



The Antlers

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

It's hard to believe that only 1 year ago I was cruising with family and friends when COVID-19 extended our vacation and introduced us to Federal Quarantine. So much has changed over the last 12 months it's impossible to grasp but as I reflect upon this year, I realize that no Pandemic is going to keep our lodge from thriving. Here is a brief year in review. Our lodge grew in membership! We exceeded our financial requirements to the Elks National Foundation and to Harry Anna Charities. The Brotherhood Ride returned to our lodge and we provided the bicycle riders and support team with showers, meals and a place to sleep. They provided us with tributes of fallen hero's and inspired us with their mission. We applied for three ENF grants and received over \$8000 dollars in grant money. Our members added personal donations and our combined total of \$11,000 was returned to our community.

1. Beacon Grant—We held our annual Christmas Party honoring the foster and diversion families of Osceola county with Embrace Families of Central Florida. We provided holiday cheer to 200 families and over 430 children with our "Elves on the shelf at the Elks Drive thru".
2. Gratitude Grant—We supported Osceola Count of Aging with a very generous donation dedicated to their Pet Program.
3. Spotlight Grant—We are making Welcome Home Kits that will be given to Veterans that have experienced homelessness. We will present a minimum of 10 kits containing new items such as coffee pots, pans, towels, microwaves, cleaning tools, etc. to the VA. As Veterans complete their program and are given housing, these kits will be given to them as most have nothing.

Further support of our community included a check to Wheelchairs for kids for \$1,527.90. We sponsored an Adaptive Tricycle for three year old Joeshlyann that was diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder. She and her family live in Kissimmee.

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ELK OF THE MONTH

Cindy Lee

Cindy does it all and has done so for many, many, many years! For all that you do, we thank you !

WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Carol Hopkins,

pictured with Sponsor Larry Lemorand

March Birthdays

Charlene Kuhn	01-March	Olga Clark	23-March
Larry Lemorand	01-March	Roberto Jimenez	26-March
Joseph Zambelli	04-March	Kenneth A Michels	27-March
Denise Fitch	05-March	Irene Rozell	27-March
John Price	06-March	Nicholas H Hansen	28-March
Richard Quesnel	06-March	James McCleese	28-March
Brian Boone	07-March	Duane Fournier	29-March
Frederick Casler	07-March	Brian Harbour	29-March
Patricia Snyder	08-March	Brandon Dennin	30-March
Ruth Boro	09-March	Walter Detwiler	30-March
Jerry R Mullins	10-March	John E Kovach	31-March
Charlie F Horn	12-March	James McCleary	31-March
Rebeka Edge	13-March		
James T Platt	13-March		
LeAnn Schlamb	14-March		
William Abel	17-March		
Guy Decker	17-March		
Bryant K Troville	19-March		
Susan Saunders	20-March		
Joseph Latoff	21-March		
Douglas Gearity	22-March		

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
March 2021 Birthdays Only

Message To The Members

Several members worked the elections and our lodge opened as our district polling place. Many of our neighbors saw our lodge for the first time. And what a great time to see it with all of the work done this year.

Our lodge received MANY upgrades! Hard work and donations made it possible to pave our driveway. Thanks to vacation raffles, several dessert dashes, jello shot Bingo plus cash donations, enough money was raised to rid us of the pot holes. Our property grounds look better today than they have in a very long time thanks to many hard working members! Years of neglect with overgrown weeds and shrubs were removed and the lodge is visible from the street. The flower beds, grass areas and front of the building look beautiful, so much was done! Bathrooms were remolded and painted. Our main hall has been cleaned, updated and painted. We have new tables and chairs in the lounge area.

This was all accomplished by the **members of this lodge and their families**. Unselfish, hard working, generous and supportive members gave their time, talent and/or financial support to make our lodge what it is today. What an amazing year for Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873.

What an amazing year to be A PROUD ELK.

Terry

St. Patrick's at The Elks

Saturday, March 13, 2021
6:00 PM - Dinner Served at 7:00 PM

\$25 for Members * \$30 for Non-Members
\$35 for all after March 9, 2021

Green Beer
\$1.50 a mug

Music by
DJs Denise
and Mike

Dinner

Corned Beef and Cabbage, Carrots,
Potatoes, Eileen's Irish Soda Bread,
Dessert and Coffee
Chicken Upon Request

Door Prizes * Raffles * 50 / 50

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Kissimmee, FL 34744 (407) 847-2444
Open to the Public
With Covid19 Guidelines



THANK YOU 2020-2021 LODGE OFFICERS FOR A GREAT YEAR

Congratulations to the Elected and Appointed Officers 2021-2022

2021-2022—Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	Theresa Hebior, PER
Leading Knight	Steve Schlamb
Loyal Knight	Tom Wilson
Lecturing Knight	Corine Riley
Lodge Secretary	Etta Jean Platt, PER
Lodge Treasurer	Steve Hebior
Esquire	Chuck Lassabe
Tiler	Larry Lemorand
Chaplain	William DeLuca
Inner Guard	Nicholas Schlamb

2021-2022—Board of Trustees

1-year Trustee	Ted Johnson
2-year Trustee	Rick Theriault
3-year Trustee	Brian Light
4-year Trustee	Mark Waskelis
5-year Trustee	Janice Kirsch

EVENT
Saturday,
March 27, 2021
4:30—9:00 pm

Fundraiser
Awards & Recognition
Installation of Officers
Chicken Entree Salad
Music Bingo

Members & Guests:
Enjoy an evening with
Dinner, Installation, NEW Music Bingo & Prizes.
Your first Bingo card is FREE!
Admission for this event is a donation to OUR
"Welcome Home Project" supporting Veterans.
Bring NEW household items to receive your complimentary dinner. Sign up at the bar for more details of this event.

Every end is a new beginning

RENTAL EVENTS

If you know of anyone interested in renting one our beautiful rooms please have them call

Marianne Tithof
303-704-3415



LODGE EVENTS—SAVE THE DATE

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
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 - 78pm Queen of ♥ Drawing 7:00 pm 	CLOSED
	1 Guido Travel 12-3 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce 	2 House Committee Meeting 7pm	3	4 Meeting of Volunteers 6pm 	5   FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	6
7	8 BBQ Chicken Quarter 	9 BOB MEETING 6pm LODGE MEETING 7pm \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8pm	10	11	12   FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	13 St Patty's Dinner & Dance 6pm
14	15 Robert's Lasagna 	16	17	18	19   FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	20 Spring Cleaning 9-Noon 
22	22 Pork Special 	23 Orientation 5:30pm LODGE MEETING 7pm \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8pm	24	25	26  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	27 Event & Installation of Officers 4:30 pm 
28	29 Guido Travel 12-3 Bob's Meatloaf 	30	31	1	2  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	3

ENF Gratitude Grant for Kissimmee, FL, Lodge No. 1873

On January 2nd, we received an email.....Congratulations! Your Lodge's 2020-21 Gratitude Grant application has been approved! Your Lodge will receive an approval letter and a grant check in the mail.

On February 3rd several members of the Kissimmee Elks Lodge visited the Osceola Council of Aging and presented the grant check for \$2000 dollars.

Thank you to our Grant Coordinator Lorraine Barker for reaching out to the needs of our Community and completing all of the leg work to make this grant money work for Osceola County!



Wendy Coschignano-Ford

I would like to begin by thanking the Kissimmee Elks #1873 for their generous donation to the Osceola Council on Aging's (OCA) Pet Program affording us to purchase food, litter, and some help with veterinary care.

The Program was created to help our Seniors better support and care for their much-loved pets. We had known for some time that many of our Seniors would share their daily delivered, Meals on Wheels (MOW) food with their pets. Unfortunately, often, they would feed their pets before themselves. This obviously defeats the purpose of our mission to feed our Seniors. With that, out of necessity for both our Seniors and their pets, we created a Pet Program where our MOW delivery volunteers also deliver pet food to Senior homes, on a daily basis.

MOW is the OCA's flagship program which began 50 years ago. MOW serves hot home delivered meals daily to our frail senior population in Osceola County. During the past year, the MOW department has naturally expanded nearly four to five times than that of normal capacity, due to the Pandemic, to continue to ensure we do our part to keep seniors' home, fed and safe from the virus. We typically delivered 10,000 meals monthly prior to COVID-19, but since the onset of the virus we have been doing 35,000 to 45,000 monthly deliveries. As one can imagine this has been quite the operation for the OCA, our MOW department and volunteers.

We are always in need of good, dedicated volunteers for MOW; whether it be to adopt a route and deliver meals and/or pet food to our Seniors. MOW deliveries are Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 10 am. For more information on volunteering for MOW, call 407-847-2144 or email at belislew@osceola-coa.com.



The meals on wheels program in action! Both the seniors and their pets enjoy meals delivered to their homes.



Larry and Cathy Lemerond

SOMEONE TO KNOW

Submitted by Bob Tithof

Have you always been a resident of Florida? If not, where did live before Florida?

Cathy "No, Maryland."

Larry "No, New Jersey"

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

Cathy "In Maryland. I have 2 siblings."

Larry" Staten Island, New York. I have 4 siblings."

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

Cathy "Bowie High School, Maryland." "I worked in the medical field."

Larry "Tottenville High School, Staten Island, NY." "I retired from Mechanic/Management."

How did you meet?

"We met at Perkins Restaurant through a friend."

When and where were you married?

"May 5, 2007 in Kissimmee, Florida."

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

Cathy "Spending Sundays with my grandparents and family."

Larry "My animals and being with family"

Both of you are dedicated to our lodge and attend many lodge functions. What would you share with all of us fellow ELK members when it comes to purpose, fulfillment, encouragement or what is the reason for your dedication?

Cathy and Larry ""We like what the Elks do for Veterans and Children."

You are a great supporter of our Wednesday night karaoke and involved in lodge functions what do you do in your spare time? Any hobbies?

Cathy "I love trivia, karaoke, dancing and socializing with friends."

Larry "I enjoy music, karaoke and being with friends."

Larry your outgoing personality is recognized by all your ELK and karaoke fans and you love to dance. Both of you have great voices. Have both of you always been musically inclined? When was the first dance you both attended?

Cathy and Larry "Yes.... The first dance we attended was the Halloween dance at the Elks"

This is really a pleasure for us to know more about both of you. We all appreciate your dedication and friendship along with your involvement in your Kissimmee ELKS lodge 1873 family.

THE EMORY C. MILES ANNEX BUILDING

In honor of the many decades of service to the Kissimmee Elks #1873, the annex building has been officially named the

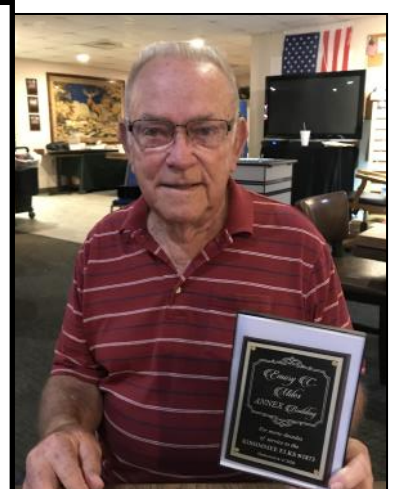
Emory C. Miles ANNEX Building.

Emory was born in Freeman, West Virginia on June 2, 1936.

He was initiated into the Elks on August 31st, 1965 and served as Exalted Ruler in the year 1979 and became District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler several years later.

For many years Bingo was held in the annex building. Emory was in charge of Bingo for over 20 years! It seems fitting that this sustaining building that stands strong and continues to bring memories to all that use it is now named after our mentor, friend and hard working, upright Elk member.

Well deserved Emory. Thank you for your many years of service.



Spring Cleaning at the Elks

Submitted by Joe Waskelis

Saturday, March 20th
9am until noon



Tasks will include;
painting of parking curbs,
striping of parking spaces,
lawn clean up (branches/ limbs),
roof painting,
power washing,
window washing,
weeding of flower beds,
and more fun things.

All supplies & water will be provided

Hope to see you there.

**Rain date is March 21st , same time

SAVE THE DATES!

The logo for Elks Tampa, featuring the word "Elks" in blue with a red outline and "usa" in smaller blue letters below it, and "Tampa" in large, bold, orange and yellow letters to the right. The background shows a city skyline with several skyscrapers.

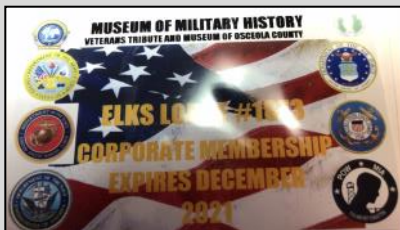
2021
ELKS NATIONAL CONVENTION
July 5th - July 7th
Tampa Convention Center
ELKS SOCIAL MEDIA NETWORK



**Membership Dues
are due April 1st**

Americanism

Set of patriotic values aimed at creating a collective American identity



Learn about our military history for FREE !! Our lodge has a corporate membership for the **Museum of Military History**. You and your family are invited to visit anytime during the year. Please see our secretary Jeannie Platt for the pass and use it as often as you like. All we ask is that you return the pass so the next members have a chance to use it.

5210 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highways in Kissimmee, 34746

Antler's Booster Club

February 28, 2022

Dot Johnston (IMO) Les Johnston

June 30 2021

J Wayne Wrightstone (IMO) Melvin Constant

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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

July 31, 2021

Beverly Harmsen (IMO) Rose Ann Hartford

October 31, 2021

Randy Musser PDDGER (IMO) Jesse and Ina Musser

December 31, 2025

Addison Walker (IMO) Eric Bock

January r31, 2022

Jim & Jeannie Platt (IMO) Merle & Toby Mountz



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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Lodge of Sorrows

Mervin Bruce Simpson

Born 3/15/1925

Passed 1/25/2021

Initiated into Elkdom

1/24/1995

Maggie Isabella Simpson

Born 5/12/1924

Passed 1/3/2021

Kissimmee Elkette



Patricia Hackett

Born 2/5/1939

Passed 2/11/2021

Initiated into Elkdom

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

"Change is the Law of Life
and those who look only to the Past or Present
are certain to miss the Future."

John F. Kennedy

Your Chaplain Bob Tithof



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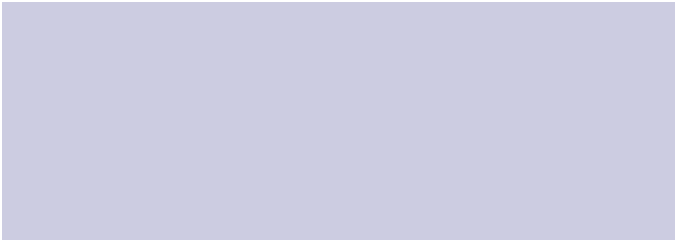
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Office of the Secretary Hours
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 10AM—2 PM

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!

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Central District Sponsor
PSP Charles Trinowski Jr.
PSP Victor McClellan

Central District D.D.G.E.R.
PER John Gudavich—Aripeka

Central District V.P.
PER Mary Crosier—Zephyrhills



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Please include your contact information.

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

2020-2021
House Committee

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Secretary	Eileen Barrett
Member	Brooke Rodriguez
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.