

# THE ANVIL

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



## A Message from the Exalted Ruler

### **LODGE OFFICERS 2023-2024**

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Rose Ann Atanasio

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#### **3-YEAR TRUSTEE**

Tom Carns, PDDGER,

#### **2-YEAR TRUSTEE**

Kasha Harrell

#### **1-YEAR TRUSTEE**

Paul Miller

Members All:

I want to thank Jerry Harrington, all of his officers and our members for a truly exceptional year. 2022-2023 had some really wonderful times and I hope to continue all the fun. We were excited to open our arms and embrace members from Melbourne Lodge.

This year we are in a territory never seen before in Viera Lodge's 24 year history!! A foundation of prosperity and growth has been set and we now have the huge task to build upon it. I have complete faith that with the continued support of each of you we can continue and be a shining star in our community and throughout Elksdom.

I have set lofty goals for our family to broaden our footprint and make our star shine even brighter. Among these are to add at least 25 new members, keep delinquents below 5%, continue our leadership in ENF and Harry-Anna per-capitas, and secure grants to continue our efforts fighting veteran and family homelessness.

Viera Lodge is your Lodge. It is through your support and volunteerism that we are able to continue our support for our youth, veterans, the elderly and our Brevard community. Our footprint is big and with your help we can make it bigger. Working together we can and will accomplish great things. The more members involved will lessen the work for everyone. I will reiterate Jerry's axiom from last month's Anvil; "many hands making light work." If you see where you can aide the lodge by volunteering, I welcome you with open arms. Problems are solved by those who care enough to participate and not just express complaints.

You will see in the calendar that several new events have been scheduled for your enjoyment. We now have Bunco on the first Wednesday, Karaoke on the third Wednesday and Trivia on the last Wednesday of the month. I hope you will enjoy these as well as the many other events and functions we have throughout the month. Please refer to the Calendar for dates and times. The "Blast" notifications will update changes or additions. The House Committee report has more details.

Let us not forget our Viera Antlers Lodge. These young men and women have become a vital part of our Viera family. They continue their support of our efforts as well as pursue their own community projects. They continue to work with other district Lodges to develop additional Antlers Lodges. These future Elks are a shining star in their own right and we couldn't be more proud of them. Please extend your thanks to them every chance you have.

As we begin the new year let each of us remind ourselves of the cardinal principles of our order; Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Following these principles and the Oath we took at Initiation into this Order has enabled Viera Elks Lodge #2817 to become a family of fun-loving, hard-working Elks. We are now 500+ strong and getting stronger.

In closing, I again wish to thank Jerry and all of his officers for a great year. I also wish to thank each of you for electing me as your Exalted Ruler. It is an honor to have your trust in leading Viera into the future. We shall continue as a strong and united family ready and able to handle whatever the future holds.

May God bless each of you and may God Bless America and the troops protecting our freedom.

Bill Orblych, PDDGER  
Exalted Ruler





# Secretary's Corner

Greeting Fellow Viera Elks,

As your new Lodge Secretary, I am committed to assist our members in enjoying a positive, fun and engaging experience in the lodge and our community. Let's make an impact together.

During the month of April, we will be having a First Friday Dinner/Dance on the 7th along with the annual free Early Bird Dinner on the 15th for all members that renewed their membership by March 15th. Join us for Ladies Bunco fun on the 5th, Karaoke on the 19th, Trivia night on the 26th, Bingo each Tuesday along with the ongoing Sunday breakfasts, Chicken Wraps night, Hot Dog night, Pot Roast Sammies night, and Wings night. Something for everyone!

Imagine for a moment all the effort in planning and executing all of the above for you to enjoy. If you have an idea or input, would like to assist in our events, please contact Jerry Harrington, the new House Committee Chairperson. The smallest assistance makes a big difference.

I look forward to all officers and members having the "How can I help?" outlook. It's a new Elks year beginning April 1st. We can start simply by attending lodge meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month. Find out what's happening and greet new members when they are initiated into our lodge membership. Each and every member involvement matters!

If you have not renewed your 2023-2024 membership, please do this right away. Let's continue to be the welcoming, involved, profitable lodge we have become because of YOU!

Finally, please allow me to express my gratitude for entrusting me in the election of Lodge Secretary. Indulge me with your patience as I continue to navigate the responsibilities, make mistakes and maybe even forget your name. You are welcome to reach me at [simplysouthernfl@aol.com](mailto:simplysouthernfl@aol.com) anytime.

I wish you a blessed and Happy Easter!

At your service,

Rose Ann Atanasio, Secretary, Viera Lodge #2817





# House Committee

## HOUSE COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS for March 2023

### Members All:

I am pleased to announce the House Committee members that will be serving with me this Lodge year: PER B. J. Black, Heidi Vargas, Gail Miller, Rose Ann Atanasio will help administer the Club business of Viera Lodge #2817. We are in the process of filling the two remaining spots.

We begin the year with a few housekeeping items: Our first order of business is to address G/L/S 17.052 which deals with service of alcohol. Specifically, we are prevented by conscience and by Grand Lodge from over-serving our Members or guests. The House Committee has instructed all bartenders to stop service to a particular member if there is any question. Let's all do our part, and make sure everyone gets home safely if there is ever any doubt. We will be posting notices concerning Section 17.052 G/L/S regarding prohibition against over-service.

We are also endeavoring to standardize the delivery method by which we offer bar service to Members and their guests. The correct "pour" for a highball is ONE jigger, plus an additional pass. All bartenders have been instructed to pour in this manner. IT IS NOT UP FOR DEBATE. If a particular member desires a stronger drink, they may purchase an additional shot. Bottled and draft beer, as well as single service wine carafes manage their own quantities.

As we enter the new Lodge year, we again remind all to PLEASE use YOUR membership and key card for entry to the Lodge. ANYONE ringing the buzzer for admittance will be asked to produce a current dues card by the bartender on duty. If you cannot produce your card, service will be denied. BE PROUD to show your card. This is for the protection of our Members as well as the Lodge. Please USE YOUR CARD to enter the Lodge facility. If we all march to the same tune, the Club management side of things will become much easier for all. THANK YOU for your support.

In April, we continue our usual pub style food menus. Crispy chicken wraps, Pot roast sammies and tots, or sliders on their typical Monday evenings. Hot dogs as noted on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. Dinners as announced on Fridays or Saturdays. Breakfast on the first and third Sundays of the month. We have something for every palate!!

For your entertainment, we have begun "Fun Facts Trivia" on the LAST Wednesday of each month. Bring down your questions and join in the fun. The "Oracle of Ohio" Rick Leonhart and gang run the fun.

We also now have karaoke by "Michigan Balladeer" Bill O'Dell and crew, so stretch out those vocal cords. We hope to see you on the third Wednesdays of the month, as noted on the calendar.

This is your Lodge!! Come on down and enjoy the best in food, drink, and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you at the Lodge. Your ideas for events, meals and activities are always welcomed.

H. Jerry Harrington, PER IV House Committee Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS: Early-Bird dinner night with Entertainment April 15th; Willy's Meatloaf Dinner on April 29th; Mother's Day breakfast and Lodge service on May 14th; GOLF TOURNAMENT on May 21st





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# Viera Elks Charity

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

Four Man Scramble

**HOLE  
-IN- ONE  
AND DOOR  
PRIZES**



May 21, 2023 - Sunday  
Baytree National Golf Links  
8207 National Drive, Melbourne  
7:00 am Register / 8:30 am Shotgun  
1:30 pm Lunch - Viera Elks Lodge  
5820 US HWY 1, Rockledge

**\$320 - TEAMS OF 4- Space is Limited**  
**Text Heidi: 703-625-0582 for information**  
**RSVP due by May 8th**  
**Portion of the Proceeds will be donated to:**



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Lodge



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QUEEN OF HEARTS

Each Monday @ 7PM

# THE ANVIL

Voice of "The Millennium Lodge"

VIERA ELKS LODGE #2817

Social Poker in Dining Room

Each Wednesday @ 5PM



April

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 9-11:30 AM AYCE Breakfast Buffet \$10 Closed after Breakfast Antlers 11:30AM	3 Paint Stick Bingo 6PM Texas Hold'em	4 Lodge Open 4 PM 6:30 BINGO	5 Lodge Open 4 PM BUNCO NIGHT	6 7 PM Lodge Meeting BOD Mtg	7 Baked White Fish or Veggie Lasagna, Salad, Rolls, Dessert \$17.50 Music by The Dynamics	8 Lodge Open 4 PM
9 <i>Happy Easter</i> Lodge Closed	10 5PM Crispy Chicken Wraps & Chips \$5 by Mike & Team 6PM Texas Hold'em	11 Lodge Open 4 PM 6:30 BINGO	12 Lodge Open 4 PM 5:30 HC Mtg	13 Lodge Open 4 PM	14 Lodge Open 4 PM	15 Early Bird Dinner Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert
16 9-11:30 AM AYCE Breakfast Buffet \$10 Closed after Breakfast Antlers 11:30AM	17 5PM Pot Roast Sammies w/ Cheesy Tots \$7 By Kasha & Mark 6PM Texas Hold'em	18 Lodge Open 4 PM 6:30 BINGO	19 6PM Karaoke in the Bar Area	20 7 PM Lodge Initiation Meeting PER Mtg	21 Lodge Open 4 PM	22 Lodge Open 4 PM
23 Lodge Closed	24 5PM Sliders & Chips by Mark & Bill 2/\$6 6PM Texas Hold'em	25 Lodge Open 4 PM 6:30 BINGO	26 6PM Trivia in the Bar Area	27 Lodge Open 4 PM Private Party in Hall	28 Lodge Open 4 PM	29 ER Meatloaf Dinner! With Sides & Dessert \$15 Monthly Drawing
30 Lodge Closed						

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 April 2023

Present this coupon to the bartender.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

<u>1</u>	Kerri Ann Usher	<u>13</u>	Ana Salvatore	<u>22</u>	Ryan Bearse
<u>2</u>	Gary McKeone	<u>14</u>	Armando Piloto	<u>22</u>	Diana Blakemore
<u>3</u>	Ralph Gatesman	<u>15</u>	Robert Stauffer	<u>23</u>	William Barnes
<u>3</u>	Debbie Mitchell	<u>16</u>	Charles Braden	<u>23</u>	Paul Rhuda
<u>3</u>	Joseph Wehbe	<u>17</u>	Tom Costello	<u>24</u>	Harold Heinbaugh
<u>5</u>	Bruce Campbell	<u>17</u>	Jim Cundiff	<u>25</u>	David Neidermeir
<u>5</u>	Ann Spillane	<u>17</u>	Judith Thomas	<u>25</u>	Warren Powell
<u>5</u>	Mitch Wilson	<u>17</u>	William Wilson	<u>25</u>	Jean Simson
<u>6</u>	Edwina Duff	<u>18</u>	Larry Thompson	<u>26</u>	Carl Cincimino
<u>7</u>	Louise Goff	<u>19</u>	Gene Turner	<u>26</u>	Stanley Jordan
<u>8</u>	Carol Chiaverini	<u>20</u>	Robert Bissel	<u>27</u>	Richard Wagner
<u>8</u>	Paul Wills	<u>20</u>	Steve Gates	<u>28</u>	Allen Susten
<u>9</u>	David Peer	<u>20</u>	Lois Jaffee	<u>29</u>	Don Hatzel
<u>10</u>	Ken Valentine	<u>21</u>	Mark Harrell	<u>29</u>	Randy Underwood
<u>13</u>	James Amick			<u>30</u>	Carter Dykes

## 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.

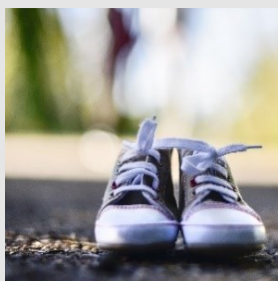
#### Ways to Give

- 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>

### Federal Tax Savings

A contribution to the trust fund is a tax deductible donation to a U.S. tax code 501(c)(3) organization. Continuing changes in the federal tax code make the counsel of professional tax and legal advisors essential to a donor who may benefit financially from a well structured plan.



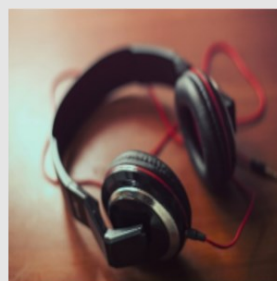
**\$19**

Can provide a pair of shoes for a child in need at camp.



**\$25**

Can provide kid's therapy writing curriculum.



**\$50**

Can help buy auditory equipment for children with Autism.

# VIERA ELKS BOOSTERS

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



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

We want to thank all our Boosters currently in our "Hall of Fame"

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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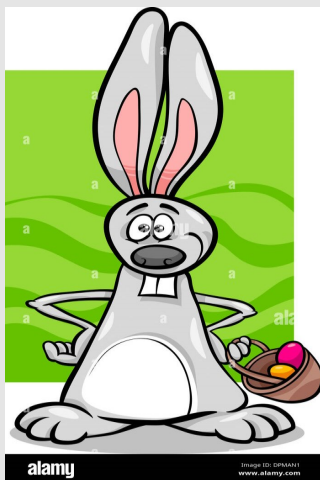
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## 2023-2024 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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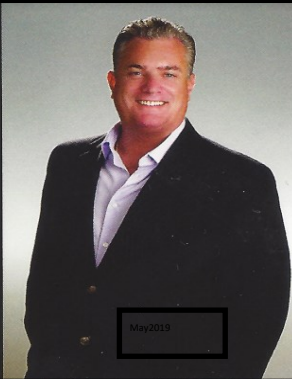
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