



Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873

The Antlers

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August/September/October 2020

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

It can be easy for each of us to get lost in our day-to-day tasks and workload and forget the inspiration and purpose we felt when we decided to join our fraternal organization. It could have been our first day walking into an Elks Lodge and receiving a heart felt welcome, learning about the great work that our organization does for our community, youth and Veterans, getting your membership card that made us feel like family. In Elkdom, our mission can help keep us motivated.

Today, as we face the daily challenge of staying motivated while the COVID-19 pandemic continues, I encourage you to keep in mind our extraordinary mission of supporting our lodge and our charities. That's what keeps me going. Now, more than ever, our Elk family needs to reach out to one another and support each other, keep each other motivated. Our lodge is blessed to have amazing members that volunteer their time to make our lodge what it is today. They do it quietly, without expectation of reward. I invite you to come back to our lodge and share your stories of what got you started and what keeps you inspired today, with me as well as with your colleagues. Be inspired or be the inspiration.

As Americans, I think we can all be a little more tolerant, listen a little more and talk a little less. We must recognize that we might be on opposite sides of a given issue but we all want the best for America. During the months ahead please enjoy our lodge as a gathering place and respect each other. Times are tense in our nation and members are reminded that while this is a sensitive time for most Americans, our lodge should be a safe place, free of all prejudice.

To close, I pray that you all stay safe, well and in good spirits. Please be kind to one another and do your part during these strenuous moments. Embrace that this time could have a positive impact on us. Find the strength to find good in all things.

Terry

ELK OF THE MONTH JULY

Steve Hebior

ELK OF THE MONTH AUGUST

Karen Roper

ELK OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER

Joe Waskelis

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Spaghetti Dinner & Jello Shot Bingo

Saturday, October 10, 2020

From 5 pm - 7 pm



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Starting at 7 pm

Jello Shot Bingo

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Birthdays

August

Michael Hoffstetter	01-Aug
John Grieves	02-Aug
Danny Nieves	05-Aug
David Cummings	07-Aug
William Walters	08-Aug
Michael Arrotta	09-Aug
Joseph Coamey	10-Aug
Christina Cole	10-Aug
Walker Williams	10-Aug
Otto Britto	12-Aug
Maureen DeNoncour	13-Aug
Dennis Ela	14-Aug
Eula Scott	16-Aug
Catherine Radaskiewicz	17-Aug
Vincent Sabath	19-Aug
Linda Deleva	21-Aug
Ronald Jenkins	21-Aug
Jerry Testa	22-Aug
Lillian Troville	22-Aug
Shannon Mauro	23-Aug
Marianne Davitt	27-Aug
Katherine Donato	28-Aug
George Parker	28-Aug
Edward Hartford	30-Aug
Ronald Moffitt	30-Aug
Gary Rood	30-Aug
Janira Gonzalez	31-Aug
Brian Wright	31-Aug

September

Valerie Lovegreen	01-Sep
William J Snyder	01-Sep
Vivian Theriault	01-Sep
Eileen H Barrett	02-Sep
Brent Dickson	02-Sep
Daniel B Garaguso	02-Sep
Muriel Lothian	03-Sep
Verlin Raile	04-Sep
James D McCarthy	04-Sep
Richard Cox	07-Sep
Thomas Allen	08-Sep
Clyde Clark	08-Sep
Vicki Bracy	10-Sep
Frank Husband	11-Sep
Ramzan Khan	11-Sep
Larry Slade	13-Sep
Bill Henry	13-Sep
Donald L Phillips	14-Sep
Steve Schlamb	14-Sep
Gregory L Flood	15-Sep
Larry Whaley	15-Sep
Beverly Harmsen	16-Sep
Martin Konieczny	16-Sep
Joyce Thimgan	16-Sep
Deborah Violette	16-Sep
William DeLuca	19-Sep
James Moore	21-Sep
David Graves	25-Sep
Salvatore Di Chiara	26-Sep
George J Hill	27-Sep
David Welsh	27-Sep
Donald Craig	28-Sep
Larry L Klingensmith	29-Sep
Michael Kamenoff	30-Sep

October

Richard Senkow	02-Oct
Daniel Heck	04-Oct
Thomas David	07-Oct
Franklin D. Gaines	07-Oct
Theodore W. Johnson	07-Oct
Patricia Williams	07-Oct
Richard F. Sambuca	08-Oct
Robert D. Griffis	09-Oct
Gail Keith	12-Oct
Cathleen Lemerond	13-Oct
Phyllis Kirchner	14-Oct
Phillip Rabeau	16-Oct
Anthony Rodriguez	17-Oct
James E. Phillips	21-Oct
Douglas Richard Kinner	22-Oct
Corinne Riley	23-Oct
Tad Simpson	24-Oct
Lisa Ann Munyon	26-Oct
Gerald Sylvester	27-Oct
Kenneth Boro	28-Oct
Carlos Bollman	31-Oct
Beth McCollum	31-Oct

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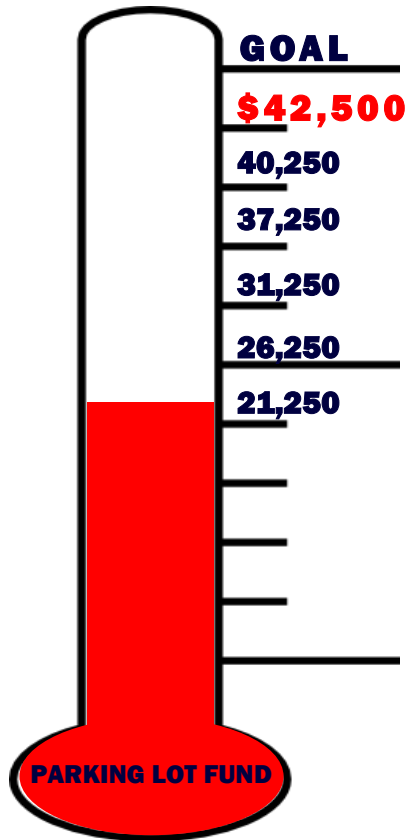
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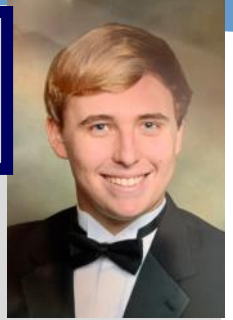
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



James McCleary and Muriel Lothian

SOMEONE TO KNOW

Alex Meeker



Have you always lived in Florida? If not, where did you live and go to school?

I have always lived in Florida. I lived in West Palm Beach, Florida until I moved to Saint Cloud in 2014.

Congratulations on your recent graduation from high school. What high school did you attend? **I attended and graduated from St Cloud High School.**

What college are you attending? What are your career goals? Did High School prepare you for college?

Presently, I am attending Valencia college. I plan to get my doctorate in physical therapy at the University of Central Florida. High school did prepare me for college. Right now, College seems like high school.

You are an exceptional athlete. What sports were you involved in and do you plan to continue them in college?

In high school, I played football, competed in track and field, swimming and weightlifting. There are no athletic programs in college right now but I plan on continuing to lift weights.

Did you have an influential person during high school years or in your life?

My mom has showed me how to work hard and stay on top of my work and still be able to enjoy life.

Your parents are Elk members. How did you learn about Elks?

I knew about the Elks before my parents joined this lodge. My dad was a member of a lodge on Belvedere Road in West Palm Beach, Florida.

When did you start as a staff member of the Kissimmee Elks kitchen staff? Did you have any previous experience in cooking?

I started my position in the kitchen at the lodge on May 31, 2019. Previously, I worked at Beef O'Brady where I did cook par wings. But that's it.

Working in the kitchen can be fast and stressful at times. You seem to always be quick and you never look stressed. How do you adjust to unexpected occurrences? Is this true and does it apply to your daily life as well?

I just go with the flow. I think that if you cannot adapt to what needs to be done quickly, the kitchen isn't the place for you to be.

The Coronavirus has certainly interfered with your senior year. What is your opinion on how this devastating circumstance which has attacked our nation and the world has been handled?

This is pretty devastating with all the deaths and people getting put out of work due to the shut downs.

Do you have an interesting fact about yourself you would like to share with us?

Not really.

If a young teenager asked your advice on how to achieve his goals, what advice would you give him?

Just to work hard and don't slack or procrastinate.

Thanks for sharing this time with us Alex. You have impressed us as a leader, a hard worker and an achiever who will do well in life. God bless you on your journey.

Submitted by Bob Tithof

**Alex is now working as a cook at Chili's...
Good luck in your new endeavors Alex!**

September



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
CLOSED	LODGE OPEN 4-10 PM MEMBERS & THEIR GUEST MENU AVAILABLE 5-7 BAR BINGO 6 PM	LODGE OPEN 4-10 PM MEMBERS & THEIR GUEST MENU AVAILABLE 5-7 **CLOSED DURING LODGE MEETINGS	LODGE OPEN 4-10 PM MEMBERS & THEIR GUEST MENU AVAILABLE 5-7 KARAOKE 5:30-9:30	CLOSED	LODGE OPEN 4-10 PM MEMBERS & THEIR GUEST MENU AVAILABLE 5-8 Queen of ♥ Drawing 7:00 pm 	CLOSED
		11 BOD MEETING 6pm LODGE MEETING 7pm \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8pm			Queen of Hearts Raffle Every Friday at 7pm 	
					18  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	19 CLOSED
20 CLOSED	21 Spaghetti Meat Sauce 	22 LODGE MEETING & ORIENTATION 7pm \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8pm	23 	24 CLOSED	25 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	26 CLOSED
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CLOSED	Serving Food Menu 5 pm - 7 pm Charity Bingo 6 pm-8pm	Serving Food Menu 5 pm- 7 pm* *closed during lodge meeting	Serving Food Menu 5 pm - 7 pm Karaoke 5:30 pm	CLOSED	Serving Food Menu 5 pm - 8 pm Queen of ♡ Drawing 7:00 pm	CLOSED



October 3rd Brotherhood RIDE				1 CLOSED	2 	3 
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SHARING A STORY, WRITER UNKNOWN. While I was in the airport returning home, I heard several people behind me beginning to clap and cheer. I immediately turned around and witnessed one of the greatest acts of patriotism I have ever seen.

Moving through the terminal was a group of soldiers in their camos. As they began heading to their gate, everyone (well almost everyone) was abruptly to their feet with their hands waving and cheering.

When I saw the soldiers, probably 30-40 of them, being applauded and cheered for, it hit me. I'm not alone. I'm not the only red-blooded American who still loves this country and supports our troops and their families.

Of course, I immediately stopped and began clapping for these young unsung heroes who are putting their lives on the line every day for us so we can go to school, work and home without fear of reprisal.

Just when I thought I could not be prouder of my country or of our service men and women, a young girl, not more than 6 or 7 years old, ran up to one of the male soldiers. He kneeled down and said 'hi.'

The little girl then asked him if he would give something to her daddy for her.

The young soldier, who didn't look any older than maybe 22 himself, said he would try and what did she want to give to her Daddy. Then suddenly the little girl grabbed the neck of this soldier, gave him the biggest hug she could muster and then kissed him on the cheek.

The mother of the little girl, who said her daughter's name was Courtney, told the young soldier that her husband was a Marine and had been in Iraq for 11 months now. As the mom was explaining how much her daughter Courtney missed her father, the young soldier began to tear up.

When this temporarily single mom was done explaining her situation, all of the soldiers huddled together for a brief second. Then one of the other servicemen pulled out a military-looking walkie-talkie. They started playing with the device and talking back and forth on it..

After about 10-15 seconds of this, the young soldier walked back over to Courtney, bent down and said this to her, 'I spoke to your daddy and he told me to give this to you...'. He then hugged this little girl that he had just met and gave her a kiss on the cheek. He finished by saying 'your daddy told me to tell you that he loves you more than anything and he is coming home very soon.'

The mom at this point was crying almost uncontrollably and as the young soldier stood to his feet, he saluted Courtney and her mom. I was standing no more than 6 feet away from this entire event.

As the soldiers began to leave, heading towards their gate, people resumed their applause. As I stood there applauding and looked around, there were very few dry eyes, including my own. That young soldier in one last act of selflessness, turned around and blew a kiss to Courtney with a tear rolling down his cheek.

We need to remember everyday all of our soldiers and their families and thank God for them and their sacrifices. At the end of the day, it's good to be an American.

RED FRIDAYS ----- Very soon, you will see a great many people wearing Red every Friday. The reason? Americans who support our troops used to be called the 'silent majority'. We are no longer silent, and are voicing our love for God, country and home in record breaking numbers.

We are not organized, boisterous or over-bearing. We get no liberal media coverage on TV, to reflect our message or our opinions. Many Americans, like you, me and all our friends, simply want to recognize that the vast majority of Americans support our troops.

Our idea of showing solidarity and support for our troops with dignity and respect starts this Friday and continues each and every Friday until the troops all come home, sending a deafening message that every red-blooded American who supports our men and women afar will wear something red.

By word of mouth, press, TV -- let's make the United States on every Friday a sea of red much like a homecoming football game in the bleachers.

If every one of us who loves this country will share this with acquaintances, co-workers, friends, and family. It will not be long before the USA is covered in RED and it will let our troops know the once 'silent' majority is on their side more than ever; certainly, more than the media lets on.

The first thing a soldier says when asked 'What can we do to make things better for you?' is...We need your support and your prayers.

Let's get the word out and lead with class and dignity, by example and **wear something red every Friday.**

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Americanism

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Americanism Essay Contest

A program of the Elks' Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee, this contest is geared towards students in 5th through 8th grades to promote patriotism among young people.

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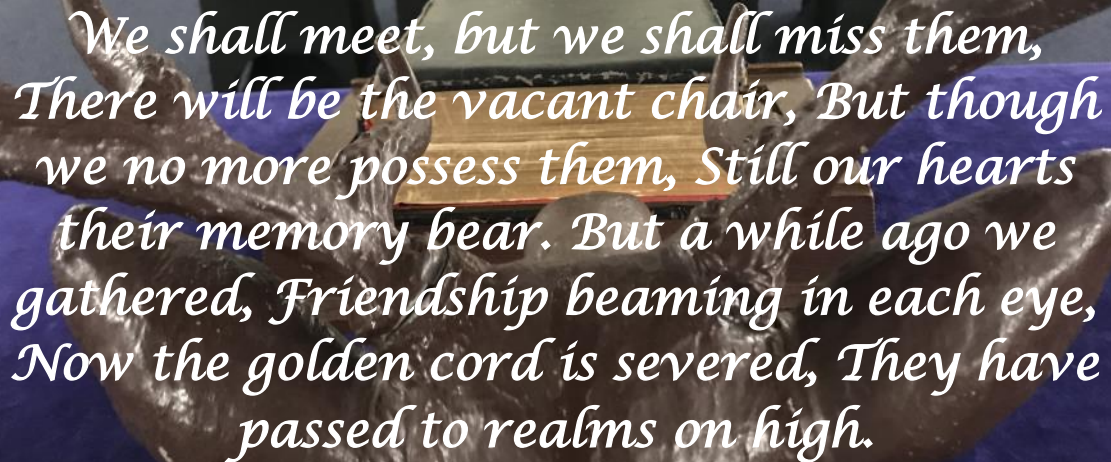
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*We shall meet, but we shall miss them,
There will be the vacant chair, But though
we no more possess them, Still our hearts
their memory bear. But a while ago we
gathered, Friendship beaming in each eye,
Now the golden cord is severed, They have
passed to realms on high.*



Mary Cruz Wallace

Born into Elkdom 4/22/2014

Left this world on 8/10/2020

She was 92 Years Old

William "Bill" Schmidt
Born into Elkdom 2/29/2000
Left this world on 8/7/2020
He was 87 Years Old



Albert "Big Al" Shaffer

Born into Elkdom 9/26/2017

Left this world on 8/25/2020

He was 79 Years Old



Carol Licata

Born into Elkdom 1/15/2015

Left this world on 7/3/2020

She was 82 Years Old

John Bordone
Born into Elkdom 9/26/2017
Left this world on 8/31/2020
He was 76 Years Old



Antler's Booster Club

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.

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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.

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Eula Scott (IMO) Mac Fickling

February 28, 2022

Dot Johnston (IMO) Les Johnston

June 30 2021

J Wayne Wrightstone (IMO) Melvin Constant

June 30 2021

J Wayne Wrightstone (IMO) Wayne Farmer

June 30 2021

Ella Flynn (IMO) Heather Bock

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Addison & Sandy Walker (IMO) Heather Bock

June 30 2021

Robert & Marianne Tithof (IMO) Heather Bock

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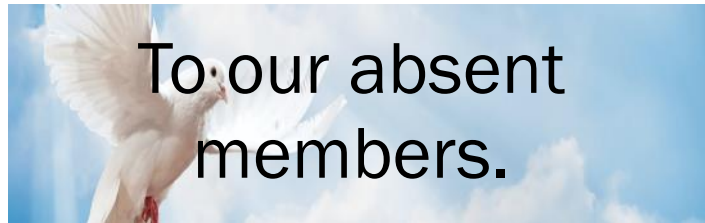
Steve & Terry (IMO) Heather Bock

July 31, 2021

Beverly Harmsen (IMO) Rose Ann Hartford

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,



CHAPLAINS CORNER

Being in the eighth decade of my life, I find myself often reflecting on years of the past. As we deal with the coronavirus epidemic, I have become aware of how the history of our world repeats itself in so many ways. Our society has weathered many challenges: Civil War, 2 World Wars, devastating epidemics of influenza, typhoid, tuberculosis, polio, etc. We are resilient. We have survived.

Today, we once again find ourselves in a great period of uncertainty. Along with dealing with racism, riots, loss of jobs, financial concerns and politics, we join the world in trying to conquer COVID-19. This can only be achieved with each one of us cooperating and taking responsibility for our part in this war.

As Elks, we have the principles of our organization to follow. **Brotherly Love** directs us to be concerned for each other by following the guidelines of the medical experts who have proven that social distancing, effective hand-washing and wearing masks in appropriate circumstances do work. **Justice** encourages us to be fair as we try to understand the feelings and opinions of all of those around us who are also dealing with the confusion of how to handle life in these uncertain times. **Charity** sends a strong message to each of us to look around and help those who need us financially, socially and in the many other ways we can help them. And finally, **Fidelity**. The impact of its meaning which is "faithfulness to a person, cause or belief demonstrated by continuing loyalty and support" should make us aware of our responsibilities to each other and every human being.

Lord, we pray. Guide us in our obligations to each other, world peace, finding an effective solution to this epidemic and new beginnings

Chaplain Bob Tithof

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.

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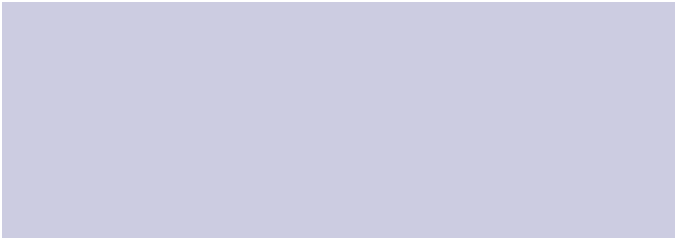
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2020-2021
Central District Visitation
Schedule
DD / VP Visits
Brooksville September 12
West Citrus September 26
Kissimmee October 10
Orlando November 7
Zephyrhills November 14
Aripeka December 5

DDGER Clinics
Zephyrhills August 29
Zephyrhills April 17
State President Visit
Zephyrhills October 30 and 31

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