



# The Antlers

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

My heart goes out to everyone in Louisiana and Mississippi that suffered damage from Hurricane Ida, and to everyone affected by the devastating wildfires burning across the West. It has been a tragic time for Veterans and citizens as events in Afghanistan are replayed over and over on social media. I want to extend my deepest condolences to the friends, family and loved ones of the service members lost in the attacks outside Kabul airport. These are not easy days, but together we can get through them.

In vaccine news, the Food and Drug Administration granted full approval of the Pfizer vaccine for people 16 and older. Being fully vaccinated remains the best way for everyone to fight this deadly virus. As most of you are aware, I work at the Lake Nona VA Medical Center as Assistant Chief of Patient Dining. I have the honor of caring for our nations hero's that reside at the Community Living Center and Domiciliary. The residents at the CLC have not had the freedom to leave their small living space in over a year. They have not hugged or felt the touch of a loved ones hand that you and I sometimes take for granted. They said yes and received the vaccine but the threat is too great when so many remain unvaccinated. Until everyone does their part those that have compromised immune systems or are elderly will continue to live their lives in solitude. Therefore, in this edition of the Antlers starting on page 5, I have provided a very simple but empowering look at the impact this virus is having on the population. Please, if you are not vaccinated, I hope that you will reconsider and get the vaccine.

I would like to recognize my dad, Bob Tithof for the articles that he writes for the Antlers, "Someone to know". What a great way to get to know our fellow Elks and their children. If



you would like to contribute a monthly article, please let me know. It would be great to get several contributions about interesting subjects for each edition!

New to the lodge is the "CORNER OF HONOR". It is located in the front foyer just outside of the conference room and office. It is starting to look amazing as it fills with pictures of our current Military, Veterans and First Responders. Please bring your picture in and give it to Bob Barry, Jeannie Platt or Steve Hebior. We will make sure it gets put in a frame and displayed as a small gesture of thanks and to recognize you for your service.

I AM A PROUD ELK.

*Terry*

## September Birthdays

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

### 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

September 2021 Birthdays Only

## ELK OF THE MONTH

STEVE HEBIOR

Steve has been donating his time and talent not only for members by cooking during the week, he has catered several parties bringing income to our lodge. Thank you Steve for going above and beyond.

## SOMEONE TO KNOW

### NOAH ZIEGLER



1. Are you a native Floridian? Where have you lived and gone to school?

I am a native Floridian, born right here in Central Florida (Orlando). I lived in 2 homes here in Kissimmee and currently reside within walking distance of our Elks Lodge. I attended First United Methodist school from pre-school through eighth grade, however two weeks into eighth grade, I transferred to City of Life Christian school, also in Kissimmee. I have been attending a brand-new STEM magnet school called Neo-City for high school.

2. What high school are you currently attending and what grade are you in at the present time?

I am currently a rising Junior at Neo-City Academy

3. Did you do virtual studies at home during the past year during Covid 19? What is your opinion of study at home?

I did study at home for the final quarter of my freshman year. Florida had schools open full-time at the very start of my sophomore year. In the middle of the school year, I was quarantined for about a week and a half after one of my friends tested positive for Covid. She was fine, and I tested negative for Covid but that week and a half were an especially sad time for me. My opinion of studying at home is a rather pessimistic one.

Studies and numbers show that children who have spent the past year studying at home have lost significant levels of learning and from personal experience, I barely took a note when studying at home. In my opinion, it was a flawed concept that people were touting as a solution when I believe it was far more detrimental than just sending kids to school in masks.

4. What is your opinion on how the virus was managed?

My thought process is that the pandemic was not managed. Before it had even hit American shores, COVID-19 was already a political issue, from mask wearing to the very credibility of our nation's experts, the virus was made a debate. One political side immediately got hard at work criticizing public figures like Dr. Fauci for giving reports that were contrary to each other. They would criticize Fauci for changing his stance calling him a hypocrite when the truth is that he is a scientist, and when exploring science, you commonly make a discovery that changes what you thought you knew. The other political side was no better. I feel they followed in the footsteps of other nations using draconian measures in the lockdowns under the mandate of saving lives, but I see no point to that if there is an immediate and drastic drop in the quality of those lives. We should have taken a far less strict approach with the lockdowns and quarantines while also letting the scientists and doctors do their jobs and not discrediting their discoveries.

5. We understand that you are very active in extracurricular activities and are presently involved in community affairs. Would you discuss your present and past accomplishments in both school and Osceola County?

In middle school I was on National Jr. Honor Society. I have just recently been inducted into National Honor Society. I was elected the first minor in Osceola County to be on a commission board. That board is the Library Advisory Board and I am currently the vice Chairman. I am also currently working with an Osceola County School Board member to try and implement a writing competition throughout the schools. I am in hopes that this competition will help students to get back to writing and perhaps even be a spring board for something greater for them.

6. What are your plans for continuing your education and what major will you pursue?

I intend on going to University of Florida for college and pursuing a political science major and then moving on to law school.

7. Who do you consider to be the most influential people in your life?

God, My parents, My friends, and the Roosevelts.

8. Your parents are very active Elk members. They volunteer many hours serving our members wherever and whenever volunteers are needed. You have also volunteered your services here cleaning tables and serving. How important is volunteering at the Elks, school, and community to you?

I think it's very important, not just for me but for everyone, to be amongst the community to build the community in a positive way. I haven't been able to volunteer recently but I intend to begin doing so again as the school year gets started and the pandemic winds down.

9. How do you like to spend your spare time?

Playing video games, writing songs on my piano, building with Legos, taking long walks and working out.

10. Do you have any interesting facts about yourself that you would like to share with us?

I play dungeons and dragons in my free time and I intend to continue doing so even when I go into my career. I feel as though it is my creative outlet or hobby.

11. If classmates ask you for advice on how to achieve life's goals, we set for ourselves, what would you tell them?

I have a motto: "You are not defeated, until you admit defeat." It comes from an old Roman proverb. When someone is looking for advice, or just in need of inspiration, this is always the advice I give them. Another tidbit of inspiration that I give is that can't means nothing standing against will so have the will to do something and you will do it, no matter how many can't stand in your way.

Thanks for sharing this time with us, Noah. You have impressed us as a leader and an achiever who will do well in your future years. May God bless you on your journey.

Bob Tithof

**RENTAL EVENTS**

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

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



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
<b>CLOSED</b>	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 	<b>CLOSED</b>	Lodge Opens 4pm Kitchen Open 5 pm - 78pm Queen of ♥ Drawing 7:00 pm 	<b>CLOSED</b>
			1 	2 Line Dancing with Cory	3 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	4
5 RENTAL MAIN & RENE ROOM	6 Labor Day 	7 House Committee Meeting 7pm Osceola Veterans 7pm	8 	9 Line Dancing with Cory	10 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	11
12	13 Guido Travel 10-2:30 Chef's Choice 	14 TRUSTEE & BOD MEETING 6 pm LODGE MEETING 7pm \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8pm	15 	16 Line Dancing with Cory	17 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	18
19	20 Chef's Choice 	21	22 	23 Line Dancing with Cory	24 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	25
26	27 Chef's Choice 	28 Orientation 5:30pm LODGE MEETING 7pm \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8pm	29 	30 Line Dancing with Cory	1 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	2





On average, how many traffic fatalities in the US each year?



=38,000 people

On average, how many gun deaths in the US each year?



=39,707 people  
(14,861 homicides)

How many flu deaths in the US (average for last 10 years)?



=36,000 people



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How many COVID deaths in the US (January 2020 – August 18, 2021)?

= 614,531

Deaths from January 2020 – February 2021 (Before vaccines became available) = 433,971

Deaths between February 1 and August 18, 2021 (After vaccines became available) = 181,000

Deaths among vaccinated people (1,400)



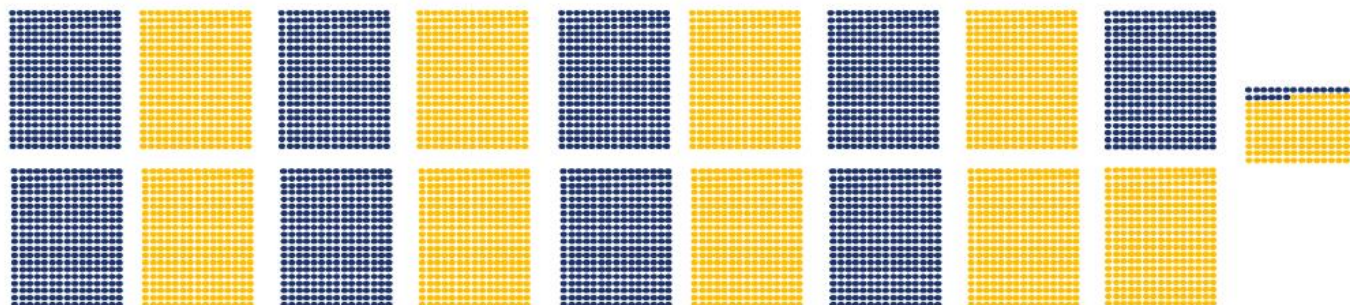


# Do Vaccinations Work?

- Approximately 170,000,000 Americans are vaccinated (leaving around 165,000,000 Americans who are unvaccinated). So, we are nearly split 50/50
- If vaccinations have no effect, the death toll would look nearly identical between the vaccinated and unvaccinated

5,564 people died from COVID during the week of August 15-21

Here is the split we would expect, if vaccinations made no difference

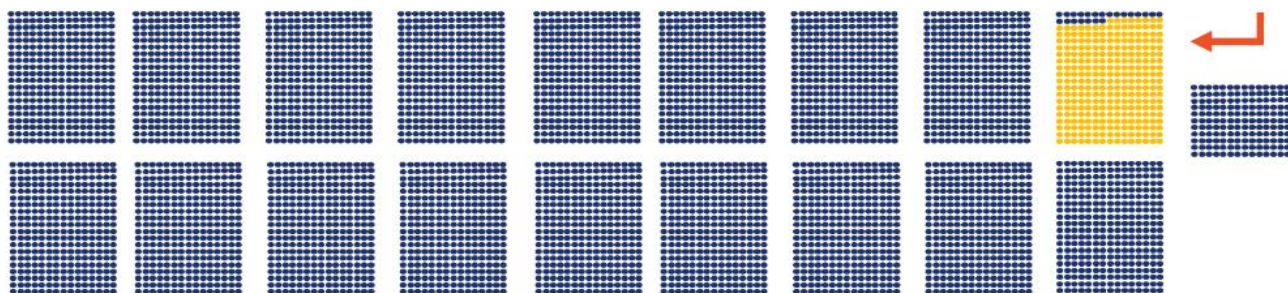


# But here are the data we actually see!

- There were 5,564 COVID deaths during the week of August 15<sup>th</sup> to August 21<sup>st</sup>
- Depending upon the state you are in, the proportion of vaccinated people who die from COVID ranges from 0.1% to 5% of COVID all deaths.

Approximately 5,286 unvaccinated people died from COVID during the week of August 15-21

And here are the 6 to 278 vaccinated people who died (you probably heard about breakthrough cases like these on the news)



## Putting COVID Numbers and Vaccinations into Context

## Vaccinations Work!

- We hope these illustrations are helpful. We think the data provides a pretty clear picture!
- Be safe. Reduce your risk. Get your vaccine.

# Antler's Booster Club

**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

**February 28, 2022**

Dot Johnston (IMO) Les Johnston

**March 31, 2022**

Fred & Fran Hammer (IMO) Amanda Anderson

**May 31, 2022**

John & Mary Livingston (IMO) Bruce & Izzy Simpson

**June 30 2022**

J Wayne Wrightstone (IMO) Melvin Constant

**June 30 2022**

J Wayne Wrightstone (IMO) Wayne Farmer

**June 30 2025**

Addison & Sandy Walker (IMO) Heather Bock

**June 30 2022**

Robert & Marianne Tithof (IMO) Heather Bock

**August 31, 2023**

Bob & Marianne Tithof (IMO) Phyllis Jean Kirchner

*11 O'Clock Toast*



*To our Absent Members*

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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## SAVE THE DATES

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



## 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.*





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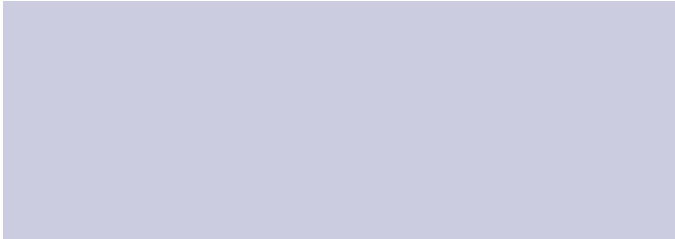
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**MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 10AM-2 PM**

**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!**

**Please submit all articles for publication by email to [thebior.elk@gmail.com](mailto:thebior.elk@gmail.com)**  
**Please include your contact information.**

**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	Joe Waskelis
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 Victor McClellan

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PER Mary Crosier-Zepherihills

**Central District V.P.**  
PER Brian Estus—West Citrus

**2012/2022**  
**Central District Visitation Schedule**

Aripeka	9/11/2021
Kissimmee	9/25/2021
Brooksville	10//2/2021
Orlando	10/16/2021
West Citrus	10/23/2021
Zephyrhills	11/6/2021

District Deputy Clinic: 8/7/2021  
Zephyrhills Lodge #2731 4/2/2022

District Deputy Clinic 4/25/20

**Past Exalted Ruler Association (PER)**

President	Randy Musser ,PDD
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Secretary/Treasurer	James Platt, PER

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

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Secretary	Eileen Barrett
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Member	Karen Roper
Member	LeAnn Schlamb
Member	Cory Riley
Member	Janice Kirsch
Member	Joe Waskelis
Member	Steve Hebior

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