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Voice of
"The Millennium Lodge"
VIERA ELKS LODGE #2817



A Message from the Exalted Ruler

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Members All:

As we have all seen over the last few years, the lingering effects of the Pandemic and other things seem to have had a tremendous effect on all supply chains. We all notice certain things that are not available in our grocery stores and other places, while other things seem cost prohibitive. In an effort to manage inventory and attempt to continue to contain costs, the House Committee with my concurrence has instituted the following: DINNER RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE FOR ALL EVENTS TWO (2) DAYS PRIOR TO THE EVENT, AND ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME THE RESERVATION IS MADE. Meal preparation will be based on RESERVATIONS only. There is more on this in the House Committee report on page three of this bulletin. Thank you all for your help in this regard.

Speaking of dinners, Viera Lodge is pleased to announce that beginning in April, the third Saturday of each month will be Steak Night and will feature entertainment for your dancing pleasure. Master steak chef and PDD Thomas Carns and his minions will be chillin' and grillin' so come on down and put them to work. As noted above, please make reservations early, as our steak dinners are always well attended.

As we prepare to close out the Elks year, a look back shows that we now have three new a/c units and are now able to maintain a consistent temperature in the building during functions. We have also updated and replaced the point-of-sale terminals in the lounge, and have a mobile terminal as well. We have replaced the interior lights in the building with LED fixtures that are much brighter and are considerably cooler when operating. The merger of Melbourne Lodge into Viera Lodge was completed in December and we are in the process of finishing the consolidation of furniture, fixtures, and supplies. 2022-2023, was a year of growth for Viera Lodge. Our future is indeed bright. Let's keep the momentum going!! Bring a friend or neighbor to visit and explore the facility and help grow our Order.

The Viera Antlers Lodge continued its membership growth as well. The Antlers are our next generation of Elks and they are wonderful exemplars of the motto Elks Care/Elks Share. This group has helped the Lodge on various projects this year and assisted with different events. Thank-you Antlers!! A big shout-out is in order to Antlers President Erin Enrique, Secretary Kati Calvert and Antlers Members All, as well as to Viera Lodge members Heidi Vargas and Eric Enrique for their efforts with this program.

The Lodge membership continued their stellar performance of being generous with our charities. At this writing, this Lodge ranks FIRST on a per capita basis, in the Southeast Central District in donations to the Elks National Foundation, FIRST in donations to Harry-Anna, and FIRST in Sustaining Donors as a percentage of membership. Thank you for your generosity to the less fortunate and to the future of our Order. "The witchery of wealth is not in having, but in sharing." THANK YOU ALL!!

As we roll into the next Lodge year, PDD and Exalted Ruler-elect Bill Orblych and his team of Officers will carry on the tradition of service for which this Lodge is known. It is incumbent upon each of us to do what we can to assist them. The old axiom of "many hands making light work" is certainly true.

Finally, I would like to thank my Officers (some of whom have served with me for three consecutive years), my Committee persons and Members All for your help extended to the Lodge and myself. It has been a distinct honor serving as your Exalted Ruler. We have stood strong, we have remained united, we have thrived. May God continue to bless each of you and may God Bless America.

Jerry Harrington, PER IV
Exalted Ruler



Secretary's Corner

It has been a distinct honor and pleasure to serve Viera Lodge and more importantly, its membership, as Secretary for the past three years. From the bottom of my heart, I thank each of you for your strong support and wish the very best for each of you.

Rose Ann Atanasio has been assisting me the past three months and is ready to become your Secretary for the coming year. She has learned quickly and with her background and experience will do an excellent job. Please get to know her and give her the same support you have given me.

Dues notices for the 2023-2024 year were mailed in late January. Response has been strong and I think each of you that have paid to date. Again, if for any reason you do not wish to renew your membership, please let me know. Several have done so and Absolute Dimits have been issued. Anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated.

Renewal payments are well ahead of expectations. At this writing (2/14/23) they are over 30%. Thank you for the strong support of Viera Lodge. Remember that due paid on or before March 15th entitle the member to a free Early Bird dinner in April.

Finally, membership cards for 2023-2024 will be mailed on or before March 15th. Please retain and use your current cards until April 1st.

Again, thank you for your support in making Viera Lodge #2817 the great Lodge it has become.

Stay safe and well.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Bill Orblych, PDD, Secretary, Viera Lodge #2817



The delinquent members listed below will be dropped from membership on or before March 31, 2023

Pam Armstrong	Harold Hendry	William Patterson
Kevin Calhoun	Marlene Johnson	Teresa Richards
Thomas Culpepper	Terry Johnson	Joseph Risavi
Walter Czekaj	Gina Kane	Ann-Marie Roffey
Robert D'Arcy	Rusty Lind	Kerri Ann Usher
Gloria Daley	Suzy McDermott	Christine Whitley
Tracey Finkel	Linda Neal	Robert Wright
Louise Goff	Steve Pascoe	



House Committee

HOUSE COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS for March 2023

Due to scheduling difficulties and rising costs, effective March 1st all Friday and/or Saturday dinners will require reservations to be made no less than two days prior to the date of the meal, i.e., Wednesday evening for a Friday dinner and Thursday evening for a Saturday dinner. Payment must be made at the time of reservation.

The first Bunco meeting was a huge success. Ladies Bunco will now be scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month. Come on down and join the fun.

Our first dinner of the month should be a great one. Paul Miller, a long time favorite, and his team will be preparing baked had-dock with rice pilaf, veggie, salad and dessert. The Dynamics will be on hand to provide music for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Men's Wing Night is being changed to Saturday, March 11th this month. Tom, Mark and crew will be preparing the best wings you can find in Brevard. Where else can you get six fantastic wings with fries or onion rings for a meager \$10?? Come on down and enjoy yourself.

We will have our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 18th. Kevin Shetter will again be in the kitchen preparing the traditional corned beef and cabbage with potatoes and carrots. We will have SILK providing music for your enjoyment.

You will not want to miss our Officer Installation and Awards Banquet on March 25th. Officer Installation will be at 4:30 PM followed by a dinner at 6 PM. Meal will be Paul Miller's famous pulled port with slaw, beans and dessert.

Our weekday meals continue to increase in popularity. This month we are adding Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup by Rose Ann on the first Tuesday and Hot Dogs and Sides by Gail are back on the second Tuesday. We continue with our Breakfast Buffet on the first and third Sundays, Mike's Crispy Chicken Wraps on the second Monday, Tacos Thursday by Kathy, Rick and crew continues to grow on the second and fourth Thursday, Pot Roast Sammies by Kasha & Wendy on the third Monday, and closing with Mark's fantastic Sliders on the fourth Monday. Refer to our calendar for dates and times.

Please note these future events: The Early Bird Dinner for members paying their dues prior to March 15th is scheduled for April 15th. Menu to follow. The Viera Golf Classic on has been rescheduled for May 21st.

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

Make sure your kilt is
short enough to do a
Jig But long enough
to hide your
Lucky Charms!
Happy St. Patrick's
Day everyone!



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

Americanism

March 2023

Several years ago, I wrote about the United States Constitution one month and followed those thoughts up with commentary the next month on the Amendments to the Constitution. This is a very interesting time in the history of our Country, and I am continually amazed by the forward thinking exhibited by the Founding Fathers when they drafted the original documents of our governance.

The Constitution of the United States was finalized in 1789. It was the successor document and superseded the Articles of Confederation. It is the Supreme Law of the United States of America. What I find particularly interesting is that the latter Amendments to the Constitution, some of them now over 100 years in existence themselves have so many practicalities in our current world.

For example, the Sixteenth Amendment which gives Congress the power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source, was passed in 1909. This was some 120 years AFTER the drafting of the Constitution. The Seventeenth Amendment affixes the number of Senators. The Twentieth Amendment calls for the terms of the President and Vice President to end at Noon on the 20th day of January. It also required Congress to assemble at least once in every year, beginning on the 3rd day of January.

In 1987 Justice Thurgood Marshall gave a speech in which he argued that the Constitution was a Living Document that must be interpreted..."in light of the moral, political and cultural climate of the age of interpretation."

As the document has evolved, the 22nd Amendment limits the term of office for the President to two terms. If he or she shall serve for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected President, they are limited to one more four-year term. The 23rd Amendment sets the number of electors of President and Vice President equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives. Congress has the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Interestingly enough, the 24th Amendment addresses the Sixteenth in that it guarantees the right to vote absent payment of taxes.

The last election cycle had numerous articles and pundits addressing the 25th Amendment which regards the removal of the President from office, or their death or resignation while in office. This Amendment allows the President to appoint a Vice President if there is a vacancy, upon confirmation by a majority vote of both Houses of Congress. This amendment also allows the President to remove himself from office by stating in writing that he is unable to discharge his duties, but it also allows him or her to make a declaration to the contrary and resume power. This is also the Amendment that vests the Vice President and principal officers of the executive departments to declare the President unfit to discharge his duties. Were this to happen, Congress shall decide the issue, assembling within 48 hours for that purpose, if it is not in session at that time.

The 26th Amendment gives the right to vote at age eighteen.

To close with a laugh, think this one thru... the 27th Amendment prohibits varying the compensation of Congress unless THEY intervene...what could possibly go wrong there?

Happy trails to you and yours!!

May God continue to bless America.

Fraternally,

Steve Gates





QUEEN OF HEARTS

Each Monday @ 7PM

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VIERA ELKS LODGE #2817




Social Poker in Dining Room

Each Wednesday @ 5PM



March

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Lodge Open 4 PM BUNCO NIGHT	2 7 PM Lodge Meeting & Officer Nominations BOD Mtg	3 Baked Haddock, Rice Pilaf, Veggie & Dessert \$17.50 Music by The Dynamics	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	9 5 PM Tacos \$3 Taco Salad \$7 Nachos \$8	10 Lodge Open 4 PM	11 5PM Men's Wings by Tom, Jerry, Bill & Mark 6 Wings w/ FF or Rings \$10
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 Lodge Open 4 PM 5:30 HC Mtg	16 7 PM Lodge Initiation Meeting & Elections PER Mtg	17 Lodge Open 4 PM Happy St. Patrick's Day!	18 Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Rolls & Dessert \$17 Music by SILK
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 4:30 Officer Installation 6PM Pulled Pork, Slaw, Beans, 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	29 Lodge Open 4 PM	30 Lodge Open 4 PM	31 Lodge Open 4 PM 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 March 2023

Present this coupon to the bartender.

Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

<u>1</u>	Ann Bishop	<u>11</u>	Brian Bradley	<u>21</u>	Terry Johnson
<u>1</u>	David Thronson	<u>13</u>	Linda Neal	<u>21</u>	Marlin Kentopp
<u>1</u>	Diane Walker	<u>14</u>	Brian Donnelly	<u>21</u>	Bill Nilsson
<u>2</u>	Henry Eckstein	<u>15</u>	Becky Wills	<u>22</u>	Lawrence Henris
<u>2</u>	Audrey Schmoyer	<u>16</u>	Nancy Toney	<u>22</u>	Deanna Ragas
<u>2</u>	Carl Sloan	<u>17</u>	Brian Dean	<u>23</u>	Paul Bonville
<u>2</u>	Chaz Wendling	<u>17</u>	Larry Goodson	<u>23</u>	Gary Karel
<u>3</u>	Vincent Caggiano	<u>18</u>	Raul Ortega	<u>23</u>	Jack Lateulere
<u>3</u>	James Frazier	<u>18</u>	Al Rossi	<u>26</u>	Jerry Harrington
<u>4</u>	Sam Volpe	<u>18</u>	William Verderame	<u>26</u>	Cindy Polito
<u>8</u>	William Adams	<u>19</u>	Pam Furst	<u>27</u>	Etsy Wade
<u>8</u>	James Holland	<u>19</u>	Brad Graves	<u>27</u>	Kathleen Warner
<u>8</u>	Bart Miranda	<u>19</u>	Robert Hp;;abaugh	<u>28</u>	Warren Duff
<u>8</u>	Diane Riley	<u>19</u>	Robert Lipe	<u>28</u>	Marlene Johnson
<u>9</u>	Brenda Hearn	<u>19</u>	Michael Polites	<u>29</u>	Mark Nimmo
<u>9</u>	Ron LeDoux	<u>20</u>	Brian Bennett	<u>29</u>	Peter Tsoukalas
<u>10</u>	Jack Everett	<u>20</u>	Bruce Stevenson	<u>30</u>	Leonard Cahill

Let the
SHENANIGANS
Be Gin

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!!



Harry Anna Investment Fund—Together We Can Do Great Things

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.

The trust fund is restricted, which means that only the income derived from it may be used to support our major projects: the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services and Florida Elks Youth Camp programs.

MAKING YOUR DONATION

An online donation is the quickest and easiest way to support our trust fund efforts. Go to the LINK below to make your secured gift.

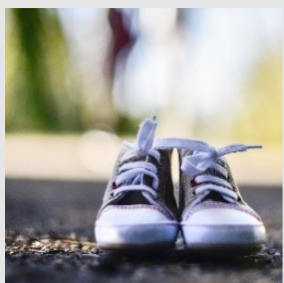
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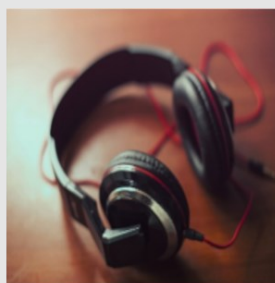
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Many "THANKS" to our **Anvil** supporters



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Our volunteers work very hard to make sure all members are up-to-date on all the Lodge news. This is done by newsletter, both by mail and electronically, flyers, calendar board, bar inserts and by "blasting" electronically on a daily basis. The cost of paper (both regular and card stock) printer cartridges, copying expenses, labels and postage constitutes the bulk of the monthly costs.

Boosters are only \$10 for a year! These funds are used to help defray the costs for these services. Please help by becoming a Booster in Viera's Hall of Fame next month. Just fill out the above coupon and give to our Secretary, Bill Orblych, or mail to:

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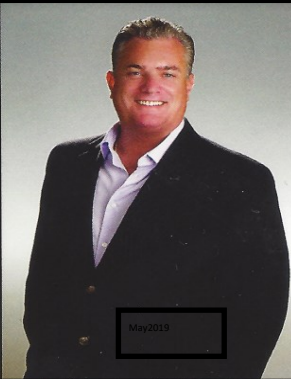
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