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Voice of
"The Millennium Lodge"
VIERA ELKS LODGE #2817



A Message from the Exalted Ruler

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Members All:

I hope each of you had a wonderful Easter. It is always a great time for families to gather and enjoy each other. As we enter May, along with May flowers, we have Mother's Day, another great day for family togetherness. I ask each member of our Elks family to join us in honoring or remembering this beautiful and most important woman. Our traditional Mother's Day breakfast will be served from 9:00 to 11:30 with each mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother receiving a complimentary breakfast. At 12:30 we will hold our very moving Elks Mother's Day Ceremony.

On the membership front, we had a great start in April adding eight new members. Unfortunately, on the down side, our renewals continue to lag. As I write this, our delinquency number stands at 165, 32%. I need each of you to assist me in reducing this number. Rose Ann will be posting a delinquent list with contact information on the bulletin board outside her office. Please review the list and contact anyone you may know and ask them to renew or why they are no longer interested.

While not as quickly as I had hoped, you will start seeing changes as we begin moving items from the Melbourne location. The first efforts will be in the lounge area. My goal is to make it more comfortable, user friendly and handicap accessible. As we go forward, any assistance, thoughts, comments or ideas you may have will be appreciated.

We have a very busy month ahead. Along with our normal fare Monday through Thursday, we have much more to offer. We will have three Sundays with breakfast and two weekend events with entertainment. Please refer to the calendar for dates, times, and details.

We close the month with the annual State Elks convention at the Rosen Center in Orlando. The dates are May 25th through the 28th. Events are open to all Elks. A great time to learn what Elks are doing throughout the state. A special highlight for Viera is the presentation at the Saturday Awards Ceremony by the Viera Antlers Lodge. They hope to encourage other Lodges to start Antlers Programs. It would be great to have a large group of Viera Elks showing their support.

May God bless each of you and may God Bless America and the troops protecting our freedom.

Bill Orblych, PDDGER
Exalted Ruler



VIERA *Antlers*



**CHARITY * SERVICE*
LEADERSHIP * PATRIOTISM*
RESPECT**

Volunteer

What better way to earn volunteer hours and make a difference in your local community. We volunteer a lot for the local Elks Lodges, community events, and for various Veterans organizations--- Ask us about our Summer Challenge!

Fun

What better way to meet new friends? We have a lot of fun hosting parties to spend time to get to know one another. We have had Halloween parties, Movie Nights, and just recently, a party at Tables Beach.

Future Leaders

What better way to get experience to add to your resume? Antlers learn how organizations work through conducting their own meetings, participating in committee work, and aid a worthy cause in their community by working together. (Ages 12-20)

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Secretary's Corner

Hello Everyone!

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful time of year as we head towards summer.

Lots of fun events will be happening at the lodge over the next few months. Join us! Watch for those email blasts. Don't stand by. You matter. YOU are the lodge! YOU are what make it fun! YOU are a contributor by your presence. The lodge depends on YOU to be successful.

We are well on our way to 2023-2024 membership goals. In April, we initiated eight wonderful new members. Congratulations to all of them. Our lodge is well known for being welcoming. Please seek out an unfamiliar face and make a new friend. So many long term friendships have been formed in our lodge by a simple initial "Hello". Let's continue the tradition.

Last month, I sought your assistance in having a "How can I help?" outlook. I hope you have taken a moment to ask an officer that question. So many of you care but may not know who to ask or how you can help.

If you have not renewed your 2023-2024 membership, please do so right away. A past due mailing went out two weeks ago. A delinquent list will be posted outside the Secretary Office next week. If you were instrumental in a member joining or recognize a name on the list, please reach out to them. We need and WANT each and every one of our current members to maintain their membership. You are welcome to reach me at simplysouthernfl@aol.com or viera2817@gmail.com anytime. Let me know if you need assistance.

Remember to thank those visible and behind the scenes volunteers. What would we do without them?



To all the Mothers out there, a big thank you! We hope you will enjoy a special Elks breakfast on Mother's Day. Free for all Mothers – Sunday, May 14th!

At your service,

Rose Ann Atanasio, Secretary, Viera Lodge
#2817



House Committee

HOUSE COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS for April 2023

Members All:

Welcome to May everyone!! This month, we have several special treats lined up on the calendar of events.

On May 3rd, Ladies Bunco happens again. There were a BUNCH of ladies in the Lodge last month for this fun night.

Chef Mike Perduto and team are at your service on May 6th with a Roast Beef dinner and music for dancing by the DYNAMICS.

The Men's Cooking team offer their custom build wings for you on the 12th.

May 14th is the Lodge Mother's Day Ceremony at 12:30 following the Mother's Day breakfast. That is no misprint... you have the pleasure of three consecutive breakfast Sundays this month...SINCERE THANKS to the dedicated breakfast teams who are manning their customary days, as well as combining efforts for the Mother's Day event too.

May 20th bring back Steak Night with an alternate fish course for those Non-Beef eaters. We will once again need you to have your dancing shoes polished-up as we will be entertained by SILK. You will not find a better steak than those cooked by PDDGER Tom Carns.

May 21st is the 17th Annual Viera Elks Golf Tournament. Chairperson Heidi Vargas and her crew have been working tirelessly on this event. Please plan to join us at Baytree National Golf Links for this fun-filled day. Player slots, Sponsorships and help opportunities are still available.

The Florida State Elks Association State Convention convenes in Orlando May 25th-27th at the Rosen Centre. The Southeast Central District will host a hospitality room there, so make your plans now to join us to celebrate Elksdom, Memorial Day and each other.

We continue this month with our two new entertainment venues of Karaoke on May 17th led by balladeer Bill O'Dell and his team of singers. Then on May 31st, Trivia master Rick Leonhart and crew will wow you with their storehouse of knowledge.

Our regular pub style meals of Crispy Chicken Wraps on the 8th, Pot Roast Sammies on the 15th, Hot Dogs on the 16th, Sliders on the 22nd and Tacos on the 25th give you quite the variety of food choices.

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR KITCHEN AND BAR HELP. If you have a few hours a month to spend, we will get you all of the training you need to be the next kitchen sensation, or bartender of the day. We have opportunities available for ALL skill sets. In a Fraternal setting, there is ALWAYS something to be done. Come on down and join in the volunteer fun.

Until next month, THANK YOU for your support of the Lodge and events.

Fraternally,

H. Jerry Harrington, PER IV



18th
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Viera Elks Charity

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Four Man Scramble



**HOLE
-IN- ONE
AND DOOR
PRIZES**

May 21, 2023 - Sunday
Baytree National Golf Links
8207 National Drive, Melbourne
7:00am Register / 8:30am Shotgun
1:30pm Lunch - Viera Elks Lodge
5820 US HWY 1, Rockledge

\$320 - TEAMS OF 4- Space is Limited
Text Heidi: 703-625-0582 for information
RSVP due by May 8th
Portion of the Proceeds will be donated to:



Click on the Code
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Lodge



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Viera Elks Charity Golf Tournament



Event Address: Baytree National Golf Links, 8207 National Drive, Melbourne

Event Time: 7:00am Register / 8:30am Shotgun Lunch/Door Prizes:

1:30pm Viera Elks Lodge, 5820 US HWY 1, Rockledge

Contact Info: Heidi Vargas 703-625-0582; hwvargas12@gmail.com

Team Name: _____

Team Captain: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

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Player 2: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

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Player 3: _____

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Player 4: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

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____ Yes! I would like to donate a Door Prize(s) of _____

____ Yes! I would like to be a Hole Sponsor \$50 _____ Please List My Company as "NAME"

____ Yes! I would like to be a Eagle Booster \$20 _____

____ Cash _____ Check (payable to Viera Elks Lodge # 2817

Thank you for your participation and sponsorship! A portion of the proceeds will be donated to www.hopeforbrevard.org and citasrescuemission.org .



Spaces are filling up!!
Don't Miss out on these
AWESOME Door Prizes and Raffles

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50/50 Raffle

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Golf Bag Coolers

...loads more prizes to win!



QUEEN OF HEARTS
Each Monday @ 7PM

THE ANVIL

Voice of "The Millennium Lodge"

VIERA ELKS LODGE #2817

Social Poker in Dining Room

Each Wednesday @ 5PM



May

MONDAY - SATURDAY (Open at 4:00 PM)
Sundays (Closed, Except Breakfast Days)

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| | 1 Paint Stick Bingo 6PM Texas Hold'em | 2 Lodge Open 4 PM 6:30 BINGO | 3 Lodge Open 4 PM BUNCO NIGHT | 4 7 PM Lodge Meeting BOD Mtg | 5 Lodge Open 4 PM | 6 Roast Beef, Salad, Potatoes & Gravy, Dessert \$17.50 Music by The Dynamics |
| 7 9-11:30 AM AYCE Breakfast Buffet \$10 Closed after Breakfast Antlers 11:30AM | 8 5PM Crispy Chicken Wraps & Chips \$5 by Mike & Team 6PM Texas Hold'em | 9 Lodge Open 4 PM 6:30 BINGO | 10 Lodge Open 4 PM 6PM HC Mtg | 11 Lodge Open 4 PM | 12 Men's Wing Night! 6 Wings with FF or OR \$10 | 13 Lodge Open 4 PM |
| 14 9-11:30 AM AYCE Breakfast Buffet \$10 12:30 Mother's Day Ceremony | 15 5PM Pot Roast Sammies w/ Cheesy Tots \$7 By Kasha & Mark 6PM Texas Hold'em | 16 Lodge Open 4 PM 6:30 BINGO | 17 6PM Karaoke in the Bar Area | 18 7 PM Lodge Initiation Meeting PER Mtg | 19 Lodge Open 4 PM | 20 Steak or Fish Dinner \$21 w/ Salad, Potato & Dessert Music by SILK |
| 21 9-11:30 AM AYCE Breakfast Buffet \$10 Closed after Breakfast Antlers 11:30AM | 22 5PM Sliders & Chips by Mark & Bill 2/\$6 6PM Texas Hold'em | 23 Lodge Open 4 PM 6:30 BINGO | 24 Lodge Open 4 PM | 25 5 PM Tacos \$4 Taco Salad \$7 Nachos \$8 | 26 Lodge Open 4 PM | 27 Lodge Closed |
| 28 Lodge Closed | 29 Lodge Closed | 30 Lodge Open 4 PM 6:30 BINGO | 31 6PM Trivia in the Bar Area 7:30 Monthly Drawing | | | |

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY

★ ★ ★ REMEMBER & HONOR ★ ★ ★

Reminder: The monthly drawing is the last operating day of the month @7:30 PM.

Happy Birthday Coupon

Good for one (1) Free Drink during the month of May 2023

Present this coupon to the bartender.

Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

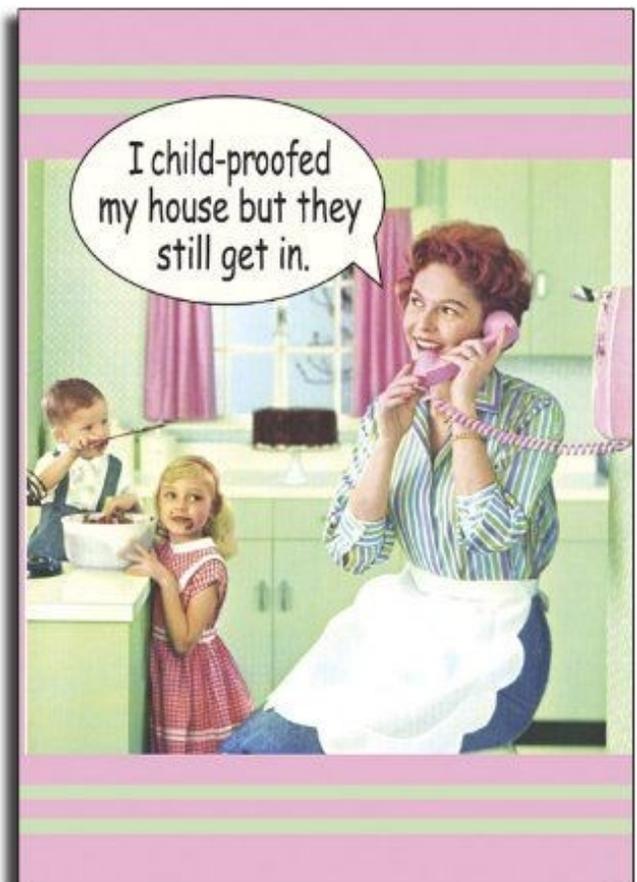
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| <u>2</u> | Kevin Bartczak | <u>15</u> | Robert Post | <u>22</u> | Paul Ewing |
| <u>3</u> | Gerard Cividanes | <u>15</u> | Sam Robertson | <u>23</u> | Ron Marshall |
| <u>3</u> | Joy Gordon | <u>15</u> | Harry Wood | <u>25</u> | Tony Volpe |
| <u>3</u> | Thomas Lafleur | <u>17</u> | Dawn McKeone | <u>26</u> | Richard Hatch |
| <u>3</u> | Micah Savell | <u>19</u> | Mariano Pascual | <u>28</u> | Bill O'Dell |
| <u>5</u> | Arthur Ansell | <u>19</u> | Paul Verderame | <u>29</u> | Eric Enrique |
| <u>11</u> | Charla Anderson | <u>21</u> | Deana Long | <u>30</u> | Debra Fratrik |
| <u>14</u> | Joe Herb | <u>21</u> | Luciana Zielinski | <u>30</u> | Raymond Jarvis |
| <u>14</u> | Jeff Unseth | | | | |



VIERA LODGE Cooking Teams

The House Committee is looking for volunteers to help with kitchen cooling and clean-up after breakfast and dinner services.

Hope to see you in the Kitchen!!



Harry Anna Investment Fund—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. Go to the LINK below to make your secured gift.

Ways to Give

- Become a sustaining (monthly) donor using your credit card. Your monthly donation is automatically deducted on the same day of each month. Easily increase or decrease your donation, and cancel at any time. Get started below! *Preferred*
- Make a one-time gift using our online form below.
- Give in memory or honor of someone special

<https://floridaelks.org/donate>

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.



\$19

Can provide a pair of shoes for a child in need at camp.



\$25

Can provide kid's therapy writing curriculum.



\$50

Can help buy auditory equipment for children with Autism.

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Many "THANKS" to our **Anvil** supporters



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Name: _____ **Member Number:** _____ **Amount: \$** _____

We want to thank all our Boosters currently in our "Hall of Fame"

Our volunteers work very hard to make sure all members are up-to-date on all the Lodge news. This is done by newsletter, both by mail and electronically, flyers, calendar board, bar inserts and by "blasting" electronically on a daily basis. The cost of paper (both regular and card stock) printer cartridges, copying expenses, labels and postage constitutes the bulk of the monthly costs.

Boosters are only \$10 for a year! These funds are used to help defray the costs for these services. Please help by becoming a Booster in Viera's Hall of Fame next month. Just fill out the above coupon and give to our Secretary, Bill Orblych, or mail to:

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