



Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873

The Antlers

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Message To The Members From Chuck Lassabe, Exalted Ruler

Hello again fellow Elk members.

The 1873 Elk train pulled into the station for more fuel and water. While we were in the station we had a party to celebrate our lodges 70th Anniversary and we honored our fellow Elk veterans. Members cooked, served and cleaned up. The decorations were very nice. We also had to let the new members board the train.

Now that Thanksgiving is behind us remember we only have one meeting in December.

The cell tower is being installed on the north side of the lodge. The tower foundation only took 160 yards concrete. The tower is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. This will improve cell services in our area. This also provides monthly income for our lodge.

Please spend quality time with your family during the holidays.

We will slow the train down during the holidays but 2024 we will have a full head of steam.

Chuck Lassabe
407.709.0789

ELK OF THE MONTH Joe Waskelis

For all that you do, we thank you!!

wELKome New Members

Robert Neveu
George Boskey
Gerald Kilpatrick



**CALLING ALL YOUTH BETWEEN
THE AGES OF 8 & 13**



ELKS HOOP SHOOT

FREE THROW CONTEST

**THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT YOUR NAME
IN THE NAISMITH MEMORIAL
BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME.**

CONTEST LOCATION: NEPTUNE MIDDLE SCHOOL @ 2727 NEPTUNE RD KISSIMMEE

HOSTED BY: KISSIMMEE ELKS **LODGE NO.** 1873

DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 2023 **TIME:** 1:00 PM

DIRECTOR: JOHN RESUDEK **CONTACT:** 610-470-6883

The Elks Hoop Shoot, funded by the Elks National Foundation, is a free throw contest for children ages 8 to 13. Age group is determined by contestant's age as of April 1, 2024. For more information, contact Lodge Elks Hoop Shoot Director listed above or visit elks.org/hoopshoot.



2750 N. Lakeview Ave. | Chicago, IL 60614 | 773/755-4758 | hoopshoot@elks.org | elks.org/hoopshoot

December Birthdays

Richard Theriault	02-Dec	David Major	27-Dec
Rodger White	02-Dec	Rodger Popp	28-Dec
Alan S Lackey	07-Dec	Miriam McCleese	30-Dec
Diane Mace Kinner	10-Dec	Kevin Henry Delorge	31-Dec
Twis Lizasuain	14-Dec		
Gary Carey	18-Dec		
Silver Crawford	18-Dec		
Tyler Merkel	18-Dec		
John W Harper	21-Dec		
Dhanwafie Dee Leconche	22-Dec		
Tammy Westmoreland	23-Dec		
Elias Neidert	25-Dec		
Paul D Lambrides	27-Dec		

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
December 2023 Birthdays Only

KISSIMME ELKS LODGE #1873

CHRISTMAS *Potluck*

BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

DECEMBER 10, 2023

1:00 PM

Let's come together for a heartwarming afternoon filled with delicious food and good company. It's time to share the joy of the holiday season



**WHITE ELEPHANT
GIFT EXCHANGE**

**BRING A GAG GIFT
IF YOU WANT
TO PARTICIPATE
*UP TO \$20**



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 EXCEPT WHEN NOTED	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	Lodge Opens 4pm Kitchen Open 5 pm - 8pm Queen of ♥  Drawing 7:00 pm	CLOSED
Platinum Team	\$1 Application Fee during December! It's the most wonderful time of the year to bring in NEW MEMBERS!!				1 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	2
3 OPEN Red Team Memorial Ceremony 1:00pm	4 Guido Travel 10-2:30 	5 House Committee Meeting 7pm	6 Karaoke w/Corry 5-9	7	8 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	9 
10 OPEN White Team 	11 GTS Travel 1-3 PM 	12 BOD MEETING 6pm LODGE MEETING 7pm \$1 Hot Dogs after meet	13 Taco's & Trivia 5-9	14	15 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	16
17 Blue Team	18 	19  W/ THE VETS	20 Karaoke w/Corry 5-9	21	22 LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR FRIDAY 12/29 DINNER FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	23 
24 OPEN Gold Team 3-7pm Special Appetizer Menu	25 	26 No Meeting	27 Taco's & Trivia 5-9	28	29 RESERVATIONS REQUIRED SEE PAGE 4	30
						

A Wonderland
New Year's Eve of the Eve
Friday, December 29, 2023

Lodge opens at 4:00pm
DJ Music & Dancing 6:00pm-10:00pm
Dining Options 5:30pm-8:00m
New Years Eve Drop at 10:00pm

Dining Options

1. **\$33.00** Prime Rib Served with Roasted Vegetable Medley, and a Baked Potato
2. **\$27.00** Jumbo Grilled Shrimp in Garlic Butter Sauce over Pasta
3. **\$25.00** Cornish Game Hen with Roasted Vegetable Medley, Wild Rice, and Lingonberry Sauce
4. **\$11.00** Chicken Tenders with French Fries

All menu options include the salad bar, assorted home made desserts, games, and entertainment
There will be a **\$10.00** cover charge for entertainment if not dining

Tickets must be purchased by Friday, 12/22
NO REFUNDS Elk members and their guests only



2023-24 SEASON

The Elks Hoop Shoot is a national free throw contest that has been unleashing gritty kids for more than 50 years. Here's what every Hoop Shoot Director needs to know.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Youth ages 8-13 advance through local contests (starting with preliminary contests or a Lodge contest), Districts, States, and Regionals to the National Finals in Chicago.
- Six National Champions will have their names and photos displayed at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

WHY HOOP SHOOT?

- Gritty kids=determined hard workers. Gritty kids become gritty adults with strong work ethics and goal-setting skills.
- It's free! The Elks cover travel costs through each level.
- The Hoop Shoot can offer similar life lessons as other sports programs. But what other program offers kids the chance to be in the Hall of Fame?



"The Hoop Shoot helped me create a strong work ethic, not just in sports but in life itself. The lessons I learned have helped me juggle school and college basketball."
—Jerika Moore, 2015 National Champion
2023 BackBoard Member

HOOP SHOOT SERVES: SERVICE SCORECARD

- The Service Scorecard is a chance for youth and their families to engage with the Hoop Shoot while serving their communities through active, monthly service projects. All ages are welcome to participate. Learn more at enf.elks.org/ServiceSC.

UNLEASHING GRITTY KIDS



2023-24 SEASON

HOOP SHOOT ON THE SILVER SCREEN

- The Elks Hoop Shoot YouTube show *Hoop Shooting the Breeze* features interviews with participants, their families, volunteers and friends of the Hoop Shoot program. Tune in at enf.elks.org/breeze.
- Stay tuned for #TrueGritTuesdays and the Griteos from the 2023 National Finals, showcasing what Finalists have learned through the program. See past years and keep your eyes out for new ones at enf.elks.org/Griteos.

LEVELS OF COMPETITION

Youth ages 8-13 are invited to compete in three age groups, 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13, with girls and boys competing separately. Participants can only compete at **ONE** Lodge contest per year. Then, they must win at each level along the way before stamping a ticket to the National Finals.

PRELIMINARY		At the Lodge Director's discretion, in some communities, the season kicks off with a community-hosted contest. Winners advance to the Lodge contest.
LODGE		The official entry in the contest. Competitors are allowed to participate in ONE Lodge contest a season.
DISTRICT*		Six Lodge winners advance to compete with other participants from nearby Lodge communities. <small>*Several states do not hold District contests.</small>
STATE		District* winners travel and meet other participants from their home state. <small>*Several states do not hold District contests.</small>
REGIONAL		State winners hit the road again as Regional Semi-Finalists—competing against winners from multiple states.
FINALS		The 72 National Finalists compete on the national stage in April in Chicago. Six Finalists are crowned National Champions and are displayed in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame!

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WISCONSIN FIRST ROUND HOOP SHOOT WINNERS

Hoop Shoot Family!

These brothers and sisters all move on to next round after winning first place at their local Hoop Shoot levels in their home state of Wisconsin.

Harper Tithof, Clay Tithof and Conley Tithof are the great-grandchildren of Bob & Marianne Tithof. They were excited to share the news, with not only their great grandparents, but also Aunt Terry & Uncle Steve Hebior AND their Uncle Dave and Aunt Norine Tithof, all members of our Kissimmee Lodge. #1873

The family traveled to Chicago for the 2021 Hoop Shoot when Conley Tithof made the finals for her age group. It was the groups first time to make the trip and they are hoping to do it again this year! Don't forget to support our Hoop Shoot this Saturday, December 9th at 1:00 at Neptune Middle School. Good luck to all participants.



GET 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

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Antler's Booster Club

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

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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

October 31, 2024

Randy Musser PDDGER (IMO) Jesse and Ina Musser



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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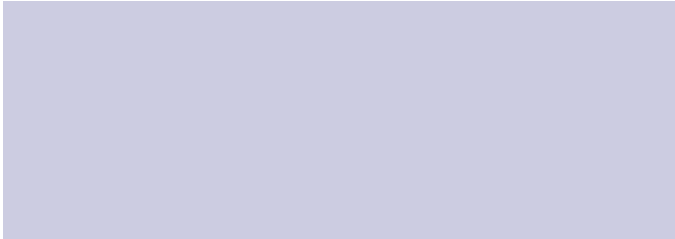


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Office of the Secretary Hours
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 10AM—2 PM

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
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
COMPLETE

2023/2024
Central District DD Clinics
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	Lee Mendez
Member	Robbie Pinkston
Member	Karen Roper
Member	Judy Schmidt
Member	Vivian Theriault
Member	Joe Waskelis

Lodge Advisor	Robert Barry PDDGER
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