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VIERA ELKS LODGE #2817



A Message from the Exalted Ruler

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Members All:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

We have been busy Elks thus far in 2023. Specifically, we have had great turnouts for the Sunday breakfast offerings, we had a "sold out" show for the Mystery Dinner Theater and we are happy to see quite a few of our members from Northern climates back in the Lodge.

In January, we initiated four new members, and our rolls now stand at 556 Viera Elks. We do still have a few who have not yet renewed their membership, but we are actively working to remedy that situation. Please take a look at the list posted by the Secretary's office door and check in on any that you may recognize. Sometimes a reminder from a friendly voice is all it takes to get a lapsed member back again.

This month, we will nominate Officers for the upcoming lodge year. It takes a dedicated group working in concert to effectively manage the business of the Lodge. If you have the inclination, please see myself or any Officer, and we will be happy to explain what is required and how to go about securing a nomination for a position for you in the upcoming Lodge year.

On February 4th, there will be a District Deputy workshop hosted by DDGER Paul Diaz at Fort Pierce Lodge. This is a great learning environment for all Members and especially incoming Lodge Officers as well. All members are welcomed to attend. The workshop agenda will be geared to incoming Officers to help them be ready to perform the duties of their offices. Specifically, the workshop will address budget preparation, club management, required committee forms, member retention, and development and implementation of action plans for successful Lodge management. Numerous of the Past District Deputies of the Southeast Central District will be sharing their expertise.

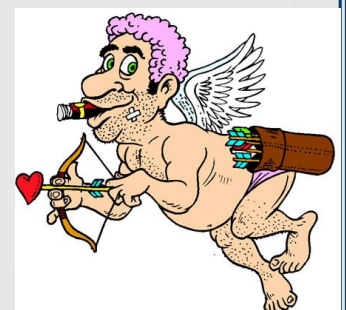
February also brings us the quarterly meeting of the Florida State Elks Association to be held February 10th and 11th. This will be held at the Youth Camp in Umatilla. On Saturday, Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce Hidley will address the assembled group. He is a gregarious speaker. GER Hidley's address will be at 10:00 a.m. If you have not visited the Youth Camp, this is an excellent opportunity to do so. The trip to Umatilla is well worth your time and effort. The Youth Camp is one of the premier facilities in America, something Florida Elks proudly claim. It clearly shows our donations are used for the greater good and that Elks care/Elks share.

On February 26th there will be a District-wide Initiation Ritual performed at Ft. Pierce Lodge at 1:00 p.m.. The Grand Exalted Ruler has requested District initiations to clear any remaining backlog of candidates before the end of the Lodge year. We will be having a caravan leave from the Lodge to travel to Ft. Pierce. That particular Lodge was built in 1926 as an Elks Lodge. The upstairs lodge room is very impressive. All of the ritual work will be performed from memory. If you have the time, please consider going with us to the Initiation. New members always feel welcomed by a larger turnout for their ceremony. You will witness a very impressive ceremony.

This is shaping up to be a great year as far as our charitable donations are concerned. Presently, this Lodge ranks FIRST District wide in donations to Elks National Foundation, donations to Harry-Anna, and on a percentage basis of sustaining donors to total membership. Thank you all for your generosity!!

Until next month, stay safe, stay healthy, and MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA!!

Jerry Harrington, PER III
Exalted Ruler





Secretary's Corner

Viera is off to a great start. We added four new members in January. They are Ryan Bearse, Daryl Burchfield, Ron Marshall and Drew Bailey. Please give them a true Viera welcome when you see them in the Lodge.

Dues notices for the 2023-2024 year will be in the mail shortly. If for any reason you do not wish to renew your membership, please let me know. Many of you may not realize that the Grand Lodge and State Assessments this year totaling \$32 are assessed for each member on the rolls on April 1, 2023. Your assistance in your Lodge avoiding this cost will be greatly appreciated.

The future is now. On February 2nd we will be nominating officers for the 2023-2024 year. Balloting on those nominated will be conducted on February 16th. If you or you know someone interested in any position, please contact Jerry, me, or any officer for details. Those members elected on the 16th will be responsible for leading Viera Lodge #2817 into the future. Your interest and support in this process are vital to our future.

Thanks to each of you for your continuing support.

Stay safe and well.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Bill Orblych, PDD, Secretary, Viera Lodge #2817

CURRENT DELINQUENT MEMBERS

Pam Armstrong	Harold Hendry	William Patterson
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Tracey Firkel	Suzy McDermott	Robert Wright
Louise Goff	Linda Neal	
David Hastings	Steve Pascoe	





House Committee

HOUSE COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS for February 2023

We have had some inquiries regarding Ladies Bunco. If there is enough interest, we would like to see this for the first Wednesday of the month. We have scheduled an informational meeting for February 1st. Hopefully enough interest is shown so we can start playing in March.

We have a full schedule for February. We begin on February 3rd with Mike Perduto and crew preparing spaghetti and meatballs, with salad, garlic bread and a home made dessert. Mike always does a great job, so make your reservations early.

Our annual Valentines celebration is set for February 11th. Master Chef Kevin Shetter will be preparing a 6oz filet mignon with all the trimmings. If you attended the dinner for the State President's visit last year, you know what a great job Kevin does. Following dinner we will have music by SILK for your dancing and listening pleasure. This is always one of our most popular events, so make your reservations early. We will also be raffling a gorgeous gift basket that evening. Tickets are now available.

Viera's Super Bowl Party follows February 12th. We will open at 4:00 as Mark and Kasha lead us to the 6:30 kickoff. They will have giveaways, auction items, munchies, and while still undecided, sandwiches available for \$5. Drink specials will be announced in several days. This is always a great day even if your favorite team is not playing.

Friday, February 17th is Men's Wing Night. Tom, Mark and the team prepare the best wings in Brevard. We have a fantastic dry rub as well as numerous sauces ranging from mild to hot, hot. A basket of six wings with either fries or onion rings for the incredibly low price of \$10. If you haven't tried them you are missing a real treat.

With Ash Wednesday being February 22nd, Kasha, another of our excellent chefs, will be preparing Crusted Tilapia over Grits, Sweet Potato Crouton and Fire Roasted Corn on February 25th. Knowing Kasha, we are sure there will be a surprise for dessert. Kasha's meals are always very popular so make your reservations early.

Please don't forget the other monthly food offerings: the "Breakfast Buffet" on the first and third Sundays, Pot Roast Sammies on the third Monday (note change), Crispy Chicken Wraps on the second Monday, Tacos, Taco Salads and Nachos on the second and fourth Thursday, and last, but definitely not least, our famous Sliders on the fourth Monday. Dates and times are listed in the monthly calendar. We will use "Blast" notifications for any changes or additions.

Upcoming events you should put on your calendar are the Viera Golf Classic on March 12th and March 25th will have Officer Installation at 5PM followed by the Installation/Awards Banquet at 6PM.

Please remember all Lodge meals and bar service is prepared/handled by member volunteers. Please thank them for their efforts and give them your support.

House Committee meetings are open to all members, but, if you have thoughts or ideas you would like us to consider, please forward them to me at redwing2817@gmail.com and I will see that they are on our agenda.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Bill Orblych
House Committee Chair



House Committee Members: Bill Orblych, Chairman, Chris Ferris, Gail Miller, Kathy Wade, Debbie Hixenbaugh, Rose Ann Atanasio, and Heidi Vargas

Americanism

February 2023

February brings us President's Day, which is a contraction of the previously celebrated Washington and Lincoln birthdays. Called Washington's Birthday at the federal government level, it is a Holiday in the United States that is celebrated on the third Monday of February to honor all persons who served as Presidents of the United States.

Since 1879, it has been the Federal Holiday honoring George Washington, the General of the Continental Army, and subsequently the first U.S. President.

Abraham Lincoln led the Nation through the American Civil War, preserved the Union, abolished slavery and bolstered the Federal Government.

The day is also an official state holiday in most states, with names including Washington's Birthday, President's Day, Presidents' Day and Washington and Lincoln's Birthday. The various states use 15 different names. Depending on specific law, the state holiday may officially celebrate Washington alone, Washington and Lincoln, or some other combination of U.S. Presidents.

Washington's Birthday was celebrated on February 22 from 1879 until 1970. While Lincoln's Birthday was previously celebrated on February 12th of each year. To give federal employees a three-day weekend, in 1968, the Uniform Monday Holiday Act (YES, REALLY) moved it to the third Monday in February, which can occur from February 15th to the 21st. The day became known as Presidents Day.

In the following states and possessions of the United States, this same day is an official state holiday and known as Presidents' Day in Hawaii, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, South Dakota, Texas, Vermont and Washington. Known as President's Day in Alaska, Idaho, Maryland, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Tennessee, West Virginia and Wyoming. Known as Presidents Day in Nevada, New Jersey and Oregon. In Maine it is known as Washington's Birthday/President's Day. In Arizona you would be celebrating Lincoln/Washington/President's Day.

In Virginia it is George Washington Day. It is Washington's Birthday in Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Louisiana and New York.

It is known as Lincoln's and Washington's Birthday in Montana. It is Washington-Lincoln Day in Colorado and Ohio. In Utah it is known as Washington and Lincoln Day. Minnesotans celebrate Washington's and Lincoln's Birthday. In Alabama it is known as George Washington/Thomas Jefferson Birthday. In Arkansas it is known as George Washington's Birthday and Daisy Bates Day.

The holiday is not recognized at all in Delaware. And finally, ever forward thinking California calls it "The third Monday in February" however, February 12th is explicitly known as Lincoln Day and is a separate holiday.

The question you want answered is "who is Daisy Bates"? She was an American civil rights activist, publisher, journalist and lecturer who played a leading role in the Little Rock integration Crisis of 1957. She passed away on November 4, 1999. Now you know why she has top billing with George Washington.

HAPPY VALENTINESDAY TO YOU AND YOURS!

May God continue to bless America.

Faternally,

Steve Gates





QUEEN OF HEARTS

Each Monday @ 7PM

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Social Poker in Dining Room

Each Wednesday @ 5PM



February

MONDAY - SATURDAY (Open at 4:00 PM)
Sundays (Closed, Except Breakfast Days)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Lodge Open 4 PM	2 7 PM Lodge Meeting & Officer Nominations BOD Mtg	3 Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad & Dessert by Team C \$12.50	4 Lodge Open 4 PM
5 9-11:30 AM AYCE Breakfast Buffet \$10 Closed after Breakfast Antlers 11:30AM	6 Paint Stick Bingo 6PM Texas Hold'em	7 Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup \$6 6:30 BINGO	8 Lodge Open 4 PM 5:30 HC Mtg	9 5 PM Tacos \$3 Taco Salad \$7 Nachos \$8	10 Lodge Open 4 PM	11 Valentine's Dinner/Dance Filet, Potato, Veg, Salad, Dessert Music by SILK \$25
12 Lodge Closed	13 5PM Crispy Chicken Wraps & Chips \$5 by Mike & Team 6PM Texas Hold'em	14 Lodge Open 4 PM 6:30 BINGO	15 Hot Dogs & Sides \$6	16 7 PM Lodge Initiation Meeting & Elections PER Mtg	17 5PM Men's Wings by Tom, Jerry, Bill & Mark 6 Wings w/ FF or Rings \$10	18 Lodge Open 4 PM-7PM
19 9-11:30 AM AYCE Breakfast Buffet \$10 Closed after Breakfast Antlers 11:30AM	20 5PM Pot Roast Sammies w/ Cheesy Tots \$7 By Kasha & Mark 6PM Texas Hold'em	21 Lodge Open 4 PM 6:30 BINGO	22 Lodge Open 4 PM-7PM	23 5 PM Tacos \$3 Taco Salad \$7 Nachos \$8	24 Lodge Open 4 PM	25 Crusted Tilapia over Grits, Sweet Potato Crouton, Fire Roasted Corn, Dessert \$15
26 Lodge Closed	27 5PM Sliders & Chips by Mark & Bill 2/\$6 6PM Texas Hold'em	28 Lodge Open 4 PM 6:30 BINGO Monthly Drawing				

Reminder: The monthly drawing is the last operating day of the month @7:30 PM.

Happy Birthday Coupon

Good for one (1) Free Drink during the month of February 2023

Present this coupon to the bartender.

Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

<u>1</u>	Jack Badalamenti	<u>8</u>	Elvira Paulino	<u>19</u>	Ronald Jones
<u>1</u>	William Hardy	<u>9</u>	Michael Madden	<u>19</u>	Kenneth Roger
<u>1</u>	Tracie Zimmer	<u>9</u>	Mike Perduto	<u>19</u>	Robert Wright
<u>2</u>	John Anusewicz	<u>10</u>	Jim Dykes	<u>20</u>	Carson Justice
<u>2</u>	Thomas Lange	<u>10</u>	Sharon Lynde	<u>21</u>	Frank Johnson
<u>2</u>	George Provencher	<u>10</u>	Scott Rzezniak	<u>21</u>	Edward Schlee
<u>4</u>	Daryl Burchfield	<u>10</u>	Charles Sikes	<u>22</u>	Leslie Burbank
<u>4</u>	Francis Carney	<u>14</u>	Jim McCabe	<u>22</u>	Connie Lorusso
<u>4</u>	Roger Garrett	<u>14</u>	Raymond Zinck	<u>24</u>	Diane Doughty
<u>4</u>	Frank Gibson	<u>15</u>	Harry Chapman	<u>26</u>	Eileen Armao
<u>5</u>	Daniel Nimmo	<u>15</u>	Dante Fiore	<u>26</u>	Sally Campbell
<u>6</u>	Michael Cahill	<u>16</u>	John Maynard	<u>26</u>	Paul Miller
<u>6</u>	David Hastings	<u>17</u>	Richard Beck	<u>26</u>	Ray Watts
<u>8</u>	Judy Oyer			<u>28</u>	Theodore Shaw

VIERA LODGE Cooking Teams

The House Committee is looking for volunteers to help with kitchen cooling and clean-up after breakfast and dinner services.

Hope to see you in the Kitchen!!



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Of everything that the Florida Elks do, perhaps nothing is more important than our work with the state's youth. Sowing the seeds of accomplishment and commitment through our **Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services** and **Florida Elks Youth Camp** programs, children are given the opportunity to grow and learn beyond their dreams.

The trust fund started in 1951, was named after Harry and Anna Miller who donated land and a building to establish the original Florida Elks Hospital for Crippled Children. Its purpose was, and continues to be, the collection of donations and the acceptance of endowed gifts.

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MAKING YOUR DONATION

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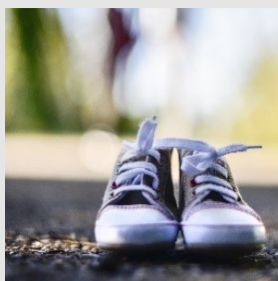
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- Become a sustaining (monthly) donor using your credit card. Your monthly donation is automatically deducted on the same day of each month. Easily increase or decrease your donation, and cancel at any time. Get started below! *Preferred*
- Make a one-time gift using our online form below.
- Give in memory or honor of someone special

<https://floridaelks.org/donate>

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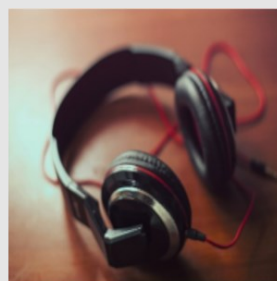
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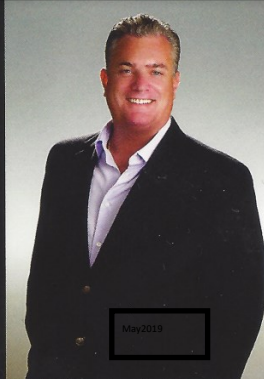
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