



Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873

# The Antlers

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

All aboard Elk train 1873 we will be leaving the station heading into year 2024-2025. Please pay your dues so you can ride the train.

The new officers fo 2024-2025 have been installed and are ready to get this year going.

The committees are needing some help please let me know what committee you can help with.

The activities committee is planning a golf tournament and bowling tournament in the near future move to come.

We will be forming a state convention planning committee let us know if you can help.

We are planning more lodge renovation projects for our next year so bare with us as we make our lodge better.

Chuck Lassabe PER  
407.709.0789 cell

## To ALL Elks Planning to Attend the 2024 State Convention in Orlando:

Greetings!

The countdown is on. There are only three weeks or 21 days until the cutoff date for room reservations at the Rosen Centre – Orlando for the Florida Elks 2024 State Convention. At this time 45% of our room block has been spoken for, and that leaves about 375 rooms left to reserve. Although this seems like a lot of rooms, it is not. We DO anticipate selling out and that could happen before the cutoff date!

**The cutoff date is Monday, April 22, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.**

The dates of the convention are May 23-26, 2024

To make your reservations and register with the FSEA please click the link below:

<https://floridaelks.org/state-convention>

Please don't miss out! It is going to be another GREAT convention!

Carl

**Carl T. Seibert**

COO / State Secretary

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## April Birthdays

April Lee Secrest	01-April	Pat Harker	22-April
Cindy Andrews	02-April	Derek Bartoli	23-April
Charles W Urban	02-April	Jason Heimermann	26-April
Mark Kalapp	03-April	Randy Musser	26-April
Robert Arredondo	04-April	Robert Tithof	26-April
Paulette Swanson	04-April	Billie Jean Jackson	27-April
Robert Boro	06-April	Bert M. Laffee	27-April
Eric Chambers	07-April	Thomas D Hanneken	30-April
Katherine C Ginkel	07-April		
Midge Wyeth	08-April		
Dorothy L Gonzalez	10-April		
Don Macauley	10-April		
Nicholas A Schlamb	10-April		
John J Hauer	15-April		
Carol Daniels Hamilton	18-April		
Brooke Rodriguez	18-April		
Mimi V Freeman	22-April		

### 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

April 2024 Birthdays Only

## ELK OF THE MONTH

**Karen Roper**

For all that you do, we  
thank you!!



Thank you for your dedication during a long cold day of manning the polls on Tuesday, March 19th!



Cristina Rabago, Robert Husband, Jeannie Platt PER, James Platt PER, Steve Hebior and Beth Ann Coggins



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## New Members

Scott Vinkemulder, Johanna Grignani, Marlene Edwards, Michael St. Blanc, Ramon Fernandez, & Raymond Fernandez

## Committee Members Needed

**Contact Chuck Lassabe, Exalted Ruler to volunteer.**

Americanism

Lodge Activities Committee

- Community Projects
- Drug Awareness Education
- Hoop Shoot
- Soccer Shoot
- Community Projects
- Public Safety Medals
- Dictionary Project
- Student/Teenager of the Month/Year
- Antlers Program (Elks for 12-21 year olds)
- Junior Golf Program

ENF Fundraising

ENF Scholarships

Elks Training

Government Relations

Harry-Anna Trust Fund

Membership

Orientation

Public Relations

Ritual

Veterans' Services



<https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/activities/media.cfm>

## Grand Lodge Activities Committee

- ▶ Established around 2010 when the Grand Lodge Consolidated the Committees to save money and increase community presence
- ▶ Each Lodge is required to have an Activities Committee (Statute 13.021)
- ▶ Charged with Implementing:
  - ▶ Public Relations, Hoop Shoot, and Drug Awareness Programs of the Lodge, State, and Grand Lodge
  - ▶ Supervising all matters pertaining to activities of a civic, social, and community interest, including one Elks Sponsored Community Project
  - ▶ Responsible for community outreach and involvement through youth activities and community projects.

Please visit the **ELKS.ORG** to learn about the work of our committees. You will find videos, training materials and everything you need to know about lodge committees. One Committee that you may consider is the Activities Committee. Have you asked yourself, why does no one know about our lodge and about the Elks? The activities committee will help our community know who we are and how we can contribute! Our future depends on you. Contact Chuck Lassabe to become a Committee Member.

**REMINDER, USE YOUR NEW, BLUE NEW MEMBERSHIP CARD TO ENTER THE LODGE AND ATTEND MEETINGS. MAKE SURE YOU SIGN YOUR CARD!!**

**ALL MEMBERS WILL BE ASKED TO SHOW THEIR CARDS WHEN PLACING ORDERS.**

**IF YOU PAID YOUR DUES AND HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD, PLEASE CALL THE LODGE SECRETARY.**



**RENTAL EVENTS**

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

**Vivian Theriault**  
**407-595-6730**

# April 2024

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





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*Serving Seniors,  
Disabled Adults, the  
Disadvantaged and  
Families in Poverty in  
Osceola County  
for 50 years.*

March 11, 2024

Lorraine Barker  
Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873  
1655 Kings Highway  
Kissimmee, FL 34744

Dear Ms. Barker:

On behalf of the Osceola Council on Aging team of dedicated employees and volunteers, please receive our gracious appreciation for your \$2,000.00 donation to support the Pet Food Fund, which supplements individuals with pets who also receive Meals on Wheels deliveries.

**Jimmy's Pets Program** was created in 1998 in memory of an amazing long-time volunteer and pet lover, Jimmy Scarborough. During his time as a Meals on Wheels driver, Jimmy noticed that clients with pets as their companions had limited funds. To help solve this issue, he began carrying pet food to supplement meal deliveries.

It is our hope that through this program, no senior citizen receiving meals has to worry that their pet ever goes hungry. Your donation helps our team ensure **Jimmy's Pet Program** continues to carry out Jimmy Scarborough's legacy.

Thank you very much!

With much gratitude,

Jim Moody, MA

Senior Services Director

THANK YOU LORRAINE BARKER, #1873 GRANT COORDINATOR. YOU TAUGHT US ABOUT GRANTS AND BROUGHT GRANT MONEY TO OUR LODGE THAT WE NEVER KNEW EXISTED. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO SO MUCH BECAUSE OF YOUR ABILITY, DEDICATION AND CARING. OUR LODGE AND COMMUNITY IS STRONGER BECAUSE YOU CHOSE TO SAY YES, I WILL DO IT, I WILL VOLUNTEER.

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# 2022-2023 KISSIMMEE ELK AWARDS



**ELK OF THE YEAR**  
**Marianne Tithof**



**OFFICER OF THE YEAR**  
**Steve Hebior**

Tim Wilder—Citizen of the Year  
Pastor Tim Wilder is a Florida native from the Tampa area. Tim is a loving husband, father & grandfather with his wife Nancy by his side. He has been the pastor of First Baptist Church of Kissimmee for the last 40 years.

Tim is very involved in the community such as meeting with City council Law Enforcement. He has spear-headed ministries to help the homeless in our community.

Tim was instrumental in the church sponsoring 8 local schools.

With his leadership the church has grown and now has a total of 5 pastors and a thriving youth program called SALT, initiated the Osceola pregnancy center that offers assistance to expectant mothers and counseling.

There are a lot of programs and missionaries that are part of the day to day life of the church community.

The 7 year plan for the church and community that Tim shared includes a new women's center and human trafficking mission, foundations counseling center.

Elk lodge 1873 thanks Pastor Tim Wilder for being a pillar in our community.

**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**  
**Tim Wilder**



**TRIVIA NIGHTS**

Wednesday, April 3rd and  
Wednesday, April 17th

**New Time**  
**6:00 PM**

Prizes for Top Team

This Month's Hint:  
The classic 1877 novel "Black Beauty" is about what kind of animal?  
Think you know? Come to Trivia Night to show off.

**EuChre!**

AND MORE CARD GAMES  
LIKE SET BACK, FIVE  
CROWNS, SEVENS, ETC.  
MAYBE YOU LIKE TO PLAY  
RUMMIKUB OR DOMINOS.

JOIN FELLOW ELK MEMBERS ON  
THE 2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAY  
FOR FOOD (5-7PM),  
DRINKS (4-10PM)  
& GAMES (6-9PM)

**WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR DETAILS**

Sunday, May 5th  
Cinco de Mayo Family Event  
Sunday, May 12th  
Mother's Day Brunch  
Sunday, June 16th  
Father's Day BBQ & Cards





Greetings from the Florida Ladies of Elks.

We are happy to announce that the Smith Conference Center for the Ladies Weekend, being held April 12-14<sup>th</sup> 2024, is sold out. It is going to be a great time and for those who missed registering, there is always next year, and we hope you join us then.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual FLOE RV Rally "Camping for the Kids" benefiting the Florida Elks Youth Camp will be May 31-June 2, 2024. The weekend promises to be full of fun, food and friendship. This is a family friendly event with activities planned for the kids as well as for adults. Visit [floridaelks.org](http://floridaelks.org) for more information and to register. The RV Rally is open to everyone (not just Elks families). It is a weekend you won't want to miss. We hope to see you at the Ocala North RV Resort.

The FLOE Angel Reverse Draw tickets benefiting the Florida Elks Childrens Therapy Services are now on sale. There will be 300 tickets sold at a donation of \$20 each. We are pleased to say we have sold over 100 tickets as of the time of this article. If you would like tickets, they will be available at the FSEA State Convention or please email us at [floeinformation@gmail.com](mailto:floeinformation@gmail.com)

Our next meeting will be held at the FSEA State Convention on Saturday morning 5/25/2024. Election of Officers for the 2024/2025 term will be held at this meeting. Stop by our hospitality room and say "Hi". We will have adult slushies and other goodies for you to enjoy. We are looking forward to seeing everyone.

Please check <https://floridaelks.org/floe> for more information relating to FLOE or email [floeinformation@gmail.com](mailto:floeinformation@gmail.com) with any questions or ideas. Together we can make a difference in the lives of children throughout Florida.

Just a reminder, **EVERY** lady Elk, wife of an Elk and widow of an Elk are members of FLOE. There are no applications to complete nor dues to pay.

We would like to say "Thank You" for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you.



A night of Games, prizes and great food was enjoyed by our VOLUNTEERS on Saturday, March 2nd. Even the Chef got a night off ! Thank you #1873 VOLUNTEERS!

# Antler's Booster Club

**March 31, 2024**

Fred & Fran Hammer (IMO) Amanda Anderson

**May 31, 2027**

Lee Hershner (IMO) Ella Flynn

**June 30 2025**

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

**January 31, 2025**

Bob & Fran Barry (IMO) Wayne Sorrell

**January 31, 2025**

Jim & Jeannie Platt (IMO) Merle & Toby Mountz

**February 28, 2028**

Dot Johnston (IMO) Les Johnston

**February 28, 2025**

Jane Couture (IMO) Rene Couture Jr

*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.

**\*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.

**2024-2025**  
**Lodge Officers**

Exalted Ruler	Chuck Lassabe, PER
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	Steve Campbell

**2024-2025**  
**Board of Trustees**

1-year Trustee	Mark Waskelis
2-year Trustee	Janice Kirsch
3-year Trustee	James Platt, PER
4-year Trustee	Frank Husband
5-year Trustee	Blake Freeman

**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

**2024/2025**  
**Central District Visitation Schedule**  
TBA

**2024/2025**  
**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

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