



Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873

# The Antlers

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

Hello Elks.

We are still steaming down the tracks and we will be making a few stops along our journey. Our lodge improves every week. Joe and Karen have painted the floors in the supply rooms and it looks really nice. Thank you both.

Well, our lodge is 70 years old and we will be having a celebration! Planning is in progress and it will be in November.... more information to come.

Please be safe when outdoors with our very hot conditions..

We are planning the next phase of the kitchen project, rumor has that it **could be real shiny**. More information to come

Hey, come to the lodge meetings to enjoy fellowship and eat a hotdog with us (only \$1 after meetings). See the calendar or plan to attend on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month (except July, August and December when there is only one meetings on the first Tuesday)

Time to stoke the fire on Elk train 1873

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—Lake Nona VA Medical Center) since the beginning of the Pandemic was Tuesday, July 18th. Our very own Elk volunteers enjoyed helping over 20 residents play Bingo and WIN VA BUCKS which the residents can use in the retail store and at the Canteen

Contact Bob Barry if you would like to join the volunteers each month at 2pm every third Tuesday.



## ELK OF THE MONTH

Vivian Theriault

For all that you do, we thank you!!

## August Birthdays

Michael Hoffstetter	01-Aug	Randall Saterlee	26-Aug
Stacey Smaldone	01-Aug	Marianne Davitt	27-Aug
Rafael Garcia	06-Aug	Ronald Moffitt	30-Aug
Gordon Hanebutt	06-Aug	Gary Rood	30-Aug
Joe Waskelis	06-Aug	Emil Tarbrake	31-Aug
Terry Segraves	08-Aug	Brian Wright	31-Aug
Joseph Coamey	10-Aug		
Laurie Varner	10-Aug		
Otto Britto	12-Aug		
Maureen DeNoncour	13-Aug		
Dennis Ela	14-Aug		
Catherine Radaskiewicz	17-Aug		
David Carnevale	21-Aug		
Jerry Testa	22-Aug		
Shannon Mauro	23-Aug		
Amy Rousch	23-Aug		
Michael Van Huss	24-Aug		

### 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  
August 2023 Birthdays Only

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lee Mendez  
Abby Smith  
Stefanie Hartman  
Nichole Ihli  
Scott Ewalt  
Pat Harker  
Steven Campbell



# Coryoke

Karaoke at the Elks

Hosted by  
**DJ Cory**

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

70s



80s

90s

00s

*Thousands of Songs  
Available in Many Genres*

Open to Elks and Their Guests

Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873  
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## FIX IT, CLEAN IT, AND MAKE IT LAST

QUARTERLY FIX IT DAY COMING  
SOON...WATCH FOR THE DATE &  
TIME IN SEPTEMBER 2023



# Trivia Night

Wednesday  
August 23, 2023

Who is the heaviest player in NFL history?

Think you know?  
Come to Trivia Night  
to show off your smarts.

Will there be a delicious prize?  
Oh, yes.

Come join a team!

Dinner Specials  
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Trivia  
7:00 PM to  
8:00 PM

Hosted by  
**Eileen**

What is a Honeycrisp?  
Come to trivia night to find out.

Will there be dad jokes?  
Heck yes--maybe too many.



**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
CLOSED	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	CLOSED EXCEPT 5/18/2022	Lodge Opens 4pm Kitchen Open 5 pm - 8pm Queen of ♥  Drawing 7:00 pm	CLOSED
<b>ELKDOM GOES BEYOND THE LODGE DOORS!</b>		1 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 7:00 PM	2 Karaoke w/Cory 5-9	3	4	5
6	7 Guido Travel 10-2:30 	8 Orientation 5pm BOD MEETING 6pm LODGE MEETING W/ INITIATION @ 7PM \$1.00 Hot Dogs after	9	10	11	12
13	14 GTS Travel 1-3 PM 	15 BINGO  W/ THE VETS	16 Karaoke w/Cory 5-9	17	18	19
20	21 	22 NO MEETING	23 Trivia w/Eileen 6:30 pm	24	25	26
27 	28 	29	30	31	1	2
					FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	
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**BE PATIENT**

**BE KIND**



**BE HELPFUL**

**BE GENEROUS**

Members all, your bar servers and kitchen staff are volunteers. We volunteer, not because we are professionals, but because we have a passion for our lodge and our Elk family.

1. PLEASE place your order at the **"ORDER AND PAY HERE"** spot or have a seat at the bar.
2. Check your bill before you pay. If something is not right, please tell us so we can correct it or add on that drink that may have been missed. Mistakes will happen.
3. Clear/Buss your table. Glasses go to the bar and dishes to the bussing trolley. We thank you.
4. If you see an opportunity, help out if you are able. We will gladly show you where to find trash bags, toilet paper, hand towels, brooms, vacuum cleaners, etc.
5. There is no such thing as too many volunteers. Yes, we can use your help. It doesn't matter if it's a day, an hour or whatever you can give. There is always something that needs to be cleaned or fixed. Contact your Exalted Ruler or House Committee Members. Phone numbers on page 8 of this publication.

Sincerely,  
Terry Hebior -PER



## Elks Day at the Rays - Time is Running Short... Don't be Left Out

*Elks Day at the Rays - Sunday, August 27, 2023*

Time is running short to get your tickets to the Elks Day at the Rays!

The last day to purchase tickets is Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We have already sold over 1,100 tickets and are on pace to achieve a record! The Rays have created 1,000 FSEA co-branded hats for this event. Since we have sold more than one thousand tickets, the Rays will still provide options for other Rays hats for those that do not receive the co-branded one.

You don't want to miss this game! After every Sunday home game, you can watch your kids or grandkids run around the bases on the field! Simply follow the instructions on the video board to find out where to line up to enter the field at the end of the game.

At this game, our State President, Joe Cooper, will throw out the first pitch! And, our Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services CHAMP will be announcing "Play Ball" before the start of the game. Be part of the over 1,100+ Elks and guests to see the Rays play the Yankees. For each ticket sold, the Rays will donate \$5 to the Harry-Anna Trust Fund.

I look forward to seeing you at the game.

*Steve Harmon, PDD, Elks Day at the Rays Coordinator*







# 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



# Antler's Booster Club

**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

**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, 2024**

Bob & Marianne Tithof (IMO) Phyllis Jean Kirchner



# 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

**2023/2024**  
**Central District Visitation Schedule**  
**9/9/23 Aripeka & Brooksville**  
**9/23/23 Zephyrhills**  
**10/7/23 West Citrus**  
**10/21 Kissimmee & Orlando**

**2023/2024**  
**Central District DD Clinics**  
**August 12, 2023 Zephyrhills**  
**April 6, 2024 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	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.