



**OCALA LODGE TURNS 130 THIS YEAR**



As we start this new year let's look back. Ocala Lodge 286 was granted its charter during the Grand Lodge Convention in July of 1895. Robert Patridge was the charter Exalted Ruler. After 130 years Ocala lodge has had over 100 Exalted Rulers. In 1904 there were nine lodges in the state of Florida. Jacksonville #221 instituted on December 12, 1891, was the first, the Mother Lodge of Florida, number two lodge was Ocala #286 instituted on March 20, 1895, followed by number three Pensacola #497, instituted on May 15, 1899; Key West #551 instituted on Feb. 14, 1900; Tampa #708, instituted on January 22, 1902; Fernandina #795 instituted on July 29, 1902; St. Augustine #829 instituted on January 29, 1903; Lake City #893 on January 20, 1904 and the ninth lodge, Tallahassee #937 instituted on Nov. 2, 1904.

Little known by most Elks in Florida, the first annual meeting of our association was held in Ocala, Florida, on the third Wednesday in May, A.D. 1905 during that convention Ocala Lodge had its first member elected to serve as the second State President. Herbert A. Ford 1905-1906. Ocala would have two more state presidents, Richard Shashy 1981-1982 and Winston Needham 1996-1997. PSP Needham would also served at the Grand Lodge as Administrative Assistant for PGER Valentine Bates. Winston also served as a Grand Trustee.

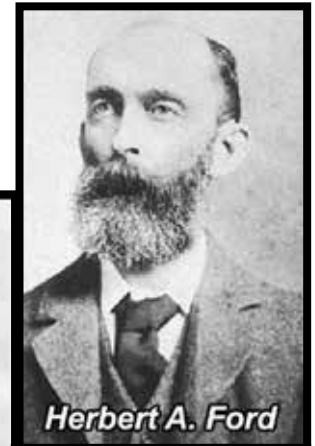
Ocala Lodge has been at seven difference locations in Ocala, from location #1 above the Moses Grocery Company on Mongolia Ave, lodge #6 "On The Corner" of Silver Springs Blvd and 25th Ave. now #7 at 702 NE 25th Ave.

What does the future hold? What will we leave for our future lodge members? What will our legacy be? Will be remembered for the great things we will do for our community?

Together, we have the potential to achieve great things. The success of our ENF-funded community investment projects shows the powerful impact we can have and encourages us to expand our efforts even further. By working together, we can create new programs to support those in need within our community, including youth, families, and veterans. As we build a larger charitable footprint, we strengthen our visibility and deepen our connection within the community, inspiring others to see the true spirit of what it means to be an Elk.



**Richard Shashy**



**Herbert A. Ford**



**Winston Needham**

## FROM THE EXALTED RULER



Greetings, My Fellow Elks,

As we welcome 2025, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible month of December, which was filled with activity and fellowship at our Lodge. I want to sincerely thank everyone who volunteered their time and effort to ensure the success of our many events. December's success was only possible because so many members came together with dedication and teamwork to make it happen. Your contributions embody the true spirit of Elkdom, and I am deeply grateful for your commitment.

As noted in the cover article, we now find ourselves on the threshold of a truly remarkable milestone. In just a few short months, our Lodge will celebrate its 130th year of service, fellowship, and community impact. This is not only a time to celebrate our enduring legacy but also an opportunity to reflect on the many hands and hearts that have built our Lodge into what it is today.

Since first being formed in 1895, our Lodge has weathered the winds of change, grown together in unity, and stayed true to our mission of service and benevolence. Generations of members have walked through our doors, each contributing to the rich history of our Lodge. From supporting local charities to providing scholarships and assisting veterans, our Lodge has always been a beacon of hope and goodwill in Ocala. That said, to thrive for generations to come, it is critical for us to expand our community involvement and grow our membership.

As we look to the future, let us embrace the spirit of renewal that the New Year brings. Together, we can continue to honor our traditions while building new paths of service and camaraderie. With your support, we will make our 130th year one to remember, filled with meaningful initiatives and shared successes.

It continues to be an honor to serve alongside you and to finish my term as we work together to make a difference in our community. ***Wishing you and your loved ones a prosperous and joyful New Year!***

**Let's work together to bring this vision to life in our own lodge  
and continue making a positive impact in our community.**

Cheers,  
David Clayton, Exalted Ruler  
[DavidElk286@gmail.com](mailto:DavidElk286@gmail.com)



## VETERANS



Happy New Year! Wishing everyone a great 2025.

The Veterans Service Committee was busy during December and the whole year of 2024. In 2024 we took 40 Veterans shopping with the Welcome Home Kits with 1 more to go. Four of those were in December. With the help of Karen Severs and Melinda Miller we shopped with Kiara S. ( Air Force) along with her children. We formed a bond with her and things fell into place with furniture donations to help her even more. She was able to join us for Breakfast with Santa also. Then we shopped with Reynaldo B.( Army). With the added gift card he was able to get some clothes he also needed. Brian and Lenore H (Navy) needed a way to be able to drink the water where they are located, so first time we brought a water cooler. Marvin M.(Navy) needed a place to hang clothes so found a rack that would work.

The Veterans Christmas party was well attended and a big success from the comments we heard. Total in attendance was 87, that included the volunteers from this past year. The highlight and in the spirit of Christmas the recipient of the the Sleigh grand prize gave it to another Veteran with the child that had passed out colored Christmas pictures and stars from flags that her pre-K class had done. It was a great time and biggest one so far.

The Reversed Advent Calendar food drive was a great success. Thank you to all of you that brought food in for this and everyday though out the year.

Thank you to all that have supported the Veterans Service Committee in various ways this past year.



Remember the Elk's Pledge, "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

Pam Kinard - Veterans Service Chairperson



## FLORIDA ELKS CHILDREN THERAPY SERVICES



Hoping you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! This month I wanted to highlight Chloe age 4 who will be graduating soon from the FECTS program. Chloe has grown so much since the start of occupational therapy! When we first started with therapy, Chloe was not yet using a spoon or fork to feed herself, was not yet dressing herself, and struggled with age appropriate fine motor and developmental skills. Chloe

is now feeding herself independently, getting dressed all by herself, and has improved significantly with her fine motor skills! Chloe is now able to say a few words and is communicating more through pointing and gestures. Here are some pictures of Chloe in our therapy sessions as well as Chloe enjoying some pudding at the Veterans Day program! Thank you for your continued support of FECTS! Without you, I wouldn't be able to help kids like Chloe learn and grow!



Sincerely,  
Pearl Henry

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## Ocala Elks Brighten the Holidays for Local Families and Youth

The holiday season was a time of giving and community for the Ocala Elks, as our Lodge supported two meaningful initiatives: the Arnette House Angel Tree Christmas Party and a donation to the Interfaith Emergency Shelter Pantry.

On December 9th, our Lodge hosted the annual Arnette House Angel Tree Christmas Party, funded by a portion of our Florida State Elks Association Beacon Grant match and the generous donations of small gift items from our members. The children enjoyed a child-friendly buffet featuring hamburgers, chicken tenders, hot dogs, and other kid-approved favorites. They played games and received gift bags stuffed with the thoughtful donations from our members. It was truly heartwarming to see the smiles on their faces as they unwrapped their gifts and shared in the joy of the evening. Although we are unable to publish their photos, rest assured their faces lit up with happiness throughout the event. The festivities were made even more magical with a special appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Additionally, on December 20th, Ocala Elks members (see photo) united to shop for non-perishable goods, which were donated to the Interfaith Emergency Shelter Pantry. This project, made possible through the ENF Beacon Grant, provides essential support to homeless families, underprivileged families, and children in Marion County, addressing food insecurity during the holiday season.

Both projects demonstrate the Ocala Elks' commitment to making a positive difference in our community. These efforts were made possible by the hard work and generosity of our members, who continue to embody the Elks' values of charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of our grant-sponsored projects this year, please contact our Lodge grant's coordinators George Griffin III, PER, or Pam Kinard. Volunteering is always enjoyable and a wonderful way to connect with fellow Ocala Elks members.



## ENF DOESN'T WORK WITH YOU

You can help by becoming a Fidelity Member of ENF or make a one time donation. This years' goal is \$5.00 per member. Current membership support for ENF is only 1.03% of our members. Imagine where we could be if we were at just 10% Please scan the QR Code or Click on the logo to sign up.





Greetings,

Happy New Year to everyone. This is a new year, with a new chapter, a new verse or will it just be the same old story. Ultimately, you write it. The choice is yours. Strive not to be a success but to be of value. Each day is a new beginning, the chance to do with it what should be done and not simply another day to put in time. This year, dream big, take risks sometimes and go for whatever you truly want out of these 365 days.

December was a very busy month for the OLEOS. Many of our OLEOS helped at the Sunday Breakfast with Santa. Then we had our Christmas Dinner Dance and we had a full house with the largest attendance in a while. The food was excellent and the lounge and dining room looked beautiful. Our chairperson for this event was Linda Crawford. See the attached photos.

That evening we had our drawings for our Christmas tree raffles. Martha Vetter of Ocala won the Beauty of Christmas Tree and items and I won the beautiful tree with all the items in the lobby. Believe me, that was quite a surprise. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets. This will go a long way towards our charities. And a "big" thank you to all the OLEOS who donated and gave their time to selling tickets to make this such a success.

Our OLEO Christmas Luncheon was held at my home this year. We had a great attendance and the food was delicious and the gift exchange was fun. If you didn't make it, you missed a wonderful time.

Coming up on Saturday, February 8, 2025 will be the OLEO Valentines Sweetheart Ball. We will have assigned seating in the lounge and dining room. See attached flyer for information.

Also Saturday, February 8, there is the Quarterly meeting of Florida State Elks Association at the FL Elks Youth Camp. See the information in the newsletter and email blast. Let me know if you would like to attend. This would be a wonderful opportunity to see where your money goes.

Saturday, March 8, 2025, we will be having Bunco. Write this down on your calendars now.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 5:30 PM. Come and bring a guest.

Happy January birthdays to: Susan Smith (6th); Karen Wisdom (7th); Tracy Armstrong (12th); Freda Klebbe (15th); Suzanne Ingrao (15th); and Darla Smith (31st).

Sincerely,  
Sandra Harton, President



WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE LODGE & IN THE STATE



**Lodge Pins**  
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**ask your bartender at**  
**the lodge**



**Order your Ocala Lodge Logo shirts.** These shirts are \$32 each for sizes small through extra large and \$34 for sizes 2XL and up. The net proceeds goes to our ENF donation. You can place your order by contacting David Clayton or Pat Gilbert.

*Available starting in January  
a Veteran "Red Friday" Version*

we made it though  
all the holiday festivities !!  
Now it's time to start a  
New Year !!

**January**

**Birthday Bash**

**Saturday**

**January 11, 2025**

starts at 5:00 PM

Cake and Ice Cream for everyone

**Sweetheart**  
**Surprise Gift**  
**Basket**

Wine, liquor, chocolate, gift cards and more! Please stop by the table in the lodge lobby to see it all.

Tickets are available from any committee member for a suggested donation of \$10 (or \$20 for three tickets). See Pat Gilbert or Connie Davis at the lodge.

**Supporting**  
**Ocala Lodge**  
**Scholarships**

Drawing February 14th you do not need to be present to win

# WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE LODGE & IN THE STATE



## OCALA LADIES OF ELKS "VALENTINE'S SWEETHEART BALL"

OCALA ELKS LODGE  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025

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### IMPORTANT DATES

**APPLICATION OPENS:**  
September 1, 2024

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
February 3, 2025

### AWARDS & APPLICATION

**350**  
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to apply.



ENF scholarships are more than just monetary awards—they help strengthen the next generation's ties to the Elks. To help foster that relationship, the ENF requires scholars to serve with an Elks Lodge throughout college as a condition of receiving the full award.

The Elks National Foundation awards **\$1.4 million** in college scholarships worth **\$4,000** each to a total of **350** children and grandchildren of Elks members through its Legacy Awards contest. Visit [enf.elks.org/leg](http://enf.elks.org/leg) for complete details.

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February  
Quarterly



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HATF and ENF as of 12/31/24	
ENF	\$3,775.83
Harry Anna	\$11,865.00
Harry-Anna Sustaining Donors	17 members \$2,457.15

Current Lodge Membership as of 12/31/2024				
Total	Candidates	Reinstated	Delinquent	% Delinquent
600	18	12	65	11.17

Lodge Rental Rates	
Warner Wilson	\$50.00
Card Room	\$100.00
Patio	\$100.00
<b>Lounge</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
Lodge Room	\$150.00
Dining Room	\$150.00

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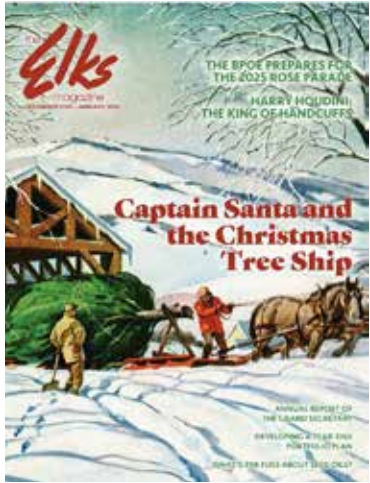
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OCALA ELKS WEEKLY SCHEDULE		
Secretary	Monday-Friday	1:00PM-5:00PM
Catering Office	Monday-Friday	8:00AM-1:00PM
<i>Sunday &amp; Monday</i>	<i>Closed</i>	
Tuesday	Lounge Open Kitchen Open <b>BINGO</b>	4:00PM 5:00PM 5:30PM
Wednesday <i>Trivia &amp; Queen of Hearts</i>	Lounge Open Kitchen Open Trivia	4:00PM 5:00PM 6:00PM
2nd & 4th Thursday	<b>Meeting Nights</b> Lounge Open	6:00-7:00PM and after the meeting
Friday	Lounge Open Kitchen Open	4:00PM 5:00PM
Saturday	Lounge Kitchen Open	4:00PM 5:00PM

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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

John G. Lorito	01	Lanford T. Slaughter, Jr.	10	Gloria Jean Etheredge	24
Steven F. McWhirter	01	Victoria P. Ehlers	11	Stewart V. Headrick	25
Melvin John Baxter	02	Billie J. Johnson	12	Kenneth W. Kelley	26
Robert F. Schlegel, Jr.	02	Leon E. Norregaard	12	Rocky Dean Rowe	26
H. Alan Tripp	02	Lori Parada	12	Robert C. Fortier	27
Kim E. Wolters	02	Thomas M. Needham	13	Roland McGowan	27
Larry D. Huennekens	03	Michael A. Klackle	14	Donald R. Baker	29
Richard L. Eubanks	04	Roni Diener	15	Jerry R. Bunn	29
Penny Canamas	05	Robert W. Crawford, PER	16	Earon T. Dahl	29
Frank Deluca	05	C. Dale Borrowman	17	Russel T. Dingman	29
Dudley P. Kortright	05	Susan F. Daugherty	19	Lamar W. Knepp	29
Ronald Keith Smith	05	Wesley A. Wheeler	19	Larry Lee Mack	29
R. Susan Smith	06	Larry R. Railing	20	Ronald G. Stewart	29
Joseph Warren Bullard	07	Michael Elliott	21	Debra Poole	30
Robert John Martel	08	James Moxon Jackson	23	Craig C. Carpenter	31
Victor J. Musleh	08	Jody A. Wilson	23	Allen D. Crabtree	31
James F. Owings	09	Katherine A. Woodbury	23	Steven D. Redrick	31

### It Pays to Attend Lodge Meetings

Date	Drawings	Amount	Member/Winner	
12/12/2024	Previous Meeting	\$25.00	David Brientenbecker	Present
12/12/2024	50/50	\$75.00	Sandra Harton	

## HARRY ANNA TRUST



Emery Shepard  
Loyal Knight

This New Year I'd like to take a moment to thank our lodge members that contribute to the continued success of the Harry Anna Trust. Through your donations Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services now treats over 660 youth every week. The Florida Elks Youth Camp continues to change the lives of youth through their many programs.

If you would like to join other members with a donation you can register as a sustaining donor. [Make a Donation](#)

## LODGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The lodge scholarship committee has been hard at work defining the terms of the scholarships we are offering to this year's graduating seniors. You may have seen our flyers in the weekly news blasts and we are happy to report that we received four applications in our initial year of offering the scholarships. We will be reviewing and awarding \$1,000 each to one boy and one girl (renewable for subsequent years if student remains enrolled).

We are currently raising funds for more scholarships by conducting a Sweetheart Surprise basket raffle. We've had a lot of donated items including liquor, chocolates, gift cards and more! Please see any of our committee members for tickets for this great opportunity to get some extras for your sweetheart. The drawing will be held the evening of February 14, 2025, and you need not be present to win.

Thank you for your support,  
David Renau (chairman), Pat Gilbert, Connie Davis, Dina Gage, Emery Shepard and Barbara Shepard

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CAMP 2025**



**Registration  
is now open.**

**E-Mail Scam Alert for Lodge Members**

Dear Members,

It has come to my attention that an email is being circulated by someone posing as me, asking you to purchase gift cards on my behalf. This email is a scam.

Please know that I will never ask you to buy gift cards or make similar purchases through email or any other form of communication. Stay cautious and trust only official communications from our Lodge. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

David Clayton, Exalted Ruler

**TRIP TO THE YOUTH CAMP PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY 8TH**



The OLEOs are planning a trip for OLEO and lodge members to visit the Florida Elks Youth Camp and attend the February Quarterly of the Florida State Elks Association.

The Major Projects meeting starts at 10:00 AM on Saturday, February 8th. This meeting features our state's two major projects, Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services and Florida Elks Youth Camp. A therapist will share the accomplishments of children they are treating, while our youth camp director will share stories of our very active camp facilities. The keynote speaker will be our Grand Exalted Ruler, Douglas Allen Schiefer. Harry Anna Trust Donations will be presented by lodges from throughout the state. ***Our OLEOs will present their latest donation for \$3,000.***

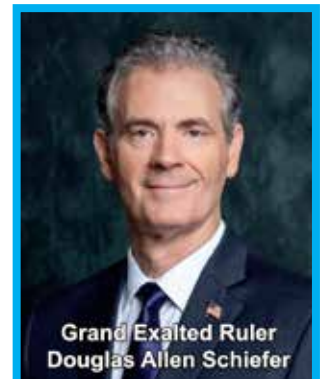
After the meeting there will be a free lunch (donations are accepted to assist in camperships) and a tour of our Youth Camp.

Come join the 100's of other Florida Elks at this event.

Any elks member, non-member guests, and potential members are all welcome to attend. This is a great time for new and long standing members to learn more about how we serve our youth in Florida.

For more information and to sign up please contact Sandra Harton at 352-895-3042. [You can also click here or scan the QR code to RSVP.](#)

[For a complete agenda click here.](#)



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<b>PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS</b>
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<b>January</b>		
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Thursday	2nd	Board of Directors Meeting 6:00PM
Thursday	9th	Lodge Meeting 7:00PM
Saturday	11th	Birthday Bash
Thursday	23rd	Lodge Meeting

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FSEA February Quarterly Florida Elks Youth Camp, Umatilla	02/6-8/2025
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<b>DD Clinic</b>		
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Saturday	1/25/2025	Eustis Lodge
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<b>February</b>		
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Thursday	6th	Board of Directors Meeting 6:00PM
Thursday	13th	Lodge Meeting (nominations)
Thursday	27th	Lodge Meeting (Elections)

<b>January Entertainment</b>		
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Friday 3rd	Two for Show	Popular music 50's, 60s,70,80s
Friday 10th	Lisa Coan	Dance to her oldies and goodies
Friday 17th	Lonnie	Songs from the70's, 80's, 90's
Friday 24th	Dave & Vicky Trezak	Parrot head friendly
Friday 31st	Dino	Music from the 50's to 90s

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Meeting	1/09/2025
Valentines Dinner Dance	2/08/2025