

Zephyrhills, FL

January 2024

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



As we pass into January and put the holiday season behind us, I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. A great time was had by all who attended this year's New Year Eve celebration at the Lodge. A lot of time and effort went into this. We had some issues with our cook needing to leave because of a family emergency, but everyone worked as a team and with some help from

everyone, everything turned out great. I want to thank all the volunteers and staff who made this such a success.

If you are someone who loves to sing, and not just in the shower, we have karaoke with Carla back each Tuesday from 4-7pm. Come on in and sing a tune or two. Also partake in your favorite beverage and maybe even a pizza.

We are getting toward that time of year when we are thinking about our election of officers for the 2023 -2024 year. We are in need of folks to fill in on some of the committees as well as Lodge officers. If you have a little time to spare and would like to help out, just see one of the Lodge officers. Get involved with running the Lodge and you'll be amazed at what the Elks do.

We just completed our annual toy pick up in partnership with the Walgreens Drug stores. They collect the toys for the kids and we go pick them up and distribute them where needed. This year's toy count was almost 300 toys. With most of our members back from summer up north, the Lodge is busy every night. Be sure to check your calendar to see what's going on . We have some great entertainment lined up for Fridays after the fish fry as well as game night each Wednesday. Don't forget the bar is open on Saturday and Sunday from 1pm -8pm.

Hope to see you at the Lodge

Paul Nutting, PER

Exalted Ruler

The Elks National Foundation Helping Elks build stronger communities



I would like to thank ENF donors for their generous donations. Due to your efforts, the lodge met the per capita and will be able to write grants to help our community and veterans for the 2024-2025 lodge year.

The grants for 2023-2024 lodge year were delivered December 2023, to the recipients. The "Thank You" letters that we received are very thankful and

heartwarming and will be included in the grant final reports to ENF.

We are looking forward to the new year and what we can do to continue to help our community, children, and veterans.

Judy Osgood, ENF Chairman

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Please note that the serving times for dinner in Janu ary will be from 4:00 until 6:00 PM for Wednesday
and Friday meals.

House Committee

HELP, HELP, HELP!



Won't you please help.....When finished with your beverage from the bar please return your glasses to the bar, and any other dishes to the dirty dish station.

As you know, this is an all volunteer Lodge in many of the areas and we could use your help. We often find it difficult to

find volunteers to work the dining and bar areas, and if you could help with this duty we would appreciate it.

Thank you!

Buck and Doe



The Elk of the month for January is **Beth Impson**. Beth wears many hats in the Lodge including the current Esteemed Loyal Knight. Beth also orders the majority of the food for Wednesday and Friday night meals along with any of the other events taking place at the Lodge and can be seen in the kitchen the day of the event doing the meal prep. Beth's dedication and attention to detail is evident in everything she does. She is also there helping out at Wednesday's game night. It gives me great pleasure to award Beth Impson the Elk of the Month for January 2024. Thank you, Beth, for all you do.



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The Volunteer of the month for January 2024 is Barbara Wilson. Barb has been our "Pie Lady" for several years at almost each and every Friday night dinner. Barbara is also in the Lodge several times per week to be sure the washing of aprons and towels is completed. Barbara can also be counted on to attend the Lodge business meeting. It gives me great pleasure to name Barbara Wilson as Volunteer of the month for January 2024. Thank You Barbara for all you do.



Happy Birthday!!!



Clip Coupon for Free July Birthday Drink!





DUES & FEES - 2023

Regular Dues:	
Base Rate -	\$67.25
Grand Lodge Per Capita -	29.00
State of Florida Per Capita	3.00
Membership Dues – 2023– 2024	\$99.25
Life Member Dues ~	\$45.00
DUES & FEES - 2024	
Regular Dues:	
Base Rate -	\$67.25
Grand Lodge Per Capita ~	34.00
State of Florida Per Capita	3.00
Membership Dues - 2024-2025	\$104.25
Life Member Dues -	\$67.00

COME KICK UP YOUR HEELS! EVERY WEDNESDAY

Line Dancing Classes

10:00 a.m.-Noon ALL levels welcome Beginners from 10:00-10:30 a.m. Beginners/Intermediate 10:30 a.m. -Noon All Elk members & guest of Elks are invited to join us for a good time!

\$2.00 Donation

Dress for General Meetings

The Lodge General Meeting is once a month now and since we are asking our new members to wear business casual clothing for their initiation, it is only fair that we ask our members who attend to wear the same.

This would include long pants for our gentlemen members and no shorts for either gender.

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Buck and Doe



<u>RED SHIRT FRIDAY'S</u>

Our idea of showing solidarity and support for our troops with dignity and respect is by wearing RED SHIRTS on Friday's. Let's get the word out and lead with class and dignity, by example, and wear something red every Friday. Everyone who loves this country should share this with acquaintances, coworkers, friends and family.

LETS SHOW OUR SUPPORT BY WEARING SOME-THING RED!

Building character, community spirit through Antlers

By Ronald A. Mangone, Committee Member

Community service plays a key role in building strong, connected, and vibrant societies. In today's fast-paced world, it is imperative to get our youth actively involved in serving their communities. Encouraging our young people to participate not only benefits the community, but it also has an impact on their growth and development.

Today more than ever, our youth are bombarded with everyday distractions. Encouraging them to engage in their community helps to instill a sense of responsibility and belonging. It is an excellent opportunity for our youth to develop essential skills such as communication, teamwork, and problem solving. In addition, they are exposed to many diverse backgrounds.

This is why the continuation of our Antlers Program is so important. Our Antlers bring a new energy and a fresh perspective in recognizing and addressing the issues in their community while keeping with Elks' traditions and virtues active.



1/05/2024	Jesse Derringer		
1/12/2024	Reel Players		
1/19/2024	Karl Sapp		
1/26/2024	Silver Alert		

New Antlers Lodges have been instituted, and several more have been reinstituted. Welcome and congratulations to the following new Antlers Lodges:

- Amarillo, TX No. 923
- Berwick, PA No. 1138
- • Hanford, CA No. 1259
- • West Covina, CA No. 1996
- • Paramus, NJ No. 2001
- • Greenwich, NY No. 2223
- • Cocoa Beach, FL No. 2387
- Zephyrhills, FL No. 2731

I continue to offer assistance in establishing Antlers Lodges. I encourage your Members to check out our Lodge Activities website at elks.org/grandlodge/ activities

I would like to thank everyone who stopped by the Lodge Activities Booth in Minneapolis, especially those who I had spoken with prior to going to Grand Lodge. I was happy to put a face with your name and to hear about your Antlers Lodge. Please continue to let me know the types of events your dedicated Antlers have planned and share photos with me. At next year's Grand Lodge Convention your Antlers photo might be featured on our wall.

Finally, I leave you with these words: Empowering our youth can create a society where the spirit of service is ingrained in their hearts. Our involvement with our youth is just another example of who we are and what we stand for, because "We Are THE Elks."

Buck and Doe



The annual car show will be March 16, 2024. Please tell your friends and neighbors to come and join us for a day of bringing back old memories as you look at the classic cars on display.

We will be serving breakfast sandwiches and coffee in the morning, and lunch will include FRESH made hamburgers, cheeseburgers (not frozen) jumbo hot dogs or brats, fried onions, french-fries, pies, all the condiments and soda. The bar will be open for members and their guests.

There will be a 50/50 drawing. All the proceeds go to help our VETERANS.

Thank you for your support!

Ken Fabiani, PER Veterans Committee Chairman



We want to thank all those who generously gave money and food donations for the thanksgiving boxes. Snapbox Self Storage provided us with 14 boxes that were filled and given to Angels Unique residents.

Thank you again! Dottie Sollmann & Geri Teeple

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the "Special Citizens Christmas Party". Your support and generosity helped make the event a memorable one for our special citizens. We are grateful for the time, effort, and resources that you invested to make this event possible. Your kindness and compassion have touched the lives of many individuals and families in our community. Once again, thank you for your contribution and we look forward to your continued support in the future.

I Thank you! I Dottie Sollmann

Project Update Committee WE NEED YOUR HELP! "BUY-A-CHAIR"

First a little history about the Project Update Committee. At the beginning of the year, the committee prioritizes a list of projects. Monies collected for the projects is put into the Project Update/Building Fund. Last year the committee completed more than \$10,000 in improvements.

Our first projects last year was to paint the Elks sign on the outside of the building and to purchase automatic paper towel dispensers for the restrooms. Because of the declining condition of the lounge chairs, the Project Committee's next priority is to purchase 60 new chairs.

The cost of a chair is \$309, plus shipping. Monies collected through donations, social events and games has given us a good start. Your purchase of a chair will help to off-set the cost.

Buy-A-Chair for \$250, which will include an engraved nameplate to be placed on the arm of the chair



LET'S GET NEW LOUNGE CHAIRS FOR THE NEW YEAR

A signup sheet is on the lounge bulletin board or contact Gwen Klamer (813-469-0733) to pay by cash or check. To pay by credit card see Nick Schwob in the office during office hours. (8:00-11:00 a.m.)

DEADLINE: Friday, January 12, 2024

<u>Wednesday Menus Are</u> <u>On The</u> <u>Tables in Lounge</u> <u>4:30-6:30PM</u>



Lounge Hours Tuesday thru Sunday I:00-8:00 PM

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Karla's Karaoke 4PM	3 Line Dancing 10 AM—noon Euchre IPM Wednesday Night Games 5:30-7:30PM	4 Bingo Doors Open at 4 PM	5 FISH FRY 4:00—6:00 PM Jesse Derringer	6 Bar Open Euchre IPM
7 Bar Open Euchre 1 PM	8 Committee Meeting 9 AM BOD Meeting 10 AM	9 Karla's Karaoke 4PM	10 Line Dancing 10 AM—noon Euchre IPM Wednesday Night Games 5:30-7:30PM	11 Bingo Doors Open at 4 PM	12 FISH FRY 4:00—6:00 PM Reel Players	13 Bar Open
14 Bar Open Euchre 1 PM	15 House Committee Meeting 9 AM BOD Meeting 10 AM Orientation 5:45 PM Lodge Meeting 7 PM	16 Karla's Karaoke 4PM	17 Line Dancing 10 AM—noon Euchre IPM Wednesday Night Games 5:30-7:30PM	18 Bingo Doors Open at 4 PM	19 FISH FRY 4:00—6:00 PM Karl Sapp	20 Bar Open
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28 Bar Open Euchre 1 PM	29	³⁰ Karla's Karaoke 4PM	31 LUNCH AND LCARN 11:30—12:30 DM Line Dancing 10 AM—noon Euchre IPM Wednesday Night Games 5:30-7:30PM	1 Bingo Doors Open at 4 PM	2 FISH FRY 4:00—6:00 PM Johnny & Jam Bandits	3 Bar Open