



Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873

# The Antlers

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

Hello Elks

Elk train 1873 has a full head of steam. We are surviving the summer heat and our lodge is a happening place. Come and see for yourself.

Our lodge is growing at a great pace and all the members need to keep spreading the word about Elks and the good we do for all.

We have some important dates coming up. September 18 is the first responders event.

November 11 is two fold celebration, first we honor our Veterans and second our lodge is 70 years old. Happy birthday to us. There will be a feast.

We are still working on our kitchen project and now starting to plan future projects.

I am pleased too that attendance at the regular lodge meetings is up which is a good thing. Come out and be part of the lodge.

Stay on board Elk train 1873.

Chuck Lassabe  
407.709.0789 cell



Volunteer Information for Give Kids the World  
& Bingo with the Vets—  
Contact Bob Barry 407-414-1718

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

Our next visit to the Lake Nona Community Living Center (CLC—Lake Nona VA Medical Center) is Tuesday, September 19th. Our very own Elk volunteers enjoy 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

Linda Bartoli

For all that you do, we thank you!!

**WELCOME  
NEW  
MEMBERS**

**Edward  
Petka**

**Chris  
Riedeman**



## September Birthdays

Vivian Theriault	01-Sep	Martin Konieczny	16-Sep
Eileen H Barrett	02-Sep	Terence Hart	20-Sep
Nicholas Nelson	03-Sep	Stanley Bogus	24-Sep
Blake Freeman	04-Sep	Mark Chick	27-Sep
Richard Cox	07-Sep	Michael Kamenoff	30-Sep
Summer Lee	07-Sep		
Clyde Clark	08-Sep		
Frank Husband	11-Sep		
Ramzan Khan	11-Sep		
Tracey Stimpson	12-Sep		
Bill Henry	13-Sep		
Donald L Phillips	14-Sep		
Steve Schlamb	14-Sep		
Larry Whaley	15-Sep		
Bobby Barlaan	16-Sep		
Kenneth Hall	16-Sep		

### 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  
September 2023 Birthdays Only



**Public Safety Night**  
 at the Kissimmee Elks Lodge

**Dinner & Award Ceremony**  
 Honoring our First Responders

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**Saturday, September 16, 2023**  
 at 5:00 in the evening

Event is open to the Public  
 \$10 Per Person  
 A Side Salad with Lasagna will be Served

**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>
<b>White Team</b>					1 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	2
3 <b>Blue Team</b>	4  	5 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 7:00 PM	6 Karaoke w/Cory 5-9	7	8 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	9 
10 <b>Gold Team</b>	11 GTS Travel 1-3 PM 	12 BOD MEETING 6pm LODGE MEETING 7pm \$1 Hot Dogs after meet	13	14	15 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	16 Public Safety Night \$10
17 <b>Platinum Team</b>	18 Guido Travel 10-2:30 	19 BINGO  W/ THE VETS	20 Karaoke w/Cory 5-9	21	22 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	23
24 <b>Red Team</b>	25 	26 Orientation 5:3pm LODGE MEETING W/ INITIATION @ 7PM \$1 Hot Dogs after meet	27	28	29 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	30 CLEAN IT & FIX IT DAY 8AM

GIT READY FOR A HOOTIN' HOLLERIN' SHINDIG  
KISSIMMEE ELKS 1873 IS CELEBRATIN' ITS

# 70TH ANNIVERSARY



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023  
4:00 – 9:00 PM

Veterans Recognition  
@ 4:45

Cornhole Tournament  
@ 5:00

Buffet  
5:30 – 7:30

DJ Cory  
5:00 – 9:00 PM

Chef Steve's  
Buffet:  
Ribs, Chicken,  
Cheesy Potatoes,  
Veggie &  
Dessert

\$20 FOR ADULTS \* FREE FOR LODGE 1873 VETERANS  
\$10.00 FOR 15 AND UNDER  
ELK MEMBERS ONLY

Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873  
1655 Kings Highway, Kissimmee, FL. 34777 \* (407) 844-4444

**Military and Veterans of #1873 that are in good standing as a member, please enjoy your dinner compliments of your lodge. As American citizens, we are grateful for your service and sacrifice.**



# Elks, Shriners, and Masons:

## How 'old man' frats got their names and symbols

Traditional "old man" fraternal organizations are supposed to be cloaked in mystery, holding secrets that only fellow brothers may know. As a result, most of us outsiders only know a tiny bit about these orders. What's the real story behind these often inscrutable names and curious emblems? Here, some insight into how these lodges formed, and why they chose their baffling symbols.

### 1. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

The Elks (BPOE) are a relatively young fraternity in that they don't trace their beginnings to any ancient or noble guilds. The fraternity was started by actors and entertainers in the 1860s as a way to be able to drink on Sundays without having to pay extra taxes in the state of New York. Although the group originally called themselves "The Jolly Corks," in 1868 they decided to form a proper fraternal order, with an emphasis on benevolence and charity. They chose to be Elks because they believed them to be distinctly American animals. Their emblem is an Elk imposed over a clock tolling the 11th hour, as this is the hour Elks pause to give remembrance to their absent members.



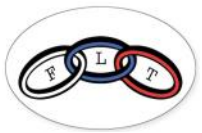
### 2. Freemasons

Once upon a time, the Freemasons were a guild of actual stone cutters. In the Middle Ages, in order to get work, professional craftsmen had to belong to a guild (this proved he was properly trained and trustworthy). Though the Masons claim these beginnings, no one is sure exactly how a guild of laborers morphed into the modern fraternal order. There are some clues, though: The Masonic Square and Compass are builder's tools, and for the Freemasons, they represent forethought and good judgment



### 3. Odd Fellows

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) has a peculiar name with unclear origins, but it is generally accepted that "oddness" was a founding philosophy of the fraternity. Founded in the 1700s, it was intended that Odd Fellows would be so generous and kind to those in need, that society would consider them odd. This benevolent philosophy is represented by the three chain links, which stand for Friendship, Love, and Truth.



### 4. Loyal Order of Moose

The origin story of the Moose Lodge is perhaps the least intricate of all. In 1898, a man named Dr. John Wilson wanted to start a fraternal order that was similar to the Elks, but run kind of like the Masons — so he did. Although he didn't stick with it long, the Moose never died out, and four U.S. presidents (Harding, both Roosevelts, and Truman) became members. As for the Moose? We'll leave it to the order to explain: "He takes only what he needs nothing more... yet for his great size and strength he lives in peace with other creatures. The moose uses his size and power not to dominate but to protect, not to spoil but to preserve. He is a fierce protector, a loyal companion, and a generous provider who brings comfort and security to those within his defending circle."



### 5. Knights of Columbus

Unlike most of the aforementioned fraternities, who only specify that members must believe in a "higher power," the Knights of Columbus is flat-out Catholic. The KofC was founded by Priest Michael J. McGivney in 1881 in Connecticut as a way to help new Catholic immigrants. McGivney also wanted to keep good Catholic men from being tempted to join other non-denominational secret societies. The symbol of the KofC is complex. There is a shield, as a knight would use, protecting a cross pattee, which represents Christ. On the shield is a knife, an anchor, and an ax called a fasces. The knife is what a knight uses in battle, the anchor represents Christopher Columbus (for whom the order is named), and the fasces represents unified strength and embracing orderly authority.



### 6. The Shriners

There's a reason the Shriners are famous for wearing silly hats and driving little cars in parades. The Shriners are a branch of Freemasonry that was started by Masons who wanted to focus more on fun and fellowship than ritual and sanctity. The order adopted an Arabian theme because one of the founders attended a cool party in France with that theme. **Continued on next page.**



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The many parts of their emblem all represent different things. The scimitar stands for the backbone of the fraternity (its members), the sphinx stands for the governing body of the Shriners, and the five-pointed star represents the many children helped by their philanthropy each year. The emblem also bears the phrase "Robur et Furor," which means "Strength and Fury."

The exact origins of the name are unknown, but the initials for Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (A.A.O.N.M.S.) are an anagram for "A MASON," and many scholars think this isn't a coincidence.

Article by:  
Therese O'Neill

What Is The Difference Between The American Legion And the VFW Clubs and how do they differ from the Elks and other fraternities? More to come in the October Antlers.

# FIX IT, CLEAN IT, AND MAKE IT LAST

QUARTERLY FIX IT DAY IS  
SATURNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH  
@8AM. Contact person  
is Robert Husband.

# 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

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## 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 future.

Donate and ask your bartender for a donation mitt!

Thank you,

A Hungry Elk

*Donor name: Derek*  
Donated to help our Lodge get a new kitchen

*Donor name: Rick*  
Donated to help our Lodge get a new kitchen

# 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.

**\*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 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.