



Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873

# The Antlers

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February 2022

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

And just like that...it is February! Two of our "hoop shooters" are still in the **EIK's HOOP SHOOT competition**. See page 5 for contestant information and visit [hoopshoot@elks.org](mailto:hoopshoot@elks.org) for videos and more inspiration. Thank you John Resudek and Steve Hebior for making our Hoop Shoot happen this year despite the continuing pandemic.

Our house committee is busy planning an active February and March. Don't miss out on great dinners, live bands, more bingo nights, family trivia with prizes and more. The first event is our **Red & White Friday Night** with live music and a very special menu by Chef Steve on 2/11/22. You must **sign up** in advance for this event with your meal choice to assure we have enough food. The sign up list is at the bar so stop by or call and get your name on the list. Watch your email for continuing updates.

It is time to prepare for our new term that starts April 1st, Nominations and voting of officers takes



place during our lodge meetings this month. As a reminder, lodge meetings are the second and fourth Tuesday of each month and begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Please attend and support your lodge.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our grant coordinator, Lorraine Barker. She has stepped up to research and implement our grant program at the lodge. Please take the time to read page 6 and familiarize yourself with how our lodge is using Elk grants to support our local community.

To close, I pray that you stay safe, well and in good spirits. Please be kind to one another and find the strength to find good in all things.

I AM A PROUD ELK.

*Terry*

## February Birthdays

### ELK OF THE MONTH

**EILEEN BARRETT**

YOUR DEDICATION TO OUR LODGE AND THE BEAUTIFUL DECORATIONS THAT YOU PROVIDE ARE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Pictured from left to right....Linda Vortherms, Richard Vortherms, Theresa Boslaugh, Derek Bartoli, Robert Hatchell, Hans Merkel



William Adams	01-Feb	Laurence Lentz	20-Feb
Arthur L. Hallman	02-Feb	Ronald Doll	21-Feb
Robert Rochefort	03-Feb	Glenda Merkel	21-Feb
Carolyn Jackson	03-Feb	William Chris March	22-Feb
Peter Gelesky	04-Feb	Tracy Davis	23-Feb
Betty Lambert	04-Feb	Cynthia Zellner	23-Feb
Lorie Lopez	05-Feb	Rene A Couture III	24-Feb
John Resudek	06-Feb	Kenneth Barrett	25-Feb
Michael Gugliano	09-Feb	Steven Mazon	25-Feb
Warren L Shepard	09-Feb	Robert Schroeder	25-Feb
John A. Calabrese Jr.	10-Feb	Brenda Clement	26-Feb
Brian Light	11-Feb	Myrna Lee	27-Feb
Howard Elliott	12-Feb	Aubrey Thompson	27-Feb
Kenneth Maher	12-Feb	Shawn Simpson	29-Feb
Carmen Rivera	12-Feb		
James R Ballus	14-Feb		
Randall Strickland	14-Feb		
Randall Bodine	17-Feb		
Charlene Cohen	17-Feb		
Steven Kirchoffi	17-Feb		
Richard Swope	17-Feb		
Craig E Dawson	18-Feb		
Shirley Havens	20-Feb		

### 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  
February 2022 Birthdays Only

Thank you to the 18 amazing Fabulous Members listed below. They generously volunteered their time on January 22nd. Their time AND dedication to clean the Ball Room, lounge area, and outside, is very appreciated and allows us and potential new members to have a clean space to enjoy friends and family. Proud to be an Elk. We also had 6 Seabees Cadets who volunteered their time as well.

Bob and Marianne Tithof  
 Fran and Fred Hammer  
 Tom Wilson  
 Eileen Barrett  
 Charlie and Lorraine Barker

Jim and Jeannie Platt  
 Judy Schmidt  
 Karen Roper  
 Joe Waskelis  
 Steve Schlamb

Nicholas Schlamb  
 Leann Schlamb  
 Terry Hebior  
 Janice Kirsch  
 Seabee Cadets (6)

Respectfully,  
 LeAnn Schlamb

NEXT CLEANING DAY IS SATURDAY, 2/12/22 AT 9 AM

# Red & White Dinner

Friday, February 11, 2022

Join us for a special Friday Night Dinner with a special menu created by our own Chef Steve.

Live Music by  
**Jody & the Trouble Brothers**

Queen of Hearts  
 @ 7:00 PM

Drink Specials

## Grilled Mahi Mahi \$17.99

Grilled Mahi topped with Lemon Butter Sauce and Pineapple Picco, served with Baked Potato and a fresh vegetable mix of broccoli & carrots.

## Chicken Alfredo \$15.99

Chef's signature alredo sauce tossed with pasta, roasted red pepper and broccoli and topped with tender grilled chicken. Served with grilled focaccia bread.

## Beef Tenderloin \$20.99

6 oz tender beef tenderloin, grilled and topped with home made roasted red pepper basil butter. Served with baked potato and a fresh vegetable mix of broccoli and carrots.

## Surf & Turf \$25.50

Beef tenderloin dinner AND 1 skewer of grilled shrimp

## Chicken Tenders & Fries \$7.75

## House Side Salad \$3.00

## Desserts \$2.25

SIGN UP REQUIRED  
 CALL OR VISIT THE BAR

\$5 admission plus a dish to share

Sunday, February 13th

\$2 Shots  
 Rumchata

FREE  
 DRINK  
 COUPON

SQUARES

5:30 PM  
 DOORS  
 OPEN

**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 - 6:30 pm Charity Bingo 6 pm-8pm	Lodge Opens 4pm* Kitchen Open 5 pm - 6:30 pm *closed during lodge meeting	Lodge Opens 4pm Kitchen Open 5 pm - 7 pm	<b>CLOSED</b>	Lodge Opens 4pm Kitchen Open 5 pm - 8pm Queen of ♥ Drawing 7:00 pm 	<b>CLOSED</b>
		1 House Committee Meeting 7pm Osceola Veterans 7pm	2	3	4 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	5
6	7 Guido Travel 10-2:30 	8 BOD MEETING 6pm LODGE MEETING 7pm **Officer Nominations \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8pm	9	10	11 Red & White Night Special Menu Live Band 	12 Lodge Cleaning Day 9 am-noon
13 Super Bowl Party! 	14 GTS Travel 1-3 PM 	15	16 	17	18 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	19 FL State Hoop Shoot Contest @ Umatilla, FL.
20	21 PRESIDENT'S DAY 	22 Orientation 5:30pm LODGE MEETING & INITIATION 7pm **Voting for Officers \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8pm	23 Hot Dog & Chili Bar 5-7pm PLUS Family Trivia Night 7:30-8:30	24	25 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	26 RENTAL MAIN HALL
27	28 	1 MARDI GRAS PARTY 	2 	3	4  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	5



Each year, the Elks National Foundation strives to grant more money back to each state than it received from that state in donations. These grants help fund the state Elks associations' major charitable projects, which include aid for people with disabilities, cancer research, children's hospitals, youth camps, and safe havens for abused families. The state associations also use these grants to fund their Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Drug Awareness, scholarship and veterans service programs, as well as other charitable and philanthropic projects.

This year, the Elks National Foundation will grant **\$10.3 million** to the state Elks associations. To see how our lodge is contributing, check the stats:

**Lodge Per Member Giving:** \$20.26

Lodge year through: 01/24/2022

The average member at your lodge donates **\$20.26**. The per-member giving goal for this year is: **\$4.80**.

Rank	Lodge	Members	Total Donations	Per-Member
1.	Crestview, FL, #2624	150	\$13,458.00	\$ 89.720
2.	Fort Pierce, FL, #1520	1011	\$60,240.00	\$ 59.585
3.	Viera, FL, #2817	276	\$5,903.50	\$ 21.390
4.	Winter Garden, FL, #2165	513	\$10,522.40	\$ 20.512
5.	Kissimmee, FL, #1873 ★	329	\$6,666.50	\$ 20.263

**ENF—#1873  
TOP 5 IN FLORIDA**



Together We Can Do Great Things  
Of everything that the Florida Elks do, perhaps nothing is more important than our work with the state's youth. Sowing the seeds of accomplishment and commitment through our Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services and Florida Elks Youth Camp programs, children are given the opportunity to grow and learn beyond their dreams.

Florida State Elks Association Inc. Harry-Anna Trust Fund Donation Report For the Period April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

**Lodge Per Member Giving:** \$19.66

The average member at your lodge donates **\$19.66**. The per-member giving goal for this year is: **\$12.53**.

Lodge Leaders:	Per Capita
Tampa	\$44.0085
Brandon	\$42.6009
South Lake	\$34.0116
S. Miami/Coral Gables	\$32.0571
Boca Raton	\$29.6426
Warrington	\$25.1297
Twin Cities	\$24.6408
Eustis	\$22.8176
Tallahassee	\$22.7536
Titusville	\$22.6377
Gainesville	\$21.9059
Sarasota South	\$21.6804
Pompano Beach	\$21.6530
Fort Myers	\$21.0039
Plant City	\$20.9700
Holley-Navarre	\$20.7263
Stuart-Jensen	\$20.4876
Oakland Park	\$20.2535
Viera	\$19.8004
Kissimmee ★	\$19.6565

**HATF—#1873  
TOP 20 IN FLORIDA**

# Local 12/11/21

Qualifying at Local and Moving to District:  
Yasid Soto, Brody Ansbaugh, Ireland Wright, Aziel Soto

# District 1/15/22

Qualifying at District and Moving to State:  
Brody Ansbaugh, Ireland Wright

# State 2/19/22

Location: Florida Elks Youth Camp



# Regional 3/19/22

Location: Valdosta, GA. Southeast Region  
Semi-Final includes the following States:  
AL—FL—GA—MS—SC



# National 4/30/22

The 2022 Hoop Shoot National Finals in Chicago Illinois will take place at Wintrust Arena home of the WNBA Champion Chicago Sky.

## Basketball Hall of Fame

Each year, the six Hoop Shoot National Champions will have their names listed alongside their picture in a brand-new digital exhibit in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts. Additionally, two of the Frank Hise National Champions are in attendance when the Hall of Fame inductees are honored at the Enshrinement Ceremony.

<https://www.elks.org/hoopshoot/50thanniversary.cfm>

## District Hoop Shoot by John Resudek

\*\* The District Hoop Shoot Event was held in Hudson, FL



\*\*Aripeka ELKs lodge hosted a lunch and award ceremony after the competition

\*\* All of our lodge winners advanced

\* Brody made 23 of 25 shots

\*\* After Ireland won her contest, her opponent broke down in tears. Ireland tried to console her. Over the next hour or so they became almost inseparable. They exchanged phone numbers and promised to keep in touch with each other. I believe that is what the Hoop Shoot is all about.

\*\* All of the parents AND children were totally grateful for the opportunity to compete in the contest. This made it all worthwhile. Ireland even had a new Polaroid camera and took pictures of me for herself and one of the two of us which she signed and gave me :)

Pictured are:

Yasid Soto, Brody Ansbaugh, John Resudek, Ireland Wright, Aziel Soto



# We Cared and Shared It Was A Great Year for Community Giving



What an exciting year for our Lodge to once again participate in the Elks National Foundation Community Investment Programs. In the past year the ENF put aside \$19 million for Lodges to invest in their communities with grant monies.

We were fortunate once again to be approved and given \$3500 for the Beacon Grant. The Florida state Elks matched this. We worked with Embrace Families, the region's lead agency for child welfare. Did you take an ornament from the Christmas tree and buy a gift for a child? Thank you. On December 11 our main room was totally full of gifts. There were also gift cards for older teens and food cards for parents. Along with donations from agencies EF works with, 320 children from foster families were provided with gifts chosen by parents. Outside was entertainment, hot dogs and snacks. This grant is renewable so let's plan with them for an activity in 2022-2023.

The \$2000 Spotlight Grant was given to First United Methodist Church of St. Cloud. Each Tuesday and Thursday they offer Bags of Love. Non-perishable items in containers plus a hot meal are available. There also might be clothing, socks, counseling, housing info, etc. During this frigid weather they had cots and food for overnight stays for the homeless. Using their kitchen on Sunday, they alternate with 4 other churches to offer a hot meal from the Elmer's Kitchen program. These grant monies might provide a refrigerator, supplies, clothing, etc. Here's an interesting tidbit about one of their members— he finds and repairs (at his cost) beat up bicycles and donates to those in need.

Finally, the Gratitude Grant was given to Help Now a domestic abuse shelter in Kissimmee. Their goals are to offer safety, empowerment and healing from domestic violence. Offering 52 (38 because of Covid) beds in a 10,000sf facility it is a haven for those in imminent danger from their partners. Children and pets are accepted and a family can stay up to 3 months. Offered are counseling, legal advice, child care, plus other programs to encourage healing and independence. Their \$2000 might go towards a new water heater, beds or all the supplies needed to house a facility that is usually full. This large facility is always in need of some sort of maintenance. Perhaps an Elk work day could be in our future?

I encourage all of you to look at your community. Who needs a boost of funds to continue their good deeds?

Lorraine Barker  
Grants Coordinator

## *Americanism*



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

**March 31, 2022**

Fred & Fran Hammer (IMO) Amanda Anderson

**May 31, 2022**

John & Mary Livingston (IMO) Bruce & Izzy Simpson

**June 30 2023**

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 2023**

Robert & Marianne Tithof (IMO) Heather Bock

**August 31, 2023**

Bob & Marianne Tithof (IMO) Phyllis Jean Kirchner

**October 31, 2022**

Bob & Fran Barry (IMO) Wayne Sorrell

**October 31, 2022**

Randy Musser PDDGER (IMO) Jesse and Ina Musser

**December 31, 2025**

Addison Walker (IMO) Eric Bock

**January 31, 2024**

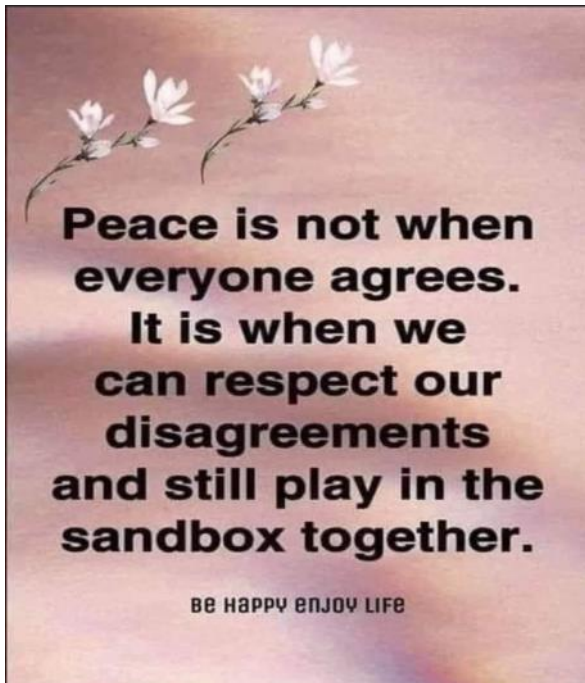
Jim & Jeannie Platt (IMO) Merle & Toby Mountz

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.  
**\*Tax Disclaimer:** Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873 is a not-

## 11 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*



## SAVE THE DATES

2/08/22	Tuesday	#1873 Meeting Officer Nominations
2/11/22	Friday	Red & White Party
2/13/22	Sunday	Lodge Superbowl Party
2/19/22	Saturday	State Hoop Shoot—Umatilla
2/22/22	Tuesday	#1873 meeting/voting
3/01/22	Tuesday	Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)
3/17/22	Thursday	St. Patty's at the Lodge
3/19/22	Saturday	#1873 Installation of Officers Dinner
3/19/22	Saturday	Regional Hoop Shoot
4/02/22	Saturday	Mandatory Officer Training
4/05/22	Tuesday	New House Committee first meeting
4/30/22	Saturday	National Hoop Shoot—Chicago
5/07/22	Saturday	Kentucky Derby Rose Party
5/28/22	Saturday	State Elk Convention



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**Marianne & Bob Tithof 303-704-3415**  
**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!**

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	Suzanne Secrest
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

**Central District D.D.G.E.R.**  
PER Mary Crosier-Zepherihills

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

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

District Deputy Clinic      4/2/2022

**Past Exalted Ruler Association (PER)**

President	Robert Barry PDDGER
Vice President	Etta Jean Platt, PER
Secretary/Treasurer	James Platt, PER

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

Chairperson	Cindy Lee
Secretary	Eileen Barrett
Member	Melissa Ziegler
Member	Karen Roper
Member	LeAnn Schlamb
Member	Cory Riley
Member	Janice Kirsch
Member	Joe Waskelis
Member	Steve Hebior

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