



Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873

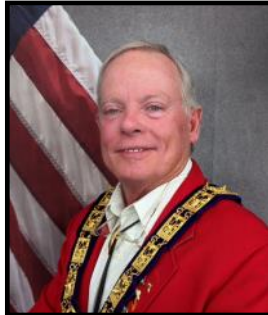
# The Antlers

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

All aboard the 1873 train has left the station with a full head of steam.

Our lodge has been very busy as we hosted the Central region state President official visit. Our lodge did an outstanding job putting on this event, decorations, food, table service was outstanding and the Presidents and team was very impressed. I say thank you to all that helped with this event. Jeanie was a great MC she kept it very entertaining for all.

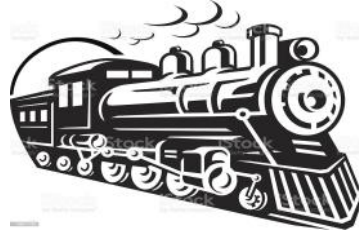


Requip the kitchen fund raising has reached the halfway point. We now have the new char grill and flat top with refrigeration under them. We installed this last week just in time for the President visit and Chef Steve has been smiling since. We still have more work to complete.

National convention is next month Jim Platt will represent our lodge and I thank him for doing so.

More lodge updates, the roof repair is now complete and we have had the trees trimmed away from the lodge and annex buildings. The big tree out front has been removed as it is dying.

That's all for now  
Stay on board the 1873 train.  
Chuck Lassabe ER  
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Chuck Lassabe  
407.709.0789 cell



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

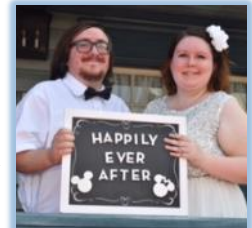
Our FIRST visit to the Lake Nona Community Living Center (CLC—Nursing Home) to play bingo is on Tuesday, July 18th. We need to check in at the main hospital at the Volunteer Services desk by 12:30 pm to register.

Bring a COVID VACCINE CARD.

We then go to the CLC to take a Covid test and set up for Bingo. The game starts at 2pm.

Contact Bob Barry if you are planning to attend.

Congratulations on  
your engagement  
Andrew & Hannah!!



## ELK OF THE MONTH Mark Waskelis For all that you do we thank you!!

## July Birthdays

Wayne J. Wrightstone	01-July	Robert A. Barry	29-July
Ralph Pero	06-July	Robert Husband	30-July
Suzanne Secrest	08-July	Sheri Clement	31-July
Hannah Emmett	09-July		
Ibeliz Ramirez	09-July		
Esteban Rodriguez	09-July		
Diane Underwood	11-July		
Lee Roy Rider	15-July		
John F. Woodward	21-July		
Alene Johnson	22-July		
Louis Parker	22-July		
Mark Waskelis	24-July		
Rodney A. Hammond	25-July		

### 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  
July 2023 Birthdays Only

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Debra Wood  
Bob Birchler  
Jill Grignani





# 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



**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>
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2	3 Guido Travel 10-2:30 	4 <b>CLOSED</b> 	5 Karaoke w/Corry 5-9	6	7 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	8
6	10 GTS Travel 1-3 PM 	11 <b>Orientation</b> BOD MEETING 6pm LODGE MEETING W/ INITIATION @ 7PM \$1.00 Hot Dogs after	12 Trivia w/Eileen 6:30 pm	13	14 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	15
18	17 	18 BINGO W/ THE VETS 	19 Karaoke w/Corry 5-9	20 Volunteer Appreciation Night	21 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	22 
23/30	24/31 	25 <b>NO MEETING</b>	26 Trivia w/Eileen 6:30 pm	27	28 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	29



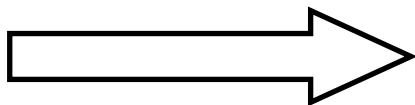
## Our Mission:

### Helping Elks Build Stronger Communities

The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

Like all Elks, the Foundation values the belief that charity is the greatest of all virtues and that by sharing and giving, we have the power to replace sorrow and despair with hope and confidence. Donations to the Foundation help us fund programs that match our cornerstone values of knowledge, integrity and community.

The playlist below features films that highlight our work and is an excellent way to learn more about us. You'll find more videos of our work [here](#).



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Kissimmee Elk Members volunteering at Cafe Clayton at Give Kids the World on our Elks day in May.

Pictured are Stacey Smaldone, Andrew Dennis, Bob Barry, and Hannah Emmett.

Not pictured but also volunteering are Andy & Midge Wyeth, Rick Danilowsky, Fran Barry and Joyce Thigman.

Interested in volunteering? Reach out to Bob Barry (phone number on last page of this bulletin).





## Continue Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm

It is hard to believe that July is here already. A year ago, Helen and I embarked on an incredible journey in representing all of you as your Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady. I can honestly say that this was something that we never envisioned, but we're so very glad to have been given this tremendous opportunity.

The commitment and care that we witnessed in each Lodge in each state throughout our travels was truly remarkable. Each of you has been a source of inspiration to your Lodge and your community through your involvement with the programs of our great Order. We saw you warmly and heartily "Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm." Every state promoted our program. We developed a renewed sense of pride in each and every state. We saw Members working together; smiles on the children; the fruits and rewards of hard work of our youth as they received a scholarship; a proud thank you from our veterans; and an utmost sense of patriotism and loyalty to our nation's flag. We cannot express our gratitude for your fine work and continued growth to your Lodge and to our Order.

It was enlightening to meet new Members and friends as well as renew time with old friends. Please continue to ask that relative or friend to join you in becoming a Member of this great Order. It was fantastic to spend time at state conventions, youth camps, Major Project events, veterans' ceremonies, flag celebrations, and much, much more. The Elks we met reminded us that we indeed have a huge family out there.

Helen and I promise to continue to serve you as we move forward into this next Elks year and for many more. We will continue in "Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm" as we know that you will too. We absolutely look forward to serving this organization and the people who we love and enjoy: You, the Elks!

We look forward to this convention in Minneapolis. It will be a fun and exciting time. Together we can, we do, and we will continue to make a difference in our Lodges and in our communities.

God bless all of you, God bless our troops, past and present, and most of all, God bless America.

# Antler's Booster Club

**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

**May 31, 2027**

Lee Hershner (IMO) Ella Flynn

**June 30 2024**

J Wayne Wrightstone (IMO) Melvin Constant

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J Wayne Wrightstone (IMO) Wayne Farmer

**June 30 2025**

Addison & Sandy Walker (IMO) Heather Bock

## 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.

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## 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 Anthony "Tony" Schiappa - Orlando

**Central District V.P.**  
PER Etta Jean Platt –Kissimmee

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

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

**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	VACANT
Member	Robbie Pinkston
Member	Karen Roper
Member	Judy Schmidt
Member	Vivian Theriault
Member	Joe Waskelis

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