



# The Antlers

Volume 184  
December 2019

## Message To The Members From Theresa (Terry) Hebior, Exalted Ruler

Thanks to a handful of volunteers, November had a clean start ! A small but mighty group cleaned and decluttered the lodge during the scheduled cleaning day on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. I am grateful for Mark & Macy Waskelis, Adam and Teri Smith, Steve Hebior, Bob & Marianne Tithof, Jim Plat, Steve Kirsch and Laurie Fabick for donating their time and pitching in.

Elk volunteers supported the Civil Air Patrol event on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Many hands were involved in setting up, cooking, serving and cleaning up. Pictures of the event are included on later pages of this newsletter.

Another Thanksgiving has come and gone, and I hope your holiday created lasting memories. Once again, our lodge served a delicious, traditional buffet with all the "fixins" and lots of pies for dessert. Our volunteers were plentiful, and our lodge was filled with many members and guests. Another moment of gratitude for everyone that participated and a special thanks to Chef Steve, DELICIOUS.

It is hard to believe that the year 2019 is almost over and a new year is just around the bend but hang on, first comes December...one of our busiest months of the year. It's a great time to make your way back to the lodge, especially if you have been away for a while. In addition to our weekly fun such as Bingo, karaoke, line dancing and crafting night, there is our annual Potluck with gift exchange, Foster Family Carnival and the most popular event, our New Year's Eve dinner dance. Just check the calendar for dates and times or call the lodge for more details. December is also a good time to bring in new members as the application fee is only \$1. Our lodge is growing but every member matters. Help us build membership, who can you sponsor and bring in to join our Elk family?

Have a Very Merry Christmas,

*Terry*

### ELK OF THE MONTH

**Eileen Barrett**

Thank you for your MANY years of service on the House Committee. Our lodge is a much more beautiful place because of you.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**Anthony Rodriguez**

**Thomas Wilson**

**Jeffrey Wolfe**

## December Birthdays

Sarah Campbell	02-Dec	Robert A Sousa	24-Dec
Richard Theriault	02-Dec	Elias Neidert	25-Dec
Patricia Feit	03-Dec	Mary A Demler	26-Dec
Renda Collins	07-Dec	Jeanette Hook	26-Dec
Henry Desrochers	07-Dec	Paul D Lambrides	27-Dec
Alan S Lackey	07-Dec	David Major	27-Dec
Brian Sturgis	07-Dec	Rodger Popp	28-Dec
Elliot, Teresa	08-Dec	John Rizzo	28-Dec
Diane Mace Kinner	10-Dec	Edward J Novak	29-Dec
Maria DaSilva-Jackow	14-Dec	Carol Ann Vowell	31-Dec
Twis Lizasuain	14-Dec	Kevin Henry Delorge	31-Dec
James O Penn	14-Dec		
Louis T Marciniak	15-Dec		
Terri Heywood	17-Dec		
Gary Carey	18-Dec		
Silver Crawford	18-Dec		
Bernard J Lazaro	18-Dec		
John W Harper	21-Dec		
Dhanwafie Dee Leconche	22-Dec		
Michael Barker	23-Dec		
Tammy Westmoreland	23-Dec		

### Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873 Birthday Drink Coupon

This coupon entitles you to 1 Free Drink of your choice any dinner night of your birthday month.

One coupon per member

Coupon good for  
December 2019 Birthdays Only



# HOLIDAY HOEDOWN

Saturday, December 14, 2019, Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873 will host our fourth annual **Christmas Event** for the Foster Parents and Diversion Families of Osceola County. This years theme is Holiday Hoedown.

We have over 300 children coming with their foster and biological families to see Santa, play games, have fun and eat while their parents “shop.” We are working with Embrace Families and other community family organizations. The Elks’ Beacon Grant will fund this project along with the donations of our generous Elk members of Kissimmee Lodge #1873. Thanks to **YOUR** generosity, **EVERY “boot” was removed from the tree!!!!** Please assure that **UNWRAPPED gifts are delivered back to the tree (with the boot attached) BEFORE December 5th.**

There is still room for volunteers if you would like to donate your time! During the day Elk members will work in the Annex where food will be served. If you did not sign up but are still interested, visit the lodge and sign up for a 2 hour shift starting at 9am and ending at 7pm. This includes set up, serving and clean up. Available times are 9-11, 11-1, 1-3, 3-5 and 5-7. You are requested to arrive ½ hour before your shift.

For questions contact  
**Marianne Tithof 303-704-3415 or**  
**Lorraine Barker 305-872-1505**



Check out all the great events we have coming in December and the new year. In addition, we will be offering advertising for those of you with a business. Look for yearly ad sizing prices in our January Antlers.

Let our 300+members know you are open for business.

Also, we will be offering a one time ad to celebrate an event in your life. Birthdays, anniversaries, congrats, etc. The choice is yours.

See you in print in 2020.

## ATTENTION ALL LODGE MEMBERS

Elks Annual Memorial Day Service

The Lodge Officers will be performing this solemn service on December 1, 2019 commencing at 12 Noon. There is no better way to honor those members who gave of their time and effort to make Kissimmee Lodge what it is today by your attendance at this service. I'm sure some of you remember those who were dedicated and have passed away. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the service.

Submitted by Randy Musser, PDDGER

**RENTAL EVENTS**













JAN4—Birthday Main  
FEB 8—Winter Wonderland Dinner/Dance  
FEB 22—Golf Main  
FEB 23—Anniversary Party Annex  
FEB 25—Mardi Gras  
MAR 8—Birthday Party—Main  
MAR 17—Elections—LODGE polling place



**LODGE EVENTS—SAVE THE DATE**

DEC 1—Elks Memorial Ceremony Noon  
DEC 14—Foster Family Christmas Event  
DEC 21—Christmas Potluck  
DEC 31—New Years Eve Party  
FEB 25—Mardi Gras  
MAR 14—St. Patrick's Day Dance  
MAR 28—Installation of Officers

Note: Items scheduled in the calendar may change after publication. To check on any Lodge function, please call the Lodge (407) 847-2444

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>CLOSED</b>	Lodge Opens 4pm Kitchen Open 5 pm - 7 pm Charity Bingo 6 pm—8pm	Lodge Opens 4pm* Kitchen Open 5 pm - 7 pm *closed during lodge meeting	Lodge Opens 4pm Kitchen Open 5 pm - 7 pm Cribbage Club 12:15 pm Karaoke 5:30 pm -9pm	Lodge Opens 4pm Kitchen Open 5 pm - 7 pm Line Dancing 6 pm—8pm Crafting with Eileen 6 :30pm—8pm	Lodge Opens 4pm Kitchen Open 5 pm - 78pm Queen of ♥ Drawing 7:00 pm 	<b>Chef's Choice</b>  (unless noted below)
<b>1</b> Elks Memorial Ceremony, Noon	<b>2</b> Guido Travel 12-3 Spaghetti Meat Sauce  	<b>3</b> House Committee Meeting 7pm  Veteran's Group 6:30pm	<b>4</b> Cribbage Club Karaoke	<b>5</b> Line Dancing CRAFTING W/EILEEN	<b>6</b>  	<b>7</b> Rental Main Hall
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Group Travel 12-3 Pork Plate  	<b>10</b> BOD MEETING 6pm LODGE MEETING 7pm \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8pm Annex—Girl Scout Meet	<b>11</b> Cribbage Club Karaoke  	<b>12</b> Line Dancing CRAFTING W/EILEEN  	<b>13</b> SET UP Christmas Hoedown for Foster Families 5p-9p  	<b>14</b> Christmas Hoedown for Foster Families 9a-7p  
<b>15</b> Member's Pot Luck & Gift Exchange 2pm	<b>16</b> Robert's Lasagna  	<b>17</b>  Gun Club 6:30pm	<b>18</b> Cribbage Club Karaoke  	<b>19</b> Bingo w/Vets Line Dancing CRAFTING W/EILEEN Annex-Scouts  	<b>20</b>  	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> HOA Meeting Renee Rm Fried Shrimp/Fries  	<b>24</b> No Meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>LODGE CLOSED</b>						
Scout Event - ANNEX & GROUNDS						
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Bob's Meatloaf  	<b>31</b> New Years Eve Dinner/Dance 7pm	<b>1/1</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>1/3</b>	<b>1/4</b> Rental Main Hall
<b>LODGE CLOSED</b>						
						

# New Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

7:00 PM - 1:00 AM

Special Menu by

**Chef Steve**

Appetizers, Steak and  
Lobster, Sides,  
Dessert & Coffee

\$60 for Members  
\$65 for Non-Members  
\$70 after December 27

Party Hats, Noisemakers  
Champagne Toast at  
Midnight & Parting Snack  
... our drink packages!

Music by

**The Party  
Boys**

VISIT OUR WINE TABLE  
FOR SPECIAL OFFERS

## Drink Packages

### BASIC

Enjoy your choice of:

- \* Wine by the glass (House brand)
- \* House brand cocktail (single shot)
- \* Bottled Beer

4 tickets \$12

9 tickets \$25

20 tickets \$55

### PREMIUM

Enjoy your choice of:

- \* Premium Wines by the glass
- \* Premium Cocktails
- \* Rum Punch

4 tickets \$22

9 tickets \$45

20 tickets \$90





On November 21, 2019, Dawn Grisby, a member of the Saint Cloud high school class of 1979, presented this check to our lodge for the amount of **\$977.42**. This generous donation for the **FLORIDA Elks Children's Therapy Services** came from their 40th class reunion party held at our lodge in November.

*Submitted by: Marianne Tithof*



**Please Support your Lodge**

Whether it's cooking, cleaning  
selling tickets,  
coming to a dinner, event,  
or sending a donation.....

We Thank you for supporting the Good  
we do for  
our Youth, our Veterans and our community.

*Thank You*



**Core Values to live by**  
Integrity,  
Volunteer Service,  
Excellence, and Respect



**463rd Composite Squadron**  
**9th Annual Awards**  
**Banquet**  
**2019**



# American Veteran



## Bracelets

# \$5

## ON SALE AT THE BAR

All proceeds will benefit  
our Building  
Improvement Fund

## "Our Drive Continues"

Homeless Veterans and their families need our help. Please consider donating individual size **cans of chili, Vienna sausage, tuna packets, chips, crackers, and peanuts. Small jars of jelly and peanut butter. Juice cans and cups of ready to eat Mac & Cheese are needed along with shampoo, toothpaste, men's razors, men's slippers and Toilet Paper.**

**Donation Receptacle is located inside the lounge Door.**



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

### New member Orientation & Initiation Schedule:

#### December—Orientation

Monday, 12/09/2019 @6:30 pm.

Initiation Tuesday, 12/10/2019 @ 7:00 pm.

#### January—Orientation

Monday, 1/27/2020 @6:30 pm.

Initiation Tuesday, 1/28/2020 @ 7:00 pm.

## BINGO WITH THE VETS

Volunteer your time and play **Bingo with the VETS !!** Join your fellow ELKS on

Thursday

12/19

@ 5:30 p.m.

VA Medical Center's  
Community Living Center

in Lake Nona at  
13800 Veterans Way,  
Orlando, FL 32827

Contact Jim Platt or the lodge secretary if you would like more information.

# BINGO

WITH THE VETS



Give Kids the World Village is a 70-acre, nonprofit "storybook" resort, located near Central Florida's most beloved attractions, where children with life-threatening illnesses and their families are treated to weeklong, cost-free vacations.

### Give Kids The World

**Volunteer** with your fellow Elks and Community by helping serve meals to the families staying at the village. Bob Barry is the organizer of this **community outreach program** and all volunteers must register at:

[Volunteer@gktw.org](mailto:Volunteer@gktw.org)

**Dates of service will be** on the second Saturday of each month. so please let Bob Barry know that you are interested by emailing him at [rbkiss@aol.com](mailto:rbkiss@aol.com) and don't forget to register.

Elks care....Elks Share

**Queen of Hearts Raffle**  
Every Friday at 7pm

BUY TICKETS  
\$1.00 each  
or 6 for \$5.00

**Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873**

# Antler's Booster Club

**January 31, 2021**

Jeannette Dunstan (IMO) William Dunstan.

**January 31, 2020**

Jim & Jeannie Platt (IMO) Merle & Toby Mountz

**February 28, 2020**

Steve & Terry Hebior (IMO) Rene Couture Jr.

**February 28, 2021**

Jane Couture (IMO) Rene Couture Jr.

**February 28, 2021**

Eula Scott (IMO) Mac Fickling

**February 28, 2022**

Dot Johnston (IMO) Les Johnston

**June 30 2020**

J Wayne Wrightstone (IMO) Melvin Constant

**June 30 2020**

J Wayne Wrightstone (IMO) Wayne Farmer

**June 30 2021**

Ella Flynn (IMO) Heather Bock

**June 30 2021**

Eli & Betty Niedert (IMO) Heather Bock

**June 30 2025**

Addison & Sandy Walker (IMO) Heather Bock

**June 30 2021**

Robert & Marianne Tithof (IMO) Heather Bock

**June 30 2021**

Steve & Terry (IMO) Heather Bock

**October 31, 2020**

Randy Musser PDDGER (IMO) Jesse and Ina Musser

**November 30, 2020**

Veterans (IMO) Jim Husband

**December 31, 2025**

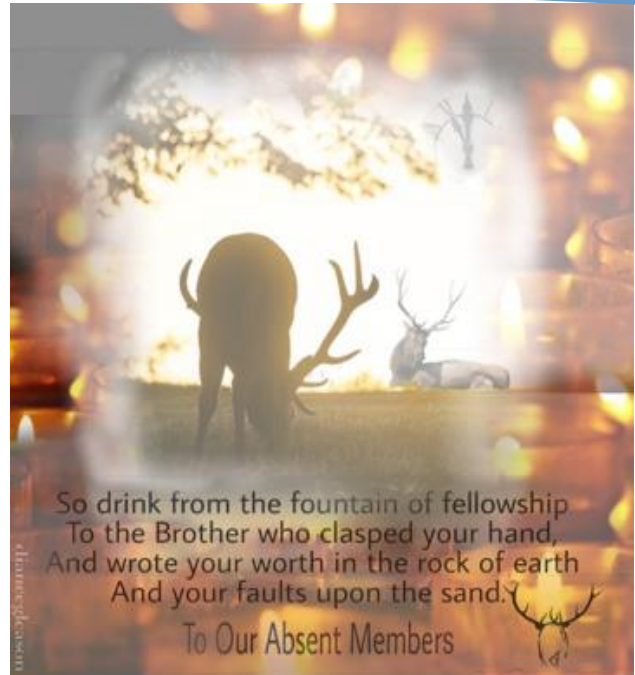
Addison Walker (IMO) Eric Bock



Please consider using this Antler Booster Page to assist our Lodge with a personal contribution or to eulogize or memorialize someone near and dear to you. For \$20 per year, your name can appear here to acknowledge that extra contribution.

**Please contact the Lodge Secretary to make a \$20 Antlers Booster donation** for yourself and/or also make a donation In Memory Of (IMO) a loved one or friend.

**\*Tax Disclaimer:** Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873 is a not-for-profit organization 501(c)8.



## The Eleven O'clock Toast

"You have heard the tolling of 11 strokes. This is to impress upon you that with us the hour of 11 has a tender significance. Wherever an Elk may roam, whatever their lot in life may be, when this hour falls upon the dial of night, the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs. It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more. Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message,

**"To our absent members."**



## CHAPLINS CORNER

"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful."

Norman Vincent Peal

We are fortunate in our Fraternal Order of Elks Lodge #1873 to be among so many members who, by example, show compassion, generosity and a sense of giving. These attributes truly create a perfect atmosphere for us to share the meaning and beauty of this holiday season with family and friends, near and far.

May each and everyone of you be blessed with the joys of this season, good health and happiness that will carry-on through the New Year ahead.

Your Chaplain,  
Bob Tithof





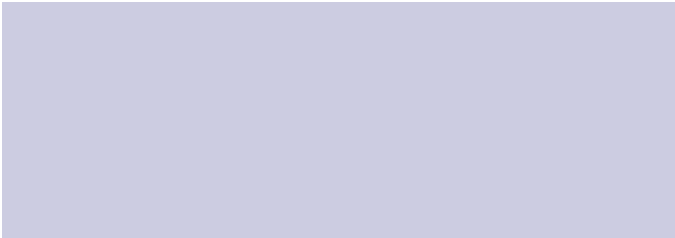
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**Office of the Secretary Hours**  
**Tuesday & Thursday**  
**5:15pm—7:00pm**

OR CURRENT RESIDENT



**LODGE MEETINGS**

**2nd and 4th TUESDAY**  
**(except July, August & December)**  
**OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 pm**

**Members are encouraged to attend!**

Please submit all articles for publication by email to  
[thebior.elk@gmail.com](mailto:thebior.elk@gmail.com)  
Please include your contact information.

**2019-2020**  
**Lodge Officers**

Exalted Ruler	Theresa Hebior
Leading Knight	Bryant Troville
Loyal Knight	James Platt, PER
Lecturing Knight	Adam Smith
Lodge Secretary	Etta Jean Platt, PER
Lodge Treasurer	Carol Vowell
Esquire	John Resudek
Tiler	Eileen Barrett
Chaplain	Robert Tithof
Inner Guard	Steve Schlamb

**2019-2020**  
**Board of Trustees**

1-year Trustee	Mark Waskalis
2-year Trustee	Charles Barker, PER
3-year Trustee	Ted Johnson
4-year Trustee	Rick Theriault
5-year Trustee	Robert Boro

**Central District Sponsor**  
PSP Charles Trinowski Jr.

**Central District D.D.G.E.R.**  
PVP Roger Bristol - Orlando #1079

**Central District V.P.**  
PER John Gudavich—Aripeka #2520

**2019/2020**  
**Central District Visitation**  
**Schedule**

Orlando	12/14/19
District Deputy Clinic: Zephyrhills Lodge #2731	8/10/19
District Deputy Clinic	4/25/20

**Past Exalted Ruler**  
**Association (PER)**

President	William Misczak, PDD
Vice President	Etta Jean Platt, PER
Secretary/Treasurer	James Platt, PER

**2019-2020**  
**House Committee**

Chair Person	Eileen Barrett
Secretary	Brooke Rodriguez
Member	Twis Lizasuain
Member	Karen Roper
Member	LeAnn Schlamb
Member	Judy Schmidt
Member	Joyce Thimgan
Member	Cyn Zellner
Member	Melissa Ziegler

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Lodge Advisor	Robert Barry PDDGER
Lodge Attorney	Addison Walker, ESQ.