



**ST. AUGUSTINE  
ELKS LODGE #829**



# LODGE BULLETIN



**November, 2021**

# Exalted Ruler's Message

Hello Elks!

Yes, It's November! Where has 2021 gone? Time is indeed passing fast. With this realization, I encourage you to take a moment and examine your position and direction in life and ensure you are achieving your goal. If your desire is to give aid to others, Get Involved.

November is a time of giving thanks. With that thought in mind, we must remember those who are less fortunate in this season of giving. We have a responsibility as Elks to aid those in need and show our community that we care. Therefore, I urge you to help someone or let me know if you find someone who needs help.

I want to thank all of you who are supporting your lodge and, as a result, good things are happening.

In October, we initiated twenty-one new members, making the total of One Hundred Thirty (130) members this year. Thus, the total membership for our lodge stands at Twelve Hundred Ten (1,210) members. We continue to receive applications from people who see our impact within the community and want to get involved.

This month we are hosting the HERO'S EVENT on November 13th. The event is to honor our First Responders within our community.

Bridge City Realty and St. Augustine Elks have teamed up and are co-sponsoring this fantastic event for those who protect and serve our families and community. Bridge City Realty is sponsoring this event by providing food, drinks, and door prizes (to some lucky ones) to our first responders. St. Augustine Elks are providing the facility, support, and co-sponsoring the entertainment. We will provide additional details in our weekly blast.

We are planning some fantastic events for the remainder of this year. We are having a Prime Rib dinner on November 5th for our St. Augustine Scholarship Trust Fund. As of this letter, the event is sold-out. Thanks to our Scholarship Trust Fund Committee for their hard work and dedication to our children within our community.

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

This past month, Bill Lennon, our Government Relations Chair and I met with St. Augustine Beach Chief of Police, Daniel Carswell, and Commander T.G. Harrell to introduce Elkdom and our mission. We had an informative meeting and look forward to hosting a visit to our lodge.

Please mark your calendar for the following dates:

Hero's Event – November 13, 2021

Pork-a-Paloosa – January 29, 2022

Scholarship 10K Event – February 26, 2022

Charity Golf Event – March 21, 2022

Information for each event will be posted in our upcoming monthly newsletters and in our weekly email blast. If you are not receiving our weekly email blast please contact Mike Rathmann our Lodge Secretary or contact me. We will get you signed up.

As we continue to serve food and expand our weekly events, we are in need of volunteers to support our House operations. We are asking those of you who will, to volunteer for one day or one event a month to help in our lodge operations. For information, contact Jimmy Dean at (904) 466-0158 or me at (904) 759-3020. We look forward to hearing from you.

As always I look for volunteers who give of their time and energy to support our lodge. This decision is extremely difficult given we have so many members working and giving at this time. This month I recognize two members who have for years been faithful in giving of their time. My two Elks of the month are Loraine Hopper and Mark Morgan. Thank you for your continued support.

As Elks, our mission is to aid those in distress and provide relief to those in need.

Remember, If you are enjoying our lodge, tell others, if not, please tell me.

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



## The ENF Fidelity Club

### The Foundation's Monthly Giving Program

*The easiest way to support the ENF all year round!*  
Do you contribute to the Elks National Foundation often? What if you could donate without having to think about it? Well, you can! Enroll today and become a member of the Fidelity Club—the ENF's monthly giving program.

#### **Why Join the Fidelity Club?**

- **Ease:** The ENF Fidelity Club recognizes automatic, regularly scheduled donations through your bank account or credit card. These donations occur monthly (minimum \$5).
  - **Eco-Friendly:** Save a tree and save time with paperless donations!
  - **Convenience:** No need to purchase stamps or mail a check. It takes just five minutes to sign up, and you're good to go!
  - **Flexibility:** You can increase, modify or cancel your gift at any time.
- Security:** It's safe, reliable and allows the ENF to spend less time on administration and more time on our charitable mission.

#### **Ready to Join?**

Becoming a member of the Fidelity Club is simple! Enroll online at [enf.elks.org/recurring](http://enf.elks.org/recurring) and start your gift today! If you prefer to sign up through the mail, download the form from this site. Questions? Contact [enf@elks.org](mailto:enf@elks.org) or 773/755-4728 for additional information about starting a monthly gift and joining the ENF Fidelity Club.

**Already a member?** If you have an active monthly gift agreement with the ENF, you have automatically been enrolled in the ENF Fidelity Club!

## Community Outreach

The Community Outreach Committee delivered donated goods to two local nonprofits this month.

We delivered 15 bags and 5 boxes of donations to the Emergency Services & Homeless Coalition Food Pantry. Items included cereal, peanut butter, canned tuna and chicken, mac and cheese and canned fruit and veggies. It is estimated that the value of the donations was \$520.

The Lodge Members then donated approximately \$780 worth of goods to Wildflower Healthcare. Lots of toothpaste, toothbrushes, antibiotic cream and office supplies. We also received an ENF Gratitude Grant of \$2000. This Grant will enable the clinic to serve the uninsured and underinsured residents of St. Johns County.

Cathy Walsh  
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Elizabeth Bastedo

### *New Members—October, 2021*

**Our Lodge continues to grow as we initiated 21 new members in October.**

**The new members are:**

(Front row L to R): Troy Davis, Beth Walt, Brenda Wyman, Margaret Gleman, LaDean Towers, Deborah Spengler, Beth Scarlett, Diane Ford, Scott Navin

(Back Row L to R):Dustin Kaloustan, Bill Vickers, Rick Comfort, Steve Walt, Michael Stallings, Tom Bode, Paul Spengler, Robert Patrick, Charles Daigle, Jeff Haase, Brian Walsh, Vincent Leth

NOTE: This makes 82 new members in the last three months. Congratulations to ALL!

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



**Donating to the Wildflower Clinic**



**Donating to Homeless Coalition**





### From the House Chair:

Volunteers are always needed. We have immediate need to develop two "Taco Tuesday" teams of 2-3 people each and at least two teams of 3 to 4 people to cook on Sundays. Please step forward if you wish to see these services continue. The Lodge is still in need of a cleaning person to work about 20 hours a week.

We should have the new POS system in place by the first of this month. The old system was beginning to get a little cranky, sometimes not working at all.

At this time we are not planning to offer a full dinner on 11/26, the Friday after Thanksgiving however light appetizers may be offered.

By the time you read this the Nov 5th Prime Rib dinner will be sold out but please come out anyway and enjoy the music of a new duo, "Black Velvet"

The weekend of Nov 12, 13 and 14 will be an "open to the public" membership drive. On Friday the 12th we will have BOTH Southern Style and Avenue D performing in the lounge from 7 till 10. On Saturday, the 13th we will be co-hosting an event to honor our first responders. After dinner and awards, entertainment will be provided by the "Innocent Bystanders".

Our "open mic" nights, held on our off meeting nights are becoming very popular.

Anyone wishing to step up to volunteer may text me at 904-466-0158

Please pay attention to our email "Blasts" for the most current information

**Jimmy Dean, House Chair**

#### 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**

**Saturday, November 6th**

A Day to Remember with special guests Asking Alexandria and Point North

**Thursday, November 11th**

Justin Moore & Tracy Lawrence

**Friday, November 19th**

Brett Young "Weekends Tour" with special guests Maddie & Tae and Filmore

**To help, send an email to [elks829secretary@gmail.com](mailto:elks829secretary@gmail.com) or contact Carolyn Anderson at [cjla64@yahoo.com](mailto:cjla64@yahoo.com) or 904-687-6350.**

**Eland News:**

**WE NEED YOU! We NEED your Support! Any questions or to register, please contact Dianne Cook at 386-503-6460 or at [Eagle-spirit315@gmail.com](mailto:Eagle-spirit315@gmail.com).**

The Eland Club had their first dessert sale at the Papa Smurf Fish Fry on Friday October 29, 2021, and it was a huge success!! Thanks to all the loyal Elks and their families, the entire night was a fabulous and fun night!! There was wonderful food, great entertainment, and of course yummy desserts. Dianne Cook, Linda Martin, Linda Rittenhouse and Lorie Davidson sold all kinds of cakes and pies, there was Pistachio cake and Angel food cake made by Lorie Davidson, Rum cake made by Linda Martin, Pumpkin pie made by Linda Rittenhouse, and a Chocolate Bundt cake brought by Dianne Cook. There was also a luscious Red Velvet cake made by Judy Reyes, who unfortunately, could not attend the dinner.

The next meeting of the Eland Club will be November 11, 2021 at 6:30pm and we hope that Lady Elks, spouses of Elks and widows of Elks in good standing will come and see what the Eland Club is all about. We will be discussing our big garage sale coming up on January 22, 2022 and ask everyone to start bringing what they would like to sell to the Lodge now. We also have a closet cleaning on November 7th at 3pm if anyone would like to volunteer to help it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you all for supporting this great Eland Club of the premier Lodge of the mighty NE District, Lodge 829!!

## **LODGE OFFICERS 2020-2021**

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

## **TRUSTEES**

<b>ONE YEAR</b>	BLAIR CRAIG
<b>TWO YEARS</b>	TOM PHILLIPS
<b>THREE YEARS</b>	RANDY STAY (PER)
<b>FOUR YEARS</b>	OLEN MEREDITH (PER)
<b>FIVE YEARS</b>	KEVIN WALSH (CHAIR)

## **ELKS CLUB INC.**

<b>CHAIR</b>	PAT SHIPLEY (PDD)
<b>MEMBER</b>	BOB KERSHNER (PER)
<b>MEMBER</b>	JAMES DEAN (PER)
<b>MEMBER</b>	DAVID LEE (PER)
<b>MEMBER</b>	TED BEAL (PDD)
<b>MEMBER</b>	BARRY MASTERS (PER)
<b>MEMBER</b>	A. JOSEPH SMITH SR. (ER)

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2020-2021

<b>ACCIDENT PREVENTION/SAFETY</b>	DAVE PARK
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	ROSEMARY DEAN
<b>AMERICANISM</b>	JOE SMITH SR.
<b>AUDITING</b>	BRUCE DAVIDSON
<b>BINGO</b>	MARY BEACH
<b>CHARITY</b>	RANDY COOK (PER)
<b>DRUG AWARENESS</b>	
<b>ELAND LIAISON</b>	JUDY REYES
<b>ELKS NATIONAL FUND</b>	MIKE HUGHES (PER)
<b>FRATERNAL</b>	ROSEMARY DEAN
<b>GOVERNMENT RELATIONS</b>	BILL LENNON
<b>INVESTIGATION</b>	MIKE HUGHES (PER)
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	MIKE HUGHES (PER)
<b>ORIENTATION</b>	CHRIS LOVE
<b>PARKING</b>	CAROLYN ANDERSON
<b>PER ASSOCIATION LAISION</b>	JOHN GEBERT (PER)
<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS</b>	SARA MC DAVITT
<b>RELIEF</b>	JOE SMITH SR. (ER)
<b>VETERANS AFFAIRS</b>	GEORGE APRIL (PER)
<b>YOUTH ACTIVITIES</b>	IRV STOCKDALE

## HOUSE COMMITTEE

<b>CHAIR</b>	JAMES DEAN (PER)
<b>KITCHEN MANAGER</b>	MARIA CRANN
<b>MEMBER</b>	
<b>MEMBER (SECRETARY)</b>	NECIE SMITH
<b>MEMBER (ACTIVITY CHAIR)</b>	ROSIE DEAN

## LODGE ADVISOR

<b>PAT SHIPLEY (PDD)</b>	(904) 471-2630
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