



INVERNESS ELKS LODGE #2522

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



Message from Exalted Ruler

Fall is finally here, and with it comes cooler weather, more opportunities to get outside, and plenty happening at our Lodge! This is an exciting time of year for Inverness Elks, with new members getting involved, special events on the calendar, and many opportunities for all of us to pitch in and have some fun.

Our first New Members Gathering was a big success! We explained some of the Lodge's needs and, more importantly, learned about our members' interests. Seventeen people signed up for new positions, including some who were not even members yet! We also received two new membership applications. These gatherings are for anyone who wants to learn more about our committees, volunteer opportunities, and ways to become more involved in your Lodge.

We kick off October with our First Friday Social, featuring Randy's always-popular meatloaf, along with chicken. Please sign up in the Social Quarters. We close out the month on October 30th with a Halloween Party. Watch for details.

Save the date for Dragon Boat on November 7th! This high-profile event is open to the public along with a membership drive. We will need plenty of volunteers in many different areas to make it a great day for our Lodge. Nancy O'Malley is our Chairman this year, so please see Nancy with questions or to volunteer.

Congratulations to Rick Howe on being elected Lecturing Knight. His election created an opening for Inner Guard, and Gina Howe was appointed to serve in that position. Thank you both for stepping up to serve our Lodge and community. We will hold elections for the 2-year Trustee position at our meeting on October 13th. I know TJ Lyons will be nominated but if you are interested in running please let me know and we can discuss the responsibilities and how this position helps Lodge.

Congratulations also to Loyal Knight Jason R. Simmons, our Elk of the Month! Jason is always willing to jump in wherever there is a need. Thank you, Jason!

Finally, a heartfelt THANK YOU to all our volunteers. Our Lodge depends on your time, energy, and commitment. Every volunteer makes a difference!

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2026-2027 Officers

Exalted Ruler: Bob Hoffmeyer

Leading Knight: Bob Pecoraro

Loyal Knight: Jason R Simmons

Lecturing Knight: Rick Howe

Esquire: Jason Simmons

Chaplain: Cindy Anderson

Inner Guard: Gina Howe

Secretary: Carol Graf

Treasurer: Diane Jones

Tiler: Jon Bell

 IMPORTANT DATES:	 ORIENTATION ★ MONDAY OCTOBER 5TH — AT 6PM —	 INITIATION ★ DURING LODGE MEETING ★ OCTOBER 13TH — AT 7PM —
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Exalted Ruler Bob Hoffmeyer presented Loyal Knight Jason R. Simmons as the October Elk of the month. Jason is always willing to help wherever needed with the best interest of the lodge in mind. Thank you for all that you do for the lodge!

Notice:

In November and December we will hold a special meeting for the purpose of Initiation and balloting of Candidates only. Orientation will be conducted beginning at 6 PM, just prior to the Initiation and the Initiation meeting will start at 7:15 PM. These special meetings will be held on November 17th and December 15th. The normal business meetings will still be held as scheduled. This will shorten the length of the normal meetings.

Board of directors

PER Michael Edmondson, Chair
 Bob Pecoraro, Secretary
 ER Bob Hoffmeyer
 LK Jason R. Simmons
 LK Richard Howe
 Gary Rossetti, Trustee
 Richard Grosnick, Trustee
 Nils Anderson, Trustee
 Trustee - Open

House committee

Amy Hoffmeyer, Chair
 Shirley Brownlee,
 Secretary
 PER Eddie Torres
 ER Bob Hoffmeyer
 Sheila Pingry
 Kristina Jones
 Mike Hosier

Veterans corner





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 (TJ Lyons, Janette Spencer, Exalted Ruler Bob Hoffmeyer, Anthony Kopka)



Congratulations to Rick and Gina Howe!
Rick was elected as the new esteemed Lecturing Knight and Gina was appointed as the new Innerguard. We look forward to the amazing things you will both do in your new roles!



We had one new member this past month please help us in welcoming
Tammy Sue



Name	Date	Name	Date
Karen Semone	10/3	Kenneth Green	10/18
Daniel Kreber	10/4	James Leete	10/18
Tricia Munsey	10/4	James Tashjian	10/19
Kenneth Voegele	10/5	Katie Arnott	10/20
Nicole Williams	10/5	Charles Doolittle	10/20
Christopher Forrest	10/6	Richard Krause	10/20
Eric Fetrow	10/7	Michael Greenberg	10/21
Mark Krull	10/7	Gina Howe	10/21
Thomas Meyer	10/8	Gregory Giacalone	10/22
John Martellini	10/9	Amber Robinson	10/22
Neil McGowan	10/9	William Shay	10/22
Paul Rzeppa	10/10	Christine Morrow	10/23
Frank Hellwig	10/11	Larry Strickland	10/23
Fred Landstrom	10/12	Brian Wininger	10/23
Joe Grassman	10/13	James Lane	10/24
Marlene Mahan	10/13	Richard Ramage	10/25
James Laffey	10/14	Gerard McDuff	10/26
Ronald Bailey	10/15	Michael Boscia	10/27
Lon Bennett	10/15	Gail Burnett	10/27
Joan Cecil	10/15	Michael Empel	10/27
Judy Horton	10/15	Bonita Raders	10/27
Abram Nicholson	10/15	Larry Chase	10/28
James Stott	10/15	Debra Pixley	10/28
Nancy Nissen	10/16	Robert Read	10/28
Michael Soucie	10/17	Gary Bottema	10/29
		Tim Hughes	10/29
		George Karres	10/29
		John Soladean	10/29
		Jon Bell	10/30
		Thomas Fragapane	10/30
		Katherine Reynolds	10/30
		Michael Toth	10/30
		James Whitted	10/30
		William Eldridge	10/31
		Susan Monier	10/31
		Michael Orndorff	10/31

Happy Birthday
to you!

Labor Day Picnic



GET INVOLVED IN OUR LODGE!

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.

First FRIDAY Social

IS OCTOBER 2, 2026

Join fellow members and guests
— for either —
Randy's Special Meatloaf
(if you know, you know!)
or
BBQ Chicken Breast.

Sides include
SALAD
MASHED POTATOES
CORN
AND A ROLL

PRICE IS **\$16.00**

Dinner is served
FROM 4:30PM–6:00PM

SIGN UP IN THE LOUNGE
by noon the day before!

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	Legal Aid: Consultations on Legal Issues
VA Home Loan Information	Benefit Enrollment Assistance
Employment Assistance	FREE Haircuts for ALL Veterans
Dental & Hearing + Basic Health Checks	Clothing & Hygiene Kits
VA Healthcare: Information & Referrals	Connections to multiple local (VSO's) Veterans Organizations and Support Networks
Mental Health Services: On site Counselors & Resources	

★ **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.

ELKS LODGE PRESENTS DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 7

BREAKFAST OPTIONS
Start your day the Elks way!

LUNCH OPTIONS
Fresh, hot & ready for you!

DRINKS AVAILABLE
A variety of beverages for everyone!

AIR-CONDITIONED BATHROOMS
Comfort all day long!

ELKS CARE ELKS SHARE
Proud to serve our community!

SAFE, FUN, FAMILY FRIENDLY.
Make memories that last!

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
COME FOR THE RACES. STAY FOR THE FUN.