



Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873

The Antlers

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Message To The Members From Chuck Lassabe, Exalted Ruler

Greeting fellow Elk's ,

Hoping everyone has recovered from the holidays. We have the Elk train 1873 heading down the track with a full head of steam.

The kitchen project has made some big progress. We installed a new freezer door and LED light, new ceiling grid and tile in the kitchen and foyer room and new LED lighting in both rooms. I want to thank the Kitchen team for their efforts Robert Husband, Frank Husband, Dennis Miller, Steve Hebior and myself. Julia and Pauline Husband for breakfast treats.

Hey did you all see the newly painted Elk sign as you drive in if not take a look big thank you to Fred & Fran Hammer.

Next year's dues notice will be coming out very soon. The dues are increasing by \$10.00 due to the grand lodge increase. You can pay your dues at the bar after dinner.

The cell tower has had a few setbacks due to regulations and will be up and running soon.

Officer elections are this month so if you want to be an officer speak up now.

Remember the lodge meetings we would like to see you at the meeting.

Elk train 1873 will keep a full head of steam. Be safe.

Chuck Lassabe
407.709.0789 cell



Franklin Komara, Kenneth Komara, Kevin Burkard, Paulette Swanson, Rafael Abreu, Cindy Joint, Steve Brown



February Birthdays

William Adams	01-Feb	Cynthia Zellner	23-Feb
Arthur L. Hallman	02-Feb	Rene A Couture III	24-Feb
Robert Rochefort	03-Feb	Rick Danilowski	24-Feb
Carolyn Jackson	03-Feb	Kenneth Barrett	25-Feb
Peter Gelesky	04-Feb	Steven Mazon	25-Feb
Betty Lambert	04-Feb	Brenda Clement	26-Feb
Linda Bartoli	06-Feb	Myrna Lee	27-Feb
John Resudek	06-Feb	Aubrey Thompson	27-Feb
Todd Danberry	09-Feb	Kenneth Edwards	28-Feb
Warren L Shepard	09-Feb	Shawn Simpson	29-Feb
John A. Calabrese Jr.	10-Feb		
Brian Light	11-Feb		
James R Ballus	14-Feb		
Randall Bodine	17-Feb		
Charlene Cohen	17-Feb		
Craig E Dawson	18-Feb		
Laurence Lentz	20-Feb		
Glenda Merkel	21-Feb		
Kevin Leon	22-Feb		

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
February 2024 Birthdays Only

ELK OF THE MONTH Bobby Hatchell

For all that you do, I thank you!!

**PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!**

**DON'T
FORGET!**

**SATURDAY
VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION
NIGHT**
3/2/24



**FRIDAY
MARCH 15
TICKETED
EVENT**

**Corned Beef &
Cabbage &
MORE**

**ENTERTAINMENT
ER DJs LLC**

It's Back!

*Spaghetti Dinner
& Jello Shot Bingo*

Saturday, March 9, 2024

Spaghetti Dinner from 5:30 - 7 PM



All you can eat spaghetti with meat sauce and bread.

\$8.00 + tax

Jello and Pudding Shot Bingo
Starting at 7:30 pm



\$1.00 per card
good for three games.

Open to members and one guest.
Proceeds go to charity.

Members & Guests, you are invited to the
Kissimmee Elks INSTALLATION OF
OFFICERS on Saturday, March 23, 2024.

\$5 admission plus a dish to share

Sunday, February 11th



DRINK SPECIALS

FREE DRINK COUPON

SQUARES

5:30 PM DOORS OPEN

SUPER BOWL

RENTAL EVENTS

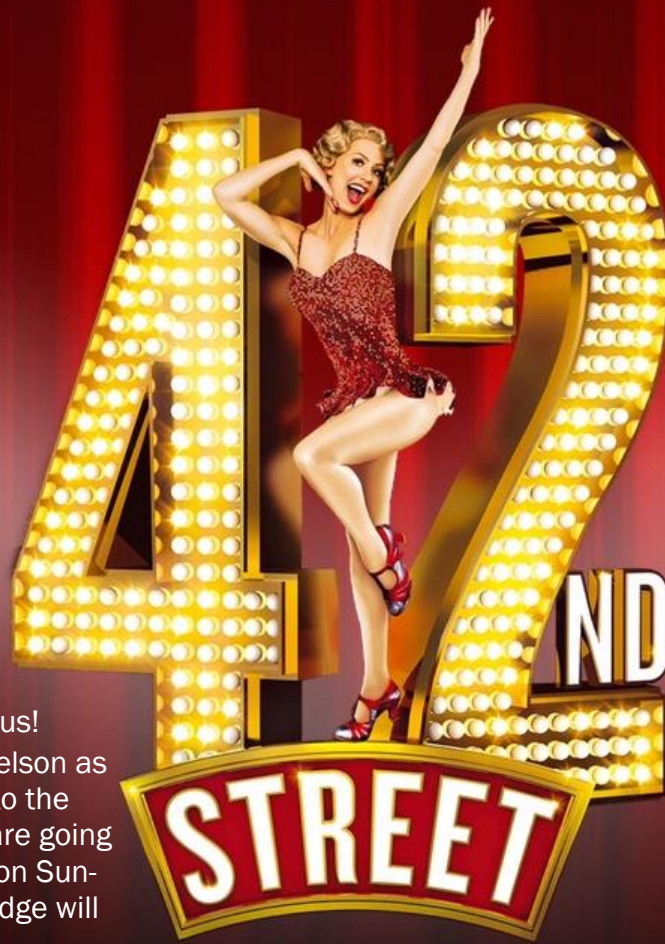
If you know of anyone interested in renting one our beautiful rooms please have them call

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 Member 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
Gold Team				1	2	3
					FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	
4 Platinum Team	5 Guido Travel 10-2:30 	6 House Committee Meeting 7pm 	7 Corryoke 5-9	8	9	10
					FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	
11 Red Team 	12 GTS Travel 1-3 PM 	13 Mardi gras BOD MEETING 6pm LODGE MEETING 7pm \$1 Hot Dogs after meet	14 Taco's & Trivia 5-9	15	16  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	17
					FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	
18 White Team	19 	20 BINGO  W/ THE VETS	21 Corryoke 5-9	22	23  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	24 
					FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	
25 Blue Team	26 	27 OREINTATION LODGE MEETING 7pm \$1 Hot Dogs after meet	28 Taco's & Trivia 5-9	29	1  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	2
					FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	



We have a STAR among us!
Support member Nick Nelson as
he makes his way back to the
stage! Many members are going
to see the performance on Sun-
day, March 17th! The lodge will
open after the show to
CELBRRATE! See below to
purchase tickets!

Come support fellow Elks member, Nick Nelson, in
OSCEOLA ARTS PRODUCTION OF 42ND STREET
MARCH 15TH THRU MARCH 31ST

Tickets:



2411 E Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy
Kissimmee, FL 34744



osceolaarts.org





Become a Lodge Officer

Are you a person who likes a challenge?

If you are a person who likes challenges you may want to become an officer in our Lodge. How would you like to know more about the inner workings of Elkdom. The officers of our Lodge along with the Trustees make up the Board of Directors and meet as such in decisions that affect the Lodge and all its members. If you are so inclined then please gather with us **February 13 @5:30pm**. We will gather and ask the sitting officers their intentions for the upcoming Lodge year. We will then ask all in attendance if they wish to become a "Red Coat" Come join us. Any Questions please contact me at rbkiss@aol.com

Bob Barry

Trivia Night

Wednesdays

February 14 and 28, 2024

Special Sweetheart Prize on the 14th.

What is an immaculate inning in baseball?

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

Will there be a fancy prize? Oh, yes.

Come join a team!

Taco Dinner
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Trivia
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Hosted by
Eileen

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

In 1969 which Pope removed St. Valentine from the calendar of major holidays?

Come to trivia night to find out.

Karaoke

at the Elks

Every 1st and 3rd

Wednesday

5:00 to 9:00 PM

Hosted by

DJ Cory

Thousands of Songs Available in Many Genres or Bring Your Own CD+G Disks

Open to Elks and Their Guests

Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873
1655 Kings Hwy, Kissimmee, FL 34744
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CONTACT BOB BARRY TO VOLUNTEER



Homeless Goal Challenge Accomplishments

SHARING A MESSAGE FROM THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR HEALTH January 30, 2024

Last year, for the second year in a row, we aimed to [place 38,000 Veterans into permanent housing](#). And for the second year in a row, we didn't just meet this goal—we **exceeded it**.

I am proud to report that between January 1 and December 31, 2023, **46,552** Veterans were placed into permanent housing.

This year, more Veterans now have a roof over their head and a safe place to sleep. I'm in awe of the hard work and dedication it took to get us here.

We achieved this while pandemic-era policies that prevented evictions and provided additional resources and funding were coming to an end, causing a rise in homelessness across the country.

We also set and met other goals that put special emphasis on preventing returns to homelessness and reaching unsheltered Veterans.

In 2023:

- More than 95.9% of Veterans stayed in their housing, exceeding our goal of 95%.
- For those who did return to homelessness, 96.4% were rehoused or on a path to rehousing by the end of the year.

Our dedicated outreach staff connected with 40,203 unsheltered Veterans, far exceeding our



Elks
National
Foundation, Inc.

There's only ONE WEEK left to apply for the Legacy Awards Scholarship, which closes on February 6. The ENF is proud to offer a scholarship exclusively for the children and grandchildren of Elks. If you know an eligible high school senior planning to attend college in the fall, encourage them to apply!

"Being chosen as a Legacy [Awards] Scholarship recipient was very special to me," says 2019 recipient Macy Freeman. "Representing the Elks was an honor because it's an organization that is very close to my grandfather's heart... I also had the opportunity to work for several years with a local Elks Lodge, and that was the true gift."

For more information, visit <https://www.elks.org/scholarships/Legacy.cfm>



These successes prove that ending Veteran homelessness can be a reality. In the past three years Veteran homelessness has gone down 4%, and since 2010 it's been reduced by more than 52%.

Congratulations and thanks to our homeless programs staff for helping achieve these milestones.

Even if you do not work directly with homeless Veterans, you're still essential to the result and to our mission. This is a team effort, and we can all feel proud.

Shereef Elnahal MD, MBA
Under Secretary for Health

Antler's Booster Club

January 31, 2025

Bob & Fran Barry (IMO) Wayne Sorrell

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

October 31, 2024

Randy Musser PDDGER (IMO) Jesse and Ina Musser

December 31, 2025

Addison Walker (IMO) Eric Bock

*Gone
but not
Forgotten*



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.

5210 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highways in Kissimmee, 34746



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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
Lodge Attorney	Addison Walker, ESQ.