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Jacksonville Elks



Lodge #221

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Cheers to the new year!

When reflecting back on 2023 be excited for what 2024 may bring, approaching 2024 with anticipation! Let this year be the year you go after progress over perfection and savor every victory you make along the way to your goals.

The lodge held our annual children's Christmas party brought in part by donations and the use of our Beacon Grant. We hosted 9 families/26 children. The kids enjoyed lunch and many desserts. The one and only Santa Clause made a

special trip from the North Pole and spent a lot of time taking pictures and visiting with each kid! Truly a fantastic party and the joy and happiness in all of the children's faces was heartwarming. Thank you, Betsy Bryant and her team of elves, for spearheading this event every year.

The second annual Toys for Tots donations was a great success with the collection of 5 full boxes of toys donated between our lodge and the Orange Park lodge. Many thanks to Orange Park's ER Alise and many of their members for dropping off their donations and spending a wonderful evening with us.

If you haven't been to a lodge meeting, now is a good time to start! This is your lodge, and you have a say in what goes on. Learn the inner workings of the lodge, how we spend our money, what grants we receive and how you can make a difference. It is no secret we do a lot for and in our community and it's important for you to attend.

We are in our last quarter of the Elk year, and I am proud of how we have come so far. Membership is up, we have continued to assist local veterans get situated in housing accommodations and Americanism is being shown its importance in our elementary schools. I appreciate all of our hardworking volunteers who make this all possible.

Parents/ Grandparents we have FREE spots available for our Youth Camp in Umatilla for this summer. Please let me or the secretary know if you have a youth to sign up.

In closing, please stay safe and remember, as long as there are Veterans, Elks will never forget them and never forsake them.

At your service, David Graham, ER, PER 845-798-9167 cell davidgraham1968@yahoo.com

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Exalted Ruler – David Graham PER
Leading Knight – Robin Pipkins
Loyal Knight – Brent Reedy
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Treasurer – Robbie Garland
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<u>Drug Awareness:</u> A.J. Jones <u>Youth Activities</u>: Betsy Bryant

<u>Hoop Shoot & Soccer Shoot:</u> Brent Reedy MVS Scholarship: William Watson PER

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Karen Tracy - Chairperson

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- Chairperson
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Memorial Day: Bob Morgan - Chairperson

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Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler: Randy P. Shook



Final stretch of Lodge year starts in January

Wanda and I want to wish each of you a very happy new year as we welcome in 2024. New Year's Day is a time when we reflect upon the events of the past year and plan for the upcoming year. New resolutions are made to improve health, diet, and other ambitions. For us as Elks, it should be our resolution to improve our Lodge and our Order.

January is the beginning of the last quarter of the Lodge year. Get your membership retention and arrears program into full stride. Have your committee reach out to delinquent Members. This personal contact could very well bring that Member back into our folds. Remind them of why they joined and how much they mean to the Lodge. It would be great for your Lodge to have a +1 membership gain in 2024.

You and your Lodge Officers should be reviewing how and where you stand with your Local Lodge goals for the year. Should you see you are falling short, make January, February, and March your last big push to meet those goals. Your Lodge has all the assets needed to meet those goals with the right plans. Use your Past Exalted Rulers Association, Board of Directors, and Lodge committees to analyze what is needed to declare victory.

This is also a great time to review your hard-working Members and decide who deserves an award for the great work done for your Lodge. Some of the awards you can present to a Member and Officer who has done so much to promote the Order are Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year, and Citizen of the Year. There is no better way to say thank you for the hard work and dedication they have demonstrated. You may involve other Members to promote the good work that your Lodge does in your community.

Finally, the Auditing and Accounting Committee should review Lodge books and report at the last meeting of the month.

Remember "Elks Care — Elks Share" and "We Are THE Elks."

God Bless our great Order, our troops, and the United States of America.

"We are THE ELKS"



From the Office of the Secretary

Happy New Year Members!

We are back to our regular meetings twice a month; January 10th and January 24th at 7:00 PM. We will be balloting on the 10th – those names will be posted after investigations are completed. We will be holding Initiation on the 24th. Our investigation committee has been very busy, as we have 15 candidates who are currently going through the necessary steps to become members of our lodge. Orientation for incoming new members will be on both January 15th and January 17th with Bill Watson PER at 7:00 PM.

Dues notices will be mailed out in a few weeks. The Grand Lodge Assessment fee has gone up \$5.00 per member, so the new total for 2024-2025 will be \$102.00. Please make every effort to pay your dues by March 31, 2024. You will be considered delinquent after April 1st. And please be generous with your donations at the time of dues payments for ENF, Harry Anna Trust Fund, and our Building Maintenance.

Please see page 6 of this newsletter for instructions for paying your Membership Dues online through the BPOE Grand Lodge portal.

Just a reminder, the Military Baby Shower Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, January 3rd at 6:30 PM. Shoppers, please bring in printed copies of all your receipts at this time. The Baby Shower date is January 20th. After the shower we will be celebrating my good friend and Brother Elk, Bill Speer's, 97th Birthday!! All are invited to attend – live music will be provided thanks to Bill!

Lastly, Lodge Committee Chairs need to complete your Florida Elks Online Reporting by January 10th.

Wishing you all a wonderful New Year and may it be filled with joy and good health.

Respectfully,

Deborah Reedy, PER Jacksonville Lodge Secretary

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"Florida Elks Shine Bright"
State President – Joe Cooper



January's Elk of the Month chosen by ER David Graham

Elk of the Month goes to...... Robin Pipkins!

Congratulations to Robin Pipkins our next Elk of the month!

Always looking for ways to make our lodge and community better and how we can help anyone in need, Robin makes sure we receive all of the grant money possible to make this happen. While being an officer she is on several committees and dedicates a lot of her personal time to the lodge. Robin, I appreciate you. Enjoy your parking spot!



Members are invited to St. Augustine Elks Lodge for the DD Clinic

I would like to remind you of the January District Deputy Clinic on Saturday, January 6, 2024, hosted by St. Augustine Lodge #829. Coffee and pastries will be available starting at 8:30am, and the morning will start at 9:00am for the past District Deputies and their annual "Scrap Heap". All past District Deputies are encouraged to attend, as one of the main agenda items will be selecting our District's future leadership and choosing the next District Vice-President. Please note: this is a CLOSED meeting only for past District Deputies.

Our District Deputy clinic will begin at 10:00am and conclude at noon. Lunch will be served by St. Augustine Lodge volunteers, and then at 1:00pm (or sooner) the District PER Association meeting will begin, led by our District Vice President Jimmy Dean.

Remember, ALL members are invited to the DD clinic at 10am. The Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Secretary, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees/Directors, and the Treasurer *must* attend, and other Officers, Committee members, Trustees, and house committee chairmen are urged to attend. If you are unable to attend, please contact me to discuss. Thank you for all you do for Elkdom, and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

Fraternally,

Dayna Miller, DDGER, NE District #1800 2023/24 PDVP, NE District #1800 2022/23 PER Gainesville #990 (352) 562-6005







Happy New Year from the Florida Ladies of Elks.

We hope everyone had a safe and Happy Holiday. We are looking forward to seeing everyone as we all work together to make 2024 an amazing year.

Join us at the February Quarterly Meeting at the Florida Elks Youth Camp and learn more about FLOE and all we do for the FSEA Major Projects.

SAVE THE DATES April 12- 14, 2024 to attend the 3rd Annual Ladies Weekend at the Florida Elks Youth Camp. A fun relaxing weekend for all ladies to mingle and make new friends while enjoying the beauty and delicious food prepared by the camp chef. Registration will open on the FSEA website (floridaelks.org) later this month (January). It promises to be a fun time you don't want to miss.

The 2nd Annual FLOE RV Rally "Camping for the Kids" benefiting the Florida Elks Youth Camp will be May31-June 2, 2024. More information will be coming soon so save the date and tell all your friends. The RV Rally is open to everyone (not just Elks families). We hope to see you there.

Please check https://floridaelks.org/floe for more information relating to FLOE or email floeinformation@gmail.com with any questions.

Just a reminder, EVERY lady Elk, wife of an Elk and widow of an Elk are members of FLOE. There are no applications to complete nor dues to pay.

We would like to say "Thank You" for your continued support and look forward to seeing you.

If you would like to pay your dues online, please follow these instructions:

Go to: https://search.revopay.com/elkslodge

Enter Jacksonville and select Jacksonville Elks 221. Next click on "here" to proceed. It will bring up the LOGIN page. NOTE: you do NOT have to login to make a payment; click on the "Make a quick payment" link.

It will now be asked to input your Member Number. Enter all the numbers including the preceding zeros.

Click "Verify and continue". Your name should appear. Now click "Continue to payment". It will bring up your dues statement. This will include your current dues payments and optional donations you can make. Optional fees are NOT required but are very much appreciated. Now go to "Select your payment method".

Enter your card information and then click "review and approve" payment. Once completed your payment will be reported to the Lodge Secretary for processing.

Please note that this feature will be available at the end of January.

If you have any questions about the online payments, please contact me on my cell 518-791-1025. Thank you,

Deborah Reedy, Lodge Secretary





Veterans Services Report

Happy New Year Elks!

Once again, our Lodge came through for our Veterans. On November 30th, Carole Shapely and I delivered over 140 food items to Five Star Veterans Center, with many being multi-packs. They have a full kitchen, so their Center was able to use some of the food when preparing meals for their Veterans. Just that morning they had received a call from a homeless female veteran in need of food, so some went to her while they put her in touch with NE Florida Women Vets. Thank you to Susan Kelly and Steve Beiser for helping box up all that food! Additionally, Bill Watson donated a large bag of personal hygiene items he had collected while traveling, and Carole donated a small TV with a built-in DVD player. This was most timely since their Center had recently received a donation of several movies on DVD!!! Way to go Elks!!

We observe Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday each January on the third Monday of the month. He was a leader in the civil rights movement in the 1950's and 1960's, and on October 14, 1964, Dr. King won the Nobel Peace Prize for "combatting racial inequality through nonviolent resistance." While his primary subject was equality for people of color, his efforts resulted in improvement of civil rights for all people of the United States.

Regards, Karen Tracy Veteran Services Committee Chair 904-260-9721

So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them!



Drug Awareness Program

Hello Fellow Elks,

Just want to let you know what I've been up to since April 1,2023, and a little bit before. WOW, it has been a heck of a season.

Last Lodge year we were fortunate to Honor an undercover Detective that is Busting the Bad Guys that are dealing Drugs. I went to Orlando to see this officer Honored By the Florida State ELKS with the State Enrique Camarena Award, and a Recognition from Our National Committee.

Since then, I've been out of my Trailer a couple times to visit with folks and spread the message of Drug Awareness.

Just Today, I was up early and visiting with Kids and Teachers @ Waterleaf Elementary school, Ran into a cousin of mine, Fang from the Jacksonville Icemen. We hung out for a while and celebrated RED RIBBON WEEK with them and their Monthly Awards Ceremony.

Because I could only be in one place at a time, I couldn't be at the other schools' you folks sent Drug Awareness Packages to, Like Fishwier Elem. and Greenfield Elem. Between these three schools, you, and the Florida State Elks and National provided Approx.10,000 pieces of Drug Awareness Literature this week.

The Little guy you Trusted me with has been putting lots of Miles on his Boss's truck delivering Ribbons to everybody in the District. But he got it done.

That reminds me, He, The little guy, Sweats all over me, and makes me soggy every time I come out of my Trailer, I wish he would cool off some, I know it's hot out, and he keeps me going, but maybe he should see a Gland Doctor. Although, I like his wife, she takes good care of me and puts me in a gentle cycle in the Laundry, and Dries me thoroughly, She's Nice.

Before I close, I Have to Send A BIG Thank You out to JIM and BETSY Bryant. When the Little guy was informed that the JSO Det. was going to Orlando to receive an award, they Stepped up and provided traveling money so the Det. could bring his family with him. THANK YOU, JIM and BETSY. The Little guy put in some also, so yeah for him.

Respectfully Submitted, Elroy T. Elk (EM)

PS. The Little Guy Helped, and the Nice Lady made sure it made sense.

Jacksonville Elks Lodge is having a DIAPER DRIVE

for our 5th Annual Military Baby Shower until January 20th!!

Blue Star Families and the Jacksonville Elks Lodge #221 have partnered together again to host a Community Military Baby Shower!

Please donate Diapers (any size) and wipes!

The event will be on January 20, 2024 from 11:00 PM to 1:30 PM.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Deborah Reedy at 518-791-1025.

We will have plenty for you to do!

THANK YOU!!

And thank you for your past donations too!



Food Donations for 5 Star Veterans



During the month of November, we collected food our Food Drive for 5 Star Veterans.

Pictured are Susan Kelly, Steve Beiser, and Karen Tracy with your generous donations.

Pictured at Five Star Veterans are Suzie and Len Loving with Carole Shapley and Karen Tracy with the donation of food!



Elks Memorial Service held December 3, 2023



Pictured are John, Robin, Lois, Debbie & Brent.



Our lodge raised \$684 for wreaths to be placed at the JNC! Thank you, Mary Thornton for collecting so many donations!



Children's Christmas Party

Our Children's Christmas Party was a great success again this year with the funds from the Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant!

Betsy Bryant and her committee of Elves did an outstanding job preparing for the event, shopping for presents for the kids, wrapping gifts, preparing food, setting up the room and interacting with the children and parents who attended.

The party increased to nine families this year, which included 26 children from the Hogan Spring-Glen Elementary School. All enjoyed coloring books at the tables, story time with our Elks Legacy Scholar Winner, Emily, making ornaments and decorating rice crispy treats. The best was when Santa arrived and met with each child and received a small gift from Elf Carole Shapley and Santa!

Each child received \$125.00 in toys and clothing, and every family received a \$100 Publix gift card to purchase food for a holiday dinner. A book was also given to each child as well.

Betsy expressed her gratitude and thanks to everyone for their support in making this such a wonderful event for our local children.





Children's Christmas Party













The BIGGEST KID of ALL! ER David!!







Elks Care, Elks Share

Jacksonville Elks Lodge #221 was contacted by Carley Stepien of Wheelchairs 4 Kids in October to help a young boy named Jonas in the Jacksonville area who has Cerebral Palsy to help him get a therapy tricycle that he needed for his development and medical issues that his family could not afford and was not covered by medical insurance.

Members reacted very quickly to help Jonas, and soon the word spread throughout the Florida Elks Northeast District resulting in five of the six lodges making substantial donations, as well as personal donations by our Members. By early December, a total of \$2,920.00 was collected to pay for the Therapy Bike in full!

Deborah Reedy and Carley Stepien (W4K) stayed in close contact during this time and once the money was raised, the therapy bike was ordered and shipped to the lodge, and with the help of our members Mark Thompson and Brent Reedy who assembled it, the therapy bike was ready to be presented to the family.

Jacksonville Elks held a small reception for the family with a nice attendance of members and presented the bike to Jonas on December 20th. The Dillhyon Family was so grateful for this gift for their son Jonas and made a really nice post about it on facebook saying, "Thank you to everyone who had a part in helping our favorite 5 year old! We cannot thank you enough!"

Thanks to the following for your generous donations:

Jacksonville Elks Lodge #221
Orange Park Elks Lodge #2605
Gainesville Elks #990
St Augustine Elks Lodge #829
Green Cove Springs Elks #1892
Cathy & Kevin Walsh – St. Augustine Elks
Brent & Deborah Reedy – Jacksonville Elks
David & Shannon Graham – Jacksonville Elks
Donnie & Cathy Rowand – Jacksonville Elks
Ronnie & Pam Edge – Jacksonville Elks
Pat Harris – Jacksonville Elks



Special thanks to our District Florida Elks Childrens Therapy Services PT Rae Montgomery for being there to assist Jonas and his family on how to use the therapy bike and all its functions.

More photos of donation of Therapy Tricycle to Jonas









Group photo (I-t) Dad, Back row: Bill Dillhyon, Pat Harris, Jerry, John Pipkins, Donnie Rowand, and Brent Reedy; front row: Cathy Rowand, FECTS PT Rae Montgomery, ER David Graham, and Kathy Glass. Down front: Sister Katie, Jonas, and Mom Amanda. Photo by Deb Reedy.



Happy January Birthdays

01	Harley	Bryan	
01	Frances	Fowler	
01	Pete	Starling	
02	Kelly	Doran	
02	Barry	Masculine	
03	Richard	Benoit	
03	Clifford	Strickland	
04	Charles	Arbogast	
04	Carmel	Reed	
04	Edie	Varklet	
05	Peter	Lesley	
05	Sarah	Schllesinger	
08	Georgia	McFaul	
10	Deborah	Miller	
11	Harry	Leeds	
11	Andrew	Tully	
13	Ryan	Taylor	
14	William	Speer PER 1975	
16	Mona	DeMarco	
16	David	Mueller	
16	John	Naugle	
20	Matthew	Regan	
20	Samuel	Schllesinger	
22	Carl	Benedict	
22	William	Deertz	
22	William	Lyle, Jr,	
23	Cliff	Claypool	
24	Doug	Armentrout	
30	Joseph "Buddy"	McFaul	

Our Birthday Celebration will be on January 13th! Please bring a dish to share.

GAME Nights!!

Bring your friends for a fun night!!

"BINGO" Jan. 4th & 18th

with Dixie!

And NEW... "SHOW ME THE MONEY" Jan. 11th & 25st

with Tina & Patsy!



"Bunco" Tuesday January 9th at Page 17 6:30 PM

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

DID YOU KNOW HOW YOUR DONATION IS APPLIED?

<u>Our Mission: Helping Elks Build Stronger Communities</u>. The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

Like all Elks, the Foundation values the belief that charity is the greatest of all virtues and that by sharing and giving, we have the power to replace sorrow and despair with hope and confidence. Donations to the Foundation help us fund programs that match our cornerstone values of knowledge, integrity and community.

- <u>Community Investments Program</u>. Appropriated \$15.9 million to invest directly in Lodge communities. Community Investments Program grant projects improve the quality of life in places where Elks live and work.
- <u>State Grants</u>. Granted nearly \$10.7 million to the state Elks associations through State Charities
 Grants, Special Project Grants and Bonus Grants, which help fund each state's charitable activities.

Today's Elks scholars can be tomorrow's Elks, but we must make that happen by engaging them and welcoming them to the #ElksFamily. To foster their relationship with the Elks, we will again fund three Elks Scholar Service Trips.

- Most Valuable Student Scholarship Competition. Designated \$2.9 million to fund the Most Valuable Student scholarship program, which includes 502 four-year scholarships of at least \$4,000. The contest features 20 top awards—10 for men, 10 for women—of at least \$20,000. These 20 finalists will attend the MVS Leadership Weekend in April 2023 where they will interview for the six top scholarships of \$30,000, \$40,000 and \$50,000.
- ENF Legacy Awards. Designated \$1.6 million for the Legacy Awards scholarship program, which
 includes 350 four-year, \$4,000 scholarships for children and grandchildren of Elks.
- Emergency Educational Fund Grants. Reserved \$125,000 for the Emergency Educational Grants program. Emergency Educational Grants are one-year educational grants to the children of deceased or totally disabled Elks.

Youth Activities

- Elks National Hoop Shoot Free Throw Program. Allocated more than \$1.4 million to fund the Hoop Shoot, which has helped young people develop grit for more than 50 years.
- Elks Drug Awareness Program. Allocated \$890,450 to fund the Elks Drug Awareness Program, which promotes constructive and collaborative solutions to youth substance abuse.

Veterans Service and Remembrance

- Elks National Veterans Service Commission. Granted \$5 million to the Order's Veterans Service Program, which provides aid and comfort for America's veterans in need.
- Elks Veterans Memorial Maintenance. Granted \$720,030 to maintain the Elks Veterans Memorial in Chicago.

JOIN THE FIDELITY CLUB AND HELP TO SUPPORT THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION!

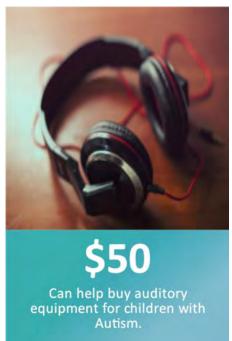


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To Learn more visit:

www.floridaelks.org/camp

https://www.elkstherapy.com/
"Changing lives one mile at a time"

QUARTER BOARD

What is a Quarter Board?

Entertaining and engaging way to raise money for the Harry-Anna Trust Fund ("HATF") and the Elks National Foundation ("ENF").

How do I participate?

Pick up an empty plastic roll, write your name, initials, etc. on the label to identify your roll, and place the plastic roll inside the board. Empty your pockets and gradually fill up with your roll with quarters (only!) as you visit the Lodge and Social Quarters — every quarter counts!! Take 2 plastic rolls and label one for HATF and one for ENF!!

What happens when my quarter roll is full?

I will roll your quarters and turn them in! (\$10.00) Indicate on the plastic roll, if you have a preference, whether you want your \$10.00 to be donated towards HATF or ENF or let me know and I will donate your quarters accordingly.

Credit will be given for all donations received!

Thank you!

Robin Pipkins Harry-Anna Chairman ENF Grants Coordinator



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HARRY-ANNA TRUST FUND

The Harry-Anna Trust Fund funds the two main charity projects of Florida Elks. The Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services and the Florida Elks Youth Camp.

The Florida Elks Youth Camp is dedicated to enriching the lives of children from the state of Florida. The Florida Elks Youth Camp is located on 405 acres of rolling hills, forests, lakes, and open space in Marion County, Florida.

Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services ("FECTS") provides in-home physical and occupational therapy to Florida children in need of such services and priority is given to children who do not have ready access to therapy as a result of financial considerations.

Services focus on child-centered treatment and family education. The program is based on the premise that skilled therapy services combined with the completion of an individualized home program, exercises and activities designed by the therapist will positively impact children and families. FECTS believes children and their families or caregivers need to be viewed in a holistic manner. The therapists are employed by the Florida Elks, licensed to practice in the state of Florida and treat children throughout the state covering most of its 67 counties.

January 2024

Club Hours: Monday - Closed Tuesday - Thursday: 5pm - 10pm

Elk's Lodge #221

Phone: 904-721-1155

Friday: 5pm - 11pm Saturday: 5pm - 11pm Sunday: 1pm – 9pm

JANUARY FOOD DONATIONS WILL BENEFIT FEEDING NORTHEAST FLORIDA

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	GREENS Cookoff LODGE OPEN 3:00 – 8:00 pm	Rod, Tom & Ronnie 6:30 pm POKER night! PER 6:00 pm	Jim & Crew 6:30 pm	BINGO with Dixie Hotdogs & BAR FOOD Thirsty Thursday	Jim & Crew	District Deputy Clinic St. Augustine 10:00 am Karaoke Queen of Hearts 7:30
	3.00 - 8.00 pm	HC Meeting 6:30 pm	Activities 6:30	rimsty ritorsday	6:30 pm	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Smothered pork chops, mashed potatoes MELISSA	LODGE OPEN 5:00 – 10:00 pm		LODGE MEETING	SHOW ME THE MONEY with Tina & Patsy	Spaghetti w/ Meatballs &	Lodge Breakfast 9:00 – 11:00
	Coin Club BOD Meeting	Dixie & Robbie 6:30 pm	7:00 pm	Hotdogs & BAR FOOD Thirsty Thursday	Salad Bill Watson	Birthday Karaoke
MELISSA	6:30 pm	BUNCO - 6:30			6:30 pm	Queen of Hearts 7:30
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Shepherds Pie w/ salad bar MELISSA	CLOSED	David & Frank 6:30 pm HC Meeting 6:30 pm	BBQ Chipped Ham Sandwich w/ Chicken Noodle soup Kim B	BINGO with Dixie Hotdogs & BAR FOOD Thirsty Thursday	Pork Chops grilled or fried Don, John & Rod 6:30 pm	Baby Shower BAM-1:30PM Bill Speer 97th Birthday! Food/Live Band 2:30
21	22	23	24	25	26	Queen of Hearts 7:30
Meatloaf gravy, mac n cheese, cream corn MELISSA	CLOSED	Sarah & Sandy 6:30 pm	LODGE MEETING 7:00 pm	SHOW ME THE MONEY with Tina & Patsy Hotdogs & BAR FOOD Thirsty Thursday	Ronnie & Co 6:30 pm	Karaoke Queen of Hearts 7:30
28	29	30	31			
Chili Hotdogs w/ all the fixins, cornbread and fritos MELISSA	CLOSED	Kathy, Lois, Susie, & Robin 6:30 pm	David & Crew 6:30 pm		happy *	Year