in the fun.
We will have our own area of items for sale.

This event is a fundraiser for –
Florida Elks Children Therapy Services
Florida Elks Youth Camp
And
Local Charities

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT ELAND, PLEASE
CONTACT JUDY REYES @ jareyespsp@gmail.com
(904) 825-8569 or Sharyn Grace, President (561) 312-6317
sharynmgrace@yahoo.com**

Upcoming Amphitheater Parking Events

Parking Volunteers Urgently Needed

Friday, April 6th

Hank Williams, Jr. (Lodge will be open to the public all weekend!)

Friday, April 13th

STYX with Don Felder

Sunday, April 15th

The Beach Boys

Saturday, April 21st

Modest Mouse

Sunday, April 22nd

Huey Lewis & the News with guest Richard Marx

Friday, April 27th

Yanni "25th Anniversary of Live at the Acropolis"

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

Special Meeting Notice

Initiation will be held on April 25, 2018 at 7:30 PM. No other routine business will be conducted at the meeting. Orientation will be held on Monday, April 23rd at 6:30.

Lorin Austin, ER

Project Update

Ante Room: Essentially complete.

Parking, RV Area and Pavilion: We have received the parking permit and work has begun to clear the land. We've received approval from all the pertinent Boards and agencies and are waiting for the permit.

Lodge By-laws Revisions

The following sections contain revisions to the Lodge's Bylaws. Voting on these changes will take place at the April 18, 2018 meeting.

Article VI: Appointive Positions and Duties

Tiler

Section 4: For the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of \$100.00 per annum, payable annually.

Proposed change: *Reduce compensation to \$0.00*

Article X: Fees and Dues

Section 2

(b) Regular Lodge Dues

The regular Lodge dues shall be \$100.00 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 \$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.*

(c) Life Membership

In Addition to the amounts set forth under (a) above, each Life Member and/or Honorary Life Member shall pay \$50.00 towards Lodge administration expense.

Proposed change: *In addition to the amounts set forth under (a) above, each Life Member and/or Honorary Life Member shall pay \$34.75 towards Lodge administration expense.*

(Both of the above sections correct an error that listed the entire dues; we cannot list the Grand Lodge Per Capita assessments or State Association dues amounts, but these amounts are included in the overall invoice and must be paid)

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House Rules

House Committee Chair; The House Committee Chair is responsible for enforcing the House Rules, the hiring and dismissal of all Lodge employees, and all matters so designated in the by-laws of the St. Augustine Lodge #829 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The House Committee Chair and all other House Committee members shall be appointed by the Exalted Ruler.

Proposed changes: *The full House Committee may hire a paid club manager, who may not be an Elk member and shall only be hired under a Job Specific Employment Contract. Those terms being established by the managing body. All understand the club manager shall be responsible for the overall operation of the club, under direction of the House Committee and ultimately the Lodge.*

Lodge Employees except for currently-employed staff, no Lodge employee may apply for membership in the Lodge after the effective date of these by-laws.

Proposed change: *Remove this house rule.*

Proposed addition:

Guest of a member cannot purchase alcohol or participate in any games of chance.

The spouse of a member will be given an identification card to allow them to enter the Lodge. The spouse may purchase goods and services including alcohol. Spouses are not allowed to bring guests into the Lodge, attend meetings, vote, nor participate in any games of chance.

Widows and/or Widowers shall be given an identification, upon the request of a member in good standing in accordance with Grand Lodge Statutes, to allow them to enter the Lodge. They may purchase goods and services including alcohol. Widows and/or Widowers are not allowed to bring guests into the Lodge, attend meetings, vote, nor participate in any games of chance.

Florida Northeast District Golf Tournament

Sunday, April 29, 2018; shotgun at 1:30 PM

St John's County Golf Club
4900 Cypress Links Blvd. (Highway 207 west)
Elkton, FL 32033

Cost: \$60 per player; price includes green fees, cart, and range balls

Prizes

Closest to the pin on all par 3's
Ladies and Men's longest drive

Food and prizes to follow at the St Augustine Elks Lodge

Sign up sheets at the Lodge's Bar.

For more info, contact Pat Shipley 904-200-1984 or Dave Hosch 904-847-5586.

Mark your April calendar for Saturday the 21st. This is going to be the greatest Lodge party ever. It is our first "Fund Raiser" & it requires your attention. There are children, veterans and a whole slew of worthwhile causes that need our help; so, here is a great event to start our "year:"

We are all aware of the great entertainment that performs in our "Social Quarters" every Friday night: "Just Dave", "Southern Style", "Town & Country" & Avenue "D".

Our plan is to have these great entertainers in the Main Hall for the enjoyment of all of the members and to raise some much-needed cash for our "Scholarship Fund". Unfortunately, Town & Country has a schedule conflict & won't be able to join us. They will be missed, but THE SHOW MUST GO ON....

The kitchen will open at 6PM, with our chef Tim Harrell & his crew of intrepid assistants. Just order from the menu. The music will start at 7PM and last till about 11PM, and no, all the groups will not be playing at the same time. At least I hope not.....

Of course, this one of a kind gathering is for members & guests only. The cost for this & more that I haven't even mentioned is \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 per couple. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Bar. Tickets purchased at the door on the night of the event are \$5.00 more.

Papa Smurf

April Calendar	April, 2018					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Lounge Open 1-9 PM Pub Grub Karaoke	2 Lounge Open 3-9 PM Pasta Dinner	3 Lodge Closed	4 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Bar Food Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM	5 Lodge Closed	6 Lounge Open 3-12 PM Dinner Falling Bones Open to Public Parking	7 Lounge Open 1-9 PM BBQ & Burgers Avenue D Open to Public
8 Lounge Open 1-9 PM Pub Grub Karaoke Open to Public	9 Lounge Open 3-9 PM Pasta Dinner	10 Lodge Closed	11 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Bar Food	12 Lodge Closed	13 Lounge Open 3-12 PM Dinner Avenue D Parking	14 Lounge Open 1-9 PM
15 Lounge Open 1-9 PM Pub Grub Karaoke Parking	16 Veterans Luncheon Lounge Open 3-9 PM Pasta Dinner	17 Lodge Closed	18 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Bar Food Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM	19 Lodge Closed	20 Lounge Open 3-12 PM Dinner Just Dave	21 Lounge Open 1-9 PM Special Event— Main Hall Parking
22 Lounge Open 1-9 PM Pub Grub Karaoke	23 Lounge Open 3-9 PM Pasta Dinner Orientation 6:30 PM	24 Lodge Closed	25 Lounge Open 3-10 PM Bar Food Initiation 7:30 PM	26 Lodge Closed	27 Lounge Open 3-12 PM Dinner Southern Style Parking	28 Lounge Open 1-9 PM
29 Lounge Open 1-9 PM Pub Grub Karaoke	30 Lounge Open 3-9 PM Pasta Dinner	Sign up at the Bar or call to reserve Friday dinner selections. Dinner starts at 5:30 PM. Special fund-raising Event—Main Hall Saturday, April 21st, (3) bands, food, surprises!!!! See Page 8. Membership Drive—Open to the Public 4/6—4/8				

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	
INNER GUARD	
ORGANIST	GEOFF DOBSON (PDD)

TRUSTEES

ONE YEAR	OLEN MEREDITH (PER)
TWO YEARS	JOE SMITH SR (CHAIR)
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 2017-2018

ACCIDENT PREVENTION	CARY COLEMAN
ACTIVITIES	NECIE SMITH
AMERICANISM	CHRIS LOWE
AUDITING	TBA
BINGO	LARRY CAPITANO
CHARITY	LORIN AUSTIN (ER)
DRUG AWARENESS	IRVING STOCKDALE
ELAND LIAISON	TBA
ELKS NATIONAL FUND	BOB KERSHNER (PER)
FRATERNAL	RANDY STAY (PER)
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS	LORIN AUSTIN (ER)
INVESTIGATION	TED BEAL (PDD)
MEMBERSHIP	GEORGE APRIL (PER)
ORIENTATION	CHRIS LOWE
PARKING	KATHERINE HELHOSKI
PER ASSOCIATION LAISION	OLEN MEREDITH (PER)
PUBLIC RELATIONS	LORIN AUSTIN (ER)
RELIEF	LORIN AUSTIN (ER)
VETERANS AFFAIRS	FRED DUPONT (PER)
YOUTH ACTIVITIES	IRV STOCKDALE

HOUSE COMMITTEE

CHAIR	JIM BELLAMY
BAR	
GAMEROOM	DOMINIC MAZZUCA
FINANCIAL REPORTS	CATHERINE WALSH
SAFETY	CARY COLEMAN