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Submitted by: Samantha Bergeron



Edgewater – New Smyrna Beach Elks Lodge #1557

SEPTEMBER 2026



YOU ARE INVITED TO A NIGHT AT
EDGEWATER-NEW SMYRNA BEACH
ELKS LODGE #1557
AS WE WELCOME

ECD VP
Wayne Becraft
Saturday, September 19th

5 PM Drinks & Appetizers
6:00 PM Dinner:
Sweet and sour chicken, coconut rice, grilled mixed vegetable,
Hawaiian rolls with butter and dessert.



\$15.00 per person. Reservations required
820 W Park Avenue Edgewater, FL 32132
RSVP to 386-427-2512 (option 2) by 9/14
or purchase your tickets online
<https://square.link/u/13uAiti9>

Sept. 7



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SEPTEMBER 11TH
Annual Commemorative Ceremony

FIRE STATION 55
WORLD TRADE CENTER MONUMENT

★ FRIDAY SEPT 11TH	1605 S. RIDGEWOOD AVE EDGEWATER	8:20AM TO 9:00AM
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We Will Never Forget

FOR MORE INFORMATION: specialevents@cityofedgewater.org or (386) 424-2400 ext 7207

Elks Care Elks Share



SERVICE AND SACRIFICE
REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001
25TH ANNIVERSARY
REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026
DOORS OPEN AT 8:00AM
CEREMONY BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 8:46AM
BRANNON CENTER
105 S RIVERSIDE DR, NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FL 32168

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EDGEWATER-NEW SMYRNA BEACH
ELKS LODGE #1557

Breakfast Buffet



Sunday, September 20

9 AM-10:30 AM
Serving all your
breakfast favorites

820 W Park
Avenue,
Edgewater FL
386-427-2512
(option 2)



**CONNECT
COMPLETE
SUCCEED**

Nov. 7



EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT



**RITUAL COMPETITION
TEAM PRACTICE**

PREPARING FOR THE FLORIDA ELKS STATE CONVENTION IN MAY

ELKS RITUAL...
IT'S MORE THAN JUST WORDS,
IT'S OUR HERITAGE,
& WHAT MAKES US ELKS.
*Come see what it's
all about!*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH
AT 11:30AM

**EDGEWATER-NSB
LODGE 1557**

FEATURING TWO SPECIAL TRADITIONS:

 THE 11 O'CLOCK TOAST A SOLID TOAST TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS	 THE FLAG CHARGE A TRIBUTE TO OUR FLAG AND OUR COUNTRY
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★ **ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME & ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND** ★

★ IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF THE ECD RITUAL TEAM, WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US! ★

★ **ALSO, EDGEWATER-NSB
WILL SERVE BREAKFAST FROM 9 UNTIL 11.** ★

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**EXALTED RULER'S CORNER MICHAEL "MIKE" HAYES**

To My Fellow Members,

The future and strength of our Lodge depend on every member. On May 23, 2029, our Lodge will celebrate 100 years of dedication to Elkdom! While that milestone might seem far away, time moves quickly, and we need to build our volunteer team today to ensure we get there strong.

During orientations and initiations, we heard that we have many talented chefs in our ranks, and now is the time to step forward and assist. We are looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen for just one Sunday a month. This small commitment makes a massive difference in keeping our Lodge vibrant as we march toward our centennial celebration.

Plus, Sunday football is right around the corner, and the Lodge will have the NFL package once again! You can come on in, watch your favorite team, and support your Lodge. Please consider stepping up to help in the kitchen as a chef so we can enjoy the games and keep our community thriving together.

Beyond Sundays, demonstrate your talent in the kitchen on a Friday evening by serving your favorite meal! This is another great way to get involved in your Lodge.

As requested in several monthly newsletters and our weekly email blasts, we need assistance with creating fun, low-cost events for Friday evenings.

If you are interested in cooking a Friday meal, Sunday brunch, or helping us plan these events, please reach out to me via cell, text, or email: Michael J. Hayes, PER, ER at flmjhayes@gmail.com or 386-547-1916.

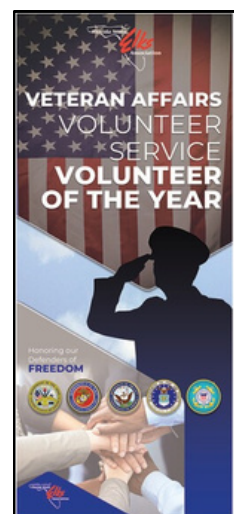
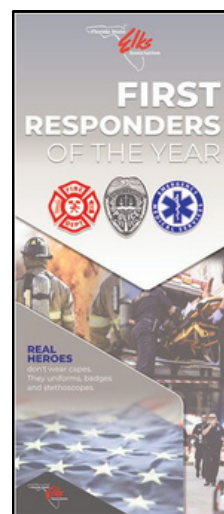


Click on each banner below to learn more

Fraternally Yours,

Michael "Mike" Hayes

Exalted Ruler, PER
386-547-1916
flmjhayes@gmail.com





MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

Elks Support for Veterans: The Elks Veterans Leather Program

The question of whether the Elks support veterans come up frequently, and the answer is a resounding yes. One notable initiative is the Elks Veterans Leather Program, which demonstrates the organization's ongoing commitment to those who have served.

Collecting and Preparing Leather Hides

Elk's members and volunteers across nine states participate in the collection and preparation of leather hides. During the 25/26 lodge year, they gathered a total of 9,460 hides. Once collected, these hides are consolidated and transported to a tannery, where they are processed and finished.

Handmade Wheelchair Gloves for Veterans

A significant portion of the finished leather is sent to a glovemaker located in New York. Each pair of gloves produced is handmade with care and precision. In the past year, the Elks distributed 2,252 pairs of wheelchair gloves to veterans, providing them with valuable support and comfort.

Donations to Help Heal Veterans

Leather not used for gloves is donated to Help Heal Veterans, a longstanding partner organization. This leather is utilized to create free craft kits for veterans throughout the country. These kits serve multiple purposes: they aid in physical therapy, improve concentration, and give veterans a sense of accomplishment through creative activity.

For 158 years, the Elks have served communities across the country. Yes, Elks Care, Elks Share.

Community Giving and Volunteer Dedication

Last year, our lodge donated more than \$20,000 to a variety of charitable organizations within our local community. This achievement is particularly noteworthy given our modest membership numbers and the limited group of volunteers who make these generous contributions possible.

While many of us lead busy lives—personally, I am often occupied with the responsibilities of caring for an 84-year-old loved one—it is still possible to find time to support an organization that means so much to us. True contribution extends beyond financial donations. It includes personal investment of time and the unique talents each member brings; all directed toward the greater good of our lodge and the community we serve.

Supporting the Elks National Foundation

Even if you find yourself limited by time, health, or talent, there are still meaningful ways to make a difference within our lodge. One simple yet impactful action is donating \$10.00 to the Elks National Foundation, which is conveniently listed on our annual dues statement. Sadly, only 39 members contributed this past year.

It is important for our lodge to meet the Grand Exalted Ruler, Timothy Jaeger's, per capita goal of \$5.25 per member. Achieving this target not only fulfills our obligation but also enables us to qualify for larger grants from the Grand Lodge, which can further support our charitable efforts. As the Grand Exalted Ruler encourages, "READY ELKS—LET'S GO!"

It is not too late to make the Elks National Foundation donation.

Fraternally Yours,

Lorraine Cevaseo

Secretary





East Central District Vice President Wayne Becraft Visit Schedule

September 5, 2026 – Sanford
 September 19, 2026 – Edgewater
 October 3, 2026 – Palm Coast
 October 17, 2026 – Port Orange
 October 31, 2026 – Ormond Beach
 December 12, 2026 - Titusville

PAST EXALTED RULERS ASSOCIATION

Chair, Michael Hayes, PER
 Brandon Smith, PER
 Marti Miller, PER
 Bobbi Savasuk, PER
 Larry Skates, PDDGER
 Vinny Alianiello, PDDGER
 Paul Weiss, PER
 Amy Schaidt, PER
 John Sterio, PER
 Rick Phelps, PER
 Bruce Young, PER

Join Us! COMMITTEES

Accident Prevention	Robert Barlow
Army of Hope	Mike Hayes, PER
Americanism	Samantha Bergeron
Bar Manager	Jenny Saylor
Bingo	Beth Outlaw & Jan McGee
Drug Awareness	Brandon Smith, PER
Harry Anna Trust Fund	Mike Hayes, PER
Hoop Shoot	Tyler Rosenke
House Committee	Mike Hayes, PER
Horn Publication	Samantha Bergeron
Kitchen Manager	OPEN
Membership / Investigation	Mike Hayes, PER
Orientation	Tracey Barlow
Publicity	Marti Miller, PER
ENF	Vinnie Alianiello, PDDGER
Veterans Services	Michelle Bilello
ENF Scholarships	Samantha Bergeron

Leadership 2026 - 2027

Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	Michael "Mike" Hayes, PER
Leading Knight	Lillian "Lilli" Sheller
Loyal Knight	Michelle Bilello
Lecturing Knight	Samantha Bergeron
Secretary	Lorraine Cevasco
Treasurer	Brandon Smith, PER
1 Year Trustee	Vinnie Alianiello, PDDGER
2 Year Trustee	Tracey Barlow
3 Year Trustee	Marti Miller, PER
4 Year Trustee	Doug McPhaul
5 Year Trustee	Tom Bilello
Esquire	Duane Deardurff
Inner Guard	Dave Klinger
Tiler	OPEN
Chaplain	Larry Skates, PDDGER
Lodge Advisor	Vinnie Alianiello, PDDGER



Elks Care Elks Share

Elks Lodge #1557 Friday Night Dinners



EDGEWATER-NEW SMYRNA BEACH ELKS LODGE #1557

COZY ITALIAN *Dinner*



LASAGNA SERVED WITH A SIDE SALAD AND GARLIC BREAD. FINISH YOUR MEAL OFF WITH DELICIOUS BIRTHDAY CAKE

**CELEBRATING PER LARRY SKATES
90TH BIRTHDAY.**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH
5 PM-7:30 PM

\$12.00 MEMBER/\$14.00 GUEST
RESERVATIONS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED



820 W. PARK AVENUE, EDGEWATER, 386-427-2512 (OPTION 2)



EDGEWATER-NEW SMYRNA BEACH
ELKS LODGE #1557

FLOUNDER DINNER



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH
5 PM-7:30 PM

Your choice of broiled or fried flounder,
served with vegetable medley, rice pilaf and
caesar salad.

\$14.00 members/ \$16.00 guests

Reservations Strongly encouraged
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820 W Park Avenue, Edgewater FL



Edgewater-New
Smyrna Beach Elks
Lodge #1557



You're invited to Beth's

CHICKEN ENCHILADA DINNER



Chicken Enchilada dinner served with Mexican rice,
refried beans, salad and homemade flan
\$12 Member/ \$14.00 Guest

Friday, September 18th 5:00-7:30
Reservations Strongly Encouraged
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EDGEWATER- NEW SMYRNA BEACH ELKS
LODGE #1557

SMOKED BEEF BRISKET



Smoked beef brisket served with seasoned greens,
baked beans and pasta salad
\$14.00 Members/ \$16.00 Guests

Friday September 25th
5:00 PM-7:30 PM
Reservations strongly encouraged
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820 W Park Avenue, Edgewater FL



SEPTEMBER 2026

Edgewater - New Smyrna Beach Elks Lodge #1557

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Mahjong 11-2 BINGO 6PM Social Qts Open 4-9 <i>Soft Tip Darts- Pool</i>	2 Social Qts Open 4-9 <i>BOD & HOUSE 5:00 LODGE 6:30</i>	3 Social Qts Open 4-7 <i>Steel Tip Darts Pool</i>	4 Social Qts Open 4-9 <i>FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER LASAGNA</i> LCR 6P	5 Closed Rental - HOG VP Visit Sandord Lodge
6 Closed for Maintenance & Cleaning	7 Closed <i>Labor DAY</i>	8 Mahjong 11-2 BINGO 6PM Social Qts Open 4-9 <i>Soft Tip Darts- Pool</i>	9 Social Qts Open 4-7	10 Social Qts Open 4-8 <i>Steel Tip Darts Pool</i>	11 <i>Patriot DAY</i> Social Qts Open 4-9 <i>FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER DENNIS' FLOUNDER BROILED OR FRIED LCR 6P</i>	12 Closed
13 Sunday Funday NOON	14 Closed	15 Mahjong 11-2 BINGO 6PM Social Qts Open 4-9 <i>Soft Tip Darts- Pool</i>	16 Social Qts Open 4-9 <i>BOD & HOUSE 5:00 LODGE & 6:30</i>	17 Social Qts Open 4-8 Rental Elegant Manor	18 Social Qts Open 4-9 <i>FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER BETH'S ENCHILADAS</i> LCR 6P	19 VP Visit Dinner Our Lodge tickets \$15
20 BREAKFAST 9 - 10:30 <i>RITUAL MTG 11:30</i> Sunday Funday NOON	21 Closed	22 Mahjong 11-2 BINGO 6PM Social Qts Open 4-9 <i>Soft Tip Darts- Pool</i>	23 Social Qts Open 4-7	24 Social Qts Open 4-8 <i>Pool</i>	25 Social Qts Open 4-9 <i>FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER DENNIS' BRISKET</i> LCR 6P	26 Closed
27 Sunday Funday NOON	28 Closed	29 Mahjong 11-2 BINGO 6PM Social Qts Open 4-9 <i>Soft Tip Darts- Pool</i>	30 Social Qts Open 4-7			

Events, times and dates subject to change. Check weekly
blasts for up-to-date information or call 386-427-2512;
Option 1 Office; Option 2 Social Quarters.
Be sure to leave a message with a call back number.



LEFT • RIGHT • CENTER
Weekly Game Night!
EVERY FRIDAY
6:00 PM

Join us for a fun, fast-paced dice game everyone loves!

HOW TO PLAY

- ✓ \$5.00 to Play 1st Game
- ✓ \$3.00 to Play 2nd & 3rd Games
- ✓ Roll the Dice
- ✓ Pass Left, Right or Center
- ✓ Last Player Wins the Pot!

WHO CAN PLAY?

- ✓ Easy to Learn
- ✓ No Experience Needed

WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

- ✓ Lots of Laughs
- ✓ Quick Rounds
- ✓ Great Company
- ✓ Big Fun for Small Stakes!

EDGE WATER - NEW SMYRNA BEACH ELKS LODGE
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BINGO
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
(18 years or older)

EVERY TUESDAY
Doors open at 5:00
Games start at 6:00

EDGEWATER/NEW SMYRNA BEACH ELKS LODGE #1557
820 W. Park Avenue, Edgewater
Specialty Games, Pull Tabs, 50/50, and Powerball

Come cool off and join the fun!
(386) 427-2512

BIRTHDAY BINGO BASH
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
(18 years or older)

LAST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
Doors open at 5:00 PM
Games start at 6:00 PM

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Celebrate Monthly Birthdays!

Specialty Games • Pull Tabs • 50/50 • Powerball
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Come celebrate, cool off and join the fun!
Free treat for birthday guests!

Elks Care Elks Share

EDGE WATER - NEW SMYRNA BEACH ELKS LODGE #1557

TUESDAYS AT
EDGEWATER-NEW SMYRNA BEACH ELKS LODGE #1557
Doors Open at 11 AM
Lunch Served 11 AM - 2 PM

MAHJONG
NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

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EDGEWATER-NEW SMYRNA BEACH Elks Lodge #1557

Sunday Funday
Hours Noon - 7 PM
Kitchen open Noon - 6

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Edgewater-New Smyrna Beach
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KITCHEN VOLUTEERS NEEDED WEEKLY!

Volunteer 1 hour or 5 all types of volunteers are needed

Friday night dinners need volunteer cooks, servers, door person, dishwashers and more.

We operate 100% by volunteers in our kitchen!!!!



What Is Our Purpose?

Elks Care Elks Share

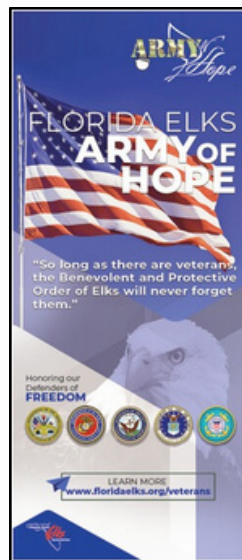
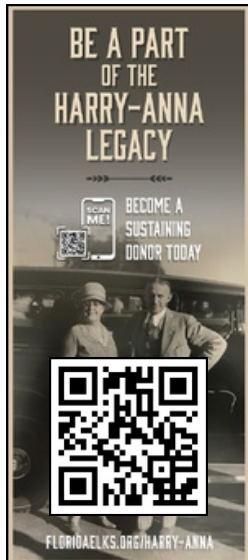
This Fraternal Order was founded "To promote and practice the four cardinal virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American Patriotism and cultivate good fellowship.

What Do ELKS Do?

The Order spends more than \$80,000,000 every year for benevolent, educational and patriotic community-minded programs in such fields as benefitting special needs children, sponsoring Elks National Foundation scholarships, scouting, athletic teams, veterans' works, a national "Hoop Shoot" free-throw contest involving more than 3 million children, physical and occupational therapy programs and patriotic programs.

The youth of our country have always been important to the Order. It is for this reason the Elks Drug Awareness Education Program was launched to warn primary grade students and their parents of the dangers in drug use. Additionally, every lodge observes June 14th as Flag Day, a tradition which the Elks began in 1907 and was later adopted by the Congress as an official observance.

How Does Our Lodge Support Our Community? Click on each banner to learn more



Gifts of Love Food Bank
Compassion Without Borders

Our Lodge supports Gifts of Love Food Bank with Grant funds and provides the location to provide food to the needy families of our community. In July 2026, Gifts of Love provided 1,934 people with food as well as provided 890 Hi-Five food bags to school children.

Thursdays 9 AM to 2 PM
giftsoflove2004@gmail.com

THE *Jason Raynor* FOUNDATION

For the second year in a row, Edgewater-New Smyrna Beach Lodge #1557 hosted the Jason Raynor Foundation Annual Ride.

It Takes ALL of Us to Make A Difference! Get Involved Today!

Membership Meetings are the first & third Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 PM.

(Exceptions: July 3rd Wed Only, August 1st Wed. Only, and December 1st Wed. Only)

Board of Directors & House Committee Meetings are same as Membership meeting nights at 5:00 PM

See Monthly Calendar, Weekly Blasts and FaceBook for Events! Call: 386-427-2512

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Thanks to All that Make The Horn Possible

SILVER HORN BOOSTERS

Earl Anderson
Lynn Arnold-Seeger
Beth Besaw
Robert Blomquist
Dave Cevasco
Daniel Crooker
William Diggins
Bruce Gates
Anthony Lumenello
Brian Lytle
James A. May
Tom Nawn
Joe Osborne, Jr.
Bob Pomfret
John Reichel, Jr.
Amy Thurber-Schaidt, PER
Stephen Seeger
Arlene Tilson
Allen Winterwerp

GOLD HORN BOOSTERS

Earl Anderson
Laurie Barlow
Tracey Barlow
Bill Bell
Dee Bell
Samantha Bergeron
Wayne Besaw
Billy Broyles
Susan Condon
Thomas Dever
Kenneth Ewing
Gloria Ferris
William Gintz
Dolores Gintz
Michael Hayes, ER/PER
Sammie Hartwell
Earl Hurrey
Don Jackson
Paul Labieniec
Beth Outlaw
Lisa Rabits
Adolfo Salcedo
Bobbi Savacuk, PER
Gwendolyn Schroeder
Michael Shaffer
Raymond Shambora
Larry Skates, PDDGER
Marci Skates
Brandon Smith, PER
John Sterio, PER
Larry Stratton
Louis Walter
Terry Westphal

Annual Horn Sponsorships:

Gold Sponsor \$25 ____

Silver Sponsor \$10 ____

Lodge of Sorrow

Please submit to Lodge Secretary

Sickness & Distress

Is Always in Order

Billy Broyles

Happy Birthday!

RUBY MAXAM 01

CORY CARTER 02

RICK ORR 03

WILLIAM PATTERSON 03

SHANE RICKS 04

JOHN ENGELHARDT 06

DUANE DEARDURFF 07

DANA DOVER 08

GWENDOLYN SCHROEDER 08

LARRY SKATES 08

SHARON SENUTA 10

LOUISE WRIGHT 11

SAMANTHA BERGERON 12

BRUCE GATES 12

WILLIAM SMITH 12

DOROTHY CHMIELEWSKI 13

AUSTIN RUSCOE 13

LISA BERNDT 16

RAYMOND MCVICKER 17

ANGELINA BRONDON 8

JEFFREY JULIAN 18

MARILYN STEPHENS 18

THOMAS BUECHEL 20

GARY MARLBOROUGH 20

RAYMOND SHAMBORA 20

ANGELA SWIST 22

JUSTIN RINDONE 24

LYNNE GARBER 26

PETER STANTON 7

SEAN O'GRADY 29

JUSTIN NICKELS 30





REMINDERS - SAVE THE DATES

Sept. 13: Elks Day at the Rays, St. Petersburg, FL
 Sept. 24 - 26: F.L.O.E. Conference, Hard Rock, DB
 Oct. 17: Navigating Autism Gala, Embassy Suites, WPB
 Oct. 21 - 23: Fall Trust Fund Seminar, Umatilla, FL
 Nov. 12 - 14: Mid Year Convention, Rosen, Orlando
 Jan. 9, 2027: State Soccer Shoot, Umatilla, FL
 Jan 23 - 24: Area 3 Reg. Soccer Shoot, Umatilla, FL
 Feb. 4 - 6: February Quarterly, Umatilla, FL
 Feb 20: State Hoop Shoot, Umatilla, FL
 Mar 12 - 14: Officer Training Seminar, Rosen
 April 3 - 4: State Golf Tournament, Sebring, FL
 April 17 - 19: FLOE Ladies Weekend, FEYC, Umatilla, FL
 April 28 - 30: Spring Trust Fund Seminar, Umatilla, FL



Theme: "A Healthy Me Is Drug Free"

Rules:

The contest is open to all 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students. **Participants must write their essay themselves**, but they may get help from teachers, parents, or friends in the form of ideas.

Due date: January 31, 2027

To Learn More:

<https://floridaelks.org/drug-awareness>

Mandatory Events

Sept. 19 District Deputy Visit
 Oct. 15 Committee Reports Due
 Nov. Elks Veterans Remembrance Month
 Dec. 6 Elks Memorial Service
 Feb. Elks Harry Anna Trust Fund Month
 Feb. Nominations & Elections Officers

Americanism Essay Contest

2026 - 2027 Theme

"Explain a Constitutional Right or Privilege and How It Affects You and Your Family."

Contest open to 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grade students.

Due Date: January 31, 2027

<https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/downloads.cfm>

How and Where to Get TIPS Certified and Food Safe Certificatons

- <https://www.360training.com/course/florida-food-handler-training>
- <https://www.360training.com/blog/tips-certification>

May 1 - 3

LINK TO FLORIDA ELKS 5-YEAR CALENDAR

[HTTPS://FLORIDAEELKS.ORG/IMAGES/STORIES/FSEA/PDF/5-YR-MTG-SCH-FSEA-10-13-25.PDF](https://FLORIDAEELKS.ORG/IMAGES/STORIES/FSEA/PDF/5-YR-MTG-SCH-FSEA-10-13-25.PDF)



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