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The faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.



EXALTED RULER
Joe Sharland

Hello my fellow Elks family. This is the ER reporting to you from the bridge on the status of our Lodge. As many of you have already heard, we have finally been released from our investigation from Grand Lodge. The letter was dated June 1 and we are no longer under Grand Lodge investigation. A huge thank you to Charlie DeLauder and Nancy Miller for helping us get through this very difficult process.

Well, we're entering the month of July and I will be in Chicago for Grand Lodge Convention for the election of all the District Deputies and our new Grand Exalted Ruler. Coincidentally, this year happens to mark the 100th anniversary of our building at Grand Lodge in Chicago. They expect about 10,000 Elks to descend on the city of Chicago over the Fourth of July weekend.

The Lodge will be having its traditional indoor picnic on 4 July with boat races, 50-50 and Papa Pete entertaining us with some music.

I am desperately in need of three volunteers to fill House Committee positions that were recently vacated. As you know, the House Committee is a very important committee to this Lodge. Most of the major decisions on how it's operated are conducted at the House Committee meetings. So, if you're interested in joining the House Committee and are serious about making changes to our Lodge, you're the kind of person I'm looking for.

Once I return from Grand Lodge, I will have a full report in next month's Pelican Post on the results of any voting that went on at Grand Lodge.

As always, please, let's keep up the positivity. We don't need the negativity in our social quarters. We're going through a slight transition, but we will make it through this with flying colors and remember our lodge runs on volunteer members. So, if you can, please volunteer for many of the jobs that need filling.

Fraternally yours,

Joe

ELK OF THE MONTH FOR July 2026

It's my great pleasure this month to present the Elk of the Month to a man who has volunteered for many years. He is involved in all of the lodge functions. He also provides information to all of the new candidates prior to initiation. He provides his time and his talent, playing music for our social functions. He also provides a lot of the posters for the functions that we do have during the year. I nominate "Papa" Pete McCulloch as Elk of the Month.

July's Elk of the Month is "Papa" Pete McCulloch.

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Coming soon ... Mark your calendar and save the date ...

7/14 — El-Does Meeting 7:00pm
7/19 — Orientation 12:30; Initiation 2pm
7/20 — BoD Mtg 6:30pm; then House Committee Mtg
7/21 — Lodge Meeting 7:30pm
7/28 — PER Meeting 7:00pm

FROM THE EDITOR

Herman Heydinger, PDDGER, continues to assist with the newsletter.

Please submit all information for the Pelican Post to the Lodge email address: elks2714@gmail.com

ALL material is due no later than the 15TH of the month preceding the event. Material must be LEGIBLE, PRINTED OR TYPEWRITTEN. Softcopy is preferred and appreciated.

Secretary's Reminders

Please keep your dues payments coming for Lodge Year 2026-27. The locks changed on April 1 and you now will need to use the LY26-27 key card. New cards are available for pick-up in the Lounge, if you have already paid. Please save the Lodge some postage and drop off your dues or pick up your card ... Drop us a note if you need your card mailed.



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It's easy to become a Sustaining Donor and give valuable aid to our Veterans, our Kids, and the deserving needy in our community.

Just go to <https://floridaelks.org/donate> to make a one-time, or recurring, donation to the Harry Anna Trust Fund.

Or, go to ENF.elks.org/Fidelity to donate to the Elks National Foundation that provides funding grants for several of Sebastian's charity efforts.



JULY

CELEBRATIONS

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS:



1st Gloria S Morse, John Nickerson, Robert Votaw;
2nd Richard J Schmitt; **3rd** John M Mele, Diana Richards, Anthony Vitale;
4th Thomas Minnick, Tara Orr; **5th** Jeffery Brinkman, James C Carlsen,
Lynn Cordova, Jody Martin; **6th** Sally Champagne, Danny Montgomery;
7th Sue A Arnold, Jay Smith; **8th** David Bradley, Larry Brown, Michael Parker,
Arnold M Redfearn; **9th** Kenneth G Fallon, Jeremy Brian Smith, Richard Zilnicki;
10th John Michalowski; **11th** Celeste Worden; **12th** Diane Sullivan; **13th** Raymond
Bergeron, James Randall; **14th** Scott Mullin, Raymond Peter Nadeau, Laura Walker;
15th Diane C Croteau; **16th** Michael J Lawson, Larry Peabody, Catherine Slack;
17th Kathleen Burke, Ann Gearhart, Sandra Verrigni; **18th** Robert L Guillory,
Jeffrey L Johnson, Gilbert Lewin; **19th** Ronald Dietter, Connie Tinio;
21st Dennis Fink, Annick Perez; **22nd** Spring Raulerson, Anthony Sigona,
Marek Suchowacki; **23rd** Ronnie L Bessant, Ken Bird, John Henry, Russell Sparling,
Jr; **24th** Ray Barnard, Michael Crete, James Parla; **26th** Katherine Faux,
Patricia Goins; **28th** Patricia Hess; **29th** Stephen Crine, Bessie Lamkin, Karen Manzo;
30th James David Atwell, Gary Johnson, Andrew J Osborne, Robert P Sheehan;
31st Jeffrey Greenblott, Christine Kilburn, John Purakovics.

SPOUSE BIRTHDAYS:

1st Dewey Wright; **2nd** Dolly Mercier; **6th** Carole Winkler; **10th** Terry Murano;
13th Theresa Fink; **16th** Starr Reilly; **17th** Peggy Bell; **21st** Susan Fallon;
21st Shelby Sorci; **23rd** Barbara Doggart; **28th** Ruben Rivera; **30th** James Carter.

ANNIVERSARIES:

1st William & Beverly Fletcher; **3rd** Peter & Susan Hespe; **12th** Dennis & Theresa
Fink; **23rd** Gregory Scott & Debra Shuleski; **27th** Eugene & Susan Rummell.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This coupon allows each member in good standing of Sebastian Elks Lodge 2714 ONE (1) free beer OR well drink during your birthday month.

Member Name and No.: _____

Member Birth Date: _____

Birthday-Anniversary Registration

If you or your spouse do not see your birthdays or anniversaries listed in the Pelican Post, it is because that data is not in our database. Please supply the requested information to the Secretary. (use month & day only.)

Member Name & No.: _____

Member birthday (day/mon.) _____

TO ALL VETERANS

The Lodge is updating its Information Data Base and would like the following information.

NAME _____

MEMBER # _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE _____

YEARS SERVED _____
(optional)

PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE

WAS YOUR DEPARTED A VETERAN?

Sebastian Lodge #2714 wants you to know that if your loved one served in the US Military, you can order an engraved paper Presidential Memorial Certificate. It is FREE and we can give you the information needed to request these certificates. More info at www.fl elk s.org.
ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE

Don't forget our Homeless Veterans. Please bring your personal care items to the lodge and put them into the collection box in the main lobby. Thank you.

SICKNESS and DISTRESS

We hope everyone in our extended Elk family is healthy and safe. Unfortunately, our retired district leader, PSP John Harris of Viera lodge, is still in Hospice care. Please keep John, and any others of our Elk family, in your thoughts and prayers.

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We've added a selection of photos from 2026 events and fundraisers under the 2026 Event Photos link on the main page. You can also find a short article with photos about a recent visit to the Honolulu Elks Lodge by two of our members. The site is up-to-date with weekly schedules, notices of upcoming events, dining menus, a full month calendar, the most recent Pelican Post, and other resources for members."

Do you know about the A&A benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs?

It is also known as the Aid and Attendance and Housebound Improved Pension Benefit. Which can cover the cost of caregivers in the home, *INCLUDING* sons and daughters who are paid to be caregivers, or can be used for assisted living or a nursing home? The benefit is significant, up to \$2,019 monthly for a veteran and spouse and up to \$1,094 for the widow of a veteran. For more information go to <http://www.veteranaid.org>

On battlefields of long ago and today, America's military and veterans made sacrifices for all of us. Through their service, their pride, and their patriotism, the men and women of our armed forces made our nation what it is today. They defended our freedoms. They fought for justice. They preserved our ideals. Through it all, they forged our character. They are our real heroes. Indeed, our nation was built, and continues to be built by their actions.

Since 1917, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has demonstrated its compassion for the veterans of our armed forces through numerous programs and activities. Since 1946, the order has maintained the pledge, "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

Each November, the Elks observe National Veterans Remembrance Month. We ask everyone in our communities throughout Florida to join the Elks as we thank our veterans. Let's all do our part to remember these men and women. God bless our veterans, those men and women serving in our military and their families, and God bless America.

EL-DOEs News — 2026–2027

Welcome to the beginning of Summer! First, the EL-Does would like to thank everyone who helped with the 40th Anniversary Celebrations. It was a feat that went so smooth with all of the help! We are so excited for this next year and welcome all the new members to the EL-Does.

We will be hitting our goal of 50 members shortly! Stay tuned for all of the fantastic events this summer. Thank you!

Claudia Haddix 765-524-6718

2026-2027 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Joe Sharland, PER
Leading Knight	Michael Sadler
Loyal Knight	David Zukowski
Lecturing Knight	Susan Rummell
Secretary	John McDonough
Treasurer	Doreen Marchetti
Tiler	Sally Zukowski
Inner Guard	Celeste Worden
Esquire	Michael Worden
Chaplain	Gregg Esposito, PDDGER
Trustee (5yr)	Joan Mason, PER
Trustee (4yr)	Claudia Haddix
Trustee (3yr)	Sally Champagne
Trustee (2yr)	Norm Malboeuf
Trustee (1yr)	Audrey Huddy

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Americanism	TBD
Army of Hope Fundraising	Joe Sharland, PER
Community Projects & Activities	Joe Sharland, PER
Drug Awareness Education	Joe Sharland, PER
ENF Fundraising/Grants	TBD
ENF Scholarships	TBD
Elks Training	Joe Sharland, PER
Government Relations	John McDonough
Harry-Anna Trust Fund	Joe Sharland, PER
Hoop Shoot	M. Kevin Edes, DVP
Inter-Lodge Visitation	John McDonough
Ladies Organization	Diane Lemire
Lodge Activities	Joe Sharland, PER
Membership	Jan Shead
Orientation	Joe Sharland, PER
Public Relations	Joe Sharland, PER
Ritual	Herman Heydinger, PDDGER
Soccer Shoot	Chuck Marchetti, PER
Sports	Chuck Marchetti, PER
Veterans' Services	Jason Burris
Youth Activities	Diane Lemire

VOLUNTEERING FOR ELKS IS REWARDING!!!

- Volunteering is a way to meet new people
- An opportunity to support a cause you feel strong about
- A great way to learn new skills
- An expression of gratitude for help you may have received in the past
- A way to make a difference to your Lodge or Community ... every person counts!

As an Elk Member, Sebastian Elks Lodge #2714 has many ways you can volunteer:

- Selling tickets for events or fundraisers
- Greeting members
- Conducting a 50/50 raffle
- Cooking/serving
- Decorating for Holidays and Special Events
- Community Events
- Assisting with Bingo

The opportunities are nearly endless ... select the one that is right for you. Drop in at a Lodge meeting or talk to any of our current Lodge Officers to find how you can help.

Past Exalted Rulers - Sebastian Lodge # 2714

1986/87 Charles Cooper*	2006/07 Ed Arens
1987/88 Bart Campbell PDD*	2007/08 Dennis Freese*
1989/90 Ralph Guarino*	2008/09 Ed Arens
1989/90 Arthur Scheeren*	2009/10 Charles DeLauder, PDD
1990/91 Al Meyer, Jr.*	2010/11 Glenn Sharman*
1991/92 Dave Schwarz*	2011/12 Kevin Edes
1992/93 James Caffray*	2012/13 Madeline Walsh*
1993/94 Al Thompson*	2013/14 Jim O'Neill
1994/95 Robert Hartnett*	2014/15 Madeline Walsh*
1995/96 Bob Greene*	2015/16 Matthew Bagdonas*
1996/97 Chet Doll*	2015/16 Kevin Edes
1997/98 Thomas Eaton	2016/17 Lida Heydinger
1998/99 Andy Anderson*	2017-19 Bill Shallies*
1999/00 Joseph Guidice*	2019/20 Tony Kisielewski
2000/01 Elmer Lancaster*	2020-22 Bill Shallies*
2001/02 Chris Carlisle	2022/23 Chuck Marchetti
2002/03 Elmer Lancaster*	2023-25 Dan Talbott
2003/04 Chris Carlisle	2025/26 Joe Sharland
2004/05 Jerry Oltman*	
2005/06 Dennis Freese*	

The Past Exalted Rulers Association meets at 7:00 PM on the last Tuesday of each month, with the exception of June, July, and August.

Past Exalted Rulers from other Lodges

William Hardy*	Lenny Thiessen*
Philip Baker*	Harvey Holmgren, PDD*
William Bennett*	Garry Swain*
Robert Greulich*	Robert Millett*
Joey Fondale*	Elmer Mitchell*
David Wortmann	Scott Merrifield
George W. Schultz*	David Carlson
Herman Heydinger, PDD	Bob McNutt
James Kelyman *	Yvon "Ric" Ricard
Jim O'Neill	Joan Mason
Robert Brown	Robert McGrath
Bill Stodola	
Debra Shuleski	Gregg Esposito, PDD

House Committee: 2026-27

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Laurie Simmons	
Dennis Haddix	haddixd@gmail.com
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Susan Colson	
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Audrey Huddy	mrmshappy@bellsouth.net
David Zukowski	davidzukowski@icloud.com

Lounge Manager

Norm Malboeuf 772-589-1516

Kitchen Manager

772-589-1516

Rentals and Banquet Manager

Celeste Worden 772-589-1516



Lodge Contacts

Lounge/Kitchen: 772-589-1516
 Office (Secretary/Treasurer): 772-589-6426
 Lodge email: Elks2714@gmail.com
 Secretary Hours: Mon 6-8PM, Tue 6-8PM (Lodge meeting weeks),
 and most Friday afternoons.

Lounge Hours

Sunday—Noon to 7pm
 Monday — 3pm to 9pm
 Tues—Fri Noon to 9pm
 Saturday—1pm to 9pm

Drawings

RIP 5pm – every day (\$1)
 Daily 6pm – every day (Quarter)
 Weekly 4pm – Sunday (\$1)
 13-Week Club – 6:30pm -Tuesday
 Where's_the_Elk 8pm—Thursday

Games

Pool League—Monday 6:30 pm
 Public Bingo (Hall) - Wednesday 12 noon
 Bar Bingo—Wednesday 7 pm
 Shuffleboard—Thursday 4:45 pm
 LRC— Thursday 8:30 pm
 Bar Poker –Saturday 4 pm
 Show Me the Money — Sunday 1-3 pm

LODGE & CLUB — July 2026

Sun Lounge open Noon—7pm	Mon Lounge open 3— 9pm	Tue Lounge open Noon—9pm	Wed Lounge open Noon—9pm	Thu Lounge open Noon—9pm	Fri Lounge open Noon—9pm	Sat Lounge open 1pm—9pm
June 28 Lounge open Noon 2pm—7pm Orientation 12:30pm Initiation 2pm	29 Pool League 6:30	30 Lunch 12-2pm Dinner 5-7pm PER Mtg 7pm	July 1 Lunch 12-2pm Bingo 12-3:30 Bar Bingo 7-9PM	2 Lunch 12-2pm Dinner 5-7pm Where's the Elk Drawing @ 8PM Shuffleboard 4:45pm	3 Lunch 12-2pm Dinner 5-7pm (Last meal order 6:40pm)	4 Bar Cards 4pm 
5 Lounge open Noon—7pm	6 Pool League 6:30	7 Lunch 12-2pm Dinner 5-7pm  No Mtg	8 Lunch 12-2pm Bingo 12-3:30 Bar Bingo 7-9PM	9 Lunch 12-2pm Dinner 5-7pm Where's the Elk Drawing @ 8PM Shuffleboard 4:45pm	10 Lunch 12-2pm Dinner 5-7pm (Last meal order 6:40pm) Papa Pete	11 Bar Cards 4pm
Grand Lodge, Chicago						
12 Lounge open Noon—7pm	13 Pool League 6:30	14 Lunch 12-2pm Dinner 5-7pm El-Does Mtg 7:00pm	15 Lunch 12-2pm Bingo 12-3:30 Bar Bingo 7-9PM	16 Lunch 12-2pm Dinner 5-7pm Where's the Elk Drawing @ 8PM Shuffleboard 4:45pm	17 Lunch 12-2pm Dinner 5-7pm (Last meal order 6:40pm)	18 Bar Cards 4pm
19 Lounge open Noon 2pm—7pm Orientation 12:30pm Initiation 2pm	20 Pool League 6:30 BoD Mtg 6:30 House Com- mittee	21 Lunch 12-2pm Dinner 5-7pm Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	22 Lunch 12-2pm Bingo 12-3:30 Bar Bingo 7-9PM	23 Lunch 12-2pm Dinner 5-7pm Where's the Elk Drawing @ 8PM Shuffleboard 4:45pm	24 Lunch 12-2pm Dinner 5-7pm (Last meal order 6:40pm) Rick Ferrin	25 Bar Cards 4pm
26 Lounge open Noon 2pm—7pm	27 Pool League 6:30	28 Lunch 12-2pm Dinner 5-7pm PER Mtg 7pm	29 Lunch 12-2pm Bingo 12-3:30 Bar Bingo 7-9PM	30 Lunch 12-2pm Dinner 5-7pm Where's the Elk Drawing @ 8PM Shuffleboard 4:45pm	31 Lunch 12-2pm Dinner 5-7pm (Last meal order 6:40pm)	August 1 Bar Cards 4pm



4th of July Indoor Picnic
Saturday, July 4, 2026
Starting at 1:00

Table Races

50/50

Music by: "Papa Pete"

Fun, Fun, Fun!!

Bring a dish to share

and.. a friend who might be

interested in joining our Lodge

Burgers and Hot Dogs

Courtesy of the Lodge!!







SEBASTIAN ELKS LODGE #2714

VETERAN SERVICES PROGRAM

Twin Sheet Sets	Standard Size Pillows	Blankets	
Bath/Hand/Face Towels	Bath Mat	Shower Curtain/Liner	
Dish Towels	Dish Soap	Hand/Bar Soap	Glass Cleaner
Paper Towels	Toilet Paper	Kleenex	Sponge/Scrub Brush
Mop & Pail	Pine Sol or equivalent	Broom & Dust Pan	
Toilet Bowl Cleaner	Toilet Brush	Air Freshener	

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