



Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873

# The Antlers

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

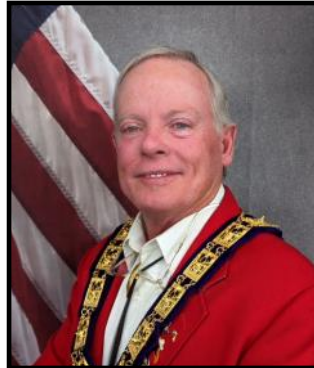
Hello fellow Elks,

Time is moving fast and the first month went by quickly. We have a lot going on at the Lodge. The grounds crew have been very busy keeping up the landscaping and grass mowing. We as Elks need to say thank you to them for their efforts so as you see them, let them know you appreciate their efforts..

Have you noticed the oven mitts at the bar? They are donations for the Requip the Kitchen project. We have narrowed down the equipment selection and the donations are coming in so we can and will achieve our goal.

The board has selected a contractor to make the repairs to our roof. This work is being scheduled now and will be complete before the rainy season.

I need some committee help so please let me know if you can help. Elk train 1873 has left the station and is rolling down the track so get onboard and enjoy the ride..



Chuck Lassabe  
ER.

### ELKS OF THE MONTH

Fred & Fran Hammer

For all that you do we thank you!!

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mother & Son,  
Marsha and  
Blake Freeman



## Volunteer to play BINGO with our Veterans at the Lake Nona VA CLC !

Immediate need for 6 volunteers to play Bingo at the Community Living Center at the Lake Nona VA Medical Center. Bingo starts at 2pm.

**EACH VISIT:** All volunteers sign in at Volunteer Services (in the main hospital) with their Covid Vaccination Card. Next step is to report to the CLC where a rapid COVID test will be done. You are then ready to assist 20 CLC residents as they play BINGO in hopes of winning Canteen Bucks! Please be aware that parking may be a challenge and could require patience and a little extra time.

## May Birthdays

Robert Degraff	01-May	Steve Hebior	24-May
Leandro Valazquez	01-May	Michal Lucas	25-May
Hans Merkel	02-May	Ronald Richards	26-May
Theresa Sparveri	03-May	Judith Weber	27-May
David Tithof	04-May	Janice Kirsh	29-May
Jack Boro	06-May	Charles Lewis	30-May
Phillip Trueblood	06-May		
Rex Roby	8-May		
Donald Falkenberg	12-May		
Dana Sunshine	12-May		
Kevin Shenduk	14-May		
Betty Jo Edmondson	16-May		
Lorraine Barker	19-May		
David Smith	22-May		
Stephen Wysong	22-May		
Gina Marie Feezer	23-May		

### Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873

#### Birthday Drink Coupon

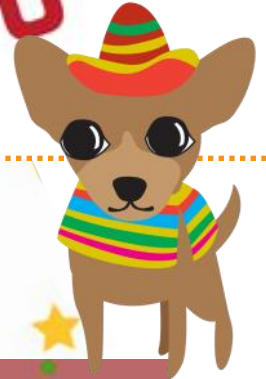
This coupon entitles you to 1 Free Drink of your choice any dinner night of your birthday month.

One coupon per member

Coupon good for  
May 2023 Birthdays Only

# CINCO DE MAYO

## M E N U



Friday, May 5, 2023  
Bar Opens at 4:00 PM  
Open to Elks and their guests.



### Your choice of uno

- \*Steak Quesadilla
- \*Chicken Enchiladas
- \*Banging Shrimp Tacos
- \*\*All served with rice & black beans plus sour cream & Pico

**\$20** +tax



Corona & Margarita Specials



DJ Marvin  
6:30 to 9:30 PM



### RESERVE YOUR FOOD CHOICE:

1. Call the Lodge
2. Email the Lodge
3. Sign up at the Lodge

50/50 Cornhole Tournament



And Other Games

**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 5/18/2022</b>	Lodge Opens 4pm Kitchen Open 5 pm - 8pm Queen of ♥  Drawing 7:00 pm	<b>CLOSED</b>
	1 	2 House Committee Meeting 7pm	3 Karaoke w/Cory 5-9	4	5 	6 Rental Main
7	8 GTS Travel 1-3 PM 	9 Rental Main BOD MEETING 6pm LODGE MEETING 7pm \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8pm	10	11	12 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	13 Rental Main
14 WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS COMING SOON 	15 	16	17 Karaoke w/Cory 5-9	18 Rental Main	19 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	20
21	22 	23 Orientation 5:30pm LODGE MEETING & INITIATION 7pm \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8pm	24 FLORIDA ELKS STATE CONVENTION—ROSEN CENTRE HOTEL	25	26 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	27 
28	29 	30	31	1	2 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	3



# Save Our Restaurant At Kissimmee Elks Lodge



My Dearest Fellow Elks,

Please join me and earn an "oven mitt" to be displayed in the Lounge by donating to improve our kitchen. We must replace the aged and failing appliances. Yes, sadly this means ovens, flattops, refrigerators, etc.

Our Chef, Steve, has been working under a handicap by having to use faulty kitchen appliances. We can't continue to hope to have magnificent meals served for both weekly menus and for special events unless we replace these appliances. Donating now will help ensure the continuation of fabulous meals in our Lodge in the the future.

Donate and ask your bartender for a donation mitt!

Thank you,

A Hungry Elk



When you turn into the Elks Lodge take a minute to look at the surroundings. Maintained, right? From trees trimmed, leaves raked, buildings pressure washed, etc. For the quality of work done you may think we hired a professional crew. But, thanks to a group of volunteers who work quietly after Lodge hours we are an inviting spot.

We have a member who calls herself the “weed whisperer.” **Laura Harker** likes gardening but found she did not have enough time while working. Since retiring and seeing the number of hours our outside crew worked she asked Karen Roper if she could weed. Yes! Yes!

**Karen Roper** is a demon with the pressure washer (did you know she also did our Lounge bathrooms?) and other lawn equipment. Our garden by the lounge entrance is maintained by her. She also brought hearty plants from another part of our grounds and planted them in a bare spot. Any part of outside beautification is because of her.

**Fred and Fran Hammer** are snowbirds who help where they see a need. Where the riding lawnmower cannot reach, they trim. Fred also pressure washed the Annex and cleaned an awning. Fran once raked 15-wheel barrels of leaves.

**Joe Waskelis**, we call “Joe Elk.” There isn’t an outside area that he hasn’t improved. Trimming dead trees and branches, annex repair, windows, etc. He can usually be found at the Elks finding outside and inside work to improve all. A generous and talented man!

**Charlie Barker** is our mower. Things are dormant now but soon he will be mowing up to three times each week. If you have noticed, he walks with a cane. But once on the mower with headphones on he can accomplish much and is happy to volunteer. He appreciates the other volunteers who supplement what he cannot do.

The common thread of all these volunteers is they saw a need and decided to volunteer. They created something. They are working when you are not there. Just a satisfaction when a job is done. They would welcome other members.

Thank you for your time. You are obviously proud to be members of Kissimmee Lodge #1873.



Submitted by  
Lorraine Barker

# Student Awards Night



Kathleen Mullin, Sean Mullin, Heather Mullin, Jake Czipulis, Jim MacDougall, and Cindy MacDougall with Elks presenter Hanna Smaldone.



## NO BUTTS ABOUT IT

Our landscape committee has been hard at work maintaining the beautiful Elks grounds that we are so fortunate to have. It would be a great help to us, if everyone would remember not to throw cigarette butts and litter on these grounds, since it makes our job harder. Let's all pitch in and do our part, remembering that we are so fortunate to have these lovely grounds.



CONTACT BOB BARRY  
TO VOLUNTEER



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**DO NOT THROW  
CIGARETTE BUTTS  
ON THE GROUND**

# 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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