



INVERNESS ELKS LODGE #2522

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Message from Exalted Ruler

July flew by even faster than June!

We began the month with another well-attended Fourth of July picnic while I was in Chicago attending the Elks National Convention. This year's Convention marked the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Elks National Memorial. The convention schedule was packed, but I was finally able to catch the shuttle and see it in person. Words can barely describe the craftsmanship and beauty of the building. If you are ever in Chicago, the Elks National Memorial should be on your list of must-see sites.

Our August meeting will include some important activity. We will be electing a new five-year Trustee and discussing a significant donation to a local charitable organization. As always, please plan to attend and provide your input as we continue to make decisions that affect our Lodge.

We also have plenty of opportunities to volunteer in the coming weeks. In addition to our usual need for help in the kitchen and at Bingo concessions, we will be visiting Citrus County Blessings to help prepare food bags for children, hosting and cooking for the annual Purple Heart Breakfast, assembling the school backpacks we distribute to children in need of school supplies, and beginning preparations for Dragon Boat Day on November 7th. And that's just the beginning! If you want to make a difference in our Lodge and our community, please volunteer and lend a hand.

Our First Friday Social this month will provide another opportunity to support your Lodge while enjoying a reasonably priced meal with fellow members. I hope you can join us. Please sign up in the Lounge. I also had the privilege of naming Judy Horton as our August Elk of the Month. Judy does a great deal for our Lodge and is an excellent example of the difference we can make as Elks. When you see her, please be sure to offer your congratulations.

Our membership continues to grow, and that growth allows us to increase our impact in the community. Think about who you know who might make a great Elk and invite them to come in for a visit. You value being an Elk member—why wouldn't they?

Check the calendar, find something fun, and come see us at the Lodge. We'll see you there!

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Inner Guard: Rick Howe

Secretary: Carol Graf

Treasurer: Diane Jones

Tiler: Jon Bell

 IMPORTANT DATES:	 ORIENTATION ★ MONDAY AUGUST 3RD — AT 6PM —	 INITIATION ★ DURING LODGE MEETING TUESDAY AUGUST 11TH — AT 7PM —
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House Committee announces new Liquor and Beer Pricing

Inflation is impacting all of us and the Lodge is no different. We have held off for as long as we could justify but it is time to adjust our liquor and beer prices. Effective August 1st we will be making updates to our liquor and beer prices. Some prices will stay the same, some will go up and some will go down.

Thank you,
Amy Hoffmeyer
House Committee Chairman



Exalted Ruler Bob Hoffmeyer presented Judy Horton as August elk of the month. Judy is always willing to help whenever and wherever needed. Judy not only keeps up with all of our sickness and distress but helps in the kitchen and sells our queen of hearts tickets every week! Thank you for all that you do!

Veterans corner



The Lodge Veterans Committee is active in the community and involved in a variety of initiatives:

On behalf of the needy Veterans in the county, thank you for the continued donation of non-perishable food items to the Veterans Coalition which runs the Veterans Foodbank; It goes along way. Recently, the Adopt-A-Veteran Program was kickoff with the New Horizons Assisted Living Facility in Inverness. While the numbers change frequently, at last count there were three Veterans there who have no family in the area until now; the Elks will never forget them. Lodge Veterans Committee members Mike Orndorff and Richard Bass installed a new Flagpole and Flags in front of the facility. Veterans Committee member Carol Graf has been representing the Lodge at a Community Partnership Initiative spearheaded by the American Legion Post 155 in Crystal River. Our continued support to the homeless Veterans is with the group. On October 24, at the Legion Post there will be a Veterans Stand Down Event, and we will co-occupy a table with the West Citrus Lodge offering service information and much needed personal hygiene items.

PURPLE HEART RECOGNITION BREAKFAST:

At 9:00am on August 15, 2026, the Inverness Lodge #2522 will host the Purple heart Chapter 776 annual ceremony with breakfast. This is a wonderful opportunity to pay respect to our true American heroes.



Exalted Ruler Bob Hoffmeyer presented more of our members with a “you make a difference” pin for all of their hardwork and dedication to the lodge. These members go above and beyond to help the lodge in every way they can.



From L to R (Exalted Ruler Bob Hoffmeyer, Sally Torres, Mike Orndorff, Dick Bass and Richard Grosnick)

A Word from our ENF Chairman

We will, for the 13th year in a row complete our annual “Backpacks for Success” program this month.

August 5th – 3:00 to 5:00 we will be unpacking and organizing supplies

August 6th – 10:00 to Noon we will be loading backpacks and preparing them for delivery. In the afternoon, we will be delivering the school supplies to our partners Finally, the morning of August 7th we will be delivering supplies to area schools

We can always use a few more volunteers. Please call or text Richard Grosnick at 352-817-1729 to volunteer.

GET INVOLVED IN OUR LODGE!

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We are *always* in need of
VOLUNTEERS



Reach out to us
via phone or email
to find out how
you can help



support our
community.



WELCOME to our NEW MEMBERS

★
of INVERNESS ELKS LODGE 2522



Back row Left to right (Leslie Brill, David Cunningham, Richard Mahfuz, Jeannette Britt, Marianne Hamilton, Tim Hamilton)

Front row (Exalted Ruler Bob Hoffmeyer, Nancy Smart)

Read the Proposed Policy to be Decided at the August Lodge Meeting

Exalted Ruler Robert Hoffmeyer formed a committee that included himself, Anthony Kopka, PER Richard Grosnick, and Donna Listopad. It was charged to review the charitable contributions and other donations made by the Lodge and to prepare a policy that the Lodge can use to determine all future charitable contributions. The committee met twice and had reported on its deliberations to the June and July Lodge Meetings. Now it is time for Lodge members to review the policy being proposed, consider any amendments, and decide by majority vote what our charitable giving and donation policy will be. After all your donations to our Charity Fund, monies raised by different Lodge groups or committees, the grants that we receive, and the very substantial estate legacies left to our Lodge from deceased members, they all deserve careful stewardship and responsible deliberations before being withdrawn and donated. This policy will help ensure such.

In looking at all the different ways our Lodge makes donations to assist, support, and partner with charitable organizations, helping agencies, and veteran or school or Scout or youth athletic or other community groups, the committee determined that the Lodge should set donation tiers. This is especially important for very large donations in order to be sure our contributions are being used wisely, efficiently, and the money serves to make the greatest impact possible to benefit people in Citrus County. Here is the policy being proposed (*and remember, any Lodge Meeting in the future can make changes to the money tiers and this policy*):

For donations of **\$3,000 Or More**, as approved at a Lodge Meeting, the receiving entity Must have: 501(c)(3) certification and a functioning, responsible Board of Directors; a local mission to benefit people of Citrus County with no religious requirements for its clients; a record of solvency, of success in its mission, and of efficient use of funding it receives; Must not use the donation toward debt, administration costs, or salaries, having a structure to pay its employees; Should have a succession plan for leadership, a donor base and volunteer base—to show it has sustainability.

For donations of **\$501 to \$2,999**, as approved at a Lodge Meeting, the receiving entity Must have: 501(c)(3) certification with or without a Board of Directors; a local mission to benefit people of Citrus County and/or the Nature Coast region; a record of solvency, of success in its mission, and of efficient use of funding it receives; Must not have religious requirements for its clients; Should have a volunteer base.

For donations of **\$500 Or Less**, as approved at a Lodge Meeting, the receiving entity Must be a reputable Charity or a reputable Group that benefits people of Citrus County

4th of July Picnic

HAPPY August BIRTHDAYS!

Wishing you a wonderful year ahead!

★ AUGUST 1	★ AUGUST 12	★ AUGUST 23
• Theresa Leitner	• Bobby Brewer	• Emily Cody
• Robert Massura	• Arthur Clark Jr	• Debi Davis
• John Savage	• Robert Fulwider	• Melissa Hassan
	• Kristina Jones	• Thomas Richards
★ AUGUST 2	★ AUGUST 13	★ AUGUST 24
• LeRoy Brice	• Tim Hamilton	• Edward Scheffler
• Donald Copple		★ AUGUST 25
• Dennis McLaughlin		• Dennis Dunfield
★ AUGUST 3	★ AUGUST 15	★ AUGUST 26
• Sam Paulson	• Raleigh McQueen Jr.	• Linda Higginbotham
★ AUGUST 4	★ AUGUST 16	• Donald Staley
• Sean Mc Laughlin	• Juanita Emrich	
• Steven Miller	• Don Werner	★ AUGUST 28
★ AUGUST 5	★ AUGUST 18	• John Devine
• Janice Shaver	• Walter Daum	• John Withkowski
• Kevin Sheen	• Ruekeyta Gaskin	★ AUGUST 29
• Jason Simmons	★ AUGUST 19	• Rocky Hensley
★ AUGUST 8	• Barbara Dodd	• Michael LaSalle
• Scott Gaeta	★ AUGUST 20	★ AUGUST 30
• Thomas Hennessy	• John Depp	• Debra Clark
• Scott Jones	• Lary Downing	• James DuBois
• Kim Rossman	• Thomas Maslowski	• Pat Guthrie
★ AUGUST 9	★ AUGUST 21	• Barbara Love
• Alan Lanthier	• Nori Fey	• Mark McClurg
★ AUGUST 10	• Dennis Guenther	★ AUGUST 31
• Norman Parker	• John Kuhlman	• Jannette Britt
★ AUGUST 11	★ AUGUST 22	• Randall Stevens
• Richard King	• Kevin Cunningham	
• John Monier		
• Laurie Parrott		
• Jerry Schaaf		

Let's celebrate you!



Pictures from the National Convention



The time capsule that was opened, the original Jolly Corks Charter, photo of the original Jolly Corks members

A meeting room at the National Headquarters, Bob and Amy representing Inverness Lodge while working the Florida State Elks Association booth, the BPOE logo was a popular spot to take photos.