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Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873

The Antlers

Volume 189
May 2020

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

This Friday, May 1st we are looking forward to our "first ever" Drive In and Dine from 5-9 in our lodge parking lot. It's our first step to opening our lodge. After that, it's Official! On Friday, May 8th, we will be opening to our members and their guest. We will start with a soft opening on Tuesdays and Fridays. It is finally time to gather!

We will be following the Governor's order of allowing a 25% seating capacity indoors and be seated with 6 feet of distance between tables. Here are some key points for us to follow:

- Do not move tables as they will be staged to meet the 6 foot rule. While this could potentially mean longer wait times for a table, it is necessary. Please allow time for tables to be bussed and sanitized.
- Bar seating will be eliminated until further notice but of course the **BAR WILL BE OPEN**. Some selections of beer and alcohol may not be available.
- Chef Steve will be in the kitchen cooking on Tuesdays and Fridays from 5-8pm. We will be opening with a volunteer staff only as our general fund has taken a hit from the pandemic. We understand this is a difficult time and hope to have our kitchen staff back together as soon as possible.
- No self service food or condiments will be available.
- Lodge membership cards are required to enter the building using the key card reader. The lounge door has been fixed and must remain closed/locked and not propped open. PLEASE DO NOT PULL ON THE DOOR TO OPEN IT, USE YOUR CARD.
- Our lodge will be open to lodge members and their guest only. We want our members to have a safe place to come, enjoy a meal and the fellowship of other members. As always, we encourage guests to become members and join our Elk family.
- All guests (spouses included) must sign the registry book each time they visit the lodge.
- Finally, I believe the director of the Lake Nona VA Medical Center, Tim Cooke says it best.
...**AND WASH YOUR DAMN HANDS.**

A special shout out to our Lodge Secretary Jeannie Platt, Lodge Treasurer Carol Vowell and Lodge Manager Steve Hebior. All 3 employees have been donating their hours at the lodge. They stopped taking their salaries to assure our lodge stays in the black during these long months. Thank you for your dedication, I am so proud to be part of this family.

Terry

ELK OF THE MONTH

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Thank you for giving your time and resources and hosting our lodge and board meetings on Zoom. It was such a blessing for us to stay in touch while taking care of business. Thank you Twis!

May Birthdays

Robert Degraff	01-May	Donald Bonk	23-May
Edward Grissom III	03-May	Gina Marie Feezer	23-May
David Tithof	04-May	Steve Hebior	24-May
John Bordone	05-May	Gary Stinson	24-May
Marlette DeFelice	07-May	Michal Lucas	25-May
Mary Puchein	8-May	Janice Kirsh	29-May
Adam Smith	8-May	Charles Lewis	30-May
Alvera Skundrich	9-May		
Donald Falkenberg	12-May		
Dana Sunshine	12-May		
Betty Jo Edmondson	16-May		
Lorraine Barker	19-May		
James Brown	21-May		
Christine Esser	21-May		
David Smith	22-May		
Stephen Wysong	22-May		

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

May 2020 Birthdays Only

★ *Elks Lodge* ★
Friday Night Drive-In

Kitchen Open ★
May 1, 2020
★ **5 PM to 9 PM**



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Please

Join us at the Lodge parking lot for a classic drive-in dining experience



1. When you arrive, we'll give you a disposable paper menu. Then call one of the phone numbers on the menu, to place your order and don't forget to order your favorite beverages!
2. Enjoy the beautiful weather and grounds and wave to the people in cars next to you while you wait for your food and drinks to be prepared.
3. Soon, your order will be delivered to your car so please be ready to hand over your cash or credit card.
4. Enjoy your grub and delicious beverages.
5. Give us a beep of your horn and we will pick up your trash.
6. Drive home or hang around--weather permitting the bonfire starts at 9pm.



Call

407-847-2444
407-927-9303 or
717-580-1016



Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873
1655 Kings Highway
Kissimmee, FL 34744



*Alcoholic beverages must be consumed on the Lodge grounds.

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

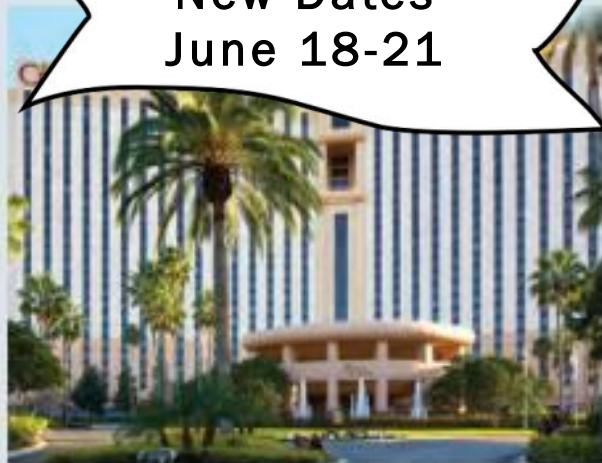
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3	4	5 CLOSED House Committee Meeting 5pm ZOOM CALL	6	7	8 LODGE OPEN 4-10 PM MEMBERS & THEIR GUEST ONLY	9 10 am New Member Initiation
10 Mother's Day Breakfast 8 -11am (reservations required) Ceremony Noon	11	12 LODGE OPEN EXCEPT DURING LODGE MEETING BOD MEETING 6pm LODGE MEETING 7pm	13	14	15 LODGE OPEN 4-10 PM MEMBERS & THEIR GUEST ONLY	16
17	18	19 LODGE OPEN 4-10 PM MEMBERS & THEIR GUEST ONLY	20	21	22 LODGE OPEN 4-10 PM MEMBERS & THEIR GUEST ONLY	23
24/31	25	26 LODGE OPEN EXCEPT DURING LODGE MEETING LODGE MEETING 7pm	27	28	29 LODGE OPEN 4-10 PM MEMBERS & THEIR GUEST ONLY	30

2020

**Florida Elks
 State Convention**

**MAY 21-23 - ROSEN CENTRE
 ORLANDO, FLA.**

**New Dates
 June 18-21**



**Campers and Counselors
 sign up now**

www.FloridaElksYouthCamp.org

800-523-1673

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| Week 1 - June 14 - 20 | Week 5 - July 12 - 18 |
| Week 2 - June 21 - 27 | Week 6 - July 19 - 25 |
| Week 3 - June 28 - July 4 | Week 7* - July 26 - August 1 |
| Week 4 - July 5 - July 11 | |

* Week 7 is open to all Campers and is also "Military Week" where dependents of veterans and/or active military attend for free.

Florida Elks Youth Camp




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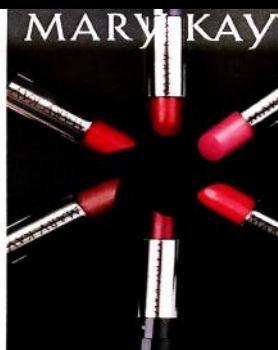
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Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10th

Ritual Ceremony @ Noon

Breakfast by Reservation

8 am—11am



Breakfast

Why be a Volunteer?

It's not for money, it's not for fame
and it's not for any personal gain

It's just for love of fellow man
It's just to lend a helping hand

It's just to give a tithe of self
It's something you can't buy with wealth

It's not the medals worn with pride
It's just for that feeling deep inside
It's that reward down in your heart
feeling that you've been a part
of helping others far and near
thats what makes you
a VOLUNTEER



1. Send your information to Terry Hebior @ thebior.elk@gmail.com
2. PDF format is required
3. Your add will be placed in the next available Antlers for the requested amount of time.
4. An invoice for payment will be sent to the email address provided.

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1X1 INCH = \$10 PER INCH

UP TO 6X6 SQUARE = \$60

BINGO WITH THE VETS

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

Thursday,
June 18
Aug 20
Oct 15
Dec 17

@ 5:30 p.m.

VA Medical Center's
Community Living Center
in Lake Nona at
13800 Veterans Way,
Orlando, FL 32827

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



New member Orientation &

Initiation Schedule:

Initiation Saturday, May 9th. Officers,
please arrive 9am



Americanism



*Set of patriotic values aimed at creating
a collective American identity*

May 5th, More than Cinco De Mayo Celebrations....

May 5th - Celebrated in Mexico as Cinco de Mayo, a national holiday in remembrance of the Battle of Puebla in 1862, in which Mexican troops under General Ignacio Zaragoza, outnumbered three to one, defeated the invading French forces of Napoleon III.

May 5, 1865 - Decoration Day was first observed in the U.S., with the tradition of decorating soldiers' graves from the Civil War with flowers. The observance date was later moved to May 30th and included American graves from World War I and World War II, and became better known as Memorial Day. In 1971, Congress moved Memorial Day to the last Monday in May, thus creating a three-day holiday weekend.

May 5, 1893 - The Wall Street Crash of 1893 began as stock prices fell dramatically. By the end of the year, 600 banks closed and several big railroads were in receivership. Another 15,000 businesses went bankrupt amid 20 percent unemployment. It was the worst economic crisis in U.S. history up to that time.

May 5, 1961 - Alan Shepard became the first American in space. He piloted the spacecraft *Freedom 7* during a 15-minute 28-second suborbital flight that reached an altitude of 116 miles (186 kilometers) above the earth. Shepard's success occurred 23 days after the Russians had launched the first-ever human in space, cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, during an era of intense technological competition between the Russians and Americans called the Space Race.

Antler's Booster Club

June 30 2021

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

January 31, 2021

Jeannette Dunstan (IMO) William Dunstan.

January r31, 2021

Jim & Jeannie Platt (IMO) Merle & Toby Mountz

February 28, 2021

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 2021

J Wayne Wrightstone (IMO) Melvin Constant

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.

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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."

CHAPLAINS CORNER

When I transferred my Elks membership from Wisconsin to Kissimmee over 8 years ago, I was overwhelmed by the dedication and genuine friendliness we found in the members, officers and trustees of this lodge. Since then, it has been gratifying to watch our lodge prosper and grow as we continued to contribute to our community, veterans, children and the projects of the Elk's organization.

As with most every volunteer organization, we have overcome various challenges to accomplish these goals. Today, along with our country and the world, our lodge is dealing with multiple unforeseen challenges as we combat the corona virus. We are aware of how social distancing has created a void in our lives as we miss the opportunities to be together. We are unable to pursue our fundraising goals for our charitable projects. Revenue from lodge functions and rentals are non-existent. Maintenance of the building and grounds is constant as expenses, taxes and our organization demands continue. Soon we hope our board and officers will be able to prepare a safe schedule to reopen our lodge following the directives of the state and grand lodges as guided by our medical community and government. Then there will be a definite need for all of us who are able to work together to bring our lodge's physical demands back to pre-virus working conditions.

Until we reopen, we need all our members to play it forward now with needed monetary support. Renewing our membership by paying our annual lodge dues which were due in April is more vital than ever before. Even if you are unable to be as active as you would like, you are essential to this lodge. Dues are a major part of our ability to support our many Elks missions and lodge endeavors. Please mail yours in or call the lodge with your credit card to bring your membership up to date today. May God bless you, keep you safe and guide you back to a great fraternity.

Your Chaplain,
Bob Tithof





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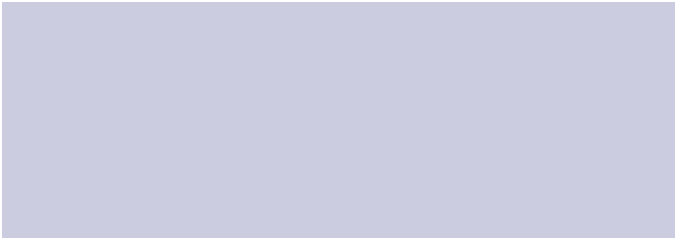
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Office of the Secretary Hours
TBA

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
Please include your contact information.

2020-2021
Lodge Officers

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

2020-2021
Board of Trustees

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

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

2020-2021
Central District Visitation
Schedule

Past Exalted Ruler
Association (PER)

President	Randy Musser ,PDD
Vice President	Etta Jean Platt, PER
Secretary/Treasurer	James Platt, PER

2020-2021
House Committee

Member	Eileen Barrett
Member	Brooke Rodriguez
Member	Twis Lizasuain
Member	Karen Roper
Member	LeAnn Schlamb
Member	Judy Schmidt
Member	Joyce Thingan
Member	Cyn Zellner
Member	Melissa Ziegler

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