



Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873

# The Antlers

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

I cannot believe almost a year has passed as your Exalted Ruler. It has been a tremendous year. We have made many updates to the lodge building. The main entryway has been updated with raised ceiling with new lighting. The air conditioning unit for the hall has been replaced with the ability to provide on those cold days. And most recently, the vertical blinds in the windows have been replaced with rolling shades. None of these



projects could be undertaken without the generosity of the talented members of this Lodge. I thank them all.

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance I making the Lodge the welcoming place it is. I have received assistance from so many individuals I cannot name them all here. I know the incoming officers will receive the same support. I know the Lodge will be in good hands in the coming year. Please show your support for them by attending their installation on April 1.

*Thank you!*

Yours in Elkdom  
Steve Schlamb ER

### ELK OF THE MONTH Robert Husband

For all that you do we thank you!!

**WELCOME  
NEW  
MEMBER  
Rhonda  
Clarkson**



## March Birthdays

Joseph Zambelli	04-March	Irene Rozell	27-March
Denise Fitch	05-March	Donna Tafat	27-March
John Price	06-March	Nicholas H Hansen	28-March
Richard Quesnel	06-March	James McCleese	28-March
Brian Boone	07-March	Jeanette Schwab	28-March
Frederick Casler	07-March	Lissette Campos	29-March
Patricia Snyder	08-March	Duane Fournier	29-March
Ruth Boro	09-March	Brian Harbour	29-March
Robert Hatchell	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		
James Mitchell	14-March		
LeAnn Schlamb	14-March		
William Abel	17-March		
Bryant K Troville	19-March		
Susan Saunders	20-March		
Joseph Latoff	21-March		
Olga Clark	23-March		
James Caldwell	27-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 2023 Birthdays Only

**RENEW**  
Your Membership

**REMINDER**  
PAY YOUR  
DUES ON  
OR BEFORE  
APRIL 1st

**March 24, 2023**, Save the night to honor some of the students from our area. We will have as our guests the winners of our Lodge Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Contest and Nursing student from our area. They will be invited to bring some of their family members. It is an opportunity for us to show people from our local area what Elkdom is all about. **Come on down.**



**St. Patrick's Day**  
Celebration

Friday, March 17, 2023  
\$17 for Members and Their Guests  
\$8 for Kids 12 and Under

**Dinner Buffet**  
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
Traditional Irish Dinner Featuring  
Corned Beef  
Also: Baked Chicken, Sausage,  
Eileen's Homemade Irish Soda  
Bread, and Bob's Desserts  
No sharing or to go boxes.

**Bingo after Queen of Hearts**  
\$200 Jackpot  
Plus Additional Cash Prizes

Open to Members and Their Guests



**Karaoke**  
at the Elks

Every 1st and 3rd  
**Wednesday**  
5:00 to 9:00 PM

Hosted by  
**DJ Cory**

Thousands of Songs  
Available in Many Genres  
or  
Bring Your Own CD+G  
Disks

Open to Elks and Their Guests

Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873  
1655 Kings Hwy, Kissimmee, FL 34744  
(407) 847-2444

**SIGN UP**  
**BEFORE WEDNESDAY,**  
**MARCH 15th**

**Elks**  
usa

**Give Kids**  
The World

**CONTACT BOB BARRY TO VOLUNTEER**

**RENTAL EVENTS**

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

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

# MARCH

2023

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 3/17/2022</b>	Lodge Opens 4pm Kitchen Open 5 pm - 8pm Queen of ♥ Drawing 7:00 pm 	<b>CLOSED</b>
			1 Karaoke w/Cory 5-9	2	3  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	4
5	6 Guido Travel 10-2:30 	7 House Committee Meeting 7pm	8	9	10  OFFICER TRAINING ROSEN HOTEL FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	11
12	13 GTS Travel 1-3 PM 	14 BOD MEETING 6pm LODGE MEETING 7pm \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8pm	15 Karaoke w/Cory 5-9	16	17 St. Pattry's Buffet & Bingo 	18 REGIONAL Hoop Shoot Contest
19 	20 	21	22	23	24  Student Recognition FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	25 
26	27 	28 LODGE MEETING & INITIATION 7pm \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8pm Orientation 5:30pm	29	30	31  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	4/1 Installation of Officers & Membership Party



# Florida Elks News Online

Central District

## Kissimmee Elks Lodge Help Fund Cancer Resource Room at Local Hospital



On Feb. 15, Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873 used its \$2,500 Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant to support a cancer resource room at HCA Florida Osceola Hospital in Kissimmee. The service is run strictly on donations and provides wigs, bras and other supplies to cancer patients.

Jeannie Platt, Lodge Secretary (center), presents the check to volunteer staff members.

**Written by Lorraine Barker**

## ELKDOM GOES BEYOND THE LODGE DOORS!

[floridaelks.org](http://floridaelks.org) & [elks.org](http://elks.org)

Log On &  
Learn  
More



## The Application for Summer 2023

is Now Open!

<https://floridaelks.org/camp/>

**SIGN UP FOR CAMP!**

2023  
Officer Training  
March 10 - March 12  
Rosen Centre  
9840 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819

2023 HOOP SHOOT NATIONAL FINALS  
April 20-23, 2023

2023  
Florida Elks  
State Convention  
May 24-27 - ROSEN CENTRE HOTEL, ORLANDO, FL

FSEA State Convention  
Orlando, Florida  
May 24-27, 2023

**MORE INFO**

Elks  
DAY AT THE  
RAYS

Day at the Rays  
Tampa Bay, Florida  
August 27, 2023

**SAVE THE DATE**

# Congratulations Elected Officers

## 2023-2024 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	Chuck Lassabe
Leading Knight	Rick Theriault
Loyal Knight	Joe Waskelis
Lecturing Knight	Robert Husband
Lodge Secretary	Etta Jean Platt, PER
Lodge Treasurer	Steve Hebior



## 2023-2024 Lodge Officers

5 Year Trustee	Frank Husband
Esquire	appointed
Tiler	appointed
Chaplain	appointed
Inner Guard	appointed
Alternate to Grand Lodge	Jim Platt



**MEMBERS  
BINGO**

**EVERY  
MONDAY  
6:00 PM**

**CARDS \$1  
PER CARD  
PER GAME**

**7 GAMES  
PER NIGHT**

**\$8 DINNER  
SPECIAL**



# Antler's Booster Club

**March 31, 2023**

Fred & Fran Hammer (IMO) Amanda Anderson

**May 31, 2023**

John & Mary Livingston (IMO) Bruce & Izzy Simpson

**June 30 2023**

J Wayne Wrightstone (IMO) Melvin Constant

**June 30 2023**

J Wayne Wrightstone (IMO) Wayne Farmer

**June 30 2025**

Addison & Sandy Walker (IMO) Heather Bock

**August 31, 2028**

John & Carol Hamilton (IMO) Paul & Louise Daniels

**August 31, 2023**

Bob & Marianne Tithof (IMO) Phyllis Jean Kirchner

**October 31, 2023**

Bob & Fran Barry (IMO) Wayne Sorrell

**October 31, 2023**

Randy Musser PDDGER (IMO) Jesse and Ina Musser

**December 31, 2025**

Addison Walker (IMO) Eric Bock

**January 31, 2024**

Robert & Karen Slater (IMO) Eric Slater

**January 31, 2024**

Jim & Jeannie Platt (IMO) Merle & Toby Mountz

**February 28, 2023**

Dot Johnston (IMO) Les Johnston

**February 28, 2025**

Jane Couture (IMO) Rene Couture Jr

*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.

5210 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway in Kissimmee, 34746

# LODGE OF SORROWS



William J. Snyder

Born into Elkdom 2/11/1965

Left this world February 2023

He was 84 Years Old



Ella M. Flynn

Born into Elkdom 9/27/1996

Left this world 2/3/2023

She was 95 Years Old



Larry E. Whaley

Born into Elkdom 5/31/1977

Left this world 2/21/2023

He was 77 Years Old



**Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873**

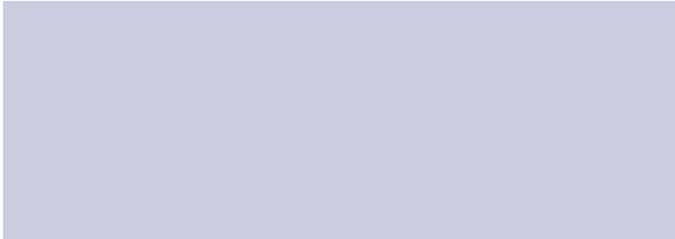
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**Office of the Secretary Hours**  
**MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 10AM-2 PM**

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**  
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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 Brian Estus—West Citrus

**Central District V.P.**  
PER Anthony "Tony" Schiappa - Orlando

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

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