INVERNESS ELKS LODGE #2522

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Message from Exalted Ruler

This year I have made community service a priority. At our October meeting, we approved over $20,000 in donations to local charities supporting hunger relief, homelessness, domestic abuse victims, active military members, veterans, first responders, and youth programs. Thank you to our members for making this possible!

Upcoming Lodge Events

- October 30: Halloween Party
- November 7: Dragon Boat Festival
- November 11: Veterans Day Parade
- November 17: Special Meeting for Balloting and Initiation
- November 21: District Deputy Visit

Dragon Boat is a major public event, and we need volunteers to make it a success. Nancy O'Malley is this year's chairperson. Please contact Nancy to volunteer or ask questions.

Congratulations to PER Mike Orndorff, our Elk of the Month, for his efforts in organizing member support for local veterans. Congratulations also to TJ Lyons, elected as our new 2-Year Trustee.

Our District Deputy, Mike Edmondson, will have the annual DD visit on November 21st. We will be welcoming all seven lodges in our district. We will also recognize Florida State Elks Association First Responder of the Year, Paramedic Joe Favia. Volunteers are needed to help with this event.

November and December special meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month for balloting and initiation. These meetings will help shorten regular business meetings and give us more time to welcome new members.

Jannette Britt is developing a new volunteer sign-up process, so watch the weekly updates for details.

Thank you to all our volunteers! Your time and commitment keep our Lodge strong and helps us make a difference. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!



ELK OF THE MONTH



Exalted Ruler Bob Hoffmeyer presented P.E.R. Mike Orndorff as the November Elk of the month. Mike is our veterans committee chairperson and goes above and beyond to help local veterans in our community. Thank you for all that you do!

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

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Veterans corner

Your continued support to the Citrus County Veterans Coalition Foodbank is very much appreciated by all. In the quarter July-September, 296 pounds of food was delivered to the foodbank. For the first time in years, the lodge will be participating in the Veterans Day Parade (November 11) in Inverness. We will be walking in partnership with Boy Scout Troop 302. If you want to participate in this .7 mile event there is a sign-up sheet in the social quarters. We will have a guest walker joining us "Elroy" the Elk. The Adopt-A-Veteran initiative was delayed due to some medical issues, but the good news; early November we will kick off the program with a bang. November 15 will be our annual Veterans Breakfast. In addition to our lodge volunteers, we have the Scouts from Troop 302 and some of the local veterans supporting the effort. Likely by the time this bulletin hits the press, the Veterans Stand Down will have taken place over at American Legion Post 155 in Crystal River. Thanks again for your donations for the cause. Finally, our Freedom Grant was approved by Grand Lodge. The lodge will be supporting Operation Boot Crew, a 501 (c) 3 organization. Lodge volunteers will be working in total partnership with the organization purchasing and packing holiday care packages being sent to deployed service men and women down range. We will get a few cards to be included with the packages. If you want to sign or write a comment, the cards will be in the social quarters-working on the timeline.

P.E.R Mike Orndorff, Veterans Chair

WELCOME
to our
NEW MEMBERS
of INVERNESS ELKS LODGE 2522



(From L to R)Kim Esposito, Gary Thomas, Linda Diorio, Alec Jones and Aaron Jones



Congratulations to TJ Lyons who was elected as our new two year trustee! We look forward to your continued support at the lodge in your new role.





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.





