



The Antlers

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

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and is looking forward to New Year's Eve and 2021. We know how difficult 2020 has been for all of us. I will certainly be grateful to move forward to a new year. As I take a moment to think about all that we have successfully accomplished in 2020, I cannot help but to enter 2021 with hope and optimism.

As a result of all of our work, dedication and commitment, we successfully faced so many new challenges this year. As we look forward to 2021, we are hopeful that the vaccine will allow us to continue to fight this battle. I pray that the vaccine will rapidly be available to everyone. I am grateful to be part of this historic and significant milestone.

Looking back on 2020 will remind us of the strength of our lodge, the resiliency of our members and their families, and most importantly, the memory of those we lost to this deadly disease. In their honor, I look forward to working with all to keep our lodge open and thriving.

I have said many times that my family continues to inspire me every day, and that is especially true today. The holidays give us a chance to reflect on what we are thankful for, and I am thankful for my parents, Bob and Marianne Tithof and my amazing husband Steve. Our lodge would not be here without you.

Have a wonderful New Year and see you in 2021!

Terry

January Birthdays

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Shirley Haven & Katherine Butler

ELKS OF THE MONTH BOB AND FRAN BARRY

For many, many, many years Bob and Fran have been supporting our lodge. They volunteer their time and step up for whatever is needed AND attend events and meetings. YOU ARE VERY APPRECIATED AND LOVED!

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| Wayne Gomez | 04-Jan | Carl Nowicki | 24-Jan |
| Bryan Bennett | 07-Jan | Katria Haynes-Jekins | 25-Jan |
| Cynthia Lee | 07-Jan | Charles Barker | 27-Jan |
| Cristina Rabago | 08-Jan | Donald Miers | 27-Jan |
| Harley Mock | 09-Jan | Terence Quigley | 23-Jan |
| Leslie Eisenberg | 10-Jan | Daniel Burns | 30-Jan |
| Terry Hebior | 10-Jan | Charlotte Laskiewicz | 30-Jan |
| Raymond Raptis | 10-Jan | Patricia Bollinger | 31-Jan |
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| Thomas Blasko | 12-Jan | | |
| Albert Brown | 13-Jan | | |
| Jeffords Miller | 13-Jan | | |
| Karen Roper | 13-Jan | | |
| Edward Grudzien | 16-Jan | | |
| James Pereira | 16-Jan | | |
| Michael McKenna | 18-Jan | | |
| Penny Dickerson | 19-Jan | | |
| George Jackow | 19-Jan | | |

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January 2021 Birthdays Only

Someone to Know

Jim and Etta Jean (Jeannie) Platt

Submitted by Bob & Marianne Tithof

Where did you live prior to moving to Florida? When did you move here?

"We moved here from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania in 2003."

Where did you grow up? How many siblings did you have?

Jim; "Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. I have 3 sisters."

Jeannie; "As an Army Brat, I lived all over. I have one brother and one sister."

Where did you go to school? What type of work or profession filled your life? When did you retire?

Jim; "After graduating from school in Harrisburg, PA, I worked for Bethlehem Steel as a Material Coordinator. After 36 years of service, I retired in 2002."

Jeannie; "I went to school all over and graduated in Harrisburg, PA. I was the Administration Assistant for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. After 32 years of service, I retired in 2003."

How did you meet?

"At Jeannie's Grandfather's funeral."

When and where were you married?

"We married in 1967 in Harrisburg."

In your married life, where did you raise your family and live over the years?

"In Harrisburg."

How many Children and Grandchildren do you have? Where do they live?

"We have one son, four grandchildren and one great grandson. Other than one grandson who lives in the Baltimore, Maryland area, the rest of our family still live in the Harrisburg area."

Do you have a favorite memory about your childhood or your married life you would like to share?

"Our favorite memories have been our cruises with our family and friends."

When and how did you become interested in the Elks?

"Jeannie's parents were both Elks, so we would come with them and eventually joined. Jim joined in 2003 Jeannie joined in 2012."

What positions have you held in the Elks?

Jim; "Inner Guard, Chaplain, Esquire, three years as Exalted Ruler, Trustee, Lecturing Knight, Loyal Knight and Leading Knight."

Jeannie; Chaplain, Loyal Knight, Treasurer, Two years as Exalted Ruler and Secretary."

Both of you are constantly working at the lodge at every function, inside duties, outside maintenance and always anywhere you are needed. What would you share with all of us fellow Elk members when it comes to purpose, fulfillment, encouragement or what drives your dedication?

"Both of us believe that if you are going to belong to an organization, you should get involved and not rely on others to do all the work needed to be done."

We know you both volunteer at the hospital. When did you become involved and where do you work there?

"Jeannie started volunteering in 2003 and has worked all over the hospital. Jim Started in 2013 driving the hospital's golf cart and working in the gift shop."

What other type of volunteering do you do?

"We volunteer at Give Kids The World when we are able."

Although you are greatly involved, what do you like to do in your spare time? Hobbies?

"Jeannie reads for enjoyment. Jim worked part time at a golf course and recently left their employment to do more traveling."

Jim, we all know you are a fanatic when it comes to your favorite football team. Have you always been a Steelers fan? Do you see them at the Superbowl in 2021? Big Lodge party then?

"I have been a Steelers fan since the mid 1970's. I hope to see them in the Super Bowl in 2021. I think they will need to improve their running game first."



This is really a pleasure for us to know more about both of you.

RENTAL EVENTS

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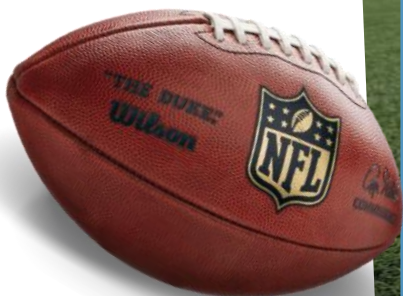


LODGE EVENTS—SAVE THE DATE

DEC 31—New Years Eve Party
MAR 13—St. Patty's Day Dinner/Dance
MAR 27—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 |
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| CLOSED | 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 Karaoke 5:30 pm -9pm  | CLOSED | Lodge Opens 4pm Kitchen Open 5 pm - 7pm Queen of ♥ Drawing 7:00 pm  | CLOSED |
|  | | | | | 1  | 2 |
| 3 | 4 Guido Travel 12-3 Beef Stroganoff  | 5 House Committee Meeting 7pm | 6  | 7 | 8 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER | 9 |
| 10 | 11 Chicken Parmesan  | 12 BOD MEETING 6pm LODGE MEETING 7pm \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8pm | 13  | 14 | 15 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER | 16 |
| 17 | 18 Pork Roast  | 19 | 20  | 21 | 22 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER | 23 |
| 24/31 | 25 Bob's Meatloaf  | 26 Orientation 5:30pm LODGE MEETING 7pm \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8pm | 27  | 28 | 29 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER | 30 |





Twas 4 months before Christmas 2020 and all through this house, not a creature was stirring not even a mouse... But wait! What is it we see? Why, it's Lorraine Barker bent over her computer as she applies for the Elk's 2020 Beacon Grant! Meanwhile, bi monthly Zoom meetings took place with Kissimmee Elk Lodge #1873 members including Katria Jenkins, Miggy Jorge, Lorie Lopez, Juanita Gonzalez, Karen Roper, Steve Hebior, Marianne Tithof and staffs from Embrace Families and their adjoining organizations. We were beginning to plan our fifth annual party for the Foster and Diversion Families of Osceola County but realized that any type gathering was being discouraged this year. Instead of the mean old Grinch, this time it was COVID-19 stopping us. Our solution was to continue our event and alter the plans following CDC guidelines and "Elves On The Shelf at The Elks Drive Thru" was created and scheduled for 12/12/20.

Again, we had a great response from our Elk Lodge members whose generous contributions bought over 100 gift certificates for children's presents. With the Beacon and matching State Grants, we purchased gift certificates geared for meat choices for 175 family food baskets and we were on our way.

Starting on the Thursday before our event, the Lodge grounds were illuminated with holiday decorations and blow ups brought from the Barrett and Hebior homes. Joe Waskelis painstakingly planned the outdoor setups, parking and the route the cars would travel. Bob and Fran Barry, Fred and Fran Hammer, Jim and Jeannie Platt, and many other Elk members joined volunteers from our partnering organizations to fill 525 food baskets for two neighboring counties supporting their foster families along with our 175 Osceola County baskets. Registration stations for volunteers that were to be manned by Bob Tithof, Jeannie Platt and Linda Bartoli in Rene's room and other remaining set ups were completed and we were ready for the big day.

Saturday morning, cars filed with families lined up with anticipation before 10 am and were then directed along the lodge grounds stopping at tables to register and receive a \$25 gift card designated for each child. Along with the many joyful blow ups, the route was decked with welcoming signs made by children along with professional signs donated by Cyn Zellner. Volunteers dressed in elf and festive garb cheered and waved as cars passed. The next attraction the families encountered was caroling by our scouts from Troop#82 accompanied by the music of the Karaoke Twins. They surrounded Elroy, the Elk Mascot, as he passed out goodie bags with drug awareness material. Russel Rose, Jim Platt and Steve and Samantha Kirsch were involved all day with keeping this group going, helping Scouts in and out of Elroy's cumbersome costume and running errands for all of us. The cars drove on to receive large, decorated food baskets and the \$20 gift food cards. Next it was Mr. and Mrs. Santa (Vincent and Janice Kirsch) sitting along the path without a break all day, waving and wishing all a very Merry Christmas. At the end of this exciting journey, a few hand loads of donated, wrapped Christmas candy was passed into each car and The Osceola County Sheriff Department delighted the children with their generous giving of a plush animal given to each child by a friendly Grinch.

Throughout the day, many of our members came to help when ever they could which really enabled Terry & Steve Hebior to keep every thing going smoothly as they monitored and took care of us all. Space here does not permit us to name you all individually but we truly appreciated each and everyone of you. After a record clean up, a tired but fulfilled group of volunteers were treated to beverages and food in the lounge as we critiqued the happenings of another successful, fun and heartwarming event.

What a wonderful and rewarding way to give back to the community in these trouble times. No one was more rewarded than our Lodge members who donated their time and additional personal contributions to make this a very special and meaningful day. This event is only possible because of the love, generosity, and everything our members of Kissimmee Elks Lodge#1873 did to make this happen. THANK YOU!!

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January 31, 2021

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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

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June 30 2021

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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

July 31, 2021

Beverly Harmsen (IMO) Rose Ann Hartford

October 31, 2021

Randy Musser PDDGER (IMO) Jesse and Ina Musser

ATTENTION ALL LODGE MEMBERS

The Past Exalted Rulers Association of Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873 will hold a meeting on January 19, 2021 commencing at 6 PM for the purpose of recommending the Lodge Officers for the new year. All Members and current Lodge Officers are urged to attend. Current Officers can speak to any Past Exalted Ruler with their intention as to whether they wish to continue serving our Lodge. It is strongly recommended that some of our new Members decide that they want to help Kissimmee Lodge. Please plan on attending.

Submitted by Randy Musser, PDDGER (PER President)

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

2021 brings us a time of ending and a time of beginning, a time of loss and a time of hope. Every Elk member, friend and family were together in spirit throughout the Covid storm.

Lord, in Your mercy, give us health and well-being during this new year and for long years to come. In your goodness, give us hope that all of us will soon be able to return to the days when we can gather as Elk families, enjoying each other's companionship. Help us to appreciate the gifts of life You constantly give us that many of us have taken for granted.

For this we pray. Amen.

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.

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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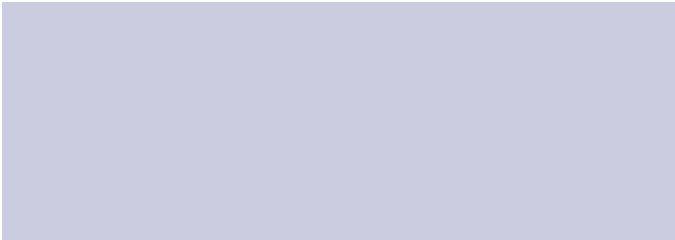
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OR CURRENT RESIDENT



LODGE MEETINGS

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

Members are encouraged to attend!

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 |
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| Tiler | Eileen Barrett |
| Chaplain | Robert Tithof |
| Inner Guard | Fran Barry |


2020-2021
Board of Trustees

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| Vice President | Etta Jean Platt, PER |
| Secretary/Treasurer | James Platt, PER |

2020-2021
House Committee

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