



INVERNESS ELKS LODGE #2522

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

★ NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT | FLORIDA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION | CHARTERED IN INVERNESS ON DECEMBER 14, 1974 ★



Message from Exalted Ruler

I am proud of what Inverness Elks Lodge #2522 has accomplished and, most importantly, proud of the members who make it happen. Every day, members give their time, talents, and energy to support our Veterans, our community, and the many charitable causes we serve.

As we look ahead, we have an opportunity to build on that success and make an already strong Lodge even better. Each of us has something valuable to contribute, whether through volunteering, supporting an event, serving on a committee, welcoming a new member, or simply being involved.

We should always remember why we are Elks. We support our Veterans, help local charities, provide opportunities for our youth, assist those in need, and strengthen the community around us. We also provide friendship and fellowship and a place where members can enjoy being part of something bigger than themselves. These are the things that give our work meaning.

Our leaders and committees play an important role in making that mission a reality. By working together, listening to our members, following the traditions and rules of our Order, and keeping the best interests of the Lodge in mind, we can strengthen our programs and create even more opportunities for members to get involved.

I would like to congratulate Nils Anderson on being elected to the 5-Year Trustee position. I appreciate his willingness to serve and look forward to working with him in the years ahead.

We will also hold the election for Lecturing Knight at our September 8th meeting. Rick Howe has been nominated, and nominations will be opened again that evening. If you have questions about the responsibilities of the position, please reach out to me.

We have a proud history, dedicated members, and an important mission. Let's build on what we have accomplished and create a Lodge that our members are proud to belong to and future generations will be proud to inherit.

Together, let's continue serving those who need us, supporting one another, and making a difference in the lives of others.

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2026-2027 Officers

Exalted Ruler: Bob Hoffmeyer

Leading Knight: Bob Pecoraro

Loyal Knight: Jason R Simmons

Lecturing Knight: Nils Anderson

Esquire: Jason Simmons

Chaplain: Cindy Anderson

Inner Guard: Rick Howe

Secretary: Carol Graf

Treasurer: Diane Jones

Tiler: Jon Bell



IMPORTANT DATES:



ORIENTATION

MONDAY

AUGUST 31ST

— AT 6PM —



INITIATION

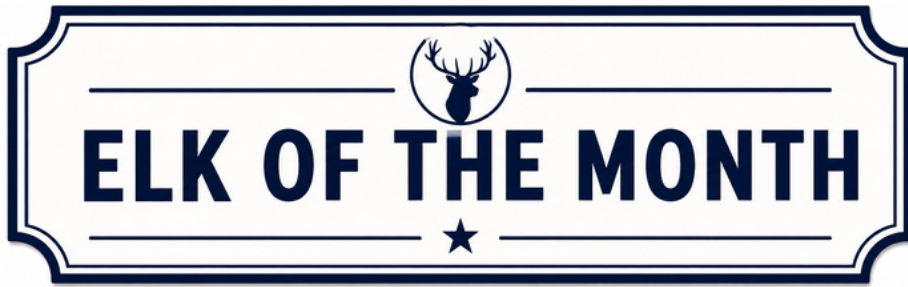
DURING LODGE MEETING

TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 8TH

— AT 7PM —

LECTURING KNIGHT ELECTIONS



Exalted Ruler Bob Hoffmeyer presented Richard Grosnick as the September Elk of the month. Richard is the chairman of the Elks national Foundation ensuring that our members stay informed and goes above and beyond to help support the fidelity club. Thank you for all that you do Richard!

Queen of Hearts winner!

Congratulations to Mike Edmondson for winning the Queen of hearts! Make sure to Join us every Saturday at 6PM for your chance to win! Last ticket sold at 5:45PM

ST Vincent DePaul CARES donation



**MAKING HOMELESSNESS
RARE. BRIEF. ONE-TIME.**

During our August lodge meeting the Members voted to make a \$10,000 donation to ST Vincent DePaul CARES from the generous Blanton donation that the lodge received.

Veterans corner



On behalf of the needy veterans in the community, thanks for your continued support to the Coalition foodbank. Three August deliveries were made totaling 95 pounds. The Adopt A Veteran Initiative with New Horizons Assisted Living Facility is progressing nicely but slowly. A special thanks to lodge member Navy Special Ops Veteran Bill West for assisting in constructing the flower/rock garden surrounding the flagpole. Thanks also to our members for their generous donations for the October Veteran Stand Down. We're still collecting. Purple Heart Ceremony/Breakfast was a huge success thanks to the support of our lodge volunteers and Scout Troop 302.

Ever thought of participating in the County veterans in the Classroom Program? Wonderful opportunity to share experiences with our leaders of tomorrow. The lodge will be participating in the Veterans Day Parade and a few days later will hold our annual Veterans Free Breakfast.



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 (Rick Wideman, Exalted Ruler Bob Hoffmeyer, Jude Flegle and Richard Grosnick)

A special thank you to Citrus County Fire Rescue and the volunteers that got CPR trained! If you are interested in getting CPR certified please get with Loyal Knight Jason Simmons to find out when the next class will be held.

Board of directors

PER Michael Edmondson,
Chair

Bob Pecoraro, Secretary
ER Bob Hoffmeyer

LK Jason R. Simmons

LK Richard Howe

Gary Rossetti, Trustee

Richard Cody, Trustee

Richard Grosnick, Trustee

Nils Anderson, Trustee

House committee

Amy Hoffmeyer,
Chair

Shirley Brownlee,
Secretary

PER Eddie Torres

ER Bob Hoffmeyer

Sheila Pingry

Kristina Jones

Mike Hosier

The ELKS BOOK CLUB



The Elks book club met last on May 11th and discussed our monthly selection of "When Woman Ran Fifth Avenue" by Julie Satow. This focused on the female executives of Bonwit Teller, Lord and Taylor and Bendel's. To help cast ourselves into the book, a member brought in food that was like that from Lord and Taylor's restaurant, The Bird Cage. For dessert, what else but 5th Avenue candy bars.

We did not have any meetings during the summer and will return on Monday, September 14th at 3:30. The summer reading was the Perez Family series (5 books) by Chanel Cleeton.

Please join us even if you did not read the books. Please call Cindy Anderson at 845-234-2468 with any questions.

WELCOME
to our
NEW MEMBERS
of INVERNESS ELKS LODGE 2522



Sitting l-r - Donna Wideman, Debora Moore, Donna Tesmer, ER Bob Hoffmeyer, Penny McDaniel-Kreber, Jennifer Hosier, Doug Barwegan
Standing l-r - Bob Esposito, Tonya Reed, Sean Reed, Dan Kreber, Bob Poindexter, Larkin Laney, John Moore

Purple Heart breakfast and ceremony



September BIRTHDAYS!

Wishing you a fantastic year ahead!

SEPTEMBER 01 Fernando Ebhardt	SEPTEMBER 11 - Gregg Nielson - Scott Thornton	SEPTEMBER 21 - Alexandra Digilio - Robert Levesque
SEPTEMBER 02 Evandro Radoccia Jr	SEPTEMBER 12 Michael Doolittle	SEPTEMBER 22 Peggy Simon
SEPTEMBER 03 Rene St-Pierre	SEPTEMBER 13 Gloria St Pierre	SEPTEMBER 23 - Thomas Harris - David Henn
SEPTEMBER 04 - Doug Driver - Michael Muthersbaugh - Donna Smith	SEPTEMBER 14 Olivia Torres	SEPTEMBER 24 - Vanessa Cripe - Donald DaSilva - David Douglas - Margaret Duncan
SEPTEMBER 05 - Arthur Murphy - Richard Segreto	SEPTEMBER 15 Austin Miller	SEPTEMBER 25 - David Nowell - Gerhard Plamper - Ronald Windon
SEPTEMBER 06 - Charles Davis - Helen Hennigan	SEPTEMBER 16 Michael Woythaler	SEPTEMBER 26 - Jennifer Hosier - Carol Jenkins
SEPTEMBER 07 Robert Benner	SEPTEMBER 17 - Roger Eggers - John Moore - Ann Marie Nardone - William Stanton	SEPTEMBER 27 - Denise Denick - Emily Pigula
SEPTEMBER 08 Lisa Savitt	SEPTEMBER 18 Anthony Kopka	SEPTEMBER 28 - George Romanysyn - Maryann Runkle
SEPTEMBER 09 - Georgette Bokash - Barbara Flynn - John Howard - Ronald Ouellette	SEPTEMBER 19 - Bruce Henry - Pamela Hutton - Timothy Martin - Nancy O'Malley	SEPTEMBER 29 - Lawrence Duteau - David Flavin - David Houston - Dennis Hunziker - Michael Susi
SEPTEMBER 10 John McCullough	SEPTEMBER 20 Marie Flanagan	SEPTEMBER 30 - Vicki Austin - Larkin Laney - Dolores Rosales - Mark Savitt

LABOR DAY WEEKEND!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

WITH A SPECIAL **PAYDAY NIGHT** WITH **PER Rick Mechley** **AT 6:00!**

GRILL IS OPEN FROM 4:30-6:00 WITH REGULAR MENU ALONG WITH **CHICKEN WINGS!**

Labor Day is about the American labor movement and the daily work of laborers that built the country. *This includes all of us!*

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK!

LET'S WEAR **RED, WHITE AND BLUE** TO CELEBRATE!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

FOR **QUEEN OF HEARTS** AND **ELK RACES**

FINISH THE HOLIDAY ON **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH** FOR OUR ANNUAL **LABOR DAY PICNIC!**

LABOR DAY Picnic

SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2026

LOUNGE OPENS at 12:00 **FOOD SERVED FROM 1:00-3:00**

Come out to enjoy **HAMBURGERS, CHICKEN, ITALIAN SAUSAGE**

SIDES INCLUDE: BAKED BEANS, COLESLAW, POTATO SALAD, AND WATERMELON

all for \$15.00

Come out to see your friends and meet new ones!

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE LOUNGE

CITRUS COUNTY VETERAN'S STAND DOWN EVENT

6585 W. Gulf to Lake Hwy Crystal River, FL 34429

JOIN US! 24 OCTOBER 2026 9:30am - 3:30pm

SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Rental Housing Assistance
- VA Home Loan Information
- Employment Assistance
- Dental & Hearing + Basic Health Checks
- VA Healthcare: Information & Referrals
- Mental Health Services: On site Counselors & Resources

- Legal Aid: Consultations on Legal Issues
- Benefit Enrollment Assistance
- FREE** Haircuts for ALL Veterans
- Clothing & Hygiene Kits
- Connections to multiple local (VSO's) Veterans Organizations and Support Networks

LUNCH SERVED ALL DAY FOR ALL VETERANS AND FAMILIES!

Contact Carol TO VOLUNTEER AT THE TABLE.

Donations of shirts, socks, and hygiene products can be dropped off in the box in the social quarters.