



Sebring Elks Lodge 1529



This will be my last ER Message. I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your love and support for the last two years. Thank you for standing behind me and trusting in my ability to lead our Lodge. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve Sebring Lodge #1529 as your Exalted Ruler. We have enjoyed great success as a Lodge over the last few years and I can not personally accept credit for all that our Lodge has gained, not only financially but in membership and friendship. We as a Lodge have come a long way and it is directly attributed to all of our members coming together and making us what we are today. Do not stop now! I am pleased to be leaving the lodge in good hands, Joe Stockenberg has been my right hand man for the past two years and is going to do a great job for us. Please give Joe the support that you have given me, it is never the work of one

person that leads us to triumph but the work of all of us combined. I will still be at the Lodge doing what needs to be done to support our Lodge but I am pleased to let you all know that I have been endorsed to be our District Vice President so not only will I have the privilege of supporting our Sebring Lodge but also all six lodges in our district. As always, keep an eye on the calendar each month for upcoming meals and events. I look forward to seeing each and every one of our Sebring Lodge #1529 BPOE “Best People On Earth” in and around our great lodge. To all of the volunteers who have made such a huge difference in the the success of our lodge I say Keep up the great work and thank you!

Fraternally Yours

Jonathan Spiegel ER/PER/Endorsed District Vice President

March 2024 Elk of the Month

Elk of the Month



The Sebring Elks #1529 has many people to thank for its success and our Exalted Ruler has chosen well again this month to appoint one of them, Joe Stockenberg, as the March Elk of the Month. Joe was born in Worcester, Massachusetts and his parents moved to Ft. Lauderdale in 1978, and after 8 years they relocated to Avon Park. Joe has two daughters, Megan and Carlie; Megan who now lives and works in Norfolk, Va. and Carlie who attends Lake Placid High School. He has worked in the agriculture industry most of his adult life and currently works for TriEst Ag Group. Having been the President of the Highlands Archery Club, he continues to enjoy the sport in his spare time and is an archery and shotgun

instructor for Highlands County 4H Shooting Sports, and he is currently on the Board of Directors for the Florida Watermelon Association. Joe is currently the Lodge Leading Knight and has been elected to the position of Exalted Ruler starting April 1st. He is there when help is needed for special events, and assists with lodge maintenance and repairs. His true talent is at the kitchen grill!!! He is our Grill Master and cooks all the rib eye steaks both beef and pork to perfection each month. Joe also runs our Ship, Captain, Crew game on Wednesday nights. Thank you, Joe, for all you do and for your love and commitment to the Sebring Elks!

Army of Hope

On Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024, the Sebring Elks #1529 was once again able to help a local veteran in need. Brenda Walton, our Veteran's Chairman, was contacted by Highlands County Veterans Association and they requested that the Florida State Elks Association's Army of Hope be contacted to help this needy veteran. The man in need qualified for the Florida Elks Army of Hope as he was a deployed honorably discharged veteran. Fred Dubowsky is married and has a disabled wife as well as a disabled son who is getting SSI assistance. The family has had this 2012 Chrysler van, which has been converted to enable his son to travel, for the past 10 years. It became undrivable and needed \$3,000.00 plus repairs which were done by a local shop. The Sebring Elks are happy to say that the Harry-Anna Army of Hope came through again. Pictured is Fred and Brenda in front of his van.



Sebring Elks #1529 Veterans "Meet & Greet"

On February 8, 2024, the Sebring Elks #1529 Veterans Committee held its first "Meet & Greet" for all local veterans at the Lodge. The purpose was to have a social atmosphere for veterans to enjoy, and vital information to be passed on from the Highlands County Veterans Services Office. Denise Williams the County Veterans Service Officer was in attendance as well as Glenn West, the President of the Highlands Veterans Council.



"New Members"

The Sebring Elks #1529 gained 13 new members in February. During Initiation, several of the members indicated that they were looking for not only a social organization, but also one which will help them give back to the community. We are proud to say they chose the Elks. Since 1927 when the Sebring Elks got started, we have donated over 8.4 Million Dollars to Highlands County! We also are a "hands on" organization when the need arises, participating in charitable runs, golf tournaments, and food collection and distribution.

Pictured:

Seated l-r: David Luttrull, Paula Hall, Peggy Densford, Michell Gaddy, James Aurigemma, and Donna Basil
Back l-r: Peggy Alley, Stephen Liddick, Allison Lao, Gladys Lamar, Lon Crow IV, Donald Bollinger, and William Sim..



Sebring Elks Super Bowl

The Sebring Elks #1529 enjoyed the 2024 Super Bowl by watching along with 123.4 million other viewers! My guess is that none of them had any better time than our Elks! Great food and great fellowship. Thanks, Paul for bringing over some lazy boys from the county fair. The new televisions bought for the Charity Bingo were put to good use with a panoramic view in the lodge room. Problem was, it was streamed into the lodge room and was live in the bar. Those of us in the room could hear cheering or booing a few seconds before we saw it, so we would say, "what's happening?" 3 seconds later we found out. What a fun night.



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The Faults of our Members We Write Upon the Sand, Their Virtues Upon the Tablets of Love and Memory.

Nancy Bain

Our dear friend, and fellow Elk, Nancy Bain passed away on 2/7/24. Although she has not been at the Lodge in a while, she continued to pay her dues and remain an Elk In Good Standing. She will be remembered for her smile and her gentleness as well as her love of dancing. Through the years, Nancy and her partner Carl tried diligently to teach various dances to the Friday night dancers. They were not always successful, but we all had a good time. May the Peace of God be with you, Nancy.



Americanism

On Tuesday February 11 the First-Place 5th grade winner for this year's Americanism contest (submitted by Sebring Elks #1529) was invited to share her essay with the Highlands County Retired Teachers Association February meeting at Oscars Restaurant in Sebring. Nyteria Worrell, a student at Woodlawn Elementary, shared her essay on "What the Bill of Rights Means to Me" with the group of educators. Pictured with Nyteria is Diane Morse, Elks Lodge 1529 Lecturing Knight; Jerry Wright, Principal Woodlawn Elementary; Elk Member MaryAnn Handley; and Andria McHargue, 5th Grade Teacher.



February Quarterly

The Sebring Elks #1529 had a good representation at the Florida Elks Quarterly meeting (2/8-10) in Umatilla, FL. ER Jonathan Spiegel & Christie Spiegel, Leading Knight Joe Stockenberg and Tammy Grills, Buddy Richards Esquire, Judy Hanson PER, Jim Mason PDD, and Ronna Mason PER had their picture taken alongside the Elk statue that was donated by the Sebring Lodge. Also pictured is Judy presenting the \$4,000.00 check from #1529 to the Harry-Anna Trust Fund. The check came from our Charity account which was mostly funded by the Monday night charity bingo. Jonathan and Judy were pictured with the Grand Exalted Ruler Randy Shook and our Florida State President Joe Cooper.



Elk's March Hoop Shoot

On February 16th, Exalted Ruler Jonathan Spiegel, welcomed one of our hoop shoot winners to the Lodge. After having a delicious steak dinner, Justus Degenhart and his mother Kelly were introduced to the membership. We all look forward to his return to the tournament next year.



March Happy Birthdays

01 Breylinger, Jane A	15 Moore, Karen R	Thomas, Dianne
Mason, James	Patrick, Paddy	27 Hawken, William
Reichl, Duane E	Wagner, John T	Scharf, Edward
03 McGee, Dustin E	16 Rydecki, John P	28 Hinshaw, Roxanne
Pool, Dan	17 Balduff, Richard C	Howerton, Charles
04 Armstrong, Shirley	Zeleney, Mark	Maddox, Austin
Mirasky, Walter	18 Landry, Catherine A	Zuesenheim, Kenneth
05 Gilbert, Chris H	Otting, Terry	29 Amiott, Donald
Hall, Warren	19 Massie, Roger	Eller, Billy A
Henderson, Allan S	21 Becan, Edwin	Mackes, Beth Linn
Jacobs, Jerry	22 Schilffarth, Ronald	30 Ladenberger, Edward
08 Clement, John	23 Tomblin, Cory Dale	31 Garret, Donald L
Nelson, Gary	Walton, Brenda	Gunter, Christopher
Woodard, Richard E	25 Griffin, Gregory Wayne	Pease, Beth
09 Woodhall, Michelle	26 Patno, Marilyn Rose	
10 O'neil, Glenna	Spiegel, Susan E	
14 Carr, Annie		
Travers, Dave		



Directory

OFFICE OPEN MON, TUES & THURS 9 AM TO NOON

Lodge		471-3557
Office		385-8647
Exalted Ruler	Jonathan Spiegel PER	381-7159
Leading Knight	Joe Stockenberg	441-1943
Loyal Knight	Gwen Clark	835-1233
Lecturing Knight	Diane Morse	381-2321
Secretary	Darlene Quel	724-622-1445
Treasurer	Joy Rink	385-8647
Tiler	Mark Richardson	381-2002
Inner Guard	Billy Brown	540-550-1846
Esquire	Buddy Richards	381-4713
Organist	Reggie Lemmen	863-446-5555
Chaplain	Ronna Mason, PER	446-0494
1 Yr. Trustee	Bob Lewis	248-296-9681
2 Yr. Trustee	Ken Wheeler	452-6462
3 Yr. Trustee	Ron Schilffarth	273-2444
Lodge Advisor	Jim Mason, PDDGER	446-0441
Mediator	OPEN	
Accident Prevention	Mike Gillian	863-446-0554
Americanism	Diane Morse	381-2321
Auditing	Jim Mason, PDDGER	446-0441
Bar Manager	Billy Brown	540-550-1846
Bingo/Monday	Wainetta Holmes PER	214-3039
Bulletin Editor	Office	385-8647
Community Activities	Judy Hanson, PER	239-823-7859
Drug Awareness	Judy Hanson, PER	239-823-7859
Elks Training	Judy Hanson, PER	239-823-7859
Flag Day	Diane Morse	381-2321
Government Relations	Jim Mason, PDDGER	446-0441
Hoop Shoot	Gwen Clark	835-1233
Justice Sub Forum	Mike Disler PER	385-5139
Lapsation	Judy Hanson, PER	239-823-7859
Lodge Activities	OPEN	
Lodge Decorating	Brenda Richards	443-0862
Maintenance	Buddy Richards	381-4713
Membership	OPEN	
Member Bingo	Diane Morse	381-2321
Memorial Sunday	Jim Mason, PDDGER	446-0441
National Foundation	Ronna Mason PER	446-0494
Orientation	Gwen Clark	835-1233
Parliamentarian	OPEN	
Photographer	Ronna Mason PER	446-0494
Public Relations	Ronna Mason PER	446-0494
Ritual Coach	Judy Hanson, PER	239-823-7859
Scholarships	Rachel Wood	451-6116
Soccer Shoot	Judy Hanson, PER	239-823-7859
State Major Projects	Judy Hanson, PER	239-823-7859
Veterans Chairperson	Brenda Walton	863-381-3104
Lodge Historian	Buddy Richards	863-381-4713
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	Email: rmvosburgh@gmail.com	
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