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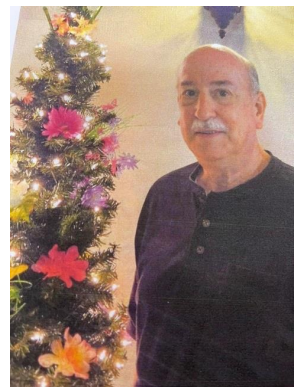
Well once again that month flew by. I can't believe we're already heading into August heat if it can get any hotter. A lot went on in July and a lot is to come in the next few months. First membership, take your card out right now and look at it please. I'll wait.... What color is the key card on the back? If it's not green, you haven't paid your dues yet. Please, it's very important for us not to lose members. Please call Peggy Monday, Tuesday or Thursday between 9 and 12 to make a credit or debit card dues payment. Life members \$56, regular \$96. Office 863-385-8647 or stop by the Lodge and press the entry button to be let in during those times. Have a friend that's an Elk? Especially if you proposed them, ask them if they've paid their dues yet. If not please encourage them to do so asap. AED unit: After I received notice from grand Lodge recommending all lodges purchase AED units, I then brought it up at a lodge meeting. It was well received and we voted to order a unit. Then our Leading Knight Diane Morse took it and ran with it. See her article.... Thank you Diane and Mike Morse, her son!! Rhonda and I attended Grand Lodge in Chicago July 4-8. What

a wonderful experience. It was an honor to represent our Lodge! Although it involved a lot and I mean a lot of walking it was well worth going, if for no other reason than to get recharged and focused on the remaining months. Every day was well planned and interesting; and we met several new friends. Nothing in the business meetings was very exceptional but still informative. One of the focuses this year is membership retention. We watched the coronation of all the new Grand Lodge officers, and some of the speeches given made me appreciate paying my dues for the past 46 years. "Ready Elks? LET'S GO!!" Is the new Grand Exalted Ruler's rally cry. I expect we'll hear a lot more of that slogan this coming year. Our Lodge had a fun family day on Saturday July 4th. I'm told the 'Family potluck on the beach' was very well attended. I got many kudos for the great time had. Thank you, great job everyone!! Lastly if anyone has any ideas to increase the bar sales please let me know. Some thoughts mentioned are more music nights even if we just throw \$25 at the juke box, Karaoke, drink specials, nightly happy hours, wing nights, trivia nights etc. Please let me know your thoughts and interest. We need to have the support to keep open beyond 8:00 PM at least on Friday and Saturday I hear complaints about our hours but if the numbers aren't there we can't justify it. So how do we get folks to hang around after bar poker? Shuffleboard is helping on Saturday but we need people sitting in bar stools also, so text or email me for what interests you or any ideas to help.

Terry Oakley, Exalted Ruler
 863-253-9523, oakleyt@live.com

August *Elk of the Month*

The Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 Elk of the Month for August is Marty Bowers. Marty has been a member for four years. He has been Lodge Treasurer for the last two years. Over the last year he suffered with medical issues and was in considerable pain, yet he did his job as Treasurer without skipping a beat. He also acts as the card shuffler on bar chip nights even while in pain. His dedication to all he does has not gone without notice. After surgery he's now regaining strength and nearly 100% again and for the most part pain free. We have that healthy Marty back now that we all grew to love and care about. Congratulations Marty!



Sebring Elks Celebrate USA 250

As America celebrated our country's 250th birthday, so did the members and guests of Sebring Elks Lodge #1529. At the lodge on Saturday, it is always a potluck and game night. But this year the Elks Veterans Committee expanded this fun Saturday night event so we could recognize this year's very special birthday of our country — the 250th! We always gather to watch the city's fireworks over Lake Jackson on special celebrations. The city did a very enhanced display of fireworks off the barge they launched from near the Elks ramp. But before that occurred, we had an expanded potluck with many folks bringing their special dishes to be shared by all. In addition, the Elks Veterans Committee set up a free ice cream bar with many toppings and flavors of ice cream. This is one way the committee wanted to say "THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US" in all our fund raisers.



The Sebring Elks Veterans Committee supports local veterans, organizations and the Highlands County Veterans Council through donations, grants and fund raisers. Our latest fund raiser was a patriotic special 250th Birthday wreath and a wine basket donation. Tickets were pulled on the 4th of July. The winners were very happy they won! In addition to helping the local veterans we are assisting, the veterans' committee is also planning to clean up the Major Thomas B. McGuire monument that is across the entrance in the parking lot. We thank everyone very much for contributing to our fund raisers.



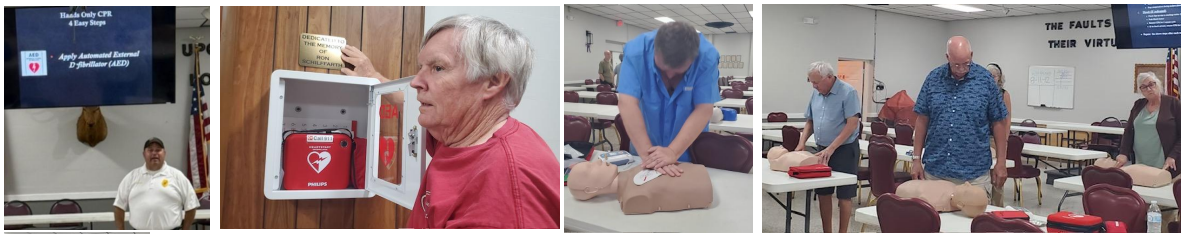
Sebring Elks Bingo Canned Food Drive

The Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 continues to collect non-perishable foods for their monthly donation to the Hands for Homeless Program. The Monday night Bingo players donated a total of 216 canned good items that they had collected for the month of June. Accepting the donation on June 29, 2026, was Jane Breylinger, CEO of the Hands for Homeless Program. She thanked all the players for their generous support in helping keep the pantry stocked with food for those in need and seeking assistance. Thank you to all the Bingo players for their continued support for this program and many other programs that the Sebring Elks assist with in our community. Pictured Left to Right: Jane Breylinger, CEO for Hands for Homeless; Diane Morse, Leading Knight; Ivonne Oyola, Lecturing Knight.



Sebring Elks Provide AED/CPR Training for Members

The Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 recently completed two training sessions for members on how to use the AED Machine that was purchased by the lodge. AED stands for automated external defibrillator and is used for those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. The overview training session was provided by Mike Morse through Highlands County Fire Rescue. Mike is a fairly new member of the lodge and stepped forward to help the lodge out with the training. He currently works for the Highlands County Sheriff's Department and also serves as Chief of the Highlands Lakes Volunteer Fire Department. Mike gave interested members an overview of the system and the need to provide life saving techniques should they encounter an emergency situation. Twenty-five members participated and many have shown an interest in completing the full CPR/AED training. This additional training will be held at a later date. The Florida State Elks have encouraged lodges to invest in this life-saving equipment in case an emergency arises within the lodge. The lodge is very appreciative of Sebring Elk Member Suzanne Schilffarth, who provided the monies to purchase the lifesaving AED device. This was done in memory of her husband Ron Schilffarth, a long-time Elk officer. Thank you, Mike, for sharing the information with the members and Suzanne for providing this life-saving equipment. This is what ELKdom is all about – sharing your experiences and talents with other members of the lodge.



ALAN JAY
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Kitchen Update: August

The kitchen will be taking a little summer break during the first two weeks of August.

Special Schedule:

- **Tuesday, August 4 & 11:** The bar will be serving hot dogs.
- **Friday, August 7 & 14:** Bring your favorite dish to share for a member potluck.

The kitchen will reopen on Tuesday, August 18.

Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in the kitchen on August 18!

Sebring Elks New Members July 2026

The Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 welcomed three new members on Thursday, July 2, 2026, during their regularly scheduled meeting. We are excited to see all the new members and eager to have them share all their experiences and talents with the lodge. Our lodge is continuing to grow in membership, and we thank each and every member for reaching out and sponsoring new members. When you see our newest Elks around the lodge, take time to welcome them, and show them what ELKdom is all about!

Pictured Left to Right: Marc Piety; Carl Buck; Peter Brewer



Peggy Alley
Lodge Secretary

Membership
Update



Orientation – August 6th at 5:30 pm
Balloting – August 6th Regular Meeting
Initiation – August 6th Regular Meeting

The following Individuals were balloted on at
The meeting held on July 2nd.

Marc Piety
Carl Buck
Peter Brewer

Lodge of Sorrow
IN LOVING *Memory*

Josephine “Jo” House Ron McDowell

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media presence.**



*The Faults of our Members We Write Upon the Sand,
Their Virtues Upon the Tablets of Love and Memory.*

Ivan Barajas – Proposed by Jennifer Whitaker

John E. Douglas – Reinstatement – Proposed by Wainetta Holmes

Carl A. Buck – Proposed by Jennifer Whitaker

Marc Piety – Proposed by Fred Hartzell

Lisa Clark – Proposed by Steve Kirouac

Derek Christian – Proposed by Kenneth Innes

Regina Blackman – Proposed by Jennifer Whitaker

Peter Brewer – Proposed by Kenneth Innes

Timothy Stewart – Transfer from Rotterdam, NY

Sue Gengle – Transfer from Bradenton, FL

Total Members 689

August Happy Birthdays

01 James E. Goins	Edward Mulchy	Cheryl Green
John Sciacca	Vicki Pontius	Laura Muth
02 Peggy Densford	Vicki Saraceno	Joe Riggins
Jonathan Spiegel	12 Donna Howeton	24 James Moran
03 Richard Llewellyn	Ronald McMichael	Miriam Ramirez
Jeff Stewart	13 Wanda Reeves	Christin Saunders
04 Reginald Barnes	14 Buddy Hayes	25 Dennis Green
Frederick Friedal	Eloise Ross	26 John Pinna
05 B. Elizabeth Draughon	15 Theodore Fink	Stacey Weeks
Zach C. Reeves	Eric Hurst	27 Tammy Grills
06 Tina Arseneau	16 Charles Mercer	Daniel Harper
Michael Bateman	Marc Piety	Jon Sirois
Lynette Pickup	Amanda Woodham	Carie Ward
07 Ronald A. Boltze	17 Tara Vickory	28 Joseph Scola
08 Edward F. Guerin	Peggy Walker	29 Rebecca Helms
Robert Sargent	18 Ronnie Brown	30 Beverly Sykes
09 Robert Alley	19 Andrew Dean	31 Tony Bassett
Wainetta Holmes	Aniel Valdez Diaz	Bruce Lybarger
Pamela Kaye Wood	20 Harold Bauer	
10 John L. Chappel	Hilda Carro-Hernandez	
Larry Haymaker	Francis Vega	
11 Brett Bernardo	21 Donald L. Bollinger	
Christine R. LaClaire	Buddy Richards	
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Tiler	Sid Gillilan	381-3619
Inner Guard	Gail Zemper	231-313-815
Esquire	Sam Schroeder	440-567-0617
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2 Yr. Trustee	Ken Wheeler	257-2706
3 Yr. Trustee	Bonnie Lennox	410-299-0444
Lodge Advisor	Jonathan Spiegel	381-7159
Mediator	OPEN	
Accident Prevention	Sam Schroeder	440-567-0617
Americanism	Diane Morse	381-2321
Auditing	Wainetta Holmes	863-214-3039
Bar Manager	Billy Brown	540-550-1846
Bingo/Monday	Wainetta Holmes PER	214-3039
Bulletin Editor	Rebecca Brownell	381-9193
Community Activities	Diane Morse	381-2321
Drug Awareness	Diane Morse	381-2321
Elks Training	Sam Schroeder	440-567-0617
Flag Day	Brenda Walton	863-381-3104
Government Relations	Ken Wheeler	863-452-6462
Hoop Shoot	Gwen Clark	835-1233
Justice Sub Forum	Cliff Rhoades	863-381-2400
Lapsation	Terry Oakley	253-9523
Lodge Activities	Christie Spiegel	381-8856
Lodge Decorating	Rhonda Oakley	253-9847
Maintenance	Buddy Richards	381-4713
Membership	Terry Oakley	253-9523
Member Bingo	Diane Morse	381-2321
Memorial Sunday	Jonathan Spiegel	381-7159
National Foundation	Diane Morse	381-2321
Orientation	Terry Oakley	253-9523
Parliamentarian	OPEN	
Photographer	Rebecca Brownell	381-9193
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Scholarships	Diane Morse	863-381-2321
Soccer Shoot	Dane Kelsey	863-214-1859
State Major Projects	Wainetta Holmes, PER	214-3039
Veterans Chairperson	Brenda Walton	863-381-3104
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Youth Activities	OPEN	



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Arlene Griffin – in Memory of James E. Griffin, PER

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