



# Ocala Elks Lodge 286

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## NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT SHINES AT STATE AND GRAND LODGE

### Congratulations Carl Seibert!



Florida's State Secretary/COO Carl Seibert has been chosen to succeed Bryan Klatt as the Elks Grand Lodge Secretary.

Carl moved to Florida in 1983 from Missouri and was a member of the Elks by 1985, joining for the social and business opportunities available. Carl moved through the chairs and would go on to serve as the District Deputy for the Southeast District during the 2001/2002 Elks year. Carl was chosen as the State Secretary in 2002. Carl has been involved with many changes to the state Elks operations, including the transition from Hospital to Mobile Therapy and the expansion of the youth camp. Carl's work here will be remembered for his 22 years with the Florida State Elks Association. He has overseen the implementation, growth, and efficient operation of an organizational infrastructure that has supported the dynamic growth of the state association and the major projects of the Florida State Elks Association. Carl's wife, Theresa, is also an active member of the Elks and is a Past District Deputy in the West Central District.



When asked what his best experience in the Elks was, he replied ***"Working for and with some of the most dedicated people I have ever known."*** Carl is ***"looking forward to using the knowledge and experience he gained here in Florida to further the mission of the Elks at the national level."***

### Ocala Lodge Member Nick Miller Named New State Secretary



Nick moved to Florida in September 2005, one day after Katrina made landfall in Louisiana. Nick was teaching in Gainesville and working at the youth camp during his summer's off. Nick started working as staff at the youth camp in 2006 and became a full-time employee in 2010. He was so impressed with what the Florida Elks were doing he decided to join in 2009. Nick's sponsors for membership were PGER Bob Grafton and PGER Val Bates. Shortly after serving as Exalted Ruler of the Eustis Lodge in 2013, he married the love of his life Emily.

Nick would go on to serve as North Central District Vice President and District Deputy. Nick is a member of Ocala Lodge 286 where he serves as the lodge advisor.

Nick stated that his best experience in Elks is ***" Watching former campers grow into incredible camp staff members who then move on to incredible careers—often careers of service. I've even had a few that I caught up with after they brought their own kids back as campers. That's what 20 years of camp will do for you."***

Nick looks forward to ***" The new challenge of serving all Florida Elks, projects, and programs—not just the camp. I've worked for two Florida Elk legends in Lynn Warburton and Carl Seibert, and I look forward to making my own impact on Florida Elkdom."***



## FROM THE EXALTED RULER



Greetings My Fellow Elks,

### The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Turns 157!

On February 16, we celebrate 157 years of our great organization. The Elks were founded in 1868 in New York City by a group of actors and entertainers led by Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian. Originally formed as a social club known as the "Jolly Corks," the group soon evolved into a charitable organization dedicated to community service, patriotism, and benevolence. Today, the Elks remain committed to these principles, with over 1,800 lodges across the country working to serve their communities.

### Lodge Officer Nominations & Elections

As we look ahead to the next Lodge year, it's time for nominations and elections of our Lodge officers for 2025-2026. Nominations will be held at our Lodge meeting on **February 13**, and elections will take place during our **February 27** meeting. Serving as a Lodge officer is a rewarding opportunity to contribute to the future of our Lodge, and I encourage any member interested in taking on a leadership role to consider stepping up. If you have questions about the responsibilities of a position, please don't hesitate to ask.

### Florida Elks February Quarterly Meeting & Youth Camp Tour

I also encourage members to attend the Florida Elks February Quarterly Meeting at the Florida Elks Youth Camp. After the meeting, there will be lunch and a guided tour of the camp. If you have never been, this is a great opportunity to hear our Grand Exalted Ruler speak and then tour the camp, which is one of our state's major projects. A group of Elks and Oleos are carpooling down, and you can click this link to sign up: [February Quarterly and Youth Camp Tour sign up.](#)

### Growing Our Lodge – A Stronger Future Starts with You

Our Lodge's future depends on growth, and that starts with each of us. Bringing in new members ensures that we can continue the charitable work, social events, and traditions that make the Elks special. I encourage every member to invite a friend, family member, or colleague to learn more about who we are and what we do. Think about someone you know who shares the values of charity, patriotism, and community service, they could be a great addition to our Lodge.

To make it easy, you can **copy and paste this link** into an email and share it with anyone you think would make a great Elk: <https://floridaelks.org/join>. This link takes potential members to a video that introduces them to the Elks and provides a form they can complete to have our Lodge Secretary contact them about joining. Let's work together to grow our Lodge and ensure a strong future for generations to come!

### February at the Lodge

February is shaping up to be a busy month at Ocala Elks Lodge #286! We have a full calendar of activities planned, so be sure to check our event schedule and join in the fun. Whether it's a dinner, a social gathering, or a service project, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Your participation helps keep our Lodge strong and vibrant.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming meetings and events. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our Lodge and our mission.

**Let's work together to bring this vision to life in our own lodge  
and continue making a positive impact in our community.**

Cheers,  
David Clayton, Exalted Ruler  
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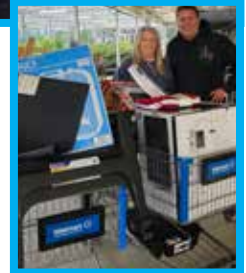
## VETERANS



The New Year is already passing by quickly. January was a month to catch our breath after the holidays. But we still made sure the pantry shopping was done to replenish the coffers of the Ritz and Veterans Helping Veterans. The Veterans box at the Lodge was filled twice in the month of December by members donating items for the pantries.. A big Thank You to all that brought food in.



Karen Severs and I also took two newly housed Veterans shopping to help them set up their households. First was Ken P.(Navy) and then Burt "Randy" W. ( Army). Both were very appreciative for all the help they had received from different agencies to finally be able to get a new start, including the Elks. The Welcome Home Kit program the Elks have allows new housed Veterans to shop for household, hygiene and cleaning items to help them in their new home.



As always I Thank all that support the Veterans and when anything is needed someone steps up and helps.

Remember the Elk's Pledge, "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."



Pam Kinard - Veterans Service Chairperson

## FLORIDA ELKS CHILDREN THERAPY SERVICES



Juan is 13 year old boy with a medical diagnosis of Muscular Dystrophy, which causes progressive weakening of muscles throughout the body. He is primarily in a wheelchair throughout the day due to the inability to walk and move around without it. Physical therapy helps maintain range of motion throughout extremities and joints and promotes independence with functional mobility by teaching energy efficient techniques for daily activities. Shown pictured is Juan working with PT student, Jessica, throwing rings to work on weight shifting and pressure redistribution and also active range of motion of his upper extremities while tossing the rings.



The Unmaking Autism Gala is being held again in St. Petersburg on April 26, 2025. Tickets for the event that supports our Children's Therapy Services are available now online at:

<https://unmaskingautism.com/>

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## Ocala Elks Continue Charitable Efforts in January

January was another impactful month for our Lodge as we continued our commitment to serving those in need through our charitable efforts.

On Wednesday, January 15th, a group of Ocala Elks prepared and served a hot meal at the Interfaith Emergency Services Shelter, which provides food, shelter, and support to underprivileged women and children, as well as families facing housing insecurity in Marion County. This initiative is made possible through our ENF Gratitude Grant, which helps us support those in need within our community.

Later in the month, George Griffin III, PER, made a special trip to Interfaith to deliver gently used clothing items generously donated by Ocala Elks members. These donations, collected in the Lodge's lobby donation boxes, will help provide much-needed clothing for those seeking assistance.

On Wednesday, January 29th, another group of Ocala Elks visited the Arnette House Emergency Shelter, which provides temporary housing and support services for at-risk youth facing family crises or homelessness. During the visit, the Lodge donated an electric fireplace for the children's common space room. This thoughtful addition, funded through our State Beacon Grant, will create a warmer, more comfortable environment for the youth who rely on Arnette House for safety and support.

Through these efforts, our Lodge continues to make a difference in the lives of those in need. Thank you to all our members who contribute their time, donations, and support to keep our charitable mission strong!

Check out the photos from these charitable events to see our Lodge in action!

If you would like to volunteer to participate in any of our Lodge's Community Investment Programs, please contact our Lodge Grant Coordinators, George Griffin III, PER, or Pam Kinard.



## ENF DOESN'T WORK WITH YOU

You can help by becoming a Fidelity Member of ENF or make a one time donation. This years' goal is \$5.00 per member. Current membership support for ENF is only 1.03% of our members. Imagine where we could be if we were at just 10% Please scan the QR Code or Click on the logo to sign up.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Left to Right: Theodore Houck, Darryl Lopez  
Sandra Jackson Joy French, Jon Marek



Left to Right: Bonnie D'Andrea, Charles Shultz  
David DeSantis

We welcome the first eight new members of 2025. Ocala Lodge held initiations during both meetings in January. With State President Russ Smith's and Grand Lodge membership goals within reach, Ocala Lodge is doing its best to help reach those goals.

Our own ER David Clayton is serving as the Florida State Elks Association's Vice Chairman of membership and is working hard to insure membership growth. As a District, Bill Hall, District Deputy announced during the DD Clinic we are just 79 members away from a positive growth.

## OLEO



Greetings,

Can you believe it is already February. And to help you celebrate that special someone this month, the OLEOS are having a Valentine's Sweetheart Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 8. There will be reserved seating in the lounge and dining room. Your food selection is either Filet Mignon or Shrimp Scampi. Both come with all the trimmings, tea, coffee and dessert. Come and enjoy the great music provided by "One Flight Up".

Check out the flyer in the bulletin to purchase tickets or call me at 352-895-3042. Purchase your tickets now as the date for the cut off of sales is Sunday, February 2.

The same day as our Valentine's party, you are invited to take a tour of the Elks Youth Camp. See the bulletin for information.

Our OLEOS will also be helping out at the Widow's Luncheon on Friday, February 14.

Our next event is Saturday, March 8, and we will be playing Bunco. Write this down on your calendar now and see the flyer in the bulletin for information and tickets.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 13, at 5:30 PM. Come and bring a guest. This is a very important meeting as the nominating committee will be presenting the slate of officers for 2025-2026 which will be voted on at the March meeting. At the February meeting, the by-laws committee will also be presenting some changes to be voted on in March.

Happy February birthdays to: Phyllis Marr (1st); Barbara Nicholson (15th); Audrey Haskew (17th); Judy Branan (22nd); Mary DeFrenn (24th); and Luann Perfetto (24th) and Booster, Gary Smith (11th).

Sincerely,  
Sandra Harton, President



## WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE LODGE & IN THE STATE




**Lodge Pins**  
**Now available for only**  
**\$5.00**  
**Get yours today, just**  
**ask your bartender at**  
**the lodge**



**Order your Ocala Lodge Logo shirts.**  
These shirts are \$32 each for sizes small through extra large and \$34 for sizes 2XL and up. The net proceeds goes to our ENF donation. You can place your order by contacting David Clayton or Pat Gilbert.

***Available starting in January***  
***a Veteran "Red Friday" Version***



*February*  
*Quarterly*

**Florida Elks Youth Camp**  
**24175 SE Hwy 450**  
**Umatilla, Florida**  
**February 6 - 8, 2025**



### **OCALA LADIES OF ELKS** **"VALENTINE'S SWEETHEART BALL"**

**OCALA ELKS LODGE**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025**  
**DRESSY ATTIRE**  
**\$50.00 Per Person**

**Reserved Seating in Lounge and Dining Room**  
**Doors Open 5 PM**  
Dinner is served in the dining room  
between 5:30-7:30 PM  
Bacon Wrapped Filet Mignon or Shrimp Scampi

**"ONE FLITE UP"**  
**Very Popular Band**

FOR TICKETS: Linda Crawford 352-572-9783,  
Nancy Lowndes 352-222-8977 or Rusty at the Elks Lodge



## WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE LODGE & IN THE STATE



**FEBRUARY**  
*Birthday Bash*  
Saturday 22, 2025  
at 5:00pm  
Cake and Ice Cream for everyone  
*Come and dance  
the night away*  
NO Karaoke



**Sweetheart  
Surprise Gift  
Basket**  
Wine, liquor, chocolate, gift  
cards and more! Please stop  
by the table in the lodge lobby  
to see it all.  
Tickets are available from any  
committee member for a  
suggested donation of \$10 (or  
\$20 for three tickets). See Pat  
Gilbert or Connie Davis at the  
lodge.  
**Supporting  
Ocala Lodge  
Scholarships**  
Drawing February 14th  
you do not need to be  
present to win



**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION  
LEGACY AWARDS**  
ACADEMICS | CHARITY | SERVICE | INTEGRITY  
**ELIGIBILITY**  
College-bound high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of dues-paying  
Elks are welcome to apply. Visit [enf.elks.org/leg](http://enf.elks.org/leg) for full eligibility details.  
**IMPORTANT DATES**  
**APPLICATION OPENS:**  
September 1, 2024  
**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
February 3, 2025  
**AWARDS & APPLICATION**  
**350**  
**\$4,000** scholarships  
Visit [enf.elks.org/leg](http://enf.elks.org/leg)  
to apply.  
ENF scholarships are more than just monetary awards—they help strengthen the next  
generation's ties to the Elks. To help foster that relationship, the ENF requires scholars to serve  
with an Elks Lodge throughout college as a condition of receiving the full award.  
The Elks National Foundation awards \$1.4 million in college scholarships worth \$4,000 each to  
a total of 350 children and grandchildren of Elks members through its Legacy Awards contest.  
Visit [enf.elks.org/leg](http://enf.elks.org/leg) for complete details.  
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**OCALA LADIES OF ELKS  
PRESENTS**  
**“An Evening of Bunco”**  
**Saturday, March 8, 2025**  
**Ocala Elks Lodge**  
**5:00 PM Doors Open**  
**5:45 PM Dice Roll**  
**\$30.00 Per Person**  
**Appetizers, Dessert, Tea and Coffee**  
**Cash Bar**  
**Limited Number of Tickets Available**  
**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**  
Tickets must be purchased by Sunday, March 2.  
**Lotto Tree, 50/50 Drawing, Door Prizes**  
**Great Pay Outs for Winners and Biggest Loser**  
**For Tickets Call or Text:**  
**Sandra Harton @ 352-895-3042**  
**Email: [sandraharton@yahoo.com](mailto:sandraharton@yahoo.com)**  
Tickets will also be available at the Elks Lodge.  
See Rusty or any OLEO

## YOUR LODGE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

### ELECTED LODGE OFFICERS



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HATF and ENF as of 12/31/24	
ENF	\$3,975.83
Harry Anna	\$13,402.00
Harry-Anna Sustaining Donors	17 members \$2,539.00

Current Lodge Membership as of 12/31/2024				
Total	Candidates	Reinstated	Delinquent	% Delinquent
609	7	12	64	11.0

Lodge Rental Rates	
Warner Wilson	\$50.00
Card Room	\$100.00
Patio	\$100.00
Lounge	\$150.00
Lodge Room	\$150.00
Dining Room	\$150.00

“THE FAULTS OF OUR BROTHERS  
WE WRITE UPON THE SAND; THEIR  
VIRTUES UPON THE TABLETS OF  
LOVE AND MEMORY.”



To Our Absent Member  
To Our Absent Member

**Merritt C. Fore, Jr. PER**  
Initiated 4/25/1974 Died 1/04/2025

**Lanford T. Slaughter**  
Initiated 3/12/1998 Died 1/27/2025

OCALA ELKS WEEKLY SCHEDULE		
Secretary	Monday-Friday	1:00PM-5:00PM
Catering Office	Monday-Friday	8:00AM-1:00PM
Sunday & Monday	Closed	
Tuesday	Lounge Open Kitchen Open <b>BINGO</b>	4:00PM 5:00PM 5:30PM
Wednesday <b>Trivia &amp; Queen of Hearts</b>	Lounge Open Kitchen Open Trivia	4:00PM 5:00PM 6:00PM
2nd & 4th Thursday	<b>Meeting Nights</b> Lounge Open	6:00-7:00PM and after the meeting
Friday	Lounge Open Kitchen Open	4:00PM 5:00PM
Saturday	Lounge Kitchen Open	4:00PM 5:00PM

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## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Brandy Hall Bailey	02	Clifford D. Davenport, Jr.	13	John David Smith	18
David T. Clayton	02	Linda E. Kelly	13	W. E. Bishop, Jr.	19
Gerald D. Pawlowski	02	Nicholas Shulick	14	Carlos A. Quiles	19
Kathryn Sidella	03	L. Earl Wingo	14	William Bullough	20
Terry Hubbartt, Sr. PSP	06	David R. Dickinson, Jr.	15	Pamela Kinard	20
David H. Breitenbecker	07	Barbara L. Nicholson	15	Matthew Tabacchi	21
Kenneth H. Davis	08	Karen Pons	15	William Bill John Carney	22
Tracy Stockel	09	Thomas Scoville	15	Wade G. Tackett	22
Robert R. Fosson	10	Dennis J. Strow	15	Francis Tyke Phillips	24
E. H. Judkins	10	H. Kevin Knussman	16	Kenneth Backofen	25
John P. Duane, III	11	John T. Spang	16	David R. Bye	25
Nicholas A. Miller, PDDGER	11	John Welch	16	Mike J. Rolls	26
Deborah Jane Powell	11	William Buehler	17	Walter P. Hicks	27
Gary L. Smith	11	John Hughes	17	James R. Hillebrandt	27
Patricia Darling	12	Robert G. Sartori	18	John Holloway PDDGER	27

### It Pays to Attend Lodge Meetings

Date	Drawings	Amount	Member/Winner	
1/9/2025	Previous Meeting	\$25.00	Connie Davis	Present
1/9/2025	50/50	\$77.00	Cliff Davenport	
1/23/2025	Previous Meeting	\$25.00	Barbara Shepard	Present
1/23/2025	50/50	\$60.00	Barbara Shepard	



## HARRY ANNA TRUST



Emery Shepard  
Loyal Knight

Ocala Lodge continues to be one of the top lodges in the district and state with our Harry Anna trust donations. We are looking at adding a second fund-raiser for Harry Anna this next year. We also need more members on the committee reaching out to members, individuals, and companies to sign up as sustaining donors. There are also volunteers needed that will help us identify and recruit Sporting Clays Sponsors, Teams, and items to raffle.

**We can make this a great event on October 4, 2025**







## UPDATED THE LODGE PHONE SYSTEM

We have updated our phones at the lodge. This update lowers the monthly expense and also adds more features our staff has already commented that it is easier to use, taking less steps to retrieve voice mails and transfer calls. All the phone numbers remain the same. One of the new feature allows for the ability have an option to list the week's events at the lodge. In addition the entertainment and any specials will also be updated weekly. Just call the lodge at 352-732-7091 and press "0".

Your board continues working to find ways to help lower the costs of operating the lodge.



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 <p><b>DeLUCA TOYOTA</b></p> <p>TOYOTA MAKES THE CAR... DELUCA MAKES THE DIFFERENCE!</p> <p>FRANK DELUCA Owner/President</p> <p>SR 200 - OCALA</p> <p><b>352-732-0770</b> <b>DELUCATOYOTA.com</b></p>	 <p><b>FEYC SUMMER CAMP 2025</b></p> <p><b>Registration is now open.</b></p>	

**E-Mail Scam Alert for Lodge Members**

Dear Members,

We continue to have email scam attacks by criminals that are trying to exploit you, the members of Ocala Lodge 286. The latests was a really targeted email that appeared to be real asking you for help. **Please remember that no officer, member, or OLEO will ever ask you to help pay paying an expense of the lodge.**

David Clayton, Exalted Ruler

**TRIP TO THE YOUTH CAMP PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY 8TH**



The OLEOs are planning a trip for OLEO and lodge members to visit the Florida Elks Youth Camp and attend the February Quarterly of the Florida State Elks Association.

The Major Projects meeting starts at 10:00 AM on Saturday, February 8th. This meeting features our state's two major projects, Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services and Florida Elks Youth Camp. A therapist will share the accomplishments of children they are treating, while our youth camp director will share stories of our very active camp facilities. The keynote speaker will be our Grand Exalted Ruler, Douglas Allen Schiefer. Harry Anna Trust Donations will be presented by lodges from throughout the state. **Our OLEOs will present their latest donation for \$3,000.**

After the meeting there will be a free lunch (donations are accepted to assist in camperships) and a tour of our Youth Camp.

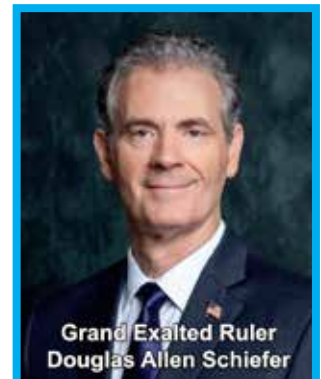
Come join the 100's of other Florida Elks at this event.

Any elks member, non-member guests, and potential members are all welcome to attend. This is a great time for new and long standing members to learn more about how we serve our youth in Florida.

For more information and to sign up please contact Sandra Harton at 352-895-3042.

[You can also click here or scan the QR code to RSVP.](#)

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**February**

Thursday	6th	Board of Directors Meeting 6:00PM
Thursday	13th	Lodge Meeting (nominations)
Saturday	22nd	Birthday Bash
Thursday	27th	Lodge Meeting (Elections)

**March**

Thursday	6th	Board of Directors Meeting 6:00PM
Thursday	13th	Lodge Meeting 7:00PM
Thursday	27th	Lodge Meeting

**OLEOs**

Valentines Dinner Dance	2/08/2025
Meeting	2/2025

**Florida State Elks Association**

FSEA February Quarterly Florida Elks Youth Camp, Umatilla	02/6-8/2025
Officer Training - Rosen Centre Orlando, FL	3/14-16/2025
FSEA State Convention - Rosen Centre Orlando, FL	5/22-24/2025
Elks Grand Lodge Convention Kansas City, MO	6/29-7/2 2025

**February Entertainment**

Friday 7th	Party with Arty
Friday 10th	Chris Diamond
Friday 17th	Mike Kohn
Friday 24th	Tim Hargis