

The Antlers

August 2024



Message To The Members From Chuck Lassabe, PER Exalted Ruler



Hello fellow Elks

The 1873 Elk train has a full load of fuel and is ready to keep moving through the hot summer we are having. We are looking forward to the new dartboards and Jukebox that arrive in early August. Sounds like a Wednesday dart league may be in the future. We are looking into two projects for the annex building raising the north east corner and replacing the storefront doors on both sides of the building.

We are putting the bar renovation on hold for now as the other projects are more pressing. The new RV site will be laid out so the installation of 5 new RV sites will have power, water and sewer connections.

The House Committee has changed from what it has been. We still have a House Committee; they are the Board of Directors. The original house committee has split into more committees such as membership that include interviews, orientation, welcoming guests and members and retention. The Activities committee will be planning and decorating for Lodge events and coordinating with the rental committee. We need more help on the Grants committee to help write the grants. Our lodge does a good job with the grants.

The first Tuesday of the month will be reserved for Committee meetings. We have plenty of space for all to meet. Each committee will have a chairperson and a secretary which will report back to the Board of Directors every month. I hope this answers the questions that are coming up, remember we are growing and changes will have to be made.

I ask each of you to get involved and help your lodge. We all volunteer our time to make our lodge better

Be safe and stay on the Elks 1873 Train.

Chuck Lassabe PER
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August Birthdays

- 01 Michael Hoffstetter
- 06 Gordon Hanebutt
- 06 Joseph wakelis
- 08 Terry Segraves
- 10 Joseph Coamey
- 10 Laurie Varner
- 12 Otto Brito
- 13 Maureen DeNoncour
- 14 Dennis Ela
- 16 Marlene Edwards
- 17 Catherine Radaskiewicz
- 19 Dayna Lutz
- 21 David Carnevale
- 22 Jerry Testa
- 23 Nicole Ihli
- 23 Shannon Mauro
- 23 Amy Rousch
- 24 Michael VanHuss
- 26 Randall Satterlee
- 27 Marianne Davitt
- 28 Robert Pearson
- 29 Penny Patterson
- 30 Ronald Moffitt
- 30 Gary Rood
- 31 Ramon Fernandez
- 31 Brian Wright

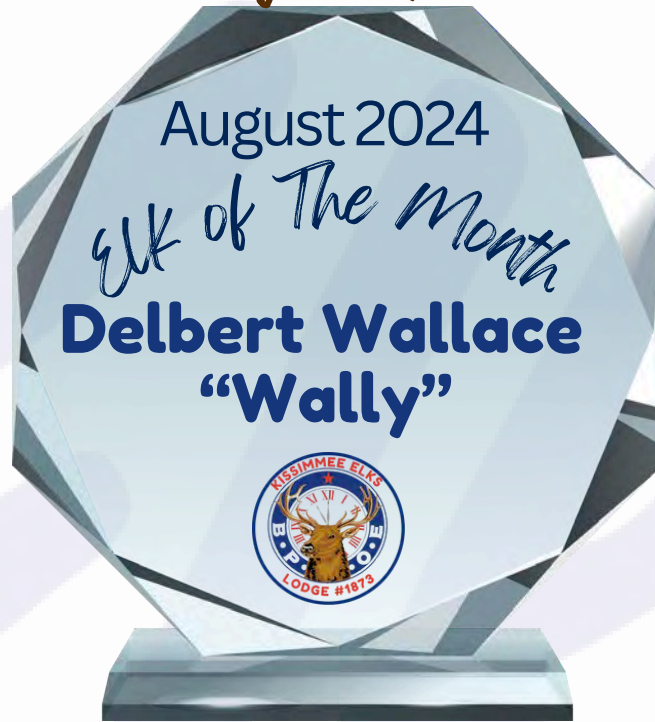
Birthday Drink Coupon

*This coupon entitles you to 1 free drink of your choice any dinner night of your birthday month
One Coupon Per Member
Good for June '24*





Thank You for All You Do!



Welcome New Members



Butch Weitzel
Welcome to the Family


















August 2024

Lodge Closed on Sundays, Thursdays and Saturdays
Except when noted

Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				01	02  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	03
04 GOLD TEAM	05  6pm	06 Comittee Mtgs. 6pm	07	08	09  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	10
11 RED TEAM	12  6pm	13 BOD Mtg. 6pm Lodge Mtg. 7pm \$1 Hot Dogs after mtg.	14 6PM 	15	16  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	17
18 BLUE TEAM	19  6pm	20 BINGO WITH VETS 2-3PM 	21	22	23  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	24
25 GOLD TEAM	26  6pm	27	28 6PM 	29	30  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	31  9am-1pm



Lodge Hours Open Hours
 Bar - 4pm
 Kitchen
 Monday/Tuesdays 5:00pm - 6:30pm
 Wednesday 5pm-7pm
 Friday 5pm-8pm
 Bingo - 6pm
 *Closed during Lodge Meetings



Public Safety Night

at the Kissimmee Elks Lodge

Dinner & Award Ceremony
Honoring our First Responders



Saturday, September 21, 2024
at 5:00 in the evening

Event is open to the Public
\$10 Per Person

Chicken Cordon Bleu, Rice, Vegetable and a
Side Salad will be served

**SAVE!
THE DATE!**



Name: _____ Date: _____

Kissimmee Elks

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| Americanism | Benevolent | BPOE | Brotherly | Charity |
| District | Elks | ENF | Exalted | Fellowship |
| Fidelity | Justice | Kissimmee | Knight | Leading |
| Lecturing | Lodge | Love | Loyal | Order |
| Patriotism | Protective | Ritual | Trustees | |

Submitted by Eileen Barrett -Answer key on last page



Community projects show Elkdom's Heart for America

What an unbelievable opportunity to serve our great Order! I need to first thank my wonderful wife, Julia. Without her love, support, and commitment this experience would not be possible. We both are so grateful to have been chosen to take this amazing journey. We have been so blessed by the support of our family, friends, and our Elks family. We are so thankful for everything you do.

My theme this year is "Elkdom's Heart for America." It means recognizing all the honorable and charitable things Elks strive for and want to accomplish in their quest to make their communities and America a better place. I chose this theme because it exemplifies what our founding Members learned when they came to the aid of a fellow Elk's widow 156 years ago. It was that spirit that changed the local social club into the amazing organization it is today by demonstrating charity and brotherly love.

As we travel the country, Julia and I will be promoting our Elks programs administered by our Grand Lodge Committees to make our Lodges stronger and improve our image throughout our great Order. We will be promoting local community service projects. Here's an opportunity to engage with your schools, help children who need it by providing critical school supplies, and lay the groundwork for other Elks youth programs. These programs can build stronger communities while stimulating a response that motivates worthy members of the public to seek Elks membership. In this way, our community service builds the foundation for our future.

Successful Lodges create and develop local projects that can become signature accomplishments in the eyes of their community. In turn, members of the community will see these projects mature over time and want to become involved.

If we work together toward our charitable pursuits and remain faithful to our programs, I'm confident we will see an increase in membership. It will not be just temporary gains, but a new time of growth where participation becomes commonplace.

A great source of funding community projects is the Elks National Foundation, known as the "Great Heart of Elkdom." For 2024-25, the ENF allotted \$16.3 million to the CIP to help build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans, and meet the needs in areas where we live and work. The support we provide makes the Foundation's work possible.

The goal established for 2024-25 is \$5.00 per Member. Here's an idea for this week: Visit elks.org, go to the Fraternal Committee page, and print off a copy of the "Patriotism Week Proclamation." Have your mayor sign it to proclaim September 9-15, 2024, as National Patriotism Week in your town. Then, use this opportunity to encourage new Members to join our great Order.

Remember "Elks Care – Elks Share" by showing "Elkdom's Heart for America." God bless you all, God bless our troops, and God bless America!

DOUGLAS A. SCHIEFER, Grand Exalted Ruler





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June 5, 2024

Greetings C. Valentine Bates Memorial Hope Scholarship District Chairs;

I would like to introduce myself as the standing State Chairperson of the C. Valentine Bates Memorial HOPE Scholarship. I have been appointed to another term as State Chair by State President, Russell J. Smith at the FSEA State Convention. Our goal is to promote our scholarship to all Florida High School Seniors whose unweighted GPAs are in the range of 2.30 to 3.59. The committee's main priority remains, to increase the number of Florida Seniors applying for the C. Valentine Bates Memorial HOPE Scholarship.

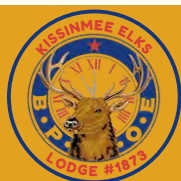
As District Chairs your assistance is critical in promoting the scholarship in your communities. We suggest that you take the following steps to achieve our goals:

- Make sure each lodge in your district has a CVB HOPE Scholarship chairperson and regularly communicate with them
- Send Lodge CVB HOPE Scholarship Chairs contact information to the regional chairs in your district ASAP
- Collaborate with your DD and DVP to make scholarship presentations at the required DD Clinics.
- Suggest that each Lodge promote the Scholarship in their bulletins starting in August and ending in January
- Suggest that the lodge chairs solicit local businesses that employ high school students like; Publix, McDonalds etc.
- Our scholarship's application is scheduled to open on August 1, 2024
- Request scholarship brochures from the FSEA website, under Supplies, and distribute them to the lodges in your district. Brochures come in lots of 100 with a \$10 shipping fee
- Ask ERs to include all FSEA and ENF scholarships in their Orientation Programs for new members

I am confident with your assistance and the DDs And DVPs in your districts that we will have another banner year with regard to the number of candidates applying for the C. Valentine Bates Memorial HOPE Scholarship. If each lodge sponsors one applicant, we will far surpass our goal. I'm attaching a contact sheet of the CVB Scholarship's Regional Committee Member in your District. I would like you to compile a list of each lodge scholarship chair in your district, and send it to the committee member in your region.

I and your Regional Directors are looking forward to working with you in providing financial support for the educational needs of Florida high school seniors without which they would not be able to achieve their educational goals. Our Regional Directors and I are always available to assist you. Feel free to contact us with any questions. I'm looking forward to congratulating you and thanking you for a job well done.

Fraternally,
Joseph D. Pepe, PDDGER
C.V. Bates Memorial HOPE Scholarship Chair



FSEA Sponsored Scholarships

Florida Elks: Student Scholarships for a Better Life

Enabling deserving students
the opportunity of success instead
of a lifetime of what might have been.



C. Valentine Bates Memorial HOPE Scholarship



The mission of the Florida State Elks Association C. Valentine Bates Memorial HOPE Scholarship is to provide financial support for the educational needs of Florida high school seniors without which they would not be able to achieve their educational goals.

**The scholarship targets students who have a
2.30 - 3.59 unweighted GPA.**

**The 2025 application period opens August 1, 2024 with
applications due by January 17, 2025**

Download Application at floridaelks.org/hope-scholarship



The 11 O'clock Toast to Our Absent Members

"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.

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MARCH 31, 2025

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

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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



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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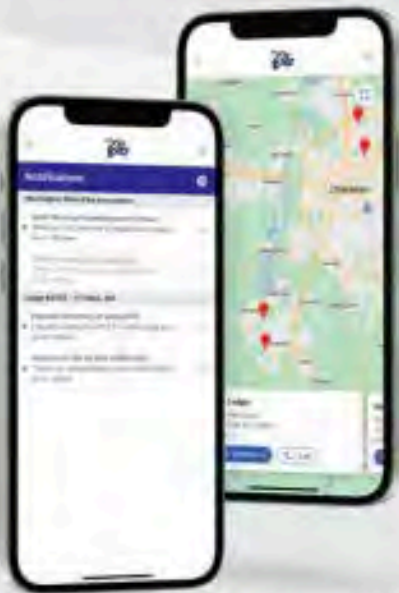


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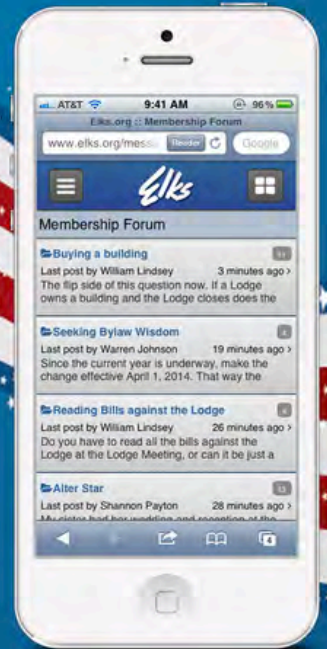


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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY HOURS
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 10AM-2 PM

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2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY
(EXCEPT JULY, AUGUST & DECEMBER)
OF EACH MONTH @ 7:00PM
MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED
TO ATTEND

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