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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:

Wow! What a fantastic month we had in September. We started with the visit of the State President, Joe Cooper and his wife Allie on the 8th and 9th. What a great time for Viera and the Southeast Central District to shine. Wendy and her team made it happen. Then we closed the month on the 30th with a spectacular Formal Dinner Dance presented by Kasha and team. The food was outstanding. Our regular weekly functions were supplemented with the introduction of a new game, Show-Me-The-Money and an Asian Dinner.

With the cooler temperatures arriving in October and the return of our snowbirds, we will keep the ball rolling. We start with a roast beef dinner on October 6th, followed by our annual Octoberfest celebration, with a German band on the 14th; a fish fry dinner on the 21st; (Viera's 23rd Anniversary); and we close with a Halloween Party on the 28th. Please mark your calendars. Also remember to refer to the calendar for our regular weekly events.

Along with the great times we had in September, we initiated eight new members into our Order. Give them a huge Viera welcome when you see them in the Lodge. This brings our membership total to 552 members. Unfortunately, our delinquent percentage remains over 20%. Please continue your efforts on reducing our delinquent list. This list, with contact information, is posted on the bulletin board next to the office.

As a Charter Member of Viera Lodge I believe I have gotten into a rut. I tend to work with things that have worked in the past, and even try those that didn't work and see if they will work today. I need new ideas that will stimulate you, our Viera family members, increase participation and volunteerism. On Sunday, October 22nd at 1:00 I will be holding an Open House at the Lodge. I ask each of you to attend and present thoughts and ideas you feel would improve our Lodge.

Let's each of us remember that there is no "I" in TEAM. We must all work together in order for Viera Lodge to continue to grow and prosper.

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

Bill Orblych, PDDGER
Exalted Ruler



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Secretary's Corner

Hello Fellow Elks!

Well, it looks like that time of year when it seems every store is displaying holiday decorations months in advance. I don't know about you, but I'm not ready. Hold up on all that Thanksgiving and Christmas décor for another month. For now, let's live in the moment and be present in our Elk membership and contributions to the community.

This month all those with delinquent dues status will be removed from our membership roster. While many valid reasons were given for not renewing their membership – health, driving at night, distance, moved out of the area – we are sad to lose any member for any reason. Our membership is not based solely on your ability to come to the lodge but includes supporting our work in the community for veterans, the homeless, food deprived and many other important projects. Your membership dues help our lodge accomplish that.

If you would like to reconsider and be re-instated, please don't hesitate to contact me at viera2817@gmail.com. I would be happy to assist you. If not, it may take a few weeks for the Grand Lodge to catch up and stop the automatic mailings that appear to come directly from our lodge.

Please stay informed by attending lodge meetings, enjoy our dinners and dances, support our District VP and District Deputy events, remain active in volunteering and continue your membership as a proud Elk of Viera Lodge #2817.

Shoutouts to Honor Flight volunteers, our breakfast and dinner crews, decorating committee, the great work done by Carl Sloan for our e-mail blasts/slides keeping us informed of events, and Wendy Carns for pulling so many pieces together at the end of every month to present our Anvil and calendar. So much work done behind the scenes for your benefit and our lodge.

Promote a worthy candidate for membership this month! Let me know if you need my help.

Meanwhile, stay well and stay safe as we wind down this hurricane season.

At your service,

Rose Ann Atanasio

Secretary, Viera Lodge #2817





House Committee

HOUSE COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS for October 2023



Members All:

As we roll into the Fall, the House Committee has scheduled a full calendar of events for your enjoyment.

We begin on the 6th with Chef Mike Perduto and team bringing us their awesome roast beef dinner.

The 14th brings us OKTOBERFEST with a German Food themed buffet, specials on German beer, AND the musical sounds of the house band from Heidi's Jazz Club. Those of you who were here last year will remember the great music and food. Please plan to join us for this event and watch the Lodge PER's in action as they will be cooking and serving this event.

The 21st we will have a Fish Fry by Yours Truly and Friends. Details to follow shortly.

On the 28th it is Halloween Viera Lodge style. This year's extravaganza will be spearheaded by Joe O'Dell, so plan to come on down and see the Lodge and the Members decorated in their finest.

Our pub style meals of hotdogs, tacos, pizza and wings continue on their regular schedule, as does Breakfast on the first and third Sundays of the month.

This year, as the Holiday Season approaches, we will be setting up two Angel Trees to support Friends of Children of Brevard and Brevard Family Partnership. Heidi Vargas and team will be setting these trees up earlier than usual this year, as the local need is great. Please be on the lookout for this opportunity to help the less fortunate.

We are still on the hunt for Members to help in the kitchen and with serving, decorating and cleaning after functions. If you have a couple of hours a month available, please see myself or any other House Committee member, or Lodge Officer and we will get you on a team. THANKS FOR YOUR EFFORTS in this regard.

UPCOMING EVENTS you'll want to get on your schedule include:

Saturday, November 4th: Chef Mike Perduto encores his Roast Beef Dinner. This will be a DINNER SHOW with GEORGE DURHAM AND HIS SINGERS. This is a Motown type review. George plays over 30 instruments, and it is talent you will not soon forget.

Friday November 17th: The DYNAMICS are in the house, with PORK CHOPS done by PER Joyce Madden and team.

Friday November 24th: Take a break from your shopping and come down to the Lodge for a burger and a beer. After braving the crowds, you DESERVE it.

Remember, this House Committee works for the Lodge. Please contact us with your suggestions for dinners and events. If you have an idea for an event we have not tried, let's take it out for a test drive.

As always, thank you for your support of the Lodge, our events and our Order.

Fraternally,

H. Jerry Harrington, PER IV House Committee Chair

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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)

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QUEEN OF HEARTS

Each Monday @ 7PM



THE ANVIL

Voice of "The Millennium Lodge"

VIERA ELKS LODGE #2817

October

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9-11:30 AM AYCE Breakfast Buffet \$10 Closed after Breakfast Antlers 11:30AM	2 6:15 PM Paint Stick Bingo 6PM Texas Hold'em	3 Lodge Open 4 PM 6:30 BINGO	4 Lodge Open 4 PM BUNCO NIGHT	5 7 PM Lodge Meeting BOD Mtg	6 Roast Beef Dinner, with Sides & Dessert \$15 By Team C	7 Lodge Open 4 PM Private Party in Hall
8 Lodge Closed	9 5PM Crispy Chicken Wraps & Chips \$5 by Mike & Team 6PM Texas Hold'em	10 Lodge Open 4 PM 6:30 BINGO	11 Lodge Open 4 PM 6PM HC Mtg	12 Lodge Open 4 PM	13 Lodge Open 4 PM	14 Oktoberfest \$20 German Food & Beer Specials Music by the house band at Heidi's Jazz Club
15 9-11:30 AM AYCE Breakfast Buffet \$10 Closed after Breakfast Antlers 11:30AM	16 5PM Pot Roast Sammies w/ Cheesy Tots \$8 By Kasha & Mark 6PM Texas Hold'em	17 Lodge Open 4 PM 6:30 BINGO	18 Lodge Open 4 PM	19 7 PM Lodge Initiation Meeting PER Mtg	20 Men's Wing Night! 6 Wings with FF or OR \$10	21 Fish Fry by Jerry & Team Watch Blast for Details
22 OPEN HOUSE 1PM	23 5PM Sliders & Chips by Mark & Bill 2/\$6 6PM Texas Hold'em	24 Lodge Open 4 PM 6:30 BINGO	25 Show Me The Money 2-4 6PM Trivia in the Bar Area	26 5 PM Tacos \$4 Taco Salad \$7 Nachos \$8	27 Lodge Open 4 PM	28 Halloween Party!! BOOO!
29 Lodge Closed	30 Lodge Open 4 PM	31 Lodge Open 4 PM 6:30 BINGO 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 October 2023

Present this coupon to the bartender.

Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

<u>2</u>	Sophia Bussa	<u>8</u>	Dorus Vaughan	<u>18</u>	Ellie Harrington Gips
<u>2</u>	Jennifer Chapon	<u>10</u>	Ken Curtin	<u>19</u>	Richard Ley
<u>2</u>	Scott Gunnell	<u>10</u>	Robert Higgins	<u>20</u>	Rowland Steffey
<u>2</u>	Nancy Ann Snyder	<u>12</u>	David Holloway	<u>21</u>	Vito Alfano
<u>2</u>	Roger Thivierge	<u>12</u>	Stuart Ragas	<u>21</u>	Anita Martin
<u>3</u>	Bill Orosz	<u>13</u>	Patricia Reed	<u>22</u>	Christopher Adams
<u>3</u>	Susan Schultz	<u>14</u>	John Farley	<u>22</u>	Lise Hansen
<u>4</u>	Andrew Bailey	<u>16</u>	George Cole	<u>22</u>	Laurie Anne Sullivan
<u>4</u>	John Early	<u>16</u>	Russell Henning	<u>25</u>	Margaret Funsch
<u>4</u>	Roy Krull	<u>17</u>	Shirley Abernathy	<u>26</u>	Rose Ann Atanasio
<u>5</u>	Suzanne Cawn	<u>17</u>	Sylvia Eger	<u>26</u>	Robert Barry
<u>5</u>	Jan Hall	<u>17</u>	Jerome Porter	<u>27</u>	Sam Casella
<u>5</u>	Tim Quicksell	<u>17</u>	Frank Rios	<u>27</u>	Luis Diaz
<u>6</u>	Keith Crane	<u>17</u>	Thomas Zannis	<u>29</u>	Veronica Yovich
<u>6</u>	Rita Kreul	<u>18</u>	Robyn Breaux	<u>30</u>	Alvin Langley
<u>8</u>	Keith Oyer	<u>18</u>	Robert Dahaven		



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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>

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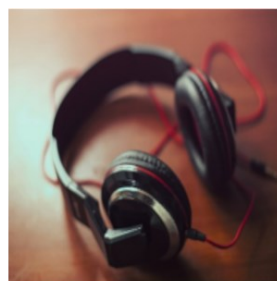
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