



# PELICAN POST

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*The faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.*



**EXALTED RULER**  
**Joe Sharland**

Hello my fellow Elk family. This is your ER making his final report for fiscal year 25–26.

It has been an exceptional year for this lodge. Our goal was 100 new members. We missed that goal by just two. So we're going to try even harder in fiscal year 26–27. Just as a reminder, if you have not yet paid your dues, please consider paying them soon, because on April 1, the lodge will have to pay your Grand Lodge portion of your dues. So please try to help us by paying your dues as soon as possible.

For those of you who missed our last event at the pavilion, our Tacky Tourist Party was a tremendous success due largely to our dedicated volunteers.

Palm Sunday was a full agenda of initiating new members into our lodge, installing new officers, and having our annual ER appreciation dinner. If you missed it, then you missed a good time. We initiated 12 new members. All of our officers, including new officers Trustees Joan Mason and Sally Champagne, Chaplain Greg Esposito, Tiler Sally Zukowski, and Inner Guard Celeste Worden, will be even more determined to make our lodge even greater than we did this past year.

At our appreciation dinner we handed out four awards: Bill Stodola as Elk of the Year; David Zukowski as Officer of the Year; and, John McDonough and Claudia Haddix as volunteers of the year.

I believe with all the enthusiasm and positivity of the people that are at our Lodge that the fiscal year 26–27 will be a remarkable year, and, we'll make great strides to duplicate or better last year.

As I sign off from the bridge for the final time in this fiscal year and look forward to next fiscal year, our ship is heading in the right direction. We are entering fair winds and following seas.

Fraternally yours,

*Joe*

## ELK OF THE MONTH FOR April 2026

This Elk of the month works behind the scenes and does so many things that nobody recognizes but he is the gentle giant. He has done multiple repairs, multiple electrical jobs around the club, and I bet nobody knows what he's done. But I recognize it and I appreciate that Charlie Ballases is my selection for Elk of the month.

**April's Elk of the Month is Charlie Ballases .**

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Coming soon ... Mark your calendar and save the date ...

- 4/6 — Town Hall Meeting 7:00pm
- 4/7 — Lodge Meeting 7:30pm
- 4/13 --- Veterans & Youth Activities Committee 6:30pm
- 4/14 — El-Does Meeting 7:00pm
- 4/15 — BoD Meeting 6:30pm; then House Committee Mtg
- 4/21 — Lodge Meeting 7:30pm
- 4/27 — House Committee 7:00pm
- 4/28 — PER Meeting 7:00pm

### FROM THE EDITOR

Herman Heydinger, PDDGER, continues to assist with the newsletter.

Please submit all information for the Pelican Post to the Lodge email address: [elks2714@gmail.com](mailto:elks2714@gmail.com)

ALL material is due no later than the 15TH of the month preceding the event. Material must be LEGIBLE, PRINTED OR TYPEWRITTEN. Softcopy is preferred and appreciated.

### Secretary's Reminders

Please keep your dues payments coming for Lodge Year 2026-27. The locks will change on April 1 and you will need to use the LY26-27 key card. New cards are available for pick-up in the Lounge, if you have already paid. Please save the Lodge some postage and drop off your dues or pick up your card ... Drop us a note if you need your card mailed.



# I WANT YOU

## TO SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER

### It's Easy to Sponsor a New Member

Don't have a paper membership application handy? No worries!

Just login to the national Elks web site at [elks.org](http://elks.org). Then go to [How To Join > Request to Join the Elks](#) on the left menu panel.

Type in the candidate's information and it will electronically forward to the lodge secretary.



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### Are you a Sustaining Elk Member?

It's easy to become a Sustaining Donor and give valuable aid to our Veterans, our Kids, and the deserving needy in our community.

Just go to <https://floridaelks.org/donate> to make a one-time, or recurring, donation to the Harry Anna Trust Fund.

Or, go to [ENF.elks.org/Fidelity](http://ENF.elks.org/Fidelity) to donate to the Elks National Foundation that provides funding grants for several of Sebastian's charity efforts.



# APRIL CELEBRATIONS MEMBER BIRTHDAYS:



**1st** James Adams, David A Comis, Walter McGinn, Jane Townsend, Joseph H Wilkowski; **3rd** Kevin Fearon, Harry J Lutz; **4th** Shirley Boyle, Lawrence J Dante, Gail Holt; **5th** Herman Heydinger; **8th** James E Sissons; **9th** Joseph Scozzari; **10th** Joanne Asermely, Randy Horowitz, James Kweeder, Robert John McGrath; **11th** Gregory Scott Shuleski; **12th** Cynthia-Jean VanPelt; **13th** John Jackson, Lawrence E Pugh; **14th** Kim Gilbert, Donald Normandeau, Alfred C Webster; **15th** Peter S Marcyan; **16th** Ric Ricard; **17th** Frank Balderama, Joseph Carrano, Deborah Fields; **19th** James Dixon, Michael Kolb, Anna Scott; **20th** Paul Voit; **21st** Dianne Prentice, Debra Tagg-Porto; **22nd** Clinton Atwell, Barbara Brown, Terri Lynn Brown, Clifford Coughlin, Thomas Felke, Stella Vinci; **23rd** Kellie Dixon; **24th** Debra Allard, Zachary Massimo; **25th** Richard Sanborn; **26th** Brent Ebinger, Richard Sadler, Corey Troup; **29th** Susanne Datria, Michelle Morris, Kathleen M Simone, Kristin Summ, Gary Townsend, Leonard L Wilson; **30th** Daniel McKeever.

## SPOUSE BIRTHDAYS:

**2nd** Doris Ricard; **4th** Patricia Redfearn; **5th** Barbara Marcyan; **15th** Connie Wellman; **20th** Ruth Webster.

## ANNIVERSARIES:

**1st** Joseph & Colleen Wilkowski; **7th** William & Barbara Perry; **11th** Mitchell & Patricia Skrzypecki; **12th** Alfred & Ruth Webster; **18th** Raymond & Mary Ann Fontaine; **20th** John & Debbie Henry; **24th** Frederic & Debbie Lawrence.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This coupon allows each member in good standing of Sebastian Elks Lodge 2714 ONE (1) free beer OR well drink during your birthday month.

Member Name and No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Birthday-Anniversary Registration**

If you or your spouse do not see your birthdays or anniversaries listed in the *Pelican Post*, it is because that data is not in our database. Please supply the requested information to the Secretary. (use month & day only. )

Member Name & No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Member birthday (day/mon.) \_\_\_\_\_

**TO ALL VETERANS**

The Lodge is updating its Information Data Base and would like the following information.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER # \_\_\_\_\_

BRANCH OF SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_

YEARS SERVED \_\_\_\_\_

(optional)

**PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE**

**WAS YOUR DEPARTED A VETERAN?**

Sebastian Lodge #2714 wants you to know that if your loved one served in the US Military, you can order an engraved paper Presidential Memorial Certificate. It is FREE and we can give you the information needed to request these certificates. More info at [www.felks.org](http://www.felks.org).  
ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE

**Don't forget our Homeless Veterans. Please bring your personal care items to the lodge and put them into the collection box in the main lobby. Thank you.**

**SICKNESS and DISTRESS**

We hope everyone in our extended Elk family is healthy and safe. Unfortunately, our retired district leader, PSP John Harris of Viera lodge, is still in Hospice care. Please keep John, and any others of our Elk family, in your thoughts and prayers.

**Do you know about the A&A benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs?**

It is also known as the Aid and Attendance and Housebound Improved Pension Benefit. Which can cover the cost of caregivers in the home, *INCLUDING* sons and daughters who are paid to be caregivers, or can be used for assisted living or a nursing home? The benefit is significant, up to \$2,019 monthly for a veteran and spouse and up to \$1,094 for the widow of a veteran. For more information go to <http://www.veteranaid.org>

On battlefields of long ago and today, America's military and veterans made sacrifices for all of us. Through their service, their pride, and their patriotism, the men and women of our armed forces made our nation what it is today. They defended our freedoms. They fought for justice. They preserved our ideals. Through it all, they forged our character. They are our real heroes. Indeed, our nation was built, and continues to be built by their actions.

Since 1917, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has demonstrated its compassion for the veterans of our armed forces through numerous programs and activities. Since 1946, the order has maintained the pledge, "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

Each November, the Elks observe National Veterans Remembrance Month. We ask everyone in our communities throughout Florida to join the Elks as we thank our veterans. Let's all do our part to remember these men and women. God bless our veterans, those men and women serving in our military and their families, and God bless America.

**EL-DOEs News — 2026–2027**

Happy New Elk Year! This year is especially exciting as we welcome an entirely new slate of officers for the EL-Does. We are looking forward to fresh energy, renewed purpose, and a wonderful year of fellowship and service. We invite any ladies who were EL-Does in past years to join us for the April 14th meeting. We would love to hear about your experiences, memories, and the moments that made your time with the EL-Does meaningful.

As this is the 40th Anniversary of the EL-Does, we are gathering stories, photos, and history from throughout the years to help showcase the celebration weekend honoring the Lodge's 40th Anniversary. If you have pictures or stories you'd like to share, please feel free to contact any of the board members. We also welcome any ladies of the Lodge who are curious about the EL-Does to attend a meeting and learn more about who we are and the direction we are heading. There is no better time to get involved and be part of this exciting new chapter. Thank You!

Claudia Haddix

**2026-2027 OFFICERS**

Exalted Ruler .....	Joe Sharland, PER
Leading Knight .....	Michael Sadler
Loyal Knight.....	David Zukowski
Lecturing Knight.....	Susan Rummell
Secretary .....	John McDonough
Treasurer.....	Doreen Marchetti
Tiler .....	Sally Zukowski
Inner Guard.....	Celeste Worden
Esquire .....	Michael Worden
Chaplain.....	Gregg Esposito, PDDGER
Trustee (5yr) .....	Joan Mason, PER
Trustee (4yr) .....	Claudia Haddix
Trustee (3yr) .....	Sally Champagne
Trustee (2yr) .....	Norm Malboeuf
Trustee (1yr) .....	Audrey Huddy

**COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Americanism.....	TBD
Army of Hope Fundraising .....	Joe Sharland, PER
Community Projects & Activities.....	Joe Sharland, PER
Drug Awareness Education .....	Joe Sharland, PER
ENF Fundraising/Grants .....	TBD
ENF Scholarships .....	TBD
Elks Training .....	Joe Sharland, PER
Government Relations .....	John McDonough
Harry-Anna Trust Fund .....	Joe Sharland, PER
Hoop Shoot .....	M. Kevin Edes, PER
Inter-Lodge Visitation .....	John McDonough
Ladies Organization .....	Diane Lemire
Lodge Activities .....	Joe Sharland, PER
Membership .....	Jan Shead
Orientation .....	Joe Sharland, PER
Public Relations .....	Joe Sharland, PER
Ritual .....	Herman Heydinger, PDDGER
Soccer Shoot .....	Chuck Marchetti, PER
Sports.....	Chuck Marchetti, PER
Veterans' Services .....	Jason Burris
Youth Activities.....	Diane Lemire

**VOLUNTEERING FOR ELKS IS REWARDING!!!**

- Volunteering is a way to meet new people
- An opportunity to support a cause you feel strong about
- A great way to learn new skills
- An expression of gratitude for help you may have received in the past
- A way to make a difference to your Lodge or Community ... every person counts!

As an Elk Member, Sebastian Elks Lodge #2714 has many ways you can volunteer:

- Selling tickets for events or fundraisers
- Greeting members
- Conducting a 50/50 raffle
- Cooking/serving
- Decorating for Holidays and Special Events
- Community Events
- Assisting with Bingo

The opportunities are nearly endless ... select the one that is right for you. Drop in at a Lodge meeting or talk to any of our current Lodge Officers to find how you can help.

**Past Exalted Rulers - Sebastian Lodge # 2714**

1986/87 Charles Cooper*	2006/07 Ed Arens
1987/88 Bart Campbell PDD*	2007/08 Dennis Freese*
1989/90 Ralph Guarino*	2008/09 Ed Arens
1989/90 Arthur Scheeren*	2009/10 Charles DeLauder,PDD
1990/91 Al Meyer, Jr.*	2010/11 Glenn Sharman*
1991/92 Dave Schwarz*	2011/12 Kevin Edes
1992/93 James Caffray*	2012/13 Madeline Walsh*
1993/94 Al Thompson*	2013/14 Jim O'Neill
1994/95 Robert Hartnett*	2014/15 Madeline Walsh*
1995/96 Bob Greene*	2015/16 Matthew Bagdonas*
1996/97 Chet Doll*	2015/16 Kevin Edes
1997/98 Thomas Eaton	2016/17 Lida Heydinger
1998/99 Andy Anderson*	2017-19 Bill Shallies*
1999/00 Joseph Guidice*	2019/20 Tony Kisielewski
2000/01 Elmer Lancaster*	2020-22 Bill Shallies*
2001/02 Chris Carlisle	2022/23 Chuck Marchetti
2002/03 Elmer Lancaster*	2023-25 Dan Talbott
2003/04 Chris Carlisle	2025/26 Joe Sharland
2004/05 Jerry Oltman*	
2005/06 Dennis Freese*	

**The Past Exalted Rulers Association meets at 7:00 PM on the last Tuesday of each month, with the exception of June, July, and August.**

**Past Exalted Rulers from other Lodges**

William Hardy*	Lenny Thiessen*
Philip Baker*	Harvey Holmgren, PDD*
William Bennett*	Garry Swain*
Robert Greulich*	Robert Millett*
Joey Fondale*	Elmer Mitchell*
David Wortmann	Scott Merrifield
George W. Schultz*	David Carlson
Herman Heydinger, PDD	Bob McNutt
James Kelyman *	Yvon "Ric" Ricard
Jim O'Neill	Joan Mason
Robert Brown	Robert McGrath
Michael Schodlbauer, PDD	Bill Stodola
Debra Shuleski	Gregg Esposito, PDD

**House Committee: 2025-26**

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*Lounge Manager*

Irene Edes 772-589-1516

*Kitchen Manager*

772-589-1516

*Rentals and Banquet Manager*

Celeste Worden 772-589-1516



### Lodge Contacts

Lounge/Kitchen: 772-589-1516  
 Office (Secretary/Treasurer): 772-589-6426  
 Lodge email: Elks2714@gmail.com  
 Secretary Hours: Mon 6-8PM, Tue 6-8PM (Lodge meeting weeks),  
 and most Friday afternoons.

### Lounge Hours

Sunday—Noon to 7pm  
 Mon—Wed 3pm to 9pm  
 Thurs—Fri Noon to 9pm  
 Saturday—1pm to 9pm

### Drawings

RIP 5pm – every day (\$1)  
 Daily 6pm – every day (Quarter)  
 Weekly 4pm – Sunday (\$1)  
 13-Week Club – 6:30pm -Tuesday  
 Where's\_the\_Elk 8pm—Thursday

### Games

Pool League—Monday 6:30 pm  
 Public Bingo (Hall) - Wednesday 12 noon  
 Bar Bingo—Wednesday 7 pm  
 Shuffleboard—Thursday 4 pm  
 LRC– Thursday 8:30 pm  
 Bar Poker –Saturday 3 pm  
 Show Me the Money — Sunday 1-3pm

## LODGE & CLUB — April 2026

Sun Lounge open Noon—7pm	Mon Lounge open 3pm—9pm	Tue Lounge open 3pm—9pm	Wed Lounge open 3pm— 9pm	Thu Lounge open Noon—9pm	Fri Lounge open Noon—9pm	Sat Lounge open 1pm— 9pm
<b>March 29</b> Lounge open Noon 2pm—7pm	<b>30</b> Pool League 6:30	<b>31</b> Dinner 5-7pm  <b>PER Meeting            7:00pm</b>	<b>April 1</b> Bingo 12-3:30 Bar Bingo 7-9PM	<b>2</b> Lunch 12-2pm Dinner 5-7pm Where's the Elk Drawing @ 8PM Shuffleboard	<b>3</b> Lunch 12-2pm Dinner 5-7pm (Last meal order 6:40pm)	<b>4</b>  Bar Cards 3pm
<b>5</b> Lounge open Noon—7pm  	<b>6</b> Pool League 6:30  <b>Town Hall            Mtg 7:00pm</b>	<b>7</b> Dinner 5-7pm  <b>Lodge Meeting            7:30pm</b>	<b>8</b>  Bingo 12-3:30 Bar Bingo 7-9PM	<b>9</b> Dinner 5-7pm Where's the Elk Drawing @ 8PM Shuffleboard 4pm	<b>10</b> Dinner 5-7pm (Last meal order 6:40pm)  <b>Papa Pete</b>	<b>11</b>  Bar Cards 3pm
<b>12</b> Lounge open Noon—7pm	<b>13</b> Pool League 6:30 <b>Veterans &amp;            Youth Activi-            ties Comm.            6:30pm</b>	<b>14</b> Dinner 5-7pm  <b>El-Does Meet-            ing 7:00pm</b>	<b>15</b> Bingo 12-3:30 Bar Bingo 7-9PM <b>BoD Mtg 6:30            House Com-            mittee</b>	<b>16</b> Lunch 12-2pm Dinner 5-7pm Where's the Elk Drawing @ 8PM Shuffleboard 4pm	<b>17</b> Lunch 12-2pm Dinner 5-7pm (Last meal order 6:40pm)	<b>18</b>  Bar Cards 3pm
<b>19</b> Lounge open Noon 2pm—7pm	<b>20</b> Pool League 6:30	<b>21</b> Dinner 5-7pm  <b>Lodge Meeting            7:30pm</b>	<b>22</b> Bingo 12-3:30 Bar Bingo 7-9PM	<b>23</b> Lunch 12-2pm Dinner 5-7pm Where's the Elk Drawing @ 8PM Shuffleboard 4pm	<b>24</b> Lunch 12-2pm Dinner 5-7pm (Last meal order 6:40pm)  <b>Rick Ferrin</b>	<b>25</b>  Bar Cards 3pm
<b>26</b> Lounge open Noon 2pm—7pm	<b>27</b> Pool League 6:30  <b>House Com-            mittee 7:00pm</b>	<b>28</b> Dinner 5-7pm  <b>PER Meeting            7:00pm</b>	<b>29</b> Bingo 12-3:30 Bar Bingo 7-9PM	<b>30</b> Lunch 12-2pm Dinner 5-7pm Where's the Elk Drawing @ 8PM Shuffleboard 4pm	<b>May 1</b> Lunch 12-2pm Dinner 5-7pm (Last meal order 6:40pm)	<b>2</b>  Bar Cards 3pm

**Sebastian Elks #2714  
Lunch Menu  
Served 12:00-2:00pm**

Cheese Burger Basket with lettuce, tomato, onion and fries	7
Grouper Basket served with fries	9
Cod Fish n Chips served with fries	9
Shrimp Basket 6 pieces with fries	9
Coconut Shrimp Basket 6 pieces served with fries	9
Chicken Tender Basket served with fries	7
Beef Hot Dog Basket served with fries	6
Empanadas Beef 3 pieces	6
Chicken Wings (garlic parm, hot, barbecue) 6 pieces	8
Fried Calamari	6

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French Fries	3
Tater Tots	4
Onion Rings	4
Mozzarella Sticks	5
Cauliflower Battered	5
Hush Puppies	5
Cheese Curds Battered	5
Jalapeno Poppers	5

**Happy Hour Daily Till 5:00 pm**

\*All items subject to availability

\*Consuming undercooked meat may increase the chance of food born illnesses



**SEBASTIAN ELKS LODGE #2714**

# **VETERAN SERVICES PROGRAM**

**Twin Sheet Sets**

**Standard Size Pillows**

**Blankets**

**Bath/Hand/Face Towels**

**Bath Mat**

**Shower Curtain/Liner**

**Dish Towels**

**Dish Soap**

**Hand/Bar Soap**

**Glass Cleaner**

**Paper Towels**

**Toilet Paper**

**Kleenex**

**Sponge/Scrub Brush**

**Mop & Pail**

**Pine Sol or equivalent**

**Broom & Dust Pan**

**Toilet Bowl Cleaner**

**Toilet Brush**

**Air Freshener**

**We are collecting donations for the above items to help veterans while transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing.**

*Helping those who served*



**Veterans Transitional Facility  
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