



**ST. AUGUSTINE  
ELKS LODGE #829**



# **LODGE BULLETIN**



**In April—Event Pictures from  
February & March**

**March, 2022**

# Exalted Ruler's Message

It's March!

Yes, the last month of this fiscal year. It has and continues to be an exciting journey. We have worked hard to promote Elkdome in our community and beyond. I want to thank each volunteer who has dedicated their time or contributed to our supported cause this year. Without our volunteers, we could not accomplish our mission to help the less fortunate.

To show our gratitude, we are having a Volunteer Appreciation Party on March 13th. So, if you have volunteered this year, please sign up in the social quarters and enjoy an evening of food, music, and fun—more details to follow.

I want to congratulate the Saucy Pig and our Public Relations Committee on a successful Porkapaloosa Event. Kenny Salce, Joe Smith Jr., Public Relations Chairperson Sara McDavitt, and team 829 volunteers orchestrated a fantastic event filled with great food, music, and fun. A special thanks to Kenny Salce for his guidance and support for this fundraising event. The Porkapaloosa raised over \$14,000 for Elementary Students in St. Johns County.

We initiated twenty-four (24), new members in February. Year to date, we have gained (173) new members. We continue to see new members become involved in making the mission of Elkdome become a reality. We expect a gain of over (40) new members in March. With new members, transfers, and reinstatements, our total gain will be over (250) members for our 2021-22 year. A big thank you to all who have sponsored a new member this year.

I want to thank David and Denelle Everhart for organizing and producing a fun-filled and exciting Superbowl Party. Also, a high-five to Mike Barfoot and the team for providing a sporting menu. During the Superbowl Event, David and Denelle raised \$1,070.00 for the Scholarship Fund. It was great!!!

What can I say? The Supernite 10K was a successful, exciting, fun-filled event. The Scholarship Committee worked tirelessly to produce the 17th annual 10k. Barry and Janet Masters and crew set tables with a fantastic array of hors d'oeuvres fit for a king. Rosie Dean and Necie Smith set the atmosphere for an evening of chance, while Dave and Robin Lee managed the event's sales, marketing, and promotion. I also want to thank Olen Meredith for his many years of support. What a team! I want to thank Bob Kershner for his faithfulness and support of this event. Bob introduced the 10K event to our lodge over 17 years ago. Over the years, Bob produced and managed the event and raised thousands of dollars for charity. Thank you, Bob, for your guidance and support. Event proceeds will benefit St. Augustine high school student Scholarships.

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

Officer Installation will be on Saturday, March 26st, at 5 pm. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. The officers are dedicated to our mission and are excited to move Elkdome forward. More information to follow

.Don't forget! The Community Classic Golf Tournament is on March 21st. We are hosting this event to benefit children and veterans within our community. Our Chairmen, Bob Lane and Tom Burkhard, are working with the golf committee to produce an annual event second to none. Stay tuned for more information.

We attended the State President's visit at the Jacksonville 221 lodge on February 11 and 12. Our State President, Suzi Simonelli, spoke and encouraged all members to spread the mission of Elkdome and sponsor new members. This year, our state goal is to have a positive gain in membership for our 21-22 year. We are pushing to be second in the nation for membership gain. We are doing our part at the "829".

We will be attending officer training in Orlando on March 11-13. We are looking forward to an insightful and informative seminar.

As you can see, we have been busy the past few months planning and implementing fundraising events and working to help children, veterans, and those less fortunate within our community. I am genuinely proud to be the Exalted Ruler of St. Augustine Elks Lodge 829. We have surpassed the required commitments for state and national charities. The members of the 829 have and are continuing to show their compassion for giving to others. This year is shaping up to be one of the best for our lodge and community.

I am excited to be elected as Exalted Ruler for the upcoming year. Again, I thank you for your support. I will continue to do my best to support you and our lodge.

I am again struggling to choose the ELKS of the MONTH. We have so many wonderful and faithful volunteers. I want to name Brian Welliver and Joe Smith Jr. These Elks have volunteered throughout the year and continue to do so. A small token of appreciation for these members.

If you are not receiving our weekly Eblast, which provides the weekly and monthly activities, don't hesitate to get in touch with Mike Rathmann at (904) 471-2829 or me at (904) 759-3020

If you are pleased with what is happening in our lodge, please tell others. If not, please tell me.

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

## **Recommendations for Honorary Life Membership**

(To be voted on at the March 23rd meeting)

### **Mark Morgan**

Mark Morgan is a dedicated member who has done an outstanding job as a volunteer. He has worked with Geoff & Becky Dobson for many years preparing and serving meals to new Lodge members. He readily responds when asked to help on other occasions and consistently does an excellent job.

### **Kevin Walsh**

Kevin Walsh is the “heart” of the financial system at the Lodge. He has served as Treasurer and as Trustee Chair.. But he excels at dealing with the many financial situations involved with our large Lodge and in complying with often changing financial requirements.. He has been an excellent mentor to his Treasurer successor and spends many hours dealing with the Grand Lodge accounting system. He accepted the responsibility to replace point of sales equipment throughout the Lodge and dealt with many programming issues. In addition, he helps in the Secretary’s Office, especially with distributing the monthly bulletin and accomplishing the annual member card renewal.

### **Cathy Walsh**

Cathy Walsh is an incredibly hardworking member who volunteers for a variety of activities. She handled financial matters and reporting for the House Committee and continues to assist her successors.. Cathy is the CLMS Assistant in the Secretary’s Office, a time-consuming and detailed job, especially during this period of Lodge growth. She was co-Chair of the Outreach committee and worked hard to obtain material and sometimes funding for the charities selected each month. She readily volunteers for other activities including selling tickets for charity fundraising, working at the Veteran’s luncheons and working on special events.

### **Michael Rathmann**

Michael Rathmann has a long history of volunteering at the Lodge. The week after his Initiation, he joined the parking team and began volunteering in the Kitchen. Later, he worked on the Bingo crew for several years. Mike readily volunteers to work on special events such as the Kitchen for PAL Day, where one year he cooked over 600 hamburgers. He has worked every PAL Day and Veteran’s stand down throughout the years and served as Lodge Security during the first large-scale “Widespread Panic” event. After initially volunteering to help in the Secretary’s Office, he was voted into the Secretary’s position, where he continued to volunteer for other tasks and events.

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

**Wednesday, March 9th**

Foreigner - The Greatest Hits of Foreigner

**Friday & Saturday, March 11-12th**

JJ Grey's Blackwater SOL Revue

**Thursday, March 17th**

Jimmy Eat World & Dashboard Confessional

**Friday, March 18th**

Chris Young - Famous Friends Tour

**Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, March 25-27**

Widespread Panic

**March 31-April 1st**

Sebastian Maniscalco

**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.**

**Special Lodge Meeting Notices**

The District Director has granted the Lodge dispensation to cancel the regular meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

The Lodge has voted to hold a regular business meeting at 7:30PM, Wednesday, March 23, 2022.

Initiation will be held on March 30, 2022 at 7:30 PM. This is not a routine business meeting,. Orientation will be held on Monday, March 29, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

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

***Dance Lessons***

Dance Lessons will be on Thursdays at 6:00-6:45 pm except for no lesson on March 3. We will continue reviewing our waltz steps while introducing the basic East Coast Swing and Nightclub. With these basic steps, you can dance to a large majority of popular music.

Remember that Albert Einstein said, "We are the dancers, we create the dreams." Who can argue with that brilliant logic? So, come to the Lodge and make some dreams with us.

Jim & Peggy White

## **Activity Committee**

WOW! February just flew away and now we're heading into March! Speaking of February... the Scholarship Trust 10K SuperNite was such a fun event! There was plenty of delicious food and a few lucky winners went home with some extra spending money. (No winnings for me, of course, but I was so thrilled to get to dance again to the music of one of my favorite bands,..."The Committee." However, the big winners of the night will be our local St. Johns County students who will win future scholarships. If you couldn't attend this event, please go ahead and mark your calendar for next year... it's always the last Saturday in February.

SAVE THESE FOLLOWING DATES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

Sunday, March 13.... VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

Did you volunteer around the lodge during this 2021/2022 lodge year? Have you told Carolyn you want to help park cars for one of the many concerts scheduled for March? Then this event is for YOU! It will be another fun evening with a great new out-of-town band called Orlando Mendez Band.

Monday, March 21... Inaugural Elks Golf Tournament

For more information on this event please see the Golf Tournament table flyers located in our social quarters.

Saturday, March 26... 2022/23 Officer Installation and Dinner

If you are planning on attending any of the above-mentioned events, be sure to print your name on the appropriate sign-up sheet (there will be a sign-up sheet on a clipboard for EACH EVENT) which is located at the end of the bar in the social quarters. (If we don't know who is attending, we won't know how much food to prepare.) Watch for your Daily/Weekly email blast for details of each event.

Hope to see YOU at these events!

Rosie Dean  
Activities Committee

## ***New Members—February 2022***



**Our Lodge continues to grow as we initiated 23 new members in February. The new members are:**

Seated, left to right: Ann Junod, Terry Dubek, Leslie Watson, Darlene Mosley, Dorothy Ames, Patty Damon, Denise Vogel, Patricia Oliver, Brenda Duncan and Deborah McCarley

Standing, left to right: Krista Valachovic, Mark Purdy, Paul Durack, Rick Veach, Brian Sass, Tony Valachovic, Gerald Schwall, Carl Gill, Mark Gardner, Brad Shubert, Peter Lindsay and Bobbie-Jo Manning.

Please join in welcoming these new members. When you see them in the Lodge introduce yourself to them, and make them welcome to our Lodge.

### **2022/23 Dues**

Invoices have been sent for the 2022/23 dues. Due to an increase in insurance premiums, dues are \$112 for regular members and \$61 for Life/Honorary Life members. Members delinquent for this year will be dropped on March 15; however, if a member chooses to reinstate within 60 days, he or she just has to pay the delinquent dues.

**Remember—you will need the 2022/23 purple member card to enter the Lodge and use the facilities effective on April 1st.**

### *From the House Chair:*

#### **A note about you new membership card:**

Our Lodge year ends March 31, if you have not renewed your card by April 1, by Grand Lodge statue, you will be denied Lodge and club access. Don't wait to the last minute to pay your dues, there is no grace period. If you do not have your new card and wish to enter the Lodge on April 1, either bring a receipt of prior payment, a check, cash or credit card to make you dues payment. At the door we will have a list of those from which we have received payment, unfortunately there are occasions where payment has been made but we have yet to receive it. So please, avoid embarrassment and pay your dues early.

Please note that your new card (purple) will not open the door before April 1, please keep your old (green) card till then.

#### **March is turning out to be our most active month ever.**

The parking committee is always in need of volunteers.

Sunday, March 13 there will be no regular activities or karaoke. The Social quarters will be open only to those that have volunteered over the past year to show them our Lodge's appreciation. There will be free food and drinks and we have secured the services of an amazing band from out of town, The Orlando Mendez Band. If you have not yet volunteered around the Lodge there is still time to do so and enjoy this amazing event.

Monday, March 21 is our inaugural Community Classic charity golf tournament. Information has been posted around the lodge and proceeds will be directed toward benefiting children and veteran's programs.

March 26 will be installation of new Lodge officers. Volunteers will also be needed for this event.

Membership matters and we have moved our regular initiation to March 30 to allow us to process the maximum number of candidates into our order. Nationally, the Elks have brought in the most new members in 25 years and our Lodge is helping lead the way.

In addition to the above-mentioned activities our regular activities: Taco Tuesday, Friday dinners and Sunday burgers need volunteers to cook and serve.

Without teams of regular volunteers these activities can be in doubt. Please talk to me or any of the officers to offer your time to help the Lodge.

As always keep up to date and read our frequent email blasts.

**Jimmy Dean PER**  
**House Chair**



### Eland News:

WE NEED YOU! We NEED your Support!. Another month over in 2022 but we have a lot going on! The Eland Club has chosen what our fund raisers will be. The months are chosen for 3 great functions which are the following:

- Our January Garage Sale
- A June or July Fashion show and luncheon
- A Craft Show in October

We also have our dessert sales during Pappa Smurf Fish Fry Fridays, 4 per year

We are excited about our choices and once we get our exact dates we will post them.

We also welcomed 2 new members:

Cheryl Stallings

Loretta VanAken from Jacksonville Lodge 221

Welcome ladies

As always, we need your support. If you are interested in joining the Eland Club, please contact me:

Dianne Cook

386-503-6460

[eaglespirit316@gmail.com](mailto:eaglespirit316@gmail.com)

### 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.

## LODGE OFFICERS 2021-2022

EXALTED RULER	JOE SMITH SR.
EST. LEADING KNIGHT	RANDY COOK (PER)
ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT	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	TOM PHILLIPS
THREE YEARS	RANDY STAY (PER)
FOUR YEARS	OLEN MEREDITH (PER)
FIVE YEARS	KEVIN WALSH (CHAIR)

## THE ELKS CLUB OF ST AUGUSTINE INC.

### Board of Directors

PRESIDENT	PAT SHIPLEY (PDD)
VICE PRESIDENT	DAVID LEE (PER)
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## COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2021-2022

<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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