

State of Florida Elk of the Year 2023 in Sebring

The Sebring Lodge #1529 is now known as the **Home of the Florida State Elks "Elk of the Year"**. This award came as a total surprise to our Exalted Ruler Jonathan Spiegel, but not to the Sebring Elks and members of the Southwest Central District. His wife, Christie, was told by the State a few days ago and she told the family. His mother, Susan, flew back from North Carolina, and his brother-in-law and sister, Richard & Juliet, kept in the background until it was announced. Other Sebring Elks in attendance were Jim and Ronna Mason, Judy Hanson, Kim O'Conner, Joe Stockenberg, and Buddy Richards.

The Sebring team worked hard Friday evening at the SWCD hospitality room, then partied that night. Prior to the announcement, Jonathan participated in the Parade of Lodges and each Lodge was to dress depicting something that the Lodge is known for. Having just had a successful Fishing Tournament, Jonathan dressed accordingly. Judy Hanson was recognized as the District Chairman for Americanism.

It is great when a person gets recognition for hard work and dedication and we at the Lodge thank our loyal members for all that you do!!



