

“A Fraternal Organization”

Jacksonville Elks



Lodge #221

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My Fellow Elks,

Welcome to May! Time flies when you are having fun! Let's make the most of our precious time and continue to push forward with our new ideas and charity work!

Reflecting back on last month's message – have you thought about joining one of our committees? There are so many different opportunities to volunteer and the more volunteers we have, the better we are as a Lodge. Do you like to cook? Do you like to sing and perform? We have just the right spots for you in the kitchen and running our karaoke machine on Saturday nights. See Donnie

Rowand, House Committee Chair. Become a part of our Welcome Home Kits for Veterans transitioning from homelessness to housing by participating in the delivery of one of these kits. See Karen Tracy, Veterans Chair, for details on ways you can help. It's a “feel good” feeling when you are a part of something BIG – making an impact one life at a time! Isn't that why you became an ELK?

Welcome to our newest members who were initiated on April 24th! We look forward to getting to know you! You are encouraged to jump right in and when you are ready, please see any one of our officers or committee chairs and we will be glad to guide you in the right direction.

May is a busy month for Elks as we support our youth **during Elks National Youth Week (May 1 - 7)**. Elks do so much in support of our youth by offering scholarships, sponsoring the hoop and soccer shoots, drug awareness, the dictionary project and recently introduced Jr. Golf! Learn more about the various programs we offer and get involved! These young people will lead us one day – let's put them on the right track! This information and more can be found under the tab, OUR PROGRAMS on elks.org.

May 12th is Mother's Day. **Happy Mother's Day** to all the mothers and grandmothers who have given everything to make us what we are today. THANK YOU for your inspiration and devotion!! Enjoy your day!!

Memorial Day weekend is one I always look forward to – not only is it a 3-day weekend for some of us, but more importantly, this is a time to demonstrate our love and patriotism for our great country, our flag and our Veterans who have sacrificed so we can be here today. Let's honor them and thank them for their service to our country.

In closing, let us remember - **CHARITY** is the greatest of all the virtues; and it should ever rule us in our hearts and in our lives, leading us to speak no unkind word, to harbor no evil thought, to bear no malice, to support no wrong; but to nurture, love and protect; to condone, forgive and forget.

Elks Care – Elks Share!

Respectfully,
Robin Pipkins, Exalted Ruler





Jacksonville Elks Lodge Officers:

Exalted Ruler - Robin Pipkins
Leading Knight - Brent Reedy
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Lecturing Knight - Carole Shapley PER
Secretary - Deborah Reedy PER
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3 Year Trustee - David Graham PER
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1 Year Trustee - Susan Kelly

Scott Wilson PER/PDDGER: Lodge Advisor
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Officer of the Year: Karen Tracy

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Lodge Committees:

Auditing Committee

Ginger Moore - Chairperson
Rich Medley and Jack Ward PER

Public Relations Committee

Deborah Reedy PER - Chairperson

Activities Committee

Pam Haley - Chairperson
Susan Kelly Co-Chair

Community Activities: Robin Pipkins ER

Drug Awareness: A.J. Jones

Youth Activities: Betsy Bryant

Hoop Shoot & Soccer Shoot: Brent Reedy

MVS Scholarship: William Watson PER

Fraternal Committee:

Robin Pipkins ER - Chairperson

Americanism: Carla Rhymes - Chairperson,
Lonnie Foster PER and Tony Langhals

Elks National Foundation & HATF: Robin Pipkins
- Chairperson

Flag Day: Bob Morgan - Chairperson

Memorial Day: Bob Morgan - Chairperson

Membership: Susan Kelly and Deborah Reedy
PER Co-Chairpersons and Mary Thornton

Investigation: Shannon Graham - Chairperson,
Susan Harrell and Carole Shapley

Orientation: - Chairperson Susan Kelly and
William Watson PER

Veterans Services: Karen Tracy Chairperson,
Susan Kelly and Tony Langhals

Additional Statutory Appointments

Accident Prevention: John Pipkins

PER Association: Scott Wilson PER

Ritualistic: William Steele PER

Government Relations: Carla Rhymes and David
Graham PER

Harry Anna-State Major Projects: Robin Pipkins
ER

House Committee

Donnie Rowand, Chairman

Cathy Rowand

Ronnie Edge

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Rod Kelley

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John Pipkins

Elkshorn Newsletter Editor

Deborah Reedy PER





Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler: Randy P. Shook

May calendar has events for moms, military, youth

May is a busy month for the Elks. There are several different opportunities to show our communities that “Elks Care—Elks Share” and “We Are THE Elks.”

The Elks National Youth Week is celebrated May 1–7. This is an excellent time to show our support for the many programs dedicated to our youth such as scholarships, Hoop Shoot, Drug Awareness, and the Dictionary Project, just to name a few. They demonstrate to our communities the dedication we have for the youth of today and our commitment to helping them become the leaders of tomorrow.

The second Sunday in May is Mother’s Day, a time to honor mothers and grandmothers. Our mothers spent endless hours teaching and guiding us, shaping who we are. They inspired us, protected us, taught us about devotion to family, and loved us unconditionally. We give them gifts, take them to dinner, cook them a special dinner, or send them flowers— anything to make them feel as special as they are. To them, Mother’s Day is a day to be surrounded by loving family. Happy Mother’s Day.

This is also the month we celebrate Armed Forces Day, on Saturday, May 18. This is the day to say thank you to all men and women in all branches of the military. These individuals protect and defend this great country of ours. Please show them that Elks Care and appreciate their service to our country.

Memorial Day, on May 27, is a time to demonstrate patriotism for our great country, exhibit pride in our flag, and show our commitment and appreciation for those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice so we can live free. There are many services that honor these deceased military men and women. Please take the time to hold a ceremony or participate in a community remembrance for the heroes who served.

Finally, remember GER Award for DDs deadline is on the 15th. The Annual Report and Annual Charity Report are due May 1.



From the Office of the Secretary

Dear Members,

Our Lodge meetings in May will be held on May 8th and May 22nd at 7:00 PM.

Congratulations to our ten new Members who were initiated on April 24, 2024! Please give them a warm welcome next time you see them at the Lodge: Brian Allen, Roy Franklin, Darrell Martin, Ed Namyslowski, Brian Pastorini, Anne Paulszczak, Kim Petersen, Clayton Smith, Carl Sox, and Andrea VanVlerin.



Our Memorial Bricks order has been placed and I will keep you posted as to when they will be delivered and installed.

We are down to 77 members who have not paid their dues yet. Renewal statements will be mailed May 17th for a helpful reminder to those needing to pay.

Respectfully,

Deborah Reedy, PER
Jacksonville Lodge Secretary
Lodge: 904-721-1155
Cell: 518-791-1025





May's Elk of the Month chosen by ER Robin Pipkins

Our May Elk of the Month goes to our Lodge Secretary Deb Reedy! I want to personally thank Deb for her guidance and help in beginning my journey as your Exalted Ruler. Deb is that person who does the "behind the scenes" job that most of us take for granted. I have come to realize that there is so much more to being Lodge Secretary than just taking the minutes at our Lodge meetings! She has recently spearheaded the new Scratch-Off Ticket Fundraiser which is not only fun but is raising money for our Lodge and will again coordinate our Lodge's 6th annual Military Baby Shower this year, to name just a few!

And for that, I want to recognize Deb to all of you, and let her know she is appreciated, and her kind deeds do not go unnoticed!

As a Lodge we want to send a very special thank you to Deb for her dedication. Deb gets to enjoy a parking spot reserved especially for her as our Elk of the Month as well as a free dinner of her choice!



THANK YOU, DEB, FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Lodge & Florida State Elks – Upcoming Events:

Kentucky Derby Party – May 4, 2024

Jax Elk Member & Commander of VFW Post 1689, Peter LaComb, shared that the episode of "Bar Rescue" featuring Post 1689 will be aired at 10:00 PM on May 19th on– All are welcome to join Peter at the Post on May 21st to view it.

Florida State Convention – Orlando: May 22-25, 2024

FLOE RV Rally – Ocala: May 31-June 2, 2024

Flag Day Ceremony – June 9th 2:00 PM

Grand Lodge Convention – Austin, TX: June 30 – July 3, 2024

Elks Day at the Rays – Tampa Bay – August 18, 2024

Florida Ladies of Elks Conference – Sept. 19-21 in Daytona Shores Resort

Mid-Year Convention – Nov. 14-16 St. Petersburg Bayfront

Plans are being made by the Activities Committee for a LUAU!



Veterans Services Report

Greetings Elks!

Last month we recognized the Month of the Military Child. May is when we celebrate Military Spouse Appreciation Day the Friday before Mother's Day during Military Appreciation Month. This day is set aside to recognize the close to 1 million spouses of our Military members. Tasked with raising children alone while their Active Duty spouse is away for sometimes months at a time, Military spouses also face challenges when moving due to orders that impact their work life and educational pursuits. While the first Military Spouse day was in 1984, Congress officially designated Military Spouse Appreciation Day to be part of Military Appreciation Month in 1999. Their contribution and support allows their uniformed spouses to perform their duties knowing that their homelife is safe and secure in the hands of their wives and husbands.

Thank you to all who have donated non-perishable food to our food drive that will benefit Northeast Florida Women Veterans Center. We will continue collecting through May.

May 1	Silver Star Banner Day (2010)
May 10	Military Spouse Appreciation Day
May 8	Victory in Europe (VE) Day (1945)
May 18	Armed Forces Day (1949)
May 27	Memorial Day

Regards,
Karen Tracy, USN (Ret)
Veteran Services Committee Chair
904-260-9721

***So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and
Protective Order of Elks will never forget them!***



Jacksonville Elks Lodge 221 Americanism Committee delivered its final Quarterly Biodegradable Memorial Pillow for Burial at Sea by the United States Navy on April 2, 2024.

Due to the lack of interest, we decided to retire the Memorial Pillow Project and have an Open Forum on May 4th, from 9 am to 3 pm, during the Community Yard Sale.

The Open Forum aims to encourage dialogue between all members to exchange ideas, opinions, thoughts, and questions related to Americanism.

We are selling hot dogs and snow cones during our yard sale on May 4th. Please come and show your support, exchange ideas, receive goodies, find yard sale treasures and more. We value your support, and it is greatly appreciated.

Carla Rhymes
Americanism Committee Chair



Bill Speer PER 3-time Veteran
traveled to Washington DC in April
with the First Coast Honor Flight





Bonfire / Low Country Boil Night



Special thanks to David Graham for organizing this event and to Shannon Graham, Jim Bryant & Mark Thompson for all your help!



JACKSONVILLE ELKS CHARITY



Saturday, May 4, 2024

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

All donations accepted! Simply bring your donated items to the Lodge and our volunteers will be glad to display them. We have already started to organize so please place them in the middle of the HALL and we will take care of the rest.

Need some help? Let one of the Lodge Officers know and we will arrange to have your donated items picked up.

EXTRA BONUS!! The Americanism Committee will be having a fundraiser during the yard sale and will be selling snow cones and hot dogs – it's a WIN – WIN FOR US ALL!!

Items not sold at the end of the day will be donated to Hubbard House.

We hope to see you there!

Join us
SATURDAY, MAY 4th
Kentucky Derby Party

*Racing
Wager Fun*

*Bring a
snack to
share*

*Drink
Specials!*



*Post Time
6:57 PM*

*Hat Contest
with prizes*



Spring Wreath Making Class

May 18th at 4:30 PM

The wreath is 12" and is made by gluing various printed card stock leaves onto a frame.

The cost is \$10 per Kit.

Kit includes: frame, glue, pre-cut leaves, and instructions by the Activities Committee.

Please sign up on the bulletin board so we know how many people to expect!

Class will end in time for the Birthday Celebration.

Thank you!



NEW Scratch-Off Ticket Fundraiser

One Entry is \$20.00 each and only 20 spots are available each round.

(Only one entry per person – you may buy tickets in advance for future rounds)

Once all 20 spots have been filled, we will draw a winner that evening or the next day.

The Winner of the round will receive \$200.00 in Florida Lottery Scratch-Off Tickets!!

(The winning Scratch Off games will be the same denomination every time)

Once a “round” is completed, we will start the next round right away. This will be an on-going opportunity for you to WIN BIG and help support our Lodge.

Please see one of following to get your entry spot:

Deb Reedy, Susan Kelly, Cheryl Kehl, or Kathy Glass

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Lodge.

Thank you!

This is for Members only.





Join us for our May Birthday
Celebration on May 18th.
Please bring a dish to share.

Happy May Birthdays

03	Chase	Weaver
04	James	Midzinski
04	Jack	Shanklin
05	Carolyn	Rahn
05	Tony	Raso
07	Gary	Edgar
07	Ronnie	Edge
07	Dorcas	Gruel
09	Devry	Dewan
10	Ramsey	Banga
10	Helene	Reynolds
12	James	Holderfield
12	Peter	Lamb
13	Anthony	Allen
13	Thomas	Huffine
13	Robin	Pipkins
15	Sabrina	Carmichael
15	Chad	Crotchett
16	John	Daniels
17	Douglas	Alger PER
17	Cynthia	Bragg
18	Michael	Bragg
18	Earl	Evans
19	Douglas	DePawn
20	John	Hamel PER
20	Donnie	Rowand
21	Steven	Martin
22	Harold	Harbeson
25	Catherine	Burgess
26	Carmen	Faulkner
26	Debra	Heiney
26	Timothy	Johnson
27	Kayla	Smith
27	Cynthia	Steverson
30	Allan	Andrew
31	Eva	Jordan

GAME Night!!

Stop by the Lodge for a fun night
with friends!!

“BINGO” May 2nd & 16th
with Dixie!

“SHOW ME THE MONEY”
May 9th and 23rd
with Tina & Patsy!

NEW...

TRIVA NIGHT with Host Cheryl!
May 15th at 7:00 PM



“Bunco” Tuesday
May 14th at 6:30 PM

We Need YOU!

Karaoke Volunteers

Do you LOVE music?
We are looking for some volunteers to run our Karaoke
machine on Saturday Nights!

Training is available – Please Contact House Committee Chair
Donnie Rowand if you are interested.



VOLUNTEER





RAYS™



**SUNDAY,
AUGUST 18**

START TIME: 1:40 P.M.
GATES OPEN: 11:40 A.M.



Lower Level Tickets are \$40 (\$80 Value)

Ticket Includes New Rays/Elks co-branded Hat

\$5 from every ticket sold will benefit Elks Harry-Anna Trust Fund

ORDER FORM Deadline to purchase is Thursday, August 1st, 2024



Last year the Elks section SOLD OUT!!

Go to the FloridaElks.org/rays to sign up

Better seats are available to those who sign up first.

Deadline to sign up is August 1, 2024

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

DID YOU KNOW HOW YOUR DONATION IS APPLIED?

Our Mission: Helping Elks Build Stronger Communities. The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

Like all Elks, the Foundation values the belief that charity is the greatest of all virtues and that by sharing and giving, we have the power to replace sorrow and despair with hope and confidence. Donations to the Foundation help us fund programs that match our cornerstone values of knowledge, integrity and community.

- **Community Investments Program.** Appropriated \$15.9 million to invest directly in Lodge communities. Community Investments Program grant projects improve the quality of life in places where Elks live and work.
- **State Grants.** Granted nearly \$10.7 million to the state Elks associations through State Charities Grants, Special Project Grants and Bonus Grants, which help fund each state's charitable activities.

Today's Elks scholars can be tomorrow's Elks, but we must make that happen by engaging them and welcoming them to the **#ElksFamily**. To foster their relationship with the Elks, we will again fund three Elks Scholar Service Trips.

- **Most Valuable Student Scholarship Competition.** Designated \$2.9 million to fund the Most Valuable Student scholarship program, which includes 502 four-year scholarships of at least \$4,000. The contest features 20 top awards—10 for men, 10 for women—of at least \$20,000. These 20 finalists will attend the MVS Leadership Weekend in April 2023 where they will interview for the six top scholarships of \$30,000, \$40,000 and \$50,000.
- **ENF Legacy Awards.** Designated \$1.6 million for the Legacy Awards scholarship program, which includes 350 four-year, \$4,000 scholarships for children and grandchildren of Elks.
- **Emergency Educational Fund Grants.** Reserved \$125,000 for the Emergency Educational Grants program. Emergency Educational Grants are one-year educational grants to the children of deceased or totally disabled Elks.

Youth Activities

- **Elks National Hoop Shoot Free Throw Program.** Allocated more than \$1.4 million to fund the Hoop Shoot, which has helped young people develop grit for more than 50 years.
- **Elks Drug Awareness Program.** Allocated \$890,450 to fund the Elks Drug Awareness Program, which promotes constructive and collaborative solutions to youth substance abuse.

Veterans Service and Remembrance

- **Elks National Veterans Service Commission.** Granted \$5 million to the Order's Veterans Service Program, which provides aid and comfort for America's veterans in need.
- **Elks Veterans Memorial Maintenance.** Granted \$720,030 to maintain the Elks Veterans Memorial in Chicago.

**JOIN THE FIDELITY CLUB AND HELP TO SUPPORT
THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION!**



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a child in need at camp.



\$25

Can provide kid's therapy
writing curriculum.



\$50

Can help buy auditory
equipment for children with
Autism.

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www.floridaelks.org/camp

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“Changing lives one mile at a
time”

May 2024

Elk's Lodge #221

Phone: 904-721-1155

Club Hours:

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - Thursday: 5pm - 10pm

Friday: 5pm - 11pm

Saturday: 5pm - 11pm

Sunday: 1pm - 9pm

FOOD DONATIONS WILL BENEFIT NE FLORIDA WOMENS VETERAN CENTER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Sloppy Joe's Kim Activities meeting 6:30 pm	BINGO with Patsy Hotdogs & BAR FOOD Thirsty Thursday	 Jim & crew Members only pre-yard sale 6:30 pm	Charity yard sale 9am-3pm Kentucky Derby Party Karaoke Queen of Hearts 7:30
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
 Kansas Speedway 3:00 Cinco De Mayo Mexican Buffet MELISSA	 Closed	 Frank & Andrea PER 6:00 pm HC Meeting 6:30 pm	LODGE MEETING 7:00 pm 	SHOW ME THE MONEY with Tina & Patsy Hotdogs & BAR FOOD Thirsty Thursday	 Ribs w/ Leslie & crew 6:30 pm	Lodge Breakfast 9:00 - 11:00 .50 cent fresh wings beer and drink specials David & Shannon Queen of Hearts 7:30
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
 Darlington 3:00 pm Happy Mother's Day Deconstructed Shepherds Pie, corn & green bean casserole Shannon W	LODGE OPEN 5:00 - 10:00 pm Coin Club Meeting BOD Meeting 6:30 pm	 David G & crew BUNCO 6:30 pm	 W/ Host Cheryl! 7pm Kim Kabobs	BINGO with Patsy Hotdogs & BAR FOOD Thirsty Thursday	Pork chops Grilled or fried John, Don & Rod 6:30 pm	May B-days potluck Paper wreath craft \$10.00- hosted by the activities committee 4:30pm Karaoke Queen of Hearts 7:30
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
 North Wilkesboro 8:00 pm Meatloaf, mashed potatoes w/gravy Baked asparagus MELISSA	 CLOSED	 Will & Ginger HC Meeting 6:30 pm	LODGE MEETING 7:00 pm 	SHOW ME THE MONEY with Tina & Patsy Hotdogs & BAR FOOD Thirsty Thursday State Convention- Orlando	 Ronnie & Co. 6:30 pm	 Karaoke Queen of Hearts 7:30
26	27	28	29	30	31	
 Charlotte 6:00 pm Chicken salad Croissant, fresh fruit & chips MELISSA	 CLOSED Memorial Day	 The Spice Girls	 Boujee Burgers David & Shannon 6:30pm	Hotdogs & BAR FOOD Thirsty Thursday	Pulled Pork baked beans coleslaw & Peach Cobbler John D. 6:30pm	