



Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873

# The Antlers

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## Message To The Members From Steve Schlamb, Exalted Ruler

Has it already been a month? Time seems to be flying by as your Lodge officers settle into their new roles. Are you aware that the budget has been posted and passed by the time you read this? Do you know what your dues pay for? Are you aware that a paid bartender is in the budget? The only way to have a voice in how the Lodge is run is to attend the meetings. These actions are only possible with your continued support by bringing in prospective new members. I am confident once they see what we do and the charities we support, our organization sells itself.

Several months ago, we had some visiting Elks from Ohio. They just happen to be-



long to the Lodge in my hometown. They are still telling my brother-in-law how impressed they were. Not only with our facilities but especially by the friendliness of all the members in the lodge.

As always, we need to guide our lives and actions by the four guiding principles of Elkdom. Brotherly Love, Justice, Charity and Fidelity. We are the Stewards of this great institution. It is our duty to keep it strong and growing so that our charitable work can spread even further.

As always Yours in Elkdom,  
Steve

### ELK OF THE MONTH

**FRED & FRAN HAMMER**

WORKING HARD OUTSIDE TO MAKE SURE OUR LODGE PROPERTY IS PRESENTING A GOOD IMAGE!

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Front: Alene Johnson, Rafael Garcia, Midge Wyeth, Rick Danilowski  
Back: Kevin Sheduk, Kevin Leon, Don Macauley

## May Birthdays

Robert Degraff	01-May	David Smith	22-May
Hans Merkel	02-May	Stephen Wysong	22-May
Edward Grissom III	03-May	Gina Marie Feezer	23-May
Theresa Sparveri	03-May	Steve Hebior	24-May
David Tithof	04-May	Michal Lucas	25-May
Jack Boro	06-May	Judith Weber	27-May
Phillip Trueblood	06-May	Janice Kirsh	29-May
Rex Roby	8-May	Charles Lewis	30-May
Adam Smith	8-May		
Tara Simpson	11-May		
Donald Falkenberg	12-May		
Robert Reynolds	12-May		
Dana Sunshine	12-May		
Betty Jo Edmondson	16-May		
Gene Sova	16-May		
Lorraine Barker	19-May		
Christine Esser	21-May		

### 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  
May 2022 Birthdays Only

# Livestream the 2022 Hoop Shoot National Finals



The 2022 Hoop Shoot National Finals are coming up! On Saturday, April 30, 72 National Finalists will vie for a National Championship at Wintrust Arena in Chicago. We know not everyone can make it to the National Finals, so we'll livestream the contest from two of our social channels so you can sit on the sidelines from the comfort of your couch. Or, host a watch party at your Lodge!

ENF Director Jim O'Kelley and past National Finalist and 2022 BackBoard member Lakyn Boltz will provide live commentary and play-by-plays in a livestream of the contest on the ENF's YouTube channel.

You can watch the contest on the Foundation's Facebook page, too.

Bookmark this page for the day of the contest. Follow the ENF's [Facebook page](#) to be notified when the livestream begins, and be sure to subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#) and tap the bell to be notified when we post new content or go live.

## Contest Schedule\*

### 9 a.m. Central:

*Facebook Live:* 8-9 Girls, Elks Hall of Fame Announcement

*YouTube Broadcast:* 8-9 Boys, Elks Hall of Fame Announcement, 10-11 Girls

### 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Central: Break

### 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Central:

*Facebook Live:* 12-13 Boys

*YouTube Livestream:* 12-13 Girls

\*Contest times are subject to change on the day of.



## YOUR LODGE HAS IT GOING ON.....TIME TO GO ELKIN'!

4/30/22	Saturday	National Hoop Shoot—Chicago
5/05/22	Thursday	<b>CINCO DE MAYO FOOD &amp; BINGO</b> 5-7PM Food & Drink Specials 7PM Bingo w/coverall jackpot <b>\$200.00</b>
5/07/22	Saturday	<b>5PM Mothers Day Ceremony</b> 5-7PM Bottomless Spaghetti \$6.50 7PM Kentucky Derby Race After race—Jello Shot Bingo
5/26/22	Saturday	State Elk Convention
6/14/22	Tuesday	#1873 Flag Day
6/18/22	Saturday	State President Visit—Orlando Lodge
7/3/22	Sunday	National Convention (Atlanta, GA)
9/4/2022	Sunday	Elks Day at the Rays (baseball)
10/28/22	Friday	#1873 Halloween Dance
11/10/22	Thursday	Midyear Convention, St. Petersburg
11/24/22	Thursday	#1873 Thanksgiving Feast
TBD		#1873 Memorial Service & Brunch
TBD		#1873 Christmas Gift Exchange
TBD		#1873 New Years Party
1/21/23	Saturday	State Soccer Shoot Area 3 Regional Soccer Shoot



### State Convention

Orlando, Florida  
May 26-29, 2022

[REGISTER NOW](#)

<https://www.floridaelks.org>

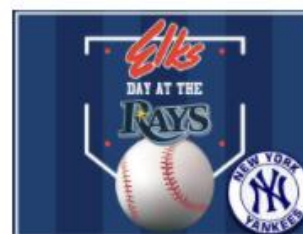


### Elks National Convention

Atlanta, Georgia  
July 3-6, 2022

[REGISTER NOW](#)

<https://www.floridaelks.org>



### Elks Day at the Rays

Tampa Bay, Florida  
September 4, 2022

[BUY TICKETS NOW](#)

<https://www.floridaelks.org>

**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 EXCEPT 5/5</b>	Lodge Opens 4pm Kitchen Open 5 pm - 8pm Queen of ♥ Drawing 7:00 pm 	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>1</b> RENTAL ANNEX	<b>2</b> Guido Travel 10-2:30 	<b>3</b> House Committee Meeting 7pm	<b>4</b> RENTAL ANNEX	<b>5</b> GIVE KIDS THE WORLD 7:00 AM 	<b>6</b> FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 	
<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b> GTS Travel 1-3 PM 	<b>10</b> BOD MEETING 6 pm LODGE MEETING 7pm \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8pm	<b>11</b> RENTAL ANNEX	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> RENTAL ANNEX RENTAL MAIN	<b>16</b> 	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> RENTAL ANNEX	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> RENTAL ANNEX	<b>23</b> 	<b>24 LIFE LINE</b> Orientation 5:30pm LODGE MEETING & INITIATION 7pm \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8pm	<b>25</b> RENTAL ANNEX	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Hot Dog Night Lodge closing @7pm	<b>28</b>
				<b>State Elk Convention-</b> <a href="https://www.floridaelks.org/state-convention">https://www.floridaelks.org/state-convention</a>		
<b>29</b> RENTAL ANNEX RENTAL MAIN	<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b>	<b>6/1</b> RENTAL ANNEX	<b>6/2</b>	<b>6/3</b> GIVE KIDS THE WORLD 7:00 AM FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	<b>6/4</b>



## LOVE OUR NEW ENTRY WAY SIGN

THANK YOU CRISTINA RABAGO FOR SHARING YOUR TALENT! THE NEW SIGN WAS DESIGNED, BUILT AND INSTALLED BY CHRISTINA AND HER FAMILY. IT IS SUCH AN AMAZING MASTERPIECE FOR OUR ENTRYWAY!

**\*\*See it at night, it lights up!!**

**CINCO DE MAYO**

**THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022**

Open to Elks and their guests.

**Premium Margarita Special**

**Mexican Food Specials**  
Served from 5 to 7 PM

**BINGO AT 6:30**  
**\$200 JACKPOT**  
Plus Additional Cash Prizes

**Kentucky Derby**  
Saturday, May 7, 2022

**Elk Mother's Day Ceremony**  
5:00 pm

**Spaghetti Dinner**  
All you can eat \$6.50  
From 5:15 pm - 6:50 pm

**Kentucky Derby**  
Place your bets by pulling a horse's name from a hat for \$5.00  
from 6:50 pm - 7:10 pm

**Jello Shot Bingo**  
Starting at 7:10 pm

Open to Elks and their guests.

The Florida Elks State President will be visiting the Orlando Lodge from June 17-19. Please mark your lodge calendar for these dates. The dinner to introduce the President will be held on Saturday, June 18. More information to follow.

Tony Schiappa, PER  
Orlando Elks Lodge #1079  
Endorsed Vice President  
352-220-4676

Florida Elks:

If you are planning to attend the Grand Lodge Convention in Atlanta this summer, the Georgia Elks are looking for Volunteers to assist them in hosting the event!

The dates volunteers are needed are July 3-6, 2022.

Here is the link to the Georgia Elks Volunteer Form:

[Click HERE for Volunteer Information](#)

As Florida did last year, Georgia is using the Init App to register and track its volunteers. Information on how to access this app is in the volunteer information link above.

I hope you will consider volunteering to assist our sister state!

Carl Seibert





## Elks Leading the Way

For over 150 years, the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks has been dedicated to serving our fellow citizens. There are more than 1,900 Elks Lodges across the country with a total membership nearing 800,000.

Here in Florida, the 55,000 men and women of the Elks in 99 Lodges from the panhandle to the Keys are enjoying the camaraderie, compassion, community outreach, and support that are all part of being an Elk.

In 2016, the Elks nationally donated approximately \$283 million in cash, gifts and time to make our communities better places to live. The Elks are one of the premier patriotic and charitable organizations in the United States of America.

Elk volunteers will visit thousands of hospitalized Veterans who have protected our freedoms. The Elks vow, "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." The Elks support both active military forces and retired veterans. Elks furnish food, comfort care items, therapeutic items and gifts, host holiday celebrations and recreational activities at bases and hospitals, and stand ready to fulfill any need when called upon. Last year alone, the value of Elks' contributions to the nation's heroes provided more than \$32 million to more than 300 Veterans Administration Medical Centers, clinics, and state care facilities. The Elks have entered into a partnership with VHA to support efforts to rescue homeless Veterans in their communities. To this end, the Elks have pledged \$4 million dollars to help end Veteran Homelessness.

Annually, the Elks award college scholarships across the nation totaling more than \$4 million. The Elks' Community Investments Program [CIP] will award nearly \$10 million towards enriching our communities.

As a member of our Order, you are supporting all of these programs while enjoying all of the benefits of being an Elk.

Much more to read.....<https://floridaelks.org/fsea-program-speaking-points>

## LOG ON & LEARN



<https://floridaelks.org/>

[www.KissimmeeElksLodge.com](http://www.KissimmeeElksLodge.com)

<https://www.elks.org/>

# Antler's Booster Club

May 31, 2023

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

February 28, 2023

Dot Johnston (IMO) Les Johnston

February 28, 2024

Jane Couture (IMO) Rene Couture Jr

March 31, 2023

Fred & Fran Hammer (IMO) Amanda Anderson

*We do not remember days,  
we remember moments.*

## 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

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-for-profit organization 501(c)8.

# 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.

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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!**

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

**2022-2023**  
**Lodge Officers**

Exalted Ruler	Steve Schlamb
Leading Knight	Chuck Lassabe
Loyal Knight	Corine Riley
Lecturing Knight	Joe Waskelis
Lodge Secretary	Etta Jean Platt, PER
Lodge Treasurer	Steve Hebior
Esquire	John Resudek
Tiler	Robert Arredondo
Chaplain	Derek Bartolli
Inner Guard	Nicholas Schlamb

**2022-2023**  
**Board of Trustees**

1-year Trustee	Rick Theriault
2-year Trustee	Brian Light
3-year Trustee	Mark Waskelis
4-year Trustee	Janice Kirsch
5-year Trustee	James Platt, PER

**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

**2022/2023**  
**Central District Visitation Schedule**

September 3 Aripeka and Brooksville  
September 17 Kissimmee and Orlando  
October 8 Zephyrhills  
October 22 West Citrus

**2022/2023**  
**Central District DD Clinics**

August 20, 2022 Zephyrhills  
April 8, 2023 Zephyrhills

**Past Exalted Ruler Association (PER)**

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

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

Co-Chair	Cindy Lee
Secretary	Eileen Barrett
Co-Chair	Terry Hebior, PER
Member	Karen Roper
Member	Judy Schmidt
Member	Cory Riley
Member	Vivian Theriault
Member	Joe Waskelis
Member	Robert Arredondo

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