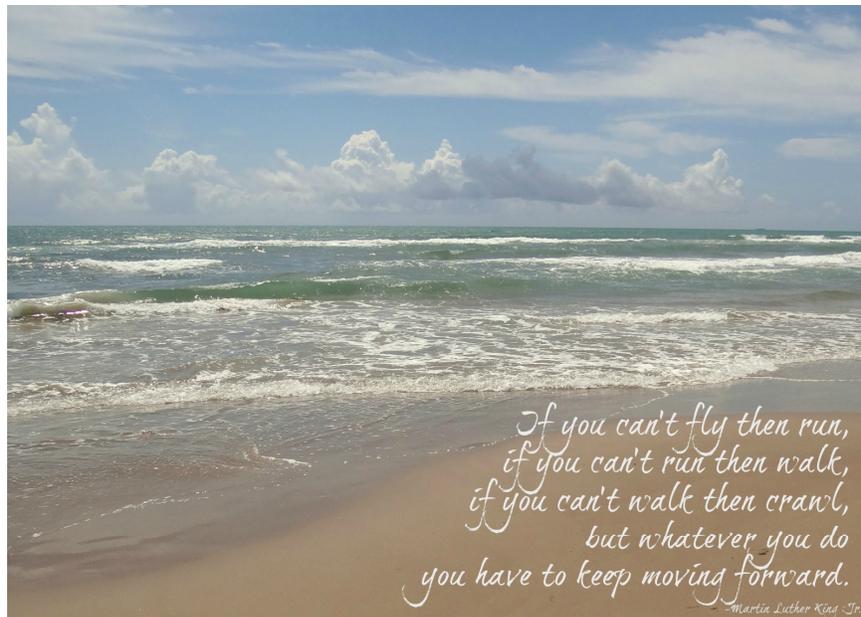




**ST. AUGUSTINE  
ELKS LODGE #829**



# LODGE BULLETIN



**May 2021**

## Exalted Ruler's Message

Moving forward and not looking back! I hope this email finds each of you doing well and enjoying our wonderful Lodge and Elk family and friends. I am excited about the past month and the support from our members. I have introduced myself to more members that I did not recognize in the past month than since I joined the Lodge nine years ago. It has been a continuous stream of members coming in and enjoying the food and entertainment.

This year, our goal is to make a difference and expose St. Augustine Elks Lodge to our community, and we are already making progress!

On April 1st, Our Lodge, along with Green Cove Springs, Orange Park, Jacksonville, Gainesville, and Mandarin Lodges, spearheaded a district-wide donation of 420 pairs Unicorn Bedroom Slippers to the Wolfson's Children's Hospital. I want to thank Christie Smith Hall and Bella Brinson for their work with the staff at Wolfson's. I also want to thank the District Exalted Rulers and Lodge Officers who helped with this charitable effort.

Chairperson Cathy Walsh and the Community Outreach Committee choose SAYS (St. Augustine Youth Services) to be the charitable organization for April. On Friday, April 30th, Cathy Walsh and Donna Bellamy met with the faculty at SAYS and delivered \$629.74 worth of items on the wish lists of their young residents.

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, our Public Relations Chairperson, Sara McDavitt, and Pat Shipley, David Lee, Raymond Kledzik, and I met with Amanda Garman, the Principle of R. B. Hunt Elementary School. Our goal was to introduce St. Augustine Elks Lodge to the staff and offer our help with children's needs. Principle Garman found the Elks organization to be a resource that can provide aid to children in need. Sara informed Principal Garman of our Children's Therapy Services and our Youth Camp. The principal had no idea of the mission of the Florida Elks and what we provide. We left with an outline of what we, Elks, can do to make life better for children within our community. Our goal is to adopt R. B. Hunt Elementary as a sustainable year-to-year project for our Lodge.

On Thursday, April 29th, Our Government Relations Chairperson, Bill Lennon, and I met with St. Johns County Sheriff Rob Hardwick to introduce the BPOE and offer our assistance to the Sheriff's Department with fundraising efforts and help. We found several areas the Elks can support Sheriff Hardwick and his charitable work. We left feeling excited and thankful about the efforts of Sheriff Hardwick and his compassion and desire to help children within our county.

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## **Exalted Ruler's Message (Con't)**

As you see, we are not sitting still; we are "MOVING FORWARD" in our community and our Lodge. Come get involved and "MAKE A DIFFERENCE." It's up to you to be a part of moving forward with our Lodge. WE NEED YOU, OUR MEMBERS TO HELP CHILDREN, VETERANS, AND THE HOMELESS. WE NEED YOU!!!

It has been a challenge to provide food and bar services this month, but our House Chair and House Committee have been diligent in providing a fun and entertaining Lodge. If you have experienced the change, "YOU" need to be aware, we need "YOUR" support.

We have added the email blast, which goes out every week and keeps each informed of our events, food, and schedule. Many of you have made positive comments regarding the email blast. If you have not received the email blast, please contact Mike Rathmann at elk829secretary@gmail.com.

We opened the Pavilion on Sunday, April 25th, and had a beautiful and enjoyable day.

Our volunteers are working to provide a lodge you can enjoy. Please be aware we need more help during weeknights and weekends in the food area. You do not need to be a Chef to help. Remember, this is your Lodge. See Katherine Helhoski or Donna Bellamy if you can assist.

I want to thank Patti Shipley for her efforts in publishing the email blast and our Facebook page. Please pay attention to your email and our Facebook page for information about our lodge activities.

Because of her commitment and effort to promote our Lodge and keep our members informed, Patti Shipley is our Elk of the Month. It isn't easy to choose who will be Elk of the Month because we have so many wonderful volunteers. I will designate another parking space for an additional Elk of the Month. In June, I will choose (2) volunteers for the month.

Remember, if you see something you like, I am your Exalted Ruler, tell everyone, if you see something you don't, TELL ME!

BE BLESSED AND GET INVOLVED.

**Your Exalted Ruler,  
A. Joseph Smith Sr.**

## Community Outreach

A Community Outreach Committee has been formed with the purpose of giving to local charitable organizations that are working to bring change in the lives of others. The committee chooses 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 is in the social quarters, promoting the Local Non-Profit organization, and requesting donations. Wish Lists will be available. A suggestion box was placed in this area to receive recommendations for the coming months. Also, if you wish to be a coordinator, let us know.

As a local charity is chosen, the committee will appoint a monthly coordinator to be responsible for gathering information and listing 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 is placed in the Lodge Bulletin introducing the Monthly Charity. Please join us in reaching out to our neighbors.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our collection of donations for Saint Augustine Youth Services in the month of April. A full report will be given during the first Lodge business meeting in May (May 5<sup>th</sup>)



Delivering Elks 829 donations



Joe Smith Sr., Exalted Ruler; Cathy Walsh, Community Outreach Chair; Donna Bellamy, Monthly Outreach Coordinator; Alex Mason SAYS, Director of Fundraising & Marketing

**The charity for the month of May is St Gerard Campus and the coordinator will be Elizabeth Bastedo.**

Saint Gerard's Campus is an independent, non-political, non-sectarian facility designed to assist pregnant teenagers and unwed mothers. All their services are free of charge and they depend on the generosity of the community for support. They are in need of diapers, baby clothes and all other baby supplies. Our Community Outreach Table will have more information on Saint Gerard's as well as a more specific list of needed supplies. If you are able, please put your donations in the box under the table.

Cathy Walsh  
[Kcpwalsh93@gmail.com](mailto:Kcpwalsh93@gmail.com)

# ***House Happenings***

We are open and ready to serve! There are events with food every day of the week except Monday. And our volunteer teams are back in action for Friday night dinners. We invite you to come, enjoy and support your Lodge. Also, when you volunteer, the Lodge runs smoother and your life becomes richer.

Sincerely,  
Katherine Helhoski  
House Chair

## **Florida Ladies of Elks**

### **From the FLOE President: Greetings to all Lodge Elks & wives**

First I would like to remind everyone that the Florida State Elks Association Annual Convention is coming up on May 27-29. Florida Ladies of Elks will be very busy during the weekend. We will be conducting a Chance (previously known as the Chinese) Auction. Tickets will be on sale Thursday and Friday with the drawings to be held following the FLOE Luncheon on Friday. You do not need to be present to win. Stop by and get your tickets early and often. We will also have 50/50 tickets; Reverse Draw tickets; FLOE Red shirts; and FLOE Logo Masks for sale. FLOE will also have one of the seven Hospitality Rooms that are going to be open, and will have a signature frozen drink, snacks; and a Raffle basket that you can purchase tickets for. Please come and support our efforts to help the children of Florida.

I still have some tickets for the Reverse Drawing to be held during our conference in September. If you see me at the Lodge please ask, and you can purchase yours or contact me at home 904-940-2830 or [lindaritt1@comcast.net](mailto:lindaritt1@comcast.net); and I will get your ticket to you.

Have a great month and I look forward to seeing everyone in Orlando.

# **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

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### New Members in April



Our Lodge continues to grow as we initiated 4 new members in April. The new members are: (L to R) Kyle Mosley, Ann Schreckengost, ER Joe Smith, Sr., Tom Burkhard, Ian Snow.

When you see them in the Lodge introduce yourself to them and make them welcome.

# Lodge Activities Committee

## HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING in May:

### MOTHER'S DAY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

Join us on Sunday, May 9th at noon —

Bring your Mom... bring your family, young and old, to our family-friendly celebration for our Moms! We will have Champagne, Mimosas or a Bloody Mary for the Moms. The menu will include two different types of quiche, fresh fruit, a spring salad and a muffin plus chocolate-covered strawberries! All this for only \$12/adults; \$6/children, 12 years and under. Cash bar available. Look for the Mother's Day sign-up sheet at the bar to reserve your place. **Reservations required.**

Let's fill up the place and have a happy Mother's Day celebration!

Let's not forget all the other fantastic events happening around our Lodge each week.....

**BUNCO**... 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays. (As a famous, or almost-famous, person once said, "If you can count dots on the dice you can play Bunco!")

**BAR BINGO**.... 7:00 p.m. Thursdays.

**ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT**... 7:00 — 10:00 p.m. Fridays

**KARAOKE by TONY**.... 5:00 — 9:00 p.m. Saturdays

**KARAOKE by JOE**.... 4:00 — 8:00 p.m. Sundays

Come on out to YOUR Lodge for some fun entertainment!



Any military veteran in the St Augustine area can enjoy a free monthly Italian dinner on the third Monday of each month, at Elks Lodge #829.

Thanks to Rich Bastedo, an Elk of eight years, the free veteran dinners began with an invitation to Lassen's Veterans Nursing Home several years ago. Rich, famous for his tasty meatball recipe, stepped forward on his own to do what Elks do best.....reach out to give service to the community.

Word-of-mouth is spreading the news and, as soon as Covid restrictions are removed, all military vets will again be welcomed to the Lodge.

## The monthly calendar is now a separate document.



### Unicorn Slippers

The Lodge is in possession of approximately 350 pairs of children's' slippers. We will be donating them to local charities. However, we would like to offer them for sale for \$5 to our Lodge Members (retail price \$10). The first two weeks of May, samples of sizes will be displayed in the Social Quarters. Please contact Cathy Walsh



### 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.

**Upcoming Amphitheater Parking Events**  
**Parking Volunteers are Very Urgently Needed**

**Friday, May 7th**

Tab Benoit with special guests The Whiskey Bayou Revue

**Thursday May 13th**

Iliza: Back in Action Tour

**Friday, May 14th**

The Beach Boys

**Saturday, May 15th**

Yacht Rock Review

**Friday, May 21st**

Old Crow Medicine Show with special guest Molly Tuttle

**Saturday May 22nd**

Blue Oyster Cult w/special guests Mark Farner's Band

**Sunday May 23rd**

St. Paul & The Broken Bones

**Friday May 28th**

Fitz & the Tantrums w/special guest Bre Kennedy

**Sunday, May 30th**

Indigo Girls w/special guest Amythyst Kiah

**To help, send an email to [elks829secretary@gmail.com](mailto:elks829secretary@gmail.com)  
or contact Eddie Fleming at [doctoreddie@hotmail.com](mailto:doctoreddie@hotmail.com)  
or call him at 352-283-9811.**

## **LODGE OFFICERS 2020-2021**

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<b>THREE YEARS</b>	RANDY STAY (PER)
<b>FOUR YEARS</b>	OLEN MEREDITH (PER)
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