

Sebring Elks Lodge 1529



Spring is here! I'd like to wish all our "Snowbird" friends safe travels. We look forward to seeing you again next winter. Many of our members played in the annual State Golf Tournament held at Sun-N-Lake Golf club on April 4th and 5th. We had a lot of out-of-town Elk members visit our lodge for a delicious Pork Rib Eye dinner with all the fixins! It was a great event, and we are looking forward to next year. Thank you to all that volunteered. Without you this event would not run smoothly. Our next big event is our annual fishing tournament. Mark your calendars, May 11, 2024. Check-in time is 5:30 AM. Last year we had 25 boats participating and hope to surpass that this year. Registration is open now and will remain open until the fishing begins. The cost is \$150.00 per boat. For more information contact me (Joe) at 863-441-1943. Prizes range from \$500.00 - \$1000.00. Weigh-in is 1pm. Prize presentations, raffles, burgers and hotdogs. Come out and join us for a day on the water. Anyone wishing to volunteer on the ground, in the building or on the water is welcome and much appreciated. We need help with registration, pictures, setup and clean up. All our events are

run by our members who volunteer their time and resources so that all proceeds go to fund our various charitable projects and building maintenance. Beginning in May and continuing through the summer months, our lodge meetings will be held once a month on the first Thursday of each month. All members in good standing are welcome to join us. Lodge business is discussed as well as new members initiated. Any member in good standing is eligible to sponsor a person for membership. Applications for membership are in the lobby and can be turned into the office or given to any lodge officer. Let's keep our membership growing! While enjoying your long Memorial Day weekend, please take a moment to remember those who gave so much for our freedoms.

Happy Mother's Day to all the great Moms of Elks Lodge 1529!!

Fraternally Yours,

Joe Stockenberg, Exalted Ruler

Assistive Fishing Apparatus



On April 9, 2024, Roger Poppen and Elk member Tom Porter were presented with a \$200.00 check from the Sebring Elks Lodge #1529. Roger, who is from Minnesota, has been building this fishing apparatus to assist those who are in wheelchairs and who may have other limited mobility. He has been building these apparatus' over the last several years. This check was donated to assist with the cost of building these apparatuses. This device will be demonstrated during the Sebring Elk Lodge #1529 Fishing Tournament that will be held on May 11, 2024, at the lodge on Lake Jackson. The device will then be donated to those in need within the community.

Picture L-R: Diane Morse-Leading Knight, Tom Porter-Elk's Member, Roger Poppen, Joe Stockenberg-ER, John Lawson-Tiler

May 2024 Elk of the Month *Elk of the Month*

Elk of the month is Martin Bowers. Martin joined the Elks to become active in the Lodge and in the community being initiated in October 2023. Martin was encouraged to join by some community neighbors who are Elks. He has met countless nice people who have offered advice and encouragement as well as their hand in friendship. Martin volunteers for booked events, Monday night Bingo, and as cashier on Taste Tuesdays whenever needed. Martin has also been appointed Inner Guard at the Lodge for this current term. Martin is a native Floridian, born into a US Navy family and lived in several locations before settling back in Pensacola. He worked and lived in Pensacola, Sarasota, Key West, and Ft. Lauderdale, as a Probation Officer with the Department of Corrections. He then was a high school Teacher here in Sebring then moved to Miami as an Investigator for the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. He retired after a total of 38 years of service moving (back) to Sebring to join a family who have lived here for over 40 years. Thank you for all you do Martin. The lodge greatly appreciates dedication.



"New Members"

On Thursday April 18, 2024 the Sebring Elk's Lodge #1529 proudly welcomed nine new members into the lodge. These new members are excited to meet some people, make some new friends and help give back to the community.

Pictured front L-R: Harold Bauer, Karen Dicke, Norberto Falcon, Rita Gettinger, Brenda Marshall.

Pictured back L-R: Todd Morey, Patrick Markland, Vicki Saraceno, Conna Walker.



Hands for Homeless

For the first quarter of 2024 Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 Charity Bingo collected 350 cans of food for the Hands for Homeless to help them stock their pantry. This is an ongoing effort that our members of Charity Bingo contribute to all year. It is well appreciated, and it is a great way to help our community.

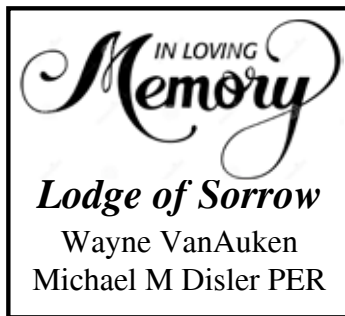


Pictured L-R: Marty Bower-Inner Guard, Bill Braylinger, Jeremiah Stone-Elks Student Volunteer, Jane Braylinger-CEO Hands for Homeless, Diane Morse-Leading Knight

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"Honorary Life Member"



BAR BINGO CHANGES

The Bar Lounge will be closed on Monday's beginning May 1, 2024. However, there will still be Bar Bingo thru Monday May 20, 2024. Then Monday Bar Bingo will be closed from Monday May 27, 2024 until Monday September 2, 2024. Bar Bingo will resume on it's regular Monday schedule beginning September 9, 2024. Monday May 27, 2024, Memorial Day both Bar Bingo and Charity Bingo will be closed.

FISHING TOURNAMENT

The Sebring Elks Lodge will again be having a Fishing Tournament on Saturday May 11th at Lake Jackson at the Sebring Elks Lodge. Registration (boat check in) starts at 5:30AM. The Tournament will begin at safe light. Weigh in will be at 1:00PM. Lunch is provided. For information please contact Joe Stockenberg at 863-441-1943.

BICYCLE RODEO and SPLASH DAY

The 7th Annual Bicycle Rodeo and Splash Day will be held on Saturday May 4, 2024 from 9-1 at 301 N. Mango Street, Sebring, FL. This event is focused on kids bicycle safety and is hosted by Sebring Fire Department, Sebring Police Department and the City of Sebring.

Sebring High School Project Graduation 2024

During the year, Project Graduation has been collecting funds for a trip to Daytona Lagoon. All high school Seniors are invited on this trip. This year the Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 donated \$1,000.00 toward this exciting project. This donation helps send 12 Seniors to the Lagoon. Any donation & monies raised that are left over will be used for gift cards, laptops and other items. These gifts will be given out during the Senior breakfast. Seniors will be able to board the buses the evening of graduation (5/25/24). If you are interested in making a donation please contact Maggie Hucke @ 863-991-0043.

Pictured L-R: Jonathan Spiegel-PER, Maggie Hucke-VP
Project Graduation, Joe Stockenberg- ER



Aktion Club of Highlands County Softball Classic

On Sunday April 14, 2024, the Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 attended the Softball Classic hosted by the Aktion Club of Highlands County. The Sebring Elks donated \$1,000.00 as a top sponsor for the tournament. This donation assisted the club with acquiring equipment and other necessities needed for the event. In addition to the donation, the Lodge's Exalted Ruler, Joe Stockenberg had the honor of throwing out the first pitch. Then the four teams took to the field to "Play Ball". The Sebring Elks is proud to continue to be a sponsor of this great and exciting event.

First picture: Joe Stockenberg- ER throwing out the first pitch.
Second picture: Blue shirts- Team Coffee News, Black shirts
L-R: Diane Morse- Leading Knight, Joe Stockenberg- ER



April Happy Birthdays

01	Tidwell, Nicholas	23
Heuerman, Linda	12	Mac Tavish, John
Wolfram, Richard	Decker, Penny	24
02	Freeman, Suzanne M	Fields, Gary
Hettinger, Jerry	15	25
Wheeler, Robert	Siver, Richard A	Para, Raymond
04	16	Shade, Susan
Adams, Gerald	Myers, William	26
Ford III, Lawrence E	17	Gossard, David
Lao, Allison	Bennett, Roy	28
05	Brown, James Andrew	Baker, Timothy
Aslin, James	Cord, Judy	Wallace, Dennis
Fonseca, Clara A	Howard, Patsy	29
Thau, Robert	18	Athman, Delores
06	Raaflaub, Richard	Riello, Basil
Brown, Edward J	19	Ruiz, Jeremias
Sullivan, Elizabeth	Jagodzinski, Robert	30
07	Luttrull, David	Clark, William H
Lakes, Linda	Simon, Albert J	Fausto, Sam
08	20	31
Alt, Jerry	Klingensmith, Stanley	Brainard, Mary
Hommerding, William	21	Holmes, Richard
09	Allison, Tara	
Vaccaro, Samuel	Dosil, Teri Ann	
11	Raposa, Louis	
Cooper, Reggie D	22	
Kipp, Richard	Carr, Michael	



Directory

OFFICE OPEN MON, TUES & THURS 9 AM TO NOON

Lodge		471-3557
Office		385-8647
Exalted Ruler	Joe Stockenberg	441-1943
Leading Knight	Diane Morse	381-2321
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Lecturing Knight	Brenda Walton	381-3104
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Inner Guard	Martin Bowers	954-425-2787
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Organist	Reggie Lemmen	446-5555
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1 Yr. Trustee	Ken Wheeler	452-6462
2 Yr. Trustee	Ron Schilffarth	273-2444
3 Yr. Trustee	Jonathan Spiegel	381-7159
Lodge Advisor	Jonathan Spiegel	381-7159
Mediator	OPEN	
Accident Prevention	Ken Wheeler	452-6462
Americanism	Diane Morse	381-2321
Auditing	Ken Wheeler	452-6462
Bar Manager	Billy Brown	540-550-1846
Bingo/Monday	Wainetta Holmes PER	214-3039
Bulletin Editor	Office	385-8647
Community Activities	Judy Hanson, PER	239-823-7859
Drug Awareness	Judy Hanson, PER	239-823-7859
Elks Training	Judy Hanson, PER	239-823-7859
Flag Day	Diane Morse	381-2321
Government Relations	Diane Morse	381-2321
Hoop Shoot	Gwen Clark	835-1233
Justice Sub Forum	OPEN	385-5139
Lapsation	Darlene Quel	385-8647
Lodge Activities	OPEN	
Lodge Decorating	Brenda Richards	443-0862
Maintenance	Buddy Richards	381-4713
Membership	OPEN	
Member Bingo	Diane Morse	381-2321
Memorial Sunday	Jonathan Spiegel	381-7159
National Foundation	Diane Morse	381-2321
Orientation	Gwen Clark	835-1233
Parliamentarian	OPEN	
Photographer	Dawn Bartolomeo	273-3436
Public Relations		
Ritual Coach	Judy Hanson, PER	239-823-7859
Scholarships	Rachel Wood	451-6116
Soccer Shoot	Judy Hanson, PER	239-823-7859
State Major Projects	Judy Hanson, PER	239-823-7859
Veterans Chairperson	Brenda Walton	863-381-3104
Lodge Historian	Buddy Richards	863-381-4713
Webmaster	Richard Vosburgh	385-7045
	Email: rmvosburgh@gmail.com	
Youth Activities		



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