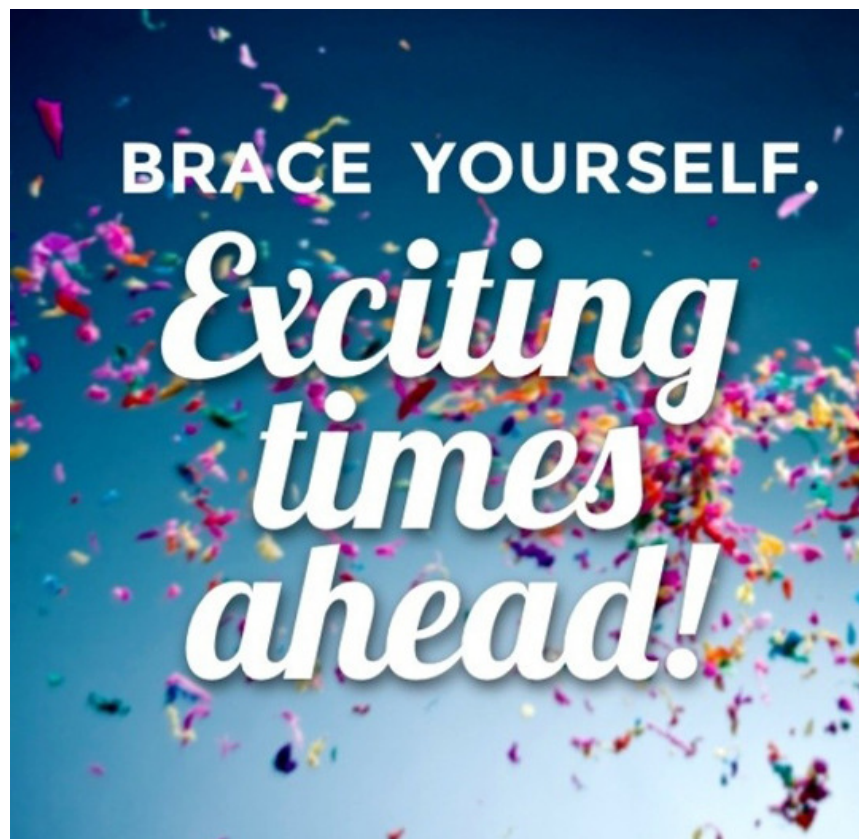


**ST. AUGUSTINE
ELKS LODGE #829**



LODGE BULLETIN



April 2021

Exalted Ruler's Message

GET EXCITED! I am excited about being your Exalted Ruler this year, but more than that, I'm excited about what we are planning for this year.

I first want to thank Connie Sarnowski and the Officers and volunteers who worked this past year and weathered a challenging year. Thank you, Connie.

With the COVID vaccine's availability to many of our members, we feel more confident gathering and socializing in our Lodge. Also, we are planning events in our Pavilion which contributes to a safe, healthy and happy, atmosphere.

Our primary emphasis will be to expose our community to the knowledge of who we, the ELKS, and our mission. Without you, this will not be possible. We are working to enlist volunteers to work this year within our many committees. Our goal is to have (100+) volunteers on board working shoulder to shoulder with your fellow Elks to make a difference. As of April 1, we have 60+ volunteers ready, willing, and able to make a difference. Will you join us?

This year, our committees will be going to local schools to help children, the Sheriff's Office, the Fire Departments, and other local charities to offer our help and support in their community outreach. We are planning events within our Lodge to raise funds for our state projects and other charitable organizations. We are ELKS; we need to live up to our Brotherly Love, Justice, Charity, and Fidelity pledge.

Starting the first week of April, we will open the Lodge six days a week. The House Committee Chairman, Katherine Helhoski, is working diligently with her committee to have food and entertainment throughout the week. Please be patient with her as she moves forward. It is easy to be critical of others, but as Elks, that is not permissible or acceptable.

We will be sending email blasts throughout the month to keep you informed of our Lodge events and meetings. It is essential to be transparent and informative to you. Please respond by supporting our events and enjoying our Lodge. Please be looking for emails. We are working on updating our Website and Facebook page to be more informative.

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Exalted Ruler's Message (Con't)

Please plan on attending our April 7th business meeting. We have a trustee position open and will be taking nominations. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a trustee, please attend the meeting.

Voting for the trustee position will be held at the April 21st business meeting. Please attend and cast YOUR vote for your candidate. To be knowledgeable is to have power.

There are three kinds of people:

- ◆ The one who wonders what happened.
- ◆ The one who watches it happen.
- ◆ The one who makes it happen.

Which one are you?

Saint Augustine, 829 is YOUR Lodge. I am YOUR Exalted Ruler. My goal is to lead us to a great year. There is a truism that says, To have respect, you must earn it, I pray I will. I want to see all of you enjoying your Lodge and "making a difference within our community."

If things are going well, tell others; if not, tell ME, not, others

Your Exalted Ruler,

Joseph Smith Sr.

NOTICES

Dues may be renewed by credit card online: 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.

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.

Community Outreach

A Community Outreach Committee is being formed with the purpose of giving to local charitable organizations that are working to bring change in the lives of others. The committee will choose a local organization to support each month with recommendations given by our membership. It is important to note that all recommendations should be non-profit (501C3). A bulletin board and collection bin will be displayed, promoting the Local Non-Profit organization, and requesting donations. Wish Lists will be available. A suggestion box will also be placed in this area to received recommendations for the coming months. Also, if you wish to be a coordinator, let us know.

Once a local charity is chosen, the committee will appoint a monthly coordinator to be responsible for gathering information and listing any supplies or donations that may be needed to support the charity. The committee and the coordinator will work together. The committee may also request from the Lodge a small donation from the Lodge Charity fund.

Each month a notice will be placed in the lodge Bulletin introducing the Monthly Charity. Please join us in reaching out to our neighbors.

The charity for the month of April is Saint Augustine Youth Services (SAYS) and the coordinator will be Donna Bellamy.

Cathy Walsh

Kcpwalsh93@gmail.com

House Happenings

Elks April calendar will tell you a lot about the ambitions and desires of the new House Committee Team. As the new House Committee Chair, I promise an attempt to provide the most enjoyable social attractions possible.....announced to you in the most timely and informative manner. I'm excited to take on this challenge and work effectively toward our charitable goals at the same time.

Most importantly, we will be mindful of the Covid era and continue appropriate safe practices during the weeks ahead.

We're very excited to resume Friday Night Team Dinners, beginning April 9th. We are trying to schedule dinners, if only Pub-Grub, with all official future events. The more food volunteers, the merrier we can make our lodge. If you would like to volunteer to work with the House, please email the Lodge at elks829secretary@gmail.com.

Old games such as Bunco and Trivia are resuming, and new games are being added to interest our members. Your suggestions for other events or activities is appreciated.

What we will be able to accomplish in the coming months will be a tribute to the team which makes it happen. We hope you will come aboard when you see a chance to contribute.

I'm looking forward to seeing all Elks, both old and new, back at our lodge in the coming months.

Sincerely,

Katherine Helhoski
House Chair

Trivia Night

2nd & 4th Wednesdays 7:00-9:00 PM
Join a Team-Fun—Excitement—Prizes-Braggin' Rights

Florida Elks Youth Camp

NOTICE: It is time for Florida Elks Youth Camp Reservations to be made. If you know of any underprivileged or deserving child who would like to go to camp, between the ages of 9-13, please go on line to FEYC.org and fill out application on line. If you need our Elks Lodge 829 to sponsor any needy child or If you have any problems or questions please text or call me at, 904 315 3773 you can also email me, kodagator@bellsouth.net. NOTE: All RESERVATIONS are MADE on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

WE STILL NEED YOU: Brother or Sister Elk, to become a "Florida Elks Youth Camp Booster". We appreciate the recent new and continued boosters and look forward to more members becoming a "Booster".. The cost is \$25 per year and goes a long way towards helping the Florida Elks Youth Camp with expenses, and incidental costs. Please include this with your membership renewal.

Your Continued Support and Donations
Make it all possible, for these deserving
children.

Keep them coming, Thank YOU!

Irv Stockdale

Lodge Activities Committee

GREAT NEWS!!

A wonderful, creative Activities Committee has been formed with Rosie Dean as the Chair. They are working hard planning events for the 2021/22 Elks year and, as always, welcome suggestions and ideas for events and activities. Look for further information & announcements in this section every month. Also, "Calendar and activities updates will be posted throughout the month at facebook.com/elks829/"

From Tom Phillips: facebook.com/elks829/ is the site which will carry all of our up-dates and announcements and the Secretary will be directing all viewers of our monthly bulletin to refer to this site "for all calendar updates during the month".

We will need a campaign to get all of our members tuned in to this site, and "bookmark" it into their computers or devices.

Other Elks selections will pop up...but click on HOME/FACEBOOK

If you are like me, you didn't even know that this existed

Friends Of Elks, on standard commercial Facebook, is an unofficial chat site which we should feed info to.....but cannot rely on to convey our official positions and most up-to-date announcements

LODGE OFFICERS 2020-2021

EXALTED RULER	JOE SMITH SR.
EST. LEADING KNIGHT	RANDY COOK (PER)
ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT	DR ERIC COLON
ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT	KATHERINE HELHOSKI
SECRETARY	MICHAEL RATHMANN
TREASURER	JUDY REYES
TILER	PATTI SHIPLEY
ESQUIRE	BRIAN WELLIVER
CHAPLAIN	SARA MC DAVITT
INNER GUARD	CHRIS LOVE
ORGANIST	GEOFF DOBSON (PDD)

TRUSTEES

ONE YEAR	BLAIR CRAIG
TWO YEARS	
THREE YEARS	RANDY STAY (PER)
FOUR YEARS	OLEN MEREDITH (PER)
FIVE YEARS	KEVIN WALSH

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)

LODGE ADVISOR

COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2020-2021

ACCIDENT PREVENTION/SAFETY	RANDY STAY (PER)
ACTIVITIES	ROSIE DEAN
AMERICANISM	
AUDITING	
BINGO	MARY BEACH
CHARITY	RANDY COOK (PER)
DRUG AWARENESS	
ELAND LIAISON	
ELKS NATIONAL FUND	MIKE HUGHES (PER)
FRATERNAL	
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS	BILL LENNON
INVESTIGATION	MIKE HUGHES (PER)
MEMBERSHIP	MIKE HUGHES (PER)
ORIENTATION	DR ERIC COLON
PARKING	EDDIE FLEMING
PER ASSOCIATION LAISION	JOHN GEBERT (PER)
PUBLIC RELATIONS	SARA MC DAVITT
RELIEF	JOE SMITH SR. (ER)
VETERANS AFFAIRS	GEORGE APRIL (PER)
YOUTH ACTIVITIES	IRV STOCKDALE

HOUSE COMMITTEE

CHAIR	KATHERINE HELHOSKI
FINANCIAL REPORTS	ELIZABETH BASTEDO
MEMBER (BAR MANAGER)	DONNA BELLAMY
MEMBER (SECRETARY)	NECIE SMITH
MEMBER (ACTIVITY CHAIR)	ROSIE DEAN

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2020 OFFICER OF THE YEAR Lorin Austin (PER)

2020 ELK OF THE YEAR Cherie Stucki

2020 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR Grace Andrews

2020 ELK COUPLE OF THE YEAR Geoff & Becky Dobson

2020 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR Joe Papalia

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