



# The Antlers

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

Spring has arrived and with it, new beginnings. We began our new 2021/2022 lodge year with officers and trustees taking their obligation during installation last Saturday. We finalized our Welcome Home project and are prepared to deliver a TRUCK LOAD of new items to the Lake Nona VA for our Veterans that are transitioning out of homelessness to their new beginning. Vaccines are becoming more and more available allowing many of us to gather at church, functions, the lodge and more. We look forward to Easter and spending it with family with more appreciation than we may have in the past. It feels like there is a lot to look forward to, to be grateful for, especially now.

I am grateful to serve as Exalted Ruler for another year. I have learned so much in my 9 years as an Elk and I know there is much more to learn. I'm excited about our future and the new members and ideas that they bring. I am grateful to our long time members that share their wisdom and keep our traditions alive. We have amazing volunteers that give their time and talent to keep our lodge active, clean and well maintained. Please congratulate the following volunteers on their 2020/2021 recognition awards:

- OFFICER OF THE YEAR; James Platt
- ELK OF THE YEAR; Karen Roper
- OUTSTANDING CITIZEN; Samantha Kirsch

My dad shared a quote written by John Rogers that I think holds organizations such as the Elks from growing and being an impactful part of their community; *You can change policies and laws, but until you change someone's heart and mind your never going to move forward.* We have to look at our lodge as a business and be open to new ideas and investigate how we can create sustaining income. How do we work smarter, not harder. Yes, we have strict laws and statues that we must follow so that we do not jeopardize our charter but it can be done, it has been done. Do you have ideas and are willing to put in the time and effort to make a difference? We are listening.

Now more than ever, I AM A PROUD ELK.

*Terry*

### ELKS OF THE MONTH

**Fred & Fran Hammer**

Hard working volunteers always the first to arrive and the last to leave!  
We appreciate you both Fred & Fran!

### WELKOME NEW MEMBERS



**Burt Reynolds, Tracy Davis, Tara Simpson,  
Stacey Reid, Ronald Grove,  
Robert Lee Pinkston**

## April Birthdays

April Lee Secrest	01-April	Mimi V Freeman	22-April
Charles W Urban	02-April	Dorothy Russo	23-April
Steve MacNeill	03-April	Charles Naples	24-April
Robert Boro	06-April	Jason Heimermann	26-April
Eric Chambers	07-April	Randy Musser	26-April
Katherine C Ginkel	07-April	Robert Tithof	26-April
Dorothy L Gonzalez	10-April	Bert M. Laffee	27-April
Nicholas A Schlamb	10-April	Thomas D Hanneken	30-April
Susan Barrett-Carter	11-April		
Judith McCarthy	11-April		
Jennifer Major	14-April		
Larry Savedge	14-April		
Jennifer Major	14-April		
John J Hauer	15-April		
Kathleen Webb	15-April		
William Epright	18-April		
Carol Daniels Hamilton	18-April		
Brooke Rodriguez	18-April		

### 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  
April 2021 Birthdays Only

**Sunday, May 9th**

**8 am—1 pm**



**Ceremony @ Noon**

# Mother's Day BRUNCH

Visit <https://floridaelks.org/> for more information and to register and/or volunteer.

## Upcoming Events



Florida Elks State Convention

Hotel Cut-off - April 26, 2021

Orlando, Florida  
May 27-30, 2021

**REGISTER NOW**



Elks National Convention

State Volunteer Opportunities

Tampa, Florida  
July 4-7, 2021

**VOLUNTEER HERE**



Elks National Convention

Hotel Cut-Off - June 3, 2021

Tampa, Florida  
July 4-7, 2021

**REGISTER NOW**

# Save the Dates



5/27/21	State Convention, Orlando
6/14/21	#1873 Flag Day
7/4/21	Grand Lodge Convention
8/8/21	Elks Day at the Rays (baseball)
10/30/21	#1873 Halloween Dance
11/18/21	Midyear Convention, Florida
11/25/21	#1873 Thanksgiving Feast
12/5/21	#1873 Memorial Service & Brunch
12/18/21	#1873 Christmas Gift Exchange
12/31/21	#1873 New Years Eve Party
1/8/22	State Soccer Shoot
1/22/22	Area 3 Regional Soccer Shoot
2/8/22	#1873 PER night/nominations
2/12/22	#1873 Valentines Dance
2/19/22	State Hoop Shoot
2/22/22	#1873 meeting/voting
3/1/22	Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)
3/11/22	Officer Training
3/19/22	#1873 St. Patty's Dance
4/2/22	#1873 Installation of Officers

**RENTAL EVENTS**

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






**Marianne Tithof**  
**303-704-3415**



**ELK/LODGE EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE**

- May 1 Kentucky Derby Party
- May 5 Cinco de Mayo Party
- May 9 Mother's Day Brunch
- May 27 State Convention
- June 14 Flag Day Ceremony
- June 20 Father's Day Texas Hold em
- July 4 Grand Lodge Convention

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
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					FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	
4	5 Guido Travel 12-3 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce  	6 House Committee Meeting 7pm	7  	8	9	10
					FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	
11	12 BBQ Chicken Quarter  	13 BOD MEETING 6pm LODGE MEETING 7pm \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8pm	14  	15	16	17
					FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	
18	19 Robert's Lasagna  	20	21  	22	23	24
					FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	
25	26 Pork Special  	27 Orientation 5:30pm LODGE MEETING 7pm \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8pm	28  	29	30	1   KENTUCKY DERBY LODGE OPEN 4:00 PM
					FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	



## MARCH 23 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021 ELKS HALLS AND LODGE SCHEDULE

**\*\* - THESE MONTHLY AND WEEKLY MEETINGS- PRESENTLY CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**\*\*Thursdays -Main, Annex or Rene's Room 6pm to 8pm - LINE DANCING with Cory**

**\*\*2nd Saturday of the month - 7:30am to 1:30pm - Give Kids the World**

**\*\* First Thursdays of the month -Main Room - GOP Meeting - 6:30pm to 8:30pm**

**\*\*Third Tuesday of the month - Main Room - Spirit of 76 Gun Club - 7pm to 8pm**

**- THESE MONTHLY AND WEEKLY EVENTS HAVE RESUMED as of 10/1/2020**

**\*\*2nd and 4th Tuesdays- Annex - 6pm to 8pm Girl Scout Troop#1507 meetings**

**Sundays- Annex - 4 pm to 5:30 pm - Scout Troop #82 meeting**

**Mondays - Lounge or Main Room - 6pm -BINGO**

**Wednesdays - Main Room - 5pm -9pm -KARAOKE**

### **MARCH**

Tuesday, March 23 - Orientation 5:30pm, Initiations and Lodge meeting at 7 pm Terry Hebior, Exalted Ruler

Saturday, March 27 - Main Hall and Rene Room - Installation of New Lodge Officers Dinner, Fund Raiser, Entertainment - 4:30pm to 9pm.

**Saturday, March 27 - Annex - 16<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday - 50 guests - 4pm - 10pm - Open and Cash Bar 5pm - 10pm -**  
**Members from above event help monitor thru event - 2-hour shifts - from 5pm - close 11pm**

**call Marianne Tithof to help - 303 704 3415**

**Monday, March 29 - Annex - Regal Oaks Shores HOA meeting - 7pm**

### **APRIL**

**Sunday, April 3 - Main Room - Troop #82 Court of Honor - 2pm- 5pm**

**Monday, April 5 - Main Room - Guido Travel Club - 12pm to 3pm**

Tuesday, April 6 - Lounge - House Committee Meeting - 7pm

**Tuesday, April 6 -Main Room - Osceola Veterans - 7pm to 8pm**

**Saturday, April 10 - Annex changed to MAIN ROOM- nonmembers Quinceanera - 4pm to 11pm - 80 PEOPLE -**

**NO BAR Lodge Member Monitors needed day thru event - 2 hour shifts lodge monitoring from 12 noon - close 12 am**

**call Marianne Tithof to help - 303 704 3415**

Tuesday, April 13 - Main - Board Meeting - 6pm - and Lodge meeting at 7 pm Terry Hebior, Exalted Ruler

**Saturday April 24 - Main Hall - and Gazebo - Wedding and Reception -nonmembers - 5pm - 12am - 100 GUESTS -**

**CASH BAR - time TBD - Lodge Member Monitors needed day thru event - 2hour shifts lodge monitoring from 12 noon - close 12 am -**

**call Marianne Tithof to help - 303 704 3415**

### **UP COMING EVENTS**

Saturday, May 1 - ? Main Hall Wedding

Saturday, May 8 - Main - Samantha Kirsch Eagle Scout Ceremony- 3pm -9pm

Sunday, May 9 - Main and Rene's Room - Mother's Day Ceremony and lunch

Tuesday, May 18 - Main Hall - Life Screening

**Lodge Member Monitors will be needed during the event. - call Marianne Tithof to help - 303 704 3415**

Saturday, May 22 - ? Main Hall - wedding and Reception - Details TBD

**Lodge Member Monitors will be needed during the event. - call Marianne Tithof to help - 303 704 3415**

June 12 to June 18 - Annex and grounds - BSA Cub Scout Daily Camp

Sunday to Wednesday - July 4 to 7 - National Elks Convention - Tampa FL

Sunday, July 17 - Main Hall - Quinceanera

**Lodge Member Monitors will be needed during the event. - call Marianne Tithof to help - 303 704 3415**

**Date:** February 24, 2021

**To:** District Deputies, Vice Presidents, Veteran Chairs – Vice Chairs, Veteran Services Reps, Exalted Rulers, Lodge Secretaries

**Subject:** FSEA Historical Commemorative Programs 2021 Parade of Heroes Project

Our FSEA partnership with Historical Programs affords us the following opportunities:

To honor and recognize significant moments in the history of our nation ensuring the sacrifices made to keep us free are never forgotten.

To honor and recognize our veterans supporting our Elks Motto *“As long as there is a veteran, Elks will never forget them!”*

Supports PGER & State Co-Sponsor Mike Smith’s mantra to be *“Loud, Proud, and Visible”* making others aware of the good works of our Order with our nation.

We’ve celebrated four successful events honoring our WWII Veterans with our FSEA partnership with Historical Programs – 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D Day in Normandy, France, 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the End of WWII in Washington, D.C., 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, and many years of Parade of Heroes in Washington, DC. The first three events recognized and honored our WWII Veterans. Parade of Heroes recognizes and honors Veterans from WWII, Korea, and Viet Nam Wars. The 2021 Parade of Heroes continues to salute Florida Elk Veterans from all three wars.

**We need your help** as we prepare for 2021 Parade of Heroes; a 3 day event in our nation’s capital honoring Veterans from three wars, WWII, Korea, and Viet Nam taking place this November 12-14. Ceremonies will be held at all three War Memorials starting with the WWII Memorial then parading to Korea Memorial, and closing with a parade and ceremony at the Viet Nam Memorial. Our Elk War Veterans will be recognized at airports before boarding their flights to our nation’s capital. They will be honored and given medals at their respective War Memorial. Florida Elks will be marching with banners in the parade to each War Memorial. Florida Elk Veterans will be the toast of the town as they visit many historical sites being honored and thanked for their service.

We are **asking you to support** the **FSEA Parade of Heroes Event** with the following activities:

In 2019, we sent 37 Elk WWII Veterans, Elk Korea War Veterans, and Elk Viet Nam War Veterans. Due to Covid-19 and unrest in the Nation’s capital we did not hold a 2020 Parade of Heroes. We would like for the District Deputy, Vice President, and Veteran Representative from each District to partner together with their District Lodges to provide FSEA Historical Programs Liaison & State President Rudy Masi, Sr. with names and contact information so our planning team may follow up.

Rudy can be reached at [mid19@aol.com](mailto:mid19@aol.com), 727-410-2059. **Names need to be submitted by August 1<sup>st</sup>**. Several requests to attend this event have already been received. It would be wonderful to raise enough funds that we do not need to turn down any FL Elk Veteran wanting to attend this historical event.

Raise funds to help send the WWII, Korea, and Viet Nam War Veterans and Caretakers from your District and Lodge to this event. Estimated Costs are \$1,250 per individual. The donations are tax deductible. Checks can be made out to FL Elk Charities and sent to FSEA Historical Programs Committee Member Jan Gens, C/O St. Pete Lodge #1224, 2675 66<sup>th</sup> Street North St. Petersburg, FL 33710. Individual Lodge Charity Funds may be used for this purpose. **Final funds need to be paid by September 30.**

For more details go to our FSEA Historical Programs 2021 Parade of Heroes Website for enrollment and more details:

<https://www.floridaelks.org/veterans-historic-program/parade-of-heroes>

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your pro-active support of the two requests to you in this letter!

Fraternally,

*Rudy Masi, Sr. Suzi Simonelli Mark Thompson*

State President 2020-2021  
FSEA

State VPAL 2020-2021  
FSEA

2020-2021 Endorsed VPAL  
FSEA



**“Florida Elks – Warm, Friendly and Active”**





# SAVE THE DATES!



Blake Freeman and  
365 Asphalt for clearing  
piles of debris from our  
property!!

Elks Tampa  
usa

2021  
ELKS NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 5th - July 7th  
Tampa Convention Center

ELKS SOCIAL MEDIA NETWORK

## Museum of Military History

Submitted by Steve Schlamb

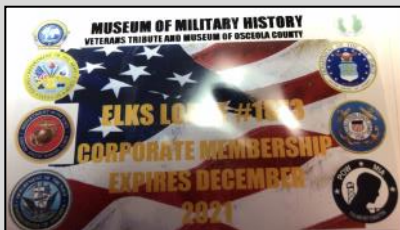
Recently Nicholas and I took a morning and went to the Museum of Military History. This museum is in a smaller building but has a wealth of displays. The majority of the artifacts in the museum are original with a few reproductions for a complete history. The displays are well laid out and follow the history of the United States military. We had an interesting and educational morning. The entry fee is the best part. Since the Lodge supports the museum, through a donation from the charity fund, there are four passes for free entry. Just pick them up from the Lodge Secretary and return back to the lodge.



**Membership Dues  
were 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 Highway in Kissimmee, 34746

# Antler's Booster Club

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

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 31, 2022

Jim & Jeannie Platt (IMO) Merle & Toby Mountz

March 31, 2022

Fred & Fran Hammer (IMO) Amanda Anderson



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



## 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

It is a great honor and privilege to serve as your lodge Chaplain.

What is charity? Charity is the act of giving to others. It can be done in many ways, but one thing that I believe is most important is to give back. It is not just about money or time, but also about reaching out and helping someone in need. Charity is a way of giving something back when someone is experiencing hardship or misfortune. This is especially important because often your act of charity will bring them a sense of relief and happiness. So, think about charity next time you see a member, friend, family, or someone in need.

Chaplain Billy DeLuca



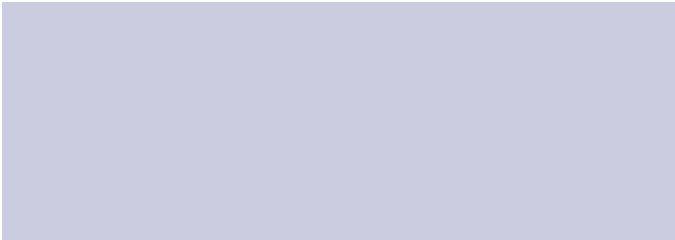
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**Office of the Secretary Hours**  
**MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 10AM—2 PM**

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!**

**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	Steven Hebior
Esquire	Charles Lassabe
Tiler	Larry Lemerond
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

**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.**

**Past Exalted Ruler Association (PER)**

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

**2021-2022**  
**House Committee**

Chairperson  
Secretary  
Member  
Member  
Member  
Member  
Member  
Member

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