

# 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**

#### **EXALTED RULER**

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BJ Black, PER

#### **LOYAL KNIGHT**

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#### **CHAPLAIN**

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#### **SECRETARY**

Rose Ann Atanasio

#### **TREASURER**

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

Tom Carns, PDDGER,

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

Kasha Harrell

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

Paul Miller

Members All:

We are surely in the dog days of Summer. Thanks to each of you for your continued support of Viera Lodge. You enable us to stay strong, continue to grow and increase our image and support of the community. That is the true meaning of being an Elk.

We have received Grand Lodge approval to proceed with the sale of the Melbourne property with the closing date scheduled for August 2, 2023. All property we feel can be used now or in the future has been removed and is safely stored. A heartfelt thanks to the members who volunteered their time and effort to get this huge task done.

I attended the Grand Lodge Convention in early July. While there was much to learn from the sessions and seminars, the highlight of the convention was watching our own Jerry Harrington being installed as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Southeast Central District. Please make sure to congratulate Jerry when you see him in the Lodge.

Even with the chaos caused by the closures due to septic issues and the work needed with the Melbourne property sale we had a very good July. We had two great Breakfasts, Pot Roast Sammies, Men's Wing Night, Sliders, the return of Taco Thursday and a Summer Picnic. All were attended and great fun. With all this our Antlers held a car wash at Long Doggers in Viera, raising over \$500 for their charities. We have more meals and fun planned for August. Check out these events in the August calendar.

While we did not initiate any new members in July due to vacations and all the going ons at the Lodge, we do have eight candidates for August. Our membership has shown some improvement, but remains a thorn in my side. Your continued help in contacting those delinquents you either sponsored or know is the best way to reduce our delinquent list.

Positive thoughts create happy, positive members. If we continue to work together, emphasizing the positive, while eliminating the negative our glass will continue to fill until it overflows.

May God bless and look over each of you, our Military and First Responders.

Bill Orblych, PDDGER  
Exalted Ruler



## VIERA ELKS LODGE #2817

### Proposed revision to Viera Lodge By-Laws

#### ARTICLE V: ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND DUTIES

##### OF THE SECRETARY

Section 4. Currently reads in part: "For the faithful performance of his duties shall receive as compensation \$4,800 per annum, payable every two weeks."

Proposed amendment to read: "For the faithful performance of his/her duties shall receive as compensation \$6,000 per annum, payable monthly."

##### OF THE TREASURER

Section 5. Currently reads in part: "For the faithful performance of his duties shall receive as compensation \$2,400 per annum, payable every two weeks."

Proposed amendment to read: "For the faithful performance of his/her duties shall receive as compensation \$6,000 per annum, payable monthly."

Proposed amendments to be effective September 1, 2023.

BALLOTING WILL BE AT OUR AUGUST 17, 2023 MEETING



# Secretary's Corner

Hello Everyone!

Is it hot or what? As half of our country is under extreme heat conditions, I remind you to please take care. Don't over-exert, drink lots of water and spend minimal time in the heat please! Check on family, friends and neighbors. And then come to the lodge to see your friends and fellow Elks while you cool down!

Last month you were asked to help us retain our membership. The list of delinquent members remains the same. A thank you goes to BJ Black for her efforts to contact delinquent members which helped with an understanding for some of the non-renewals of memberships. Each member we lose at our lodge is a loss for all of us regardless of the reason.

For those that have not renewed but intend to, please do so now. If you need assistance, please contact me.

For August, we have already scheduled eight new candidates to be initiated on August 17th. Please join us. Let these new members see our Elk best with your presence. By September, our lodge will have added 22 new members since April. Thanks go to all that have proposed and engaged theses applicants and new members. Let's be sure to request their volunteering assistance.

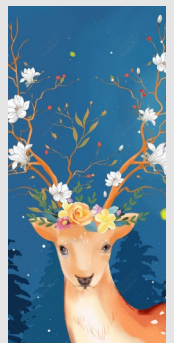
This month, I ask that you propose a worthy candidate. Let's retain our total membership count. Questions? Please contact me for help through the process.

If you want to be heard, have an idea, want to offer your help, you are welcome to reach me at [viera2817@gmail.com](mailto:viera2817@gmail.com) anytime. Let me know if you need assistance.

At your service,

*Rose Ann Atanasio*

Secretary, Viera Lodge #2817





# House Committee

## HOUSE COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS for August 2023

### Members All:

The Septic issues have been resolved, and we sincerely THANK ALL MEMBERS for their patience during this work. We are back on track with our regularly scheduled hours of operation.

You asked for it, you got it!! August 5th, Kathy Wade and team are back with their awesome baked pork chop dinner. These are "just like Mom used to make" AND you can enjoy them while listening and dancing to the sounds of the Dynamics.

Mike and Jenny P. are in the queue for dinner on the 11th with music for your enjoyment by a surprise entertainer. Jenny always cooks up a surprise dessert, so you don't want to miss this one.

The 18th brings us Men's wing night. The boys will be in action in the kitchen. Last time out, Wing Masters Tom and Mark concocted a "Lemon Drop" wing that was truly unique. Of course, I made the mistake of asking for wings "hot as you can make them"...Jeff did not disappoint. All that to say, the Chefs can accommodate most any taste, except bad taste, so come on down.

On the 26th, Antlers Den Mother Heidi will be marshalling the Antlers group for their first dinner presentation. Please come support this dynamic group of youngsters as they cook and serve an awesome meal.

### OUR REGULAR LODGE FARE CONTINUES:

Breakfast on August 6th and 20th

Crispy chicken wraps on the 14th

Pot roast sammies and tots on the 21st

Taco night on the 24th

Sliders on the 28th



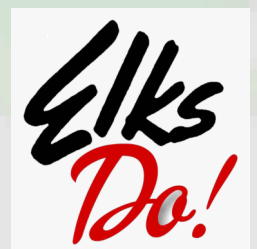
### \*\*\*FUTURE EVENTS\*\*\*

RED-DOGG MOSS and team "LOW COUNTRY BOIL" with the GEORGE DURHAM DUO SEPTEMBER 23rd

ELEGANT DINING on SEPTEMBER 30th

OKTOBERFEST in VIERA, OCTOBER 14th

H. Jerry Harrington, PER IV House Committee Chair





# VIERA *Antlers*



**CHARITY \* SERVICE \*  
LEADERSHIP \* PATRIOTISM \*  
RESPECT**

## *Volunteer*

What better way to earn volunteer hours and make a difference in your local community. We volunteer a lot for the local Elks Lodges, community events, and for various Veterans organizations--- Ask us about our Summer Challenge!!

## *Fun*

What better way to meet new friends? We have a lot of fun hosting parties to spend time to get to know one another. We have had Halloween parties, Movie Nights, and just recently, a party at Tables Beach.

## *Future Leaders*

What better way to get experience to add to your resume? Antlers learn how organizations work through conducting their own meetings, participating in committee work, and aid a worthy cause in their community by working together. (Ages 12-20)

## CONTACT

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QUEEN OF HEARTS

Each Monday @ 7PM

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### VIERA ELKS LODGE #2817

# August

**MONDAY - SATURDAY (Open at 4:00 PM)**

**Sundays (Closed, Except Breakfast Days)**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Lodge Open 4 PM  6:30 BINGO	2 Lodge Open 4 PM  BUNCO NIGHT	3 7 PM Lodge Meeting  BOD Mtg	4 Lodge Open 4 PM	5 Baked Pork Chop Dinner With all the fixins \$17.50 Music by The Dynamics
6 9-11:30 AM AYCE Breakfast Buffet \$10 Closed after Breakfast Antlers 11:30AM	7 Paint Stick Bingo 6PM Texas Hold'em	8 Lodge Open 4 PM  6:30 BINGO	9 Lodge Open 4 PM  6PM HC Mtg	10 Lodge Open 4 PM	11 Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert \$15 By Team C	12 Lodge Open 4 PM
13 Lodge Closed	14 5PM Crispy Chicken Wraps & Chips \$5 by Mike & Team 6PM Texas Hold'em	15 Lodge Open 4 PM  6:30 BINGO	16 6PM Karaoke in the Bar Area	17 7 PM Lodge Initiation Meeting  PER Mtg	18 Men's Wing Night! 6 Wings with FF or OR \$10	19 Lodge Open 4 PM
20 9-11:30 AM AYCE Breakfast Buffet \$10 Closed after Breakfast Antlers 11:30AM	21 5PM Pot Roast Sammies w/ Cheesy Tots \$7 By Kasha & Mark 6PM Texas Hold'em	22 Lodge Open 4 PM  6:30 BINGO	23 Lodge Open 4 PM	24 5 PM Tacos \$4 Taco Salad \$7 Nachos \$8	25 Lodge Open 4 PM	26 Antlers Dinner Dinner Cooked and Served by Viera Antlers!  Details to Come!
27 Lodge Closed	28 5PM Sliders & Chips by Mark & Bill 2/\$6 6PM Texas Hold'em	29 Lodge Open 4 PM  6:30 BINGO	30 6PM Trivia in the Bar Area	31 Lodge Open 4 PM  7:30 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 August 2023

Present this coupon to the bartender.

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

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

<u>2</u>	Stewart Mendoza	<u>10</u>	Robert Cochran Jr.	<u>22</u>	Wayne Graham
<u>2</u>	Karen Renzi	<u>11</u>	Dallas Eberth	<u>23</u>	Steven Long
<u>2</u>	Tommy Vargas	<u>11</u>	Peter Huke	<u>23</u>	Justin Snyder
<u>3</u>	Robert Montano	<u>11</u>	Joseph MacDonald	<u>23</u>	Gustavo Toledo
<u>3</u>	Tom Williams	<u>11</u>	Jane Ruzich	<u>24</u>	David Woronecki
<u>4</u>	BJ Black	<u>12</u>	Keith Dillingham	<u>26</u>	Kelley Sue Tucker
<u>4</u>	Sheryl Brown	<u>12</u>	Heidi Vargas	<u>27</u>	Leonard Farias
<u>4</u>	Jack Lee Goodman	<u>14</u>	Mary Francis Durbin	<u>28</u>	Dawn Mailloux
<u>4</u>	Eric Scigo	<u>15</u>	Karen Evans	<u>28</u>	Dick Maxim
<u>5</u>	Rick Wagner	<u>15</u>	Julia Overton	<u>28</u>	Robert Parker
<u>6</u>	Gina Fortuna	<u>18</u>	Sue Christian	<u>29</u>	Frank DiAngelo
<u>6</u>	Dick Marshall	<u>18</u>	George Kiratzopoulos	<u>29</u>	Kasha Harrell
<u>7</u>	Joseph Coleman	<u>18</u>	Harold Warner	<u>30</u>	Pamela Fazzino
<u>7</u>	Lynne Greene	<u>19</u>	Donald Flammio	<u>31</u>	Johnny Marshall
<u>9</u>	John Garriques	<u>20</u>	Tom Carns	<u>31</u>	John Termini
<u>9</u>	Matt Gould	<u>21</u>	Kevin Shields		

## 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.

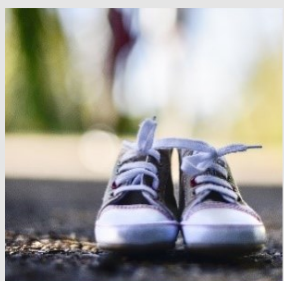
#### Ways to Give

- 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.



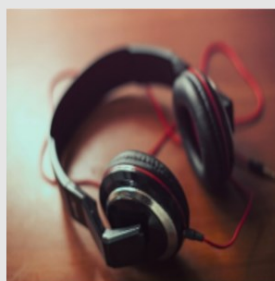
**\$19**

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



## August 2023

Ronnie & Bill Orblych, PDD

Bob Coker, PDDGER

Donna Coker

## February 2024

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Roseann Wiebe

## May 2024

Wynn Hughes

## July 2024

Dick Gould

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Al Renzi, PER

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## VIERA ELKS BOOSTER SUPPORT

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, Rose Ann Atanasio, or mail to:

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Activities Committee	House Committee	Investigation	Jerry Harrington, PER IV, DD
Americanism		JROTC	
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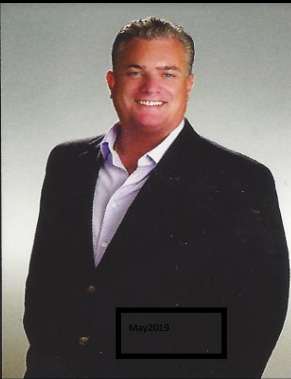
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