ST. AUGUSTINE ELKS LODGE #829

LODGE BULLETIN

This month begins the new Elk year. 2021/22 was a remarkable year due to its wonderful members & dedicated volunteers. Look forward to an even better year ahead: more fundraising, more member activities & more big events. It's great to be an Elk!!!!!

April, 2022

Exalted Ruler's Message

We are at the end of our year, and I'm still excited!

My final letter as Exalted Ruler for 2021-2022.

It's hard to fathom how fast the year has passed. It has been a whirlwind year. Yet, as I sit here writing this letter, my thoughts are racing across the landscape of the previous twelve months and how exciting it has been.

I am working on a recap of events, projects, and contributions to our community, which I will share soon. I want to show where we started and ended the year.

We have surpassed our record membership, ending the year with 1,230 members. It is all because of "YOU" spreading the good news of Elkdom.

Over the past eight weeks, we held (3) significant events. Each event was a substantial success: the Porkopollsa, the 10K, and the Community Golf Classic. The events exceeded our expectations in raising funds for children, veterans, and those less fortunate in our community. We will have a total in our upcoming year-end review.

We held a special Initiation on March 30th with (36) new members. The most extensive initiation in the history of our lodge. So, our total number of new members for this year is (208), go Elks. In addition to our new members, we received (26) incoming transfers and (26) reinstatements for a total gain of (260) members. With our adjustment for Delinquent members, Deaths, and transfers out, we show a net increase of (130) members for the year.

We sponsored a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner for all of our amazing ELKS who worked this year to support our efforts and make our lodge a success. We had over (150) in attendance with Bar-B-Que, Prizes, Drinks, and a fantastic Band. A special thanks to Jim & Kim Cochran for their assistance with procuring the band. Without Volunteer's, there would be no B.P.O.E.

A remarkable year, THANKS!

We held our Officer Installation on March 26th, then dinner and an award ceremony. Chef Mike Barfoot and volunteers provided dinner.

I want to say a special thank you to the following Officers who served diligently this year.

Esteemed Leading Knight - Randy Cook

Trustee - Blair Craig

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Exalted Ruler's Message (Con't)

Recipients of Annual Awards:

Elk of the Year - Kevin Walsh

Special Achievement Award - Pat Shipley

Officer of the Year - Brian Welliver

Volunteer of the Year - Carolyn Anderson

Couple of the Year - Jimmy & Rosie Dean

Proposer of the Year - Bob Lane

"Right Hand Man" Award - Mike Rathmann

It isn't easy to choose who gets the award when over one hundred volunteers are working all the time. However, we have had an outpouring of kindness in our Volunteering this year. I cannot express my gratitude for your support.

I spoke to a member this week, and she informed me that she had been volunteering this year in parking events. I expressed my gratitude for her dedication and fortitude in persevering. Our parking committee is, without a doubt, the best! Committee Chair, Carolyn Anderson, is doing a fantastic job with amazing ELKS.

It is challenging to see who is Volunteering and when. We have volunteers who come on afternoons to park cars, clean the Pavilion on Sunday at 9 am., repair the sprinkler system on Tuesday at 10 am., and on and on. Because of that, I trust you know I am humbled to be your Exalted Ruler. I strive to be a good E.R., but you put me to shame with your giving spirit. Therefore, I wanted to give all of our Volunteers an award.

Our Elks of the month are Barry Masters and David Lee. These longtime members work hard for the Lodge, especially the Scholarship fund.

To all of you, I say thank you.

I am excited about serving you this coming year. Again, I thank you for your vote of confidence and support. God is good!

Always remember! If things are going well, tell others. If they are not, Tell Me!

Your Exalted Ruler,

A. 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.

Look for a special picture section in May's Bulletin.

Trivia Night

Thursdays at 7:00

Join a Team-Fun—Excitement—Prizes-Braggin' Rights

Upcoming Amphitheater Parking Events
Parking Volunteers are Very Urgently Needed

Thursday, April 14th

Bon Iver with special guest Dijon

Tuesday April 19th

Beartooth: The Below Tour Part 2 with Silverstein, The Devil Wears Prada, and ERR

Thursday, April 21st

Planet Band Camp featuring Three Days Grace with Black Veil Brides, Ice Nine Kills, and more!

Friday, April 22nd

Styx With Special Guest Night Ranger

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, April 29th—May 1st

Billy Strings

To help, send an email to elks829secretary@gmail.com or contact Carolyn Anderson at cjla64@yahoo.com or 904-687-6350.

Officers for 2022-23 are as follows:

Exalted Ruler - A. Joseph Smith Sr.

Esteemed Leading Knight - Mike Hughes, PER

Esteemed Loyal Knight - Eric Colon

Esteemed Lecturing Knight - Katherine Helhoski

Esquire - Brian Welliver

Chaplin - Sara McDavitt

Inner Guard - Marie Andino

Tiler - Janet Barrett

Five Year Trustee - Bob Lane

Secretary - Mike Rathmann

Treasurer - Judy Reyes

House Committee Chairman - Jimmy Dean

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/time with paperless donations!

- **Convenience:** No need to purchase stamps or mail a check. It takes just five minutes to sign up, & 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** 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** 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!

New Members—April 2022

Our Lodge continues to grow as we initiated 36 new members in March. The new members are:

Back Row; L To R: Kyle Kennedy, Curtis Mack, Phillip Marmo, James E. Morrow, Kevin Crawford, ER: Joe Smith, Sr, Andy Gill, Layne Martin, Steve Mattman, Don Trogden, Chris Vance, Douglas Arrington

Middle Row; L to R: Justin Tabert, John Yanni, Andrew Toma, Ian A. Craw, Steven Mallohan, Dan Gunderson, Paul Triay, Richard Sanidillo, Wayne Westcott, Marc Blasser

Front Row; L to R: Lisa Lamb, Shannon McGowan, Dorothy (Dottie) Fauerbach, Kelly Blasser, Sue Lane, Diane B. Mattman, Alyssa C. Shorstein, Dawn Sandillo, Vicky Alvarez, Patricia Kimulis, Traci Gomes, Gloria Weisz

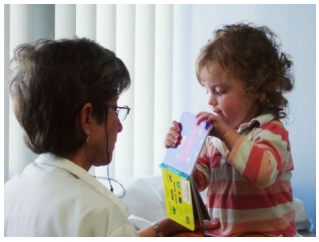
Two not Pictured:

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.

Activity Committee

We had a wonderful year and I appreciate the support of the many members who volunteered to help us. Plans are being made for some terrific events this year; let me know if you would like to become a volunteer or have ideas to share.

Rosie Dean
Activities Committee



Harry Anna Investment Fund, Inc.

Together We Can Do Great Things

Of everything that the Florida Elks do, perhaps nothing is more important than our work with the state's youth. Sowing the seeds of accomplishment and commitment through our **Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services** and **Florida Elks Youth Camp** programs, children are given the opportunity to grow and learn beyond their dreams.

The trust fund started in 1951, was named after Harry and Anna Miller who donated land and a building to establish the original Florida Elks Hospital for Crippled Children. Its purpose was, and continues to be, the collection of donations and the acceptance of endowed gifts.

The trust fund is restricted, which means that only the income derived from it may be used to support our major projects: the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services and Florida Elks Youth Camp programs.

MAKING YOUR DONATION

An online donation is the quickest and easiest way to support our trust fund efforts. Click the button below to make your secured gift.

Federal Tax Savings

A contribution to the trust fund is a tax deductible donation to a U.S. tax code 501(c)(3) organization. Continuing changes in the federal tax code make the counsel of professional tax and legal advisors essential to a donor who may benefit financially from a well structured plan.

If you are interested in making an immediate change in the lives of others, please go to https://floridaelks.org/donate and make your donation today.

Another year over, wow!

We had such a wonderful Installation of Officers for both the Elks and the Eland Club on Saturday the 26th! Congratulations to all the Officers, may your year be filled with blessings and grace.

I am humbled to be named the President of the Eland Club in the first year of its revival as we had taken a sabbatical for a "revamping".

Eland News

I am grateful to my fellow Officers:

VP: Lorie Davidson

Secretary: Cheryl Stallings

Treasurer: Elizabeth Bastedo

Chaplain: Linda Martin

We look forward to a year filled with great fundraisers for our Elks Youth Camp, Elks Children's Therapy Services, the Schol-arship fund and the local St Augustine children's charities.

Our theme this year is "As we help our children spread their wings" which is the mission of everything we do in Eland, our colors are blue and yellow and our symbol is the butterfly, signi-fying the growth and change of our Club.

Our fundraisers this year, as I said, are the Fashion Show, date tba, the Craft Show, October 15, and the Garage Sale January 21, 2023. We have other fundraisers in the sale of our baked goods during the Pappa Smurf Fish Fry that happens three times a year, our first one on April 29 as we have them in the months with five Fridays.

We need our Lady Elks and Spouses of Elks to come to our meetings which are the second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. to show their support and volunteer in any way they can and give of their talents.

I am grateful to all

Dianne Cook
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LODGE OFFICERS 2022-2023

EXALTED RULER	JOE SMITH SR.(PER)
EST. LEADING KNIGHT	MIKE HUGHES (PER)
ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT	ERIC COLON
ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT	KATHERINE HELHOSKI
SECRETARY	MICHAEL RATHMANN
TREASURER	JUDY REYES
TILER	MARIE ANDINO
ESQUIRE	BRIAN WELLIVER
CHAPLAIN	SARA MC DAVITT
INNER GUARD	JANET BARRETT
ORGANIST	GEOFF DOBSON (PDD)

TRUSTEES

ONE YEAR	TOM PHILLIPS
TWO YEARS	RANDY STAY (PER)
THREE YEARS	OLEN MEREDITH (PER)
FOUR YEARS	KEVIN WALSH (CHAIR)
FIVE YEARS	ROBERT LANE

THE ELKS CLUB OF ST AUGUSTINE INC.

Board of Directors

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2022-2023

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES	IRV STOCKDALE

HOUSE COMMITTEE

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

LODGE ADVISOR

PAT SHIPLEY (PDD)	(904) 471-2630

2021/22 Distinguished Service Awards

2021 OFFICER OF THE YEAR Brian Welliver

2021 ELK OF THE YEAR Kevin Walsh

2021 PROPOSER OF THE YEAR Bob Lane

2021 ELK COUPLE OF THE YEAR James & Rosemary Dean

2021 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR Carolyn Anderson

2021 SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Pat Shipley

2021 RIGHT HAND MAN Michael Rathmann

2021 NE DISTRICT ELK OF THE YEAR Cathy Walsh

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