



Sebring Elks Lodge 1529

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I'd like to begin my first ER Message by thanking Jonathan Spiegel for all of the hard work, time and effort that he and his beautiful wife Christie have given to our beloved Elks Lodge 1529. From doubling our membership, providing services for outside special events and creating a family atmosphere for all of our members and their guests who frequent our lodge, Jonathan and Christie are always there. As most of you know, Jonathan has been elevated to District Vice President of our district. Please join me in congratulating him and wishing him much success in his new position. We look forward to seeing what he has in store for all of us in the district this year. Jonathan has been a great friend and mentor to me over the past couple of years and has definitely left me with some big shoes to fill. I know I will be depending on his continued advice and support throughout my tenure as Exalted Ruler. Our Seafood Boil was a huge hit. We sold 200 tickets and the event was such a success we may try it again next year. Please join me with a big THANK YOU to all of the great people who volunteered to help. Volunteers like you are the lifeblood of our organization's success when

it comes to these special events. I encourage all of our members to join us in giving back to our lodge and community by taking advantage of the multitude of volunteer opportunities available. Jim and Ronna Mason are leaving Sebring and making Oklahoma their new home. They have been instrumental in the success of this lodge. Jim, our lodge advisor PER/PDD and Ronna PER took care of ENF and Public Relations for the lodge. They will be greatly missed by all of us. In the month of March, I was given the honor of Elk of the Month so the bio written in March's newsletter sums up my overall life up until now. My door is always open for new ideas and suggestions to continue to make Elks Lodge 1529 the best that it can be. I look forward to this new endeavor and promise to do my very best to make this next year as fun and productive as this last year has proven to be.

Fraternally yours,

Joe Stockenberg, ER

## *"Sebring Elks Officer Induction 2024-2025"*

On Wednesday March 13, 2024, the Sebring Elks #1529 installed their new officers for the 2024-2025 year.

Pictured B-l: Buddy Richards Esquire, Joe Stockenberg Exalted Ruler, Jonathan Spiegel 3-year Trustee, Ron Schilffarth 2-year Trustee, John Lawson Tiler, Ken Wheeler 1-year Trustee, Martin Bowers Inner Guard, Reggie Lemmon Organist F-l: Judy Hanson Chaplain, Brenda Walton Lecturing Knight, Diane Morse Leading Knight, Darlene Quel Secretary, Joy Rink Treasurer. Missing: Gwen Clark Loyal Knight



## *Special Initiation*

On Wednesday, 2/28/23 four new members were initiated into the Sebring Elks #1529. This was a separate initiation to accommodate their busy schedules.

We welcome: pictured l-r: Brenton Mcclenithan, Nicholas Cosentino, Meg Welker, and John Fetsock.



April 2024  
Elk of the Month  
*Elk of the Month*

The Elk of the month is Dawn Bartolomeo, Dawn is one of our newer Members. Dawn is really stepping up in a big way for the lodge. She started cashiering on nights we serve food whenever needed, helping on our bingo nights, and will start helping with open Public Relations position. Dawn was Born in Massapequa NY 41 years in banking Retired, stay at home & mom. & Owns a small business from home, & Wax Shoppe Candles and more & Loves to craft and create and attends craft shows and events. Dawn has a sweet spirit and a genuine willingness to help others. Thank you Dawn for all you are doing for the lodge.



## *"New Members"*

The Sebring Elks #1529 gained 13 new members in March. During the Initiation, many new members indicated they were excited to meet some new people and also be able to be part of an organization that gives back to the community. We are happy to have them as part of the Sebring Elks. Since the Sebring Elks started in 1927 we have donated over 8.4 Million Dollars to Highlands County. We also participate in a variety of charitable activities to include runs, golf, fishing tournaments to name a few. We also do food collection and distribution. We are a "Hands on" organization for when the need arises. New Members pictured:

Seated l-r: Patricia Pierson, Cole Newman, Michael Poloskey, David Colle-Airey, Charles Davis, and Kelly Dressel

Back l-r: Theodore Fink, John Gose, Frederick Ragland, Krystal Ramsey, Jarson Salazar, Christopher Tolar and Ian Lockwood



## *Sebring Elks Shrimp Boil*

On Saturday, February 24th, the Sebring Elks #1529 had an end of the lodge year celebration with a Shrimp Boil. What a successful event; great food, beautiful decorations, and wonderful music by "Trip Wire". The two bars were hopping - one inside and one outside. It also was a special night in that Jim and Ronna Mason were recognized for their years of Elkdom at #1529. They want everyone to know that they received more from the Lodge than they gave-lifelong friendships, good times, and a sense of community accomplishments. They will be moving to Oklahoma City in March with their son & daughter-in-law (Donnie & Shelly) but have promised to visit. For more pictures, go to our Facebook or Website.



The Sebring Elks Lodge#1529 has many awesome volunteers. These volunteers work day in and day out to make sure activities and events run smoothly. This year the lodge nominated Christie Spiegel for Elk of the Year.

Christie was born and raised in Sebring and is a 3rd generation Elk. Christie is married to Jonathan Spiegel and has two children. Christie makes sure that the lodge has two great meals a week and handles all events for both the members of the lodge as well as special events. Christie is always aiming to please. The Elks Lodge thanks Christie for all her awesome work.



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## "Honorary Life Member"

I am humbled by the honor the Sebring Elks #1529 has given me. When Jonathan called to tell me that I was voted to be an Honorary Life Member of #1529, it brought tears to my eyes, again. Please know that I loved every minute working with you and for you. Ok, maybe I lied-hated doing the Lodge Activities quarterly reports! Love to all and Jim and I will be following your success!

Ronna Mason PER



## Sebring Elks Pool Tournament

The Sebring Elks will have a pool tournament each Thursday night that does not have a Lodge meeting. Our first one was 2/22 and only 8 people showed up, but it was a fun evening. The next one will be 3/11 at 6 pm. Come and join the good times!



## Hands for Homeless

The Sebring Elks #1529 once again participated in the "Feeding Tampa Bay" mobile program at the Hands for Homeless in Avon Park. On Saturday, February 17, 2024, members of the Lodge and one guest sorted foods to be distributed to the needy in this area which is done twice a month. Cars line up early in the morning and food items such as fresh fruit, vegetables, bread and protein are boxed up and placed in the trunk. "The impact is that 1,016 meals reach 212 children and 448 adults in every distribution." This statistic is provided by The Hands for Homeless Executive Director, Jane Breylinger.

Pictured are Elk members : back l-r: Ken Wheeler, Marty Bowers, John Lawson, & Ron Schilffarth

front l-r: Jane Breylinger, Diane Morse, Wainetta Holmes, Mary Brainerd, and guest Anne Worth.



## Elks Baseball/Softball

On Saturday 2/17/24, the Sebring Baseball/Softball season officially started. Sebring Elks #1529 sponsored two teams, boys baseball, and mixed gender T-ball. Jim & Ronna Mason and Diane Morse were on hand to support the teams. Sebring Elks members also present were Captain Austin Maddox, who threw out the first pitch, and Nathan Gray (parent). Nathan, Jim & Austin posed under the Elks Field sign.

*May 11th 4th Annual Sebring Elks  
Fishing tournament. Flyer and  
registration coming soon. Look for  
more information in the coming weeks.*

*Please join me in gathering as many bicycles as possible for the Sebring  
Fire Department. This rodeo helps many  
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lodge no later than May 1st*

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# April Happy Birthdays

01	Herman, Don	27
Williams, Clay	12	Pursell, Danny L
Goodman, David A	Broksch, Peter	Smith, Catherine
Hayes, James	16	28
02	Gose, Brandi	Holmes, John P
Lewis, Ernie	18	Krug, William J
Rowe, Debi	Goodlett, Wayne	29
Seamans, Lowell E	Maddox, Jessica	Adams, Craig
03	19	Dixon, Lola
Coly, Donald	Divietro, Victor J	30
04	Jeyes, Winnie Weeks	Bernardo, Colin
Jones, Arthur	Staton, Jenny	Michalak, Priscilla
05	20	Woodham, Ethan
Bohnert, Juile A	Johnson, Susan J	
Petrosky, John J	22	
Snapp, Donald R	Parker, Beth	
Warchak, Allen	Shamblin, Shirley	
07	24	
Theisen, Larry A	Dunn, Dennis	
08	Soares, J Allan	
Fox, Stephen	25	
Miller, Leesha	Griffin, Thomas	
10	Matson, Clifford D	
Allison, Laurence Paul	Woolever, Lorraine	
11	26	
Bates, Barbara	McGee, Nikki S	



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Exalted Ruler	Joe Stockenberg	441-1943
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Lecturing Knight	Brenda Walton	381-3104
Secretary	Darlene Quel	385-8647
Treasurer	Joy Rink	385-8647
Tiler	John Lawson	414-7259
Inner Guard	Martin Bowers	954-425-2787
Esquire	Buddy Richards	381-4713
Organist	Reggie Lemmen	446-5555
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2 Yr. Trustee	Ron Schilffarth	273-2444
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Mediator	OPEN	
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Memorial Sunday	Jonathan Spiegel	381-7159
National Foundation	Diane Morse	381-2321
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