



Port Orange Elks Lodge #2723

Orange Peel

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Exalted Ruler's Message

As August begins the social quarters is reopening! Please everyone be safe and enjoy.

Keeping in mind that our membership is primarily in the demographic that has the greatest risk from the COVID-19 virus, I have asked that the CDC guidelines be included in this month's newsletter. Please take a moment to review them and ensure that you are doing everything you can to keep yourself and your loved ones safe. The virus has impacted us and will continue to impact us for some time. A little inconvenience may mean someone will avoid a serious problem.

We hope soon to be able to resume regular business, maybe August will be the month. We have several new members awaiting orientation and initiation and a long overdue award and installation banquet from last year.

August opens up application for the grants that we hope to use for our new activities with the First Step Shelter. Lets hope that we are on the cusp of our new beginning and not another month of the 'new normal'.

It is hard to remember with everything going on but it is hurricane season, please be ready as your normal plans may not be viable under current conditions. As I write this it looks like we have made our way into a hurricane's cone of uncertainty. Be ready! As always, your lodge brothers and sisters are here for you, please reach out if you need anything.

Hope to see you all soon!

Fraternally yours,
Gary VanOpdorp
Exalted Ruler

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Our new twitter handle is @port2723
See us on Facebook at Port Orange Elks 2723



The Lodge is reopening!



The Board of Directors has voted to reopen the Lodge, effective on Monday, August 17. The door will open at 4:00pm and will remain open until 8:00pm.

The Board is requesting that our members adhere to social distancing as recommended by the CDC and the State of Florida. To this end, bar stools have been “spaced” around the bar and it is requested that additional bar stools not be added. There are more than an adequate number of tables and we encourage their use.

The Board also wants to encourage our members to wear a mask when not eating or drinking to help minimize the spread of Covid-19. We recognize that our members are all adults who are capable of making their own decisions, but no one ever intends on infecting someone else, yet our state has almost 500,000 residents who have contracted this disease.

Extra efforts have been taken to disinfect common surfaces, but if members decide to visit the Lodge they do so at their own risk. Food will be available on the days the Lodge is open; Monday, Wednesday and Friday although the menu will be limited.

We welcome everyone back as we have missed seeing you, but we do ask that you work with us to make the environment as safe as possible.

Thank you!

Social distancing only works
if we all participate.
And slowing down or preventing
the spread of the virus
will save lives.



We all are responsible for protecting
those at higher risk.

How to Protect Yourself & Others (Taken from the CDC Guidelines)

Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing serious complications from COVID-19 illness.

Know how it spreads

- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- **The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.**
- The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.
 - Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
 - Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
 - These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
 - Some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

Everyone Should Wash your hands often

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol**. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact

- **Inside your home:** Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- **Outside your home:** Put 6 feet of distance between yourself and people who don't live in your household.
 - Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread virus.
 - Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people.
 - Keeping distance from others is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when around others

- You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.
- The mask is meant to protect other people in case you are infected.
- Everyone should wear a mask in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

Cover coughs and sneezes

- **Always cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow and do not spit.
- **Throw used tissues** in the trash.
- Immediately **wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Clean and disinfect

- **Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.** This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.

Monitor Your Health Daily

- **Be alert for symptoms.** Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of **COVID-19**.
 - Especially important if you are running essential errands, going into the office or workplace, and in settings where it may be difficult to keep a physical distance of 6 feet.
 - **Take your temperature** if symptoms develop.
 - Don't take your temperature within 30 minutes of exercising or after taking medications that could lower your temperature, like a ceta-minophen.



PORT ORANGE ELKS #2723 SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The Elks National Foundation's Most Valuable Student Scholarship contest begins accepting applications on August 5, 2020. The final date for submitting a scholarship application will be in early November, the exact date has not been released at this time. Any U. S. citizen who is a senior in high school may apply for this scholarship. The Legacy Award scholarship applications will be available on September 1, 2020 and the deadline for submission is February 5, 2021. This scholarship is available to the children and grandchildren of Elk members regardless if they live in the same area as the member. More information will be giving as I receive it. If you have any questions, please contact me or Louise Lauthain.

SCHOLARSHIPS

As everyone is well aware, the Corona 19 virus has everything in limbo. At this time, I am not aware of what we will be able to do once school starts. I am waiting to hear from both Atlantic and Spruce Creek high schools.

Fraternally Yours,
Paul Leonard



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

It is with a sad heart that I report we have lost three dear members of our lodge.

Loretta Andrisano Phillips was a bartender for us passed away on June 18, 2020 after a long fight with cancer.

John Schmidt passed away of complications of COVID-19 and other health issues on July 13, 2020.

Leon Schmidt has passed away. He was a regular on Friday nights and will be missed.

Our sincere condolences go out to the families of our members.

Please keep all in your prayers as well as those that we do not know about.

Michelle Greci, Chaplain
386-788-9242 / 386-631-3063



August 2020 Friday Night Menu

Always Available: Fish—Blackened, Broiled or Fried with French Fries

We will also offer a **Mystery Sandwich** of the day!

Come out and support the lodge and see what goodness we are cooking up!



Elks Birthdays

August 2020

- 01— McDonald, Dennis
- 03— Hill, Kenneth
- 06— Violette, Richard
- 07— Dietrich, Patricia
- 07— Lewis, Larry D
- 07— Zeigler, Virginia
- 08— Heuslein, William
- 08— Watts, Eileen
- 09— Cappelle, Clifford
- 09— Parker, Gary Paul
- 11— Freeman, Joan
- 12— Smith, Richard
- 13— Peggs, Cynthia
- 16— Mowbray, Danny
- 16— Nordgren, Debra
- 17— Dreyer, William
- 18— Greene, Gary
- 19— Barongi, Frank
- 20— Knighton, Susan
- 20— Lauthain, Louise
- 21— Gregory, Judi
- 22— Freeman, Arthur
- 23— App, Adam
- 23— Burley Albert
- 23— Landers, Mary
- 23— Leisner, Robert W.
- 25— Converse, Rodney
- 25— Krajewski, Ann
- 26— Micciulla, Angelo
- 27— Clark, Glenda
- 27— Parker, Paul
- 28— Martinson, Robert
- 28— Vallar, Mario
- 29— Adamcik, Marijo
- 29— Austen, Peter
- 29— Booth, Tim
- 29— Coleman, Steven
- 29— Tamberelli, Frank J
- 31— Greci, Michelle

Members whose names appear on the birthday list are entitled to one free well drink of their choice, not to exceed \$2.75 each, at the bar.



Orange Peel Boosters

- Gladys Amos.....12/20G
- Clyde/Gerri Bennett09/20G
- In Memory of**
- Marion Bousquet.....09/20G**
- Bob Cornelius.....12/20Sm
- Nancy Epps..... 04/21G
- Robert Harris.....09/20S
- Helen Holmes.....08/20Bm
- Al Judd08/20B
- The Kuczkowskis.....12/20S
- Linda/Larry Lee.....08/20G
- Paul/Theresa Leonard.....04/21S
- Chet/Fran Masztak.....10/20G
- Dori & Tom Nash.....08/20Bm
- In Memory of**
- Bill Perry.....12/20G**
- Don Rambert.....09/20G
- Art Rauch.....10/20G
- Ed/Joyce Swanson.....12/20Sm
- In Memory of**
- June & Harry Trautman.....02/21G**
- Virginia R. Zeigler.....08/20Bm

PLEASE CHECK YOUR BOOSTER EXPIRATION STATUS, RENEW AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR YOUR LODGE!



Never Forgotten

Never Forsaken



Another month of no birthday party with our friends at Emory Bennett Nursing Home.

As soon as we are allowed...

the Veterans Birthday Party is held the 4th Friday of every month at 2:00 PM at Emory Bennett Nursing Home. Please contact Jerry Peterson at (386) 847-3086

Please include my name as a supporter of The Orange Peel Bulletin for one year at level:

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Leading Knight	Al Judd	956-9010	Americanism	Gary VanOpdorp, PER	299-3403
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			ENF/Harry Anna Trust	Angelo Cretella, PDDGER	917-449-8247
			Flag Day	Dan Theodore	322-8983
			Government Relations	Bud Pankevich	304-8909
			House Committee	Board of Directors	
			Indoctrination	Jeannette Artymovitch	492-4484
			Interlodge Visitation	Gary VanOpdorp, PER	299-3403
			Investigation	Larry Lewis, PER	295-8380
			Lodge Activities	House Committee	
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			Standing Relief	Lou Greci, PER	295-2707
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			Youth Activities	Lou Greci, PER	295-2707
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4 Year Trustee	Linda Lee, PER	383-3877			
3 Year Trustee	Daniel Black	716-969-0990			
2 Year Trustee	Larry Lewis, PER	295-8380			
1 Year Trustee	Bud Pankevich	304-8909			
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Chaplain	Michelle Greci	631-3063			
Inner Guard	Art Rauch	256-5631			
Organist	Paul Leonard	756-4348			
District Deputy	Jeff Rumler	407-402-0884			
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