



Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873

# The Antlers

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## Message To The Members From Chuck Lassabe , Exalted Ruler

Hello and welcome to a new Elk year for our lodge. I would like to say thank you for allowing me to be the ER for the 2023-2024 year.

I became an Elk because of the good that the Elks do for the our community, veterans and the children. We strive to make thing better for all that we believe in. This year my goal is to improve areas of our lodge The first project will be Requip the Kitchen plus Repair the roof, and new dining chairs just to name a



few items that we will be having fund raisers to help with the cost.

We are planning several lodge activities this year so we can come together and enjoy fellowship. Stay tuned for more details regarding the events that the Activities committee will be planning.. I need some help to fill our committee spots. Please let me know if you can help. Most committees only meet once a month. I am looking forward to a year that we can have fun and improve our lodge. Come and get on the 1873 ELK train 23-24 leaving soon. Please feel free to talk me about ways to help or any event ideas.

In Elkdom,

Chuck



### ELK OF THE MONTH Derek Bartoli

For all that you do we thank you!!

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Maura Timmerman, Linda Bartoli, Laurie Varner,  
Garson Hanebutt, Andrew Dennis, John Thorton



## April Birthdays

April Lee Secrest	01-April	Derek Bartoli	23-April
Cindy Andrews	02-April	Dorothy Russo	23-April
Charles W Urban	02-April	Jason Heimermann	26-April
Mark Kalapp	03-April	Randy Musser	26-April
Steve MacNeill	03-April	Robert Tithof	26-April
Robert Arredondo	04-April	Billie Jean Jackson	27-April
Robert Boro	06-April	Bert M. Laffee	27-April
Eric Chambers	07-April	Thomas D Hanneken	30-April
Katherine C Ginkel	07-April		
Midge Wyeth	08-April		
Dorothy L Gonzalez	10-April		
Don Macauley	10-April		
Nicholas A Schlamb	10-April		
John J Hauer	15-April		
Carol Daniels Hamilton	18-April		
Brooke Rodriguez	18-April		
Larry Smith	19-April		
Mimi V Freeman	22-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 2023 Birthdays Only

# Complimentary "Foods of the Islands" for Members!

\$20 Donation for Non-Members

**Pay Your Dues Party**  
**Member Appreciation**

Tossed Salad w/Dressings  
Black Beans  
Cilantro & Lime Rice  
Jamaican Jerk Chicken Wings

Smoked Pulled Pork  
Desserts

Installation of Officers at 6:00 PM

Free for Paid Up Members  
\$20 for Their Guests

Call or Visit to Sign Up

**Foods of the Caribbean Islands**

New Drink Special & draw *Half Hour*

Prizes and Raffles for Paid Up Members  
Must be Present to Win

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PRIZES DRAWN EVERY 15 MINUTES

Buffet Opens @4:30pm

First Prize draw @4:30

Illustrations include a bouquet of flowers, several cocktail glasses, and several raffle tickets.

**Win PRIZES!**  
MEMBERS ONLY

**GRAND PRIZE**  
6:30PM

**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 3/17/2022</b>	Lodge Opens 4pm Kitchen Open 5 pm - 8pm Queen of ♥ Drawing 7:00 pm 	<b>CLOSED</b>
						<b>1</b> Installation of Officers & Membership Party
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Guido Travel 10-2:30 	<b>4</b> House Committee Meeting 7pm	<b>5</b> Karaoke w/Cory 5-9	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	<b>8</b> District Deputy Clinic
<b>9</b> 	<b>10</b> GTS Travel 1-3 PM 	<b>11</b> BOD MEETING 6pm LODGE MEETING 7pm \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	<b>15</b>
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<b>23/30</b>	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b> LODGE MEETING & INITIATION 7pm \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8pm Orientation 5:30pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	<b>29</b>

In partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Elks National Veterans Service Commission has pledged to help end veteran homelessness, and ensure that every veteran has the safe, stable home they deserve.

Are you ready to join (or continue) the **fight against veteran homelessness**? We have exciting news: your Lodge is eligible to apply for a [Focus Grant](#)!

Focus Grants, which range from \$5,000 to \$10,000, can be used to prevent veteran homelessness, help veterans exit homelessness, or assist previously homeless veterans to adjust. Project examples include stocking and managing a food pantry, hosting job fairs or skills classes, planning social outings for veterans, and so much more.

As part of our Welcome Home program, the VA has asked the Elks to add an extra focus on 12 urban areas where the numbers of homeless veterans are highest. These areas are Chicago, IL; New York, NY; Washington, D.C.; San Diego, CA; Los Angeles, CA; Loma Linda, CA; San Francisco, CA; Seattle, WA; Miami, FL; Tampa-Orlando, FL; Las Vegas, NV; and Phoenix, AZ. Focus Grants will be awarded with the goal of distributing funds equally across the 12 locations.

Focus Grants are competitive, so be sure to submit a thorough application. Grant projects must focus on direct service to homeless veterans. A complete application and budget must be submitted and approved before funds are mailed. Applications will be awarded with the goal of distributing funds equally across the 12 locations.

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Here are a few key ideas to keep in mind as you plan your Focus Grant project:

**A complete application and budget must be submitted and approved before funds are mailed.** Lodges that receive grants are required to complete a mid-year report halfway through the year. After the project is complete, the Lodge must also complete a final report, including documentation of all funds spent.

**Projects must focus on direct service to homeless veterans.** When we read your application, we want to know how your Lodge members will personally engage with the veterans you serve. Donations of funds and supplies are not allowable. Click the link to read the full [Guidelines](#).

**Focus Grants are competitive, so be sure to submit a thorough application.** If you submit a first-time Focus Grant application, we will reach out to schedule a phone call. Even for experienced volunteers, it is standard for us to have feedback on applications. We get to learn from the insights of volunteers across the country; we want to share their lessons to help you make your project plan even stronger.

**Bigger isn't always better.** Focus Grants can be anywhere from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Successful Focus Grant projects come in all sizes, and we suggest applying only for the amount you need. Also consider the volunteer capacity of your Lodge members when deciding on your budget.

**Think about which organizations you will partner with on your project.** Staff in the community who serve veterans full-time can help you connect with veterans and understand their needs. Check out our best tips on [how to build Focus Grant partnerships](#) with HUD-VASH departments, Community Resource and Referral Centers nonprofits, veterans' shelters, and other organizations.

The application will open on **April 1, 2023** and can be accessed through the Elks webpage,/ grants dashboard at [elks.org/cip/dashboard](https://elks.org/cip/dashboard). We hope you're ready to join us in the effort to end veteran homelessness. **Together, we can make a difference!**

On April 1st, 2023, dedicated members of our Elks Lodge 1873 will assume the positions of lodge officers for the year 2023 to 2024. It is appropriate that we, as members of the lodge, offer a prayer for them as they strive for a successful term in guiding our lodge. Prayer is an important part of all our activities as prayers are always said before and after all meetings and special events, most often by the chaplain. Members who are unable to attend the installation service on Saturday, April 1st, please join us in our prayer for our officers.

Heavenly Father, as members of Lodge 1873, we now ask in Your name for the continuation of Your blessing on all our outgoing lodge officers and outstanding committee members. We honor them and give thanks for their hard work and dedication to our lodge, the betterment of our lives and commitment to our community, children and veterans. Their good deeds will never be forgotten.

Lord, we now ask in Your name, to bless and guide the dedicated, devoted members of our Lodge 1873 as they choose to accept the rules and obligations as officers for the coming year. We ask that You guide these loyal men and women in their leadership and grant them success in their goals and objectives as they strive for growth and smooth operation of our lodge. Give them fortitude and integrity as they work together with the Board of Trustees as part of the team responsible for all matters of our lodge. Keep them aware of the unending gratitude of all our lodge members as they lead and join us in our endeavors to daily practice the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly love and Fidelity. Amen

Submitted by:  
Robert Tithof

## ELKDOM GOES BEYOND THE LODGE DOORS!

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FSEA State Convention

Orlando, Florida  
May 24-27, 2023

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# Antler's Booster Club

May 31, 2027

Lee Hershner (IMO) Ella Flynn

May 31, 2023

John & Mary Livingston (IMO) Bruce & Izzy Simpson

June 30 2024

J Wayne Wrightstone (IMO) Melvin Constant

June 30 2024

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, 2028

Dot Johnston (IMO) Les Johnston

February 28, 2024

Jane Couture (IMO) Rene Couture Jr

March 31, 2024

Fred & Fran Hammer (IMO) Amanda Anderson

## 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.

**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
Esquire	Derek Bartolli
Tiler	Dennis Miller
Chaplain	Robert Hatchell
Inner Guard	RC Crotty

**2023-2024**  
**Board of Trustees**

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

**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

**2023-2024**  
**House Committee**

Member	Eileen Barrett
Member	Linda Bartoli
Member	Terry Hebior, PER
Member	Steve Mazon
Member	Robbie Pinkston
Member	Karen Roper
Member	Judy Schmidt
Member	Vivian Theriault
Member	Joe Waskelis

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Lodge Advisor	Robert Barry PDDGER
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