



The Antlers



January 2025



Message To The Members From Chuck Lassabe, PER Exalted Ruler

Greetings Fellow Elks!



Hoping all is well with your families and in your homes. Now that the holidays are over we are moving into the last quarter of the Elks year.

We are still working on several projects to improve our lodge please get involved when you can. Keep working hard to get new members and watch the calendar for upcoming events.

We are still needing to build another bar team please volunteer if you have time.

Stay safe and keep the 1873 Elk train rolling down the track.

January Birthdays

- 01 Ronald Johnson
- 04 Christian Churchill
- 05 Lisa Freeman
- 07 Cynthia Lee
- 08 Cristina Rabago
- 10 Leslie Eisenberg
- 10 Theresa Hebior
- 10 Judith Schmidt
- 11 Tammy Celeste
- 11 Judith Mock
- 12 Thomas Blasko
- 13 Jeffords Miller
- 13 Karen Roper
- 16 Edward Grudzien
- 19 Alec Darsch
- 19 Penny Dickerson
- 19 Jill Grignani
- 19 Pauline Husband
- 19 George Jackow
- 20 Roger Stine
- 20 Bruce Van Meter
- 21 Jeffrey Wolff
- 24 Jarrett Edge
- 25 Maura Timmerman
- 25 Linda Vortherms
- 26 Brenda Zimmerman
- 27 Charles Barker
- 27 Donald Miers
- 29 Terence Quigley
- 29 Clarence Thacker

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 January '25*



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Thank You for All You Do!



Welcome New Members



**David Premo, Kimberly Grant, Joshua Grant
Welcome to the Family**



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Lodge Closed on Sundays, Thursdays and Saturdays
Except when noted

Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<div></div> <div>6pm</div>		1	2	3 <div></div> <div>FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER</div>	4 <div></div>
5 BLUE TEAM	6 <div></div> <div>6pm</div>	7 Activities Committee Meeting 6pm	8 6PM <div></div>	9	10 <div></div> <div>FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER</div>	11
12 <div></div> GOLD TEAM	13 <div></div> <div></div> <div>6pm</div>	14 BOD Mtg. 6pm Lodge Mtg. 7pm \$1 Hot Dogs after mtg.	15	16	17 <div></div> <div>FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER</div>	18
19 PLATINUM TEAM	20 <div></div> <div>6pm</div>	21 BINGO WITH VETS 2-3PM <div></div>	22 6PM <div></div>	23	24 <div></div> <div>FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER</div>	25 <div></div>
26 BLUE TEAM	27 <div></div> <div>6pm</div>	28 Orientation/ Lodge Mtg. 7pm 1 Hot Dogs after mtg.	29	30	31 <div></div> <div>FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER</div>	

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

Scheduled events may change after publication. To check on any Lodge fuction, please call 407-847-2444

From the Elks.org

New year begins, but Elks year ends soon

Happy 2025 to all our Elks family! Julia and I want to wish you and your families a healthy and happy new year.

January is the beginning of the last quarter of the Lodge year. Be sure to have your membership retention and arrears program ready to work on having a +1 membership gain for 2025! Have your committee reach out to delinquent Members. This personal contact could very well bring these Members back into our folds.

While we have so many Members who are active and going beyond the call of duty, we unfortunately have those who are delinquent in membership. We need to look over the lapsation list. Our delinquent Members had a reason for joining and they are worth keeping as active Members. Find out what you can do to improve this. Think of the missed opportunities that these delinquent Members could have had in making a legacy of service.

As we begin 2025, Lodges need to be focusing on several aspects: Our Members and membership, our Lodges and improvements, and our recognition to those who have given beyond the typical role of service.

There is no better way to recognize these people who have gone beyond the call of duty in their service to Elkdom than to award them with “Elk of the Year,” “Officer of the Year,” and “Citizen of the Year.” The awards form can be accessed in CLMS2Web. They need to be submitted prior to March 31 so that the certificates can be printed and sent back to the Lodges for Officer installations. As an Exalted Ruler, you have an opportunity to recognize those Members who are doing everything without even being asked.

Speaking of legacy, the Legacy Award scholarship is available until February 3, 2025. It provides \$4,000 scholarships to the children and grandchildren of Elks Members. Use the membership of Elkdom to pay it forward to help your children and grandchildren.

The end of year will be here before you know it. With the FRS system, your Lodge just needs to ensure all entries are current. The nice thing about the FRS system is your Lodge no longer needs to have the annual audit completed. However, you still must submit your 990 and 990T for each corporation in your Lodge. Have them completed by a qualified individual (e.g., CPA) and filed with the IRS and uploaded on Elks.org.

Elkdom’s Heart for America means looking for ways to recognize the value of our Members, membership, and the value of looking forward to the future. Keep up the good work you are doing in your Lodge and community. I want you to know how much I appreciate all that you are doing for Elkdom. God bless you and God bless America.



Did You Know?

Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services

Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services provides in-home physical and occupational therapy to Florida children in need of such services. This rehabilitation is necessary to be rendered in the home because of the absence of these services locally or because of the patient being medically infirmed at home. Priority is given to children who do not have ready access to therapy as a result of financial considerations.

Our services focus on child-centered treatment and family education throughout Florida. Our program is based on the premise that skilled therapy services combined with the completion of an individualized home program, exercises and activities designed by the therapist will positively impact children and families. FECTS believes children and their families or caregivers need to be viewed in a holistic manner. Upon receiving the patient application of referral, the therapist will arrange a home visit for evaluation purposes. If the patient is accepted into the program, a regular weekly home visitation schedule is established.



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Death of a Gangster

You are cordially invited!

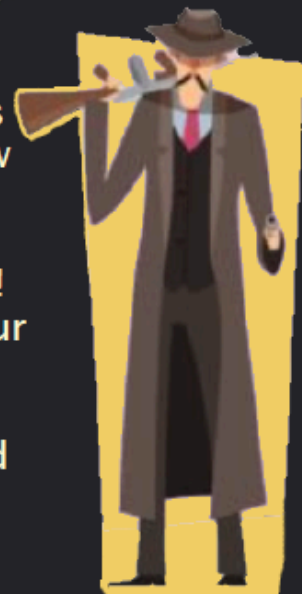
To a 1920s Mafia Marriage Murder Mystery Dinner

*January 25, 2025 * 7:00 PM*

\$50.00

Menu: Salad, Roll, Chicken Parmesan with Pasta, and Tiramisu

Lucky you! You've been invited to the Dunn Speakeasy for the wedding of the year! In this "married to the mob" event, you'll never know who to trust. With the two families merging together, someone is bound to lose power, which means someone else will lose their life! Get on the trolley and solve this case with your fellow detectives. Dress like the cat's meow for this mafia wedding! Flapper dresses, zoot suits, feather boas and headbands, pinstriped suits and fedoras are all appropriate. Traditional wedding attire is nifty too!



Come in or Call: (407) 847-2444

Limited Seating!

**Tickets now on sale.
NO REFUNDS.**



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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.

ANTLER'S BOOSTER CLUB

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

OCTOBER 31, 2025

BOB & MARIANNE TITHOF (IMO) PHYLLIS JEAN KIRCHNER,
HEATHER BOCK

OCTOBER 31, 2024

RANDY MUSSE PDDGER (IMO) JESSE AND INA MUSSE

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

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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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

LODGE MEETINGS

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

CONTACT NUMBERS

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STEVE HEBIOR	407-927-9301
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY HOURS
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 10AM-2 PM

PAST EXALTED RULER ASSOCIATION (PER)

PRESIDENT	ROBERT BARRY PDDGER
VICE PRESIDENT	ETTA JEAN PLATT, PER
SECRETARY/TREASURER	JAMES PLATT, PER

2023-2024 TEAMS/LEADS

KITCHEN	STEVE HEIRBOR
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