

# THE ANVIL

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



## A Message from the Exalted Ruler

### LODGE OFFICERS 2023-2024

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### Members All:

The Melbourne property sale was finalized on August 2, 2023. With a final sale price of \$575,000 and after expenses, the proceeds have been placed in a three month certificate of deposit drawing 5% interest. Thanks and congratulations to Tom Carns and his team for getting this completed.

As we move into September, we have many exciting events planned. Let's hope the temperatures begin to ease and tropical disturbances remain quiet.

September 8th & 9th we will be hosing FSEA State President Joe Cooper with his wife Allie and VPAL Russ Smith with his wife Denise. This is a huge honor for Viera and the SECD. They arrive at the Holiday Inn at 5PM on the 8th to begin the festivities. Friday evening we will have a Luau themed Cocktail Party at Cocoa Lodge. Saturday we have a trip to Sebastian Lodge with lunch at noon and a Prime Rib dinner at Viera Lodge in the evening. All members are invited to attend all events. Times and costs are listed on the bulletin board. Let's show our State leaders a huge Viera welcome.

Later in the month we will have a Low Country Boil by Bill Moss and team with music by George Durham. Bill does a great job with the food, and if you haven't seen George Durham perform you are missing a huge treat. We will close the month with a formal, elegant dinner by our own Kasha Harrell. Menu will be available shortly and music will be provided by Sammy Hadaad, another of our great performers. Please don't forget our Sunday breakfasts and our other weekly fare. Dates and times are listed on the calendar.

Our membership continues to improve. We added ten new members last month which was a huge boost. Our current membership stands at 544, but our delinquency is still too high at 23%. Please continue to do what you can to reduce this percentage as well as recruiting new members. It's through all of your efforts that Viera will continue to grow and prosper.

There is one other item I really need your help with. That is the reporting of charity dollars, hours and mileage you do in the community as well as your volunteer hours and expenses for our Lodge. You may ask, "why is this important"? The primary reason is that our charity efforts, both within the Lodge and in our community support our IRS 501 C (8) not-for-profit designation. Charity hours, miles and dollars are reported monthly to Grand Lodge. Charity report forms are in the basket on the door to the Secretary's office. Please complete and return a form for any volunteer charity work you may do. It is important. Your support will be appreciated.

Let's continue our positive attitude, working together to make Viera Lodge the best it can be.

Wishing each of you a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend.

May God bless each of you, our Military and First Responders.

Bill Orblych, PDDGER  
Exalted Ruler

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# Secretary's Corner

Greetings to Our Wonderful Viera Elks!

Hopefully, you have all managed to get thru the unusually hot summer we experienced by staying cool. Keep those A/C units maintained so it won't stop functioning at the most inconvenient time.

Each month, you have seen the numerous requests for your help to assist in contacting delinquent members. There has been a slight change in the number of those delinquent but not what I know we all hoped for. If you are a Viera Elk member that is delinquent and need our support, please contact me. YOU MATTER! For those that have not renewed but intend to, please do so now.

August brought us ten new members initiated. What a great group of enthusiastic, eager to help members. If you see an unfamiliar face, please take a moment to introduce yourself. We are "THE FRIENDLY LODGE". Let's prove it!

Upcoming in September, we already have three candidates awaiting orientation and initiation. Let's get more! A big thank you to John Harris, Heidi Vargas, and Eric Enrique for their unwavering commitment each month in the orientation of our new members. You are appreciated!

Hurricane season is upon us. We've all been around long enough to know Mother Nature can be very unpredictable. Stock up on necessities! Basics such as water, batteries, etc. can become critical. Have a plan. Check with family, friends and neighbors.

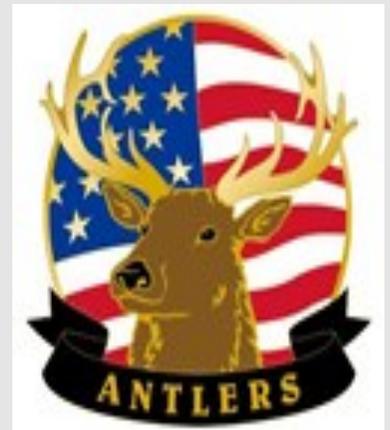
Feel free to give my contact information to a deserving candidate for future membership. Membership Matters!

If you want to be heard, have an idea, want to offer your help, you are welcome to reach me at [viera2817@gmail.com](mailto:viera2817@gmail.com) anytime. Let me know if you need assistance.

At your service,

*Rose Ann Atanasio*

Secretary, Viera Lodge #2817





# House Committee

HOUSE COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS for September 2023

Members All:

We have a great calendar of events for September.

We begin with Chef Mike Perduto's first Friday dinner on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is always a great meal, and Jenny always has an interesting dessert prepared.

The Lodge hosts State President Joe Cooper and his wife Allie in September 9<sup>th</sup>. President Joe will be accompanied by VPAL Russ (his Eminence) Smith and his wife DDGER Denise. We will be serving prime rib, and all the customary sides. Please plan to join us for a fun evening.

Mark, Jeff and team bring you Men's Wing night again on the 15<sup>th</sup>. They are continually experimenting with different rubs and sauces, so come on down and put them to the test.

September 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Bill Moss team and their Low Country Boil. Red-Dogg Moss is an EXPERT at the Boil, AND we have coupled the food with the unbelievable musical sounds of the GEROGUE DURHAM DUO from Winter Haven. If you have not heard George and Gwen, you really are missing out on some awesome music. Please reserve early, as this is always a big event.

September 29<sup>th</sup> brings us an Oriental dinner and all the trimmings.

September 30<sup>th</sup> is the Elegant Dining Experience by Kasha Harrell and team, with the music provided by Sammy Haddad. This promises to be an outstanding evening. Again, please reserve early to assure seating, as space is limited.

On the management side of things, the Lodge REALLY needs help from the Members. We try to have various food offerings, but of course, each of those require hands-on help in the kitchen. If you have a few hours a month to spare, please talk to myself or any other House Committee member. We will get you on a cooking team or a decorating team and put your talents to work. We do have positions for all skill sets, so don't be bashful.

As always, thank you for your support of the Lodge, our events and our Order.

Fraternally,

H. Jerry Harrington, PER IV House Committee Chair



# 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)

## CONTACT

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Each Monday @ 7PM

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**September**

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <b>Lasagna Dinner</b> <b>Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert \$15</b> <b>By Team C</b>	2 <b>Lodge Open</b> <b>4 PM</b>
3 9-11:30 AM AYCE Breakfast Buffet \$10 <b>Closed after Breakfast</b> Antlers 11:30AM	4 <b>Lodge Closed</b>	5 <b>Lodge Open</b> 4 PM  6:30 BINGO	6 <b>Lodge Open</b> 4 PM	7 <b>7 PM Lodge Meeting</b>  BOD Mtg	8 State President Visitation Cocoa Lodge Luau Theme \$10	9 State President Visitation Viera Lodge Prime Rib \$25
10 <b>Lodge Closed</b>	11 5PM Crispy Chicken Wraps & Chips \$5 by Mike & Team 6PM Texas Hold'em	12 <b>Lodge Open</b> 4 PM  6:30 BINGO	13 <b>Lodge Open</b> 4 PM  6PM HC Mtg	14 <b>Lodge Open</b> 4 PM	15 <b>Men's Wing Night!</b> <b>6 Wings with FF or OR</b> <b>\$10</b>	16 <b>Lodge Open</b> 4 PM
17 9-11:30 AM AYCE Breakfast Buffet \$10 <b>Closed after Breakfast</b> Antlers 11:30AM	18 5PM Pot Roast Sammies w/ Cheesy Tots \$7 By Kasha & Mark 6PM Texas Hold'em	19 <b>Lodge Open</b> 4 PM  6:30 BINGO	20 <b>Lodge Open</b> 4 PM	21 <b>7 PM Lodge Initiation Meeting</b>  PER Mtg	22 <b>Lodge Open</b> 4 PM	23 <b>Low Country Boil by Bill Moss</b> \$20 <b>Music by George Durham Duo</b>
24 <b>Lodge Closed</b>	25 5PM Sliders & Chips by Mark & Bill 2/\$6 6PM Texas Hold'em	26 <b>Lodge Open</b> 4 PM  6:30 BINGO	27 6PM Trivia in the Bar Area	28 5 PM Tacos \$4 Taco Salad \$7 Nachos \$8	29 Asian Dinner By Ken Roger Pancit, Spring Rolls, Chicken Fried Rice \$15	30 Elegant Dinner by Kasha & Mark \$45pp Music by Sammy Haddad Must Pre-Pay 7:30 Monthly Drawing



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 September 2023

Present this coupon to the bartender.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>1</u>	Ronald Wilde	<u>11</u>	William Reyer	<u>21</u>	James Moore
<u>2</u>	Susan Popelka	<u>11</u>	Francis Rooney	<u>21</u>	Ken Quinn
<u>2</u>	Randy Skaare	<u>12</u>	Josephine Como	<u>21</u>	Catherine Underwood
<u>4</u>	Gregory Eller	<u>12</u>	Ryan MacWilliams	<u>22</u>	Donald Lijana
<u>4</u>	Clem Etrick	<u>13</u>	Christine Palmer	<u>23</u>	Barbara Johnson
<u>5</u>	Ryan Goodwin	<u>13</u>	Patricia Pick	<u>23</u>	Clayton Seawright
<u>6</u>	Edwin Stark	<u>14</u>	Brigitte Anelli	<u>24</u>	Gail Meyer
<u>7</u>	Diane Jelich	<u>14</u>	Robert Floyd	<u>26</u>	Kathryn Caruana
<u>7</u>	John Ruzich	<u>14</u>	Jeremiah Weatherford	<u>26</u>	Alec Dulay
<u>7</u>	Karen Weible	<u>15</u>	Margueritte Cotter	<u>26</u>	Bill Moss
<u>8</u>	Richard Bybee	<u>16</u>	Harold Corker	<u>26</u>	EC Phillips
<u>8</u>	Elvie Marshall	<u>17</u>	Tammy Turner	<u>26</u>	Joy Shriver
<u>8</u>	Sandra Sutton	<u>18</u>	Lauren Dempsey	<u>26</u>	Fred Spillane
<u>9</u>	Lisa Casey	<u>19</u>	Diane Coleman	<u>27</u>	David Frazier
<u>9</u>	Kimberly James	<u>19</u>	Robert Lowe	<u>27</u>	David Peck
<u>9</u>	Kevin Zimmerman	<u>19</u>	Charles McMullen	<u>28</u>	David Singer
<u>10</u>	Gary Eppler	<u>20</u>	Kenneth Ahles	<u>29</u>	Darlene Kurtyka
<u>11</u>	Ron Greco	<u>20</u>	Buzz Benevente	<u>30</u>	John Potomski
<u>11</u>	Daniel Kenyon	<u>20</u>	Guinda Derrico	<u>30</u>	Guy Schmidt
<u>11</u>	Donna Redmon	<u>20</u>	Doreen Everett	<u>30</u>	Werner Schulz
		<u>20</u>	Gerald Hoff		

## 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, Rose Ann Atanasio, or mail to:

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## 2023-2024 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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Americanism		JROTC	
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