



# The Antlers



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## January 2026



### Message To The Members From Rick Theriault, Exalted Ruler



Dear Esteemed Members of the Elks Lodge,

Happy New Year! As we welcome the dawn of January 1st, 2026, I want to extend my heartfelt wishes to you and your families for a year to be filled with health, happiness, and prosperity. The year 2025 was a year of meaningful service and fellowship. Through our collective efforts, we supported our community, upheld the values of charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity, and continued the proud traditions of our lodge. Thank you for your dedication, compassion, and generosity, qualities that define us as Elks.

Some of the upcoming Events at the lodge include burgers and bloodies (Jan 1st), A Neil Diamond Tribute (Feb 7th, tickets on sale now), and the super bowl potluck party (Feb 8th). We will also be having a few lodge workdays over the next few months. Please come help with the multiple projects we have on hand. Clearing the brush along the front fence is one of the big jobs. That is a project that can be worked on by anyone at any time.

As we embark on this new year together, let us renew our commitment to serving others and strengthening the bonds that unite our lodge. Please always remember our Elks Moto, "The faults of our Members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory".

Wishing each of you a joyful and fulfilling New Year. Let's make it our best yet!

Fraternally yours, Rick

### January Birthdays

- 01 Ronald Johnson
- 05 Lisa Freeman
- 07 Cynthia Lee
- 08 Cristina Rabago
- 10 Leslie Eisenberg
- 10 Theresa Hebior
- 10 Judith Schmidt
- 11 Tammy Celeste
- 12 Thomas Blasko
- 13 Jeffords Miller
- 13 Karen Roper
- 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
- 23 Migueline Coley
- 24 Jarrett Edge
- 25 Maura Timmerman
- 25 Linda Vortherms
- 26 Brenda Zimmerman
- 27 Charles Barker
- 27 Donald Miers
- 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 December '25



I know. But, because I see the work that Vivian does as Event coordinator, I also understand the amount of time she spends meeting with potential renters, on the phone with customers, coordinating with the activities committee and House manager and working with the team to generate greatly needed income for the lodge. Thank you, Vivian, from all of us.



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Lodge Closed on Sundays, Thursdays and Saturdays  
Except when noted

*Calendar*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				01	02	03
			6PM 		 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	
		Committee Mtgs. 6pm				
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
	 6pm	BOD Mtg. 6pm Lodge Mtg. 7pm \$1 Hot Dogs after mtg.	6PM 		 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	  6pm	BINGO WITH VETS 2-3PM 	6PM 		 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	 6pm	 BOD Mtg. 6pm Lodge Mtg. 7pm \$1 Hot Dogs after mtg.	6PM 		 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	 6pm		6PM 		<div style="background-color: #d9e1f2; padding: 5px;"> <p>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</p> </div>	

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

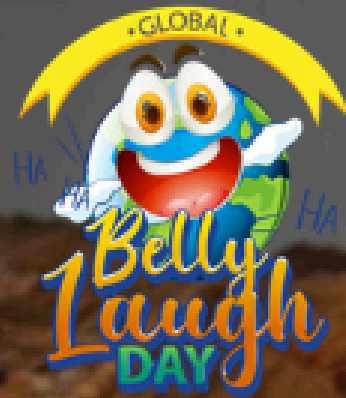
**Saturday, January 24, 2026**

**Dinner: 5-7pm**

**Bingo: 7pm**

**JELLO  
SHOT**

**B I N G O**



**Celebrate Global Belly Laugh Day  
w/ a special Jello Shot Bingo &  
All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner  
(no to go orders)**

You're Invited to a

VIP

Event

Join Us on the Red Carpet for  
Dinner and Dancing at

Jack & Magnola's

Prom Theme

Engagement Party

*Dress Your Best*

Saturday, February 14th, 2026

6:00 PM



**Kissimmee Elks Lodge**



1655 Kings Hwy, Kissimmee, FL 34744

(407) 847-2444

R.S.V.P. at the Lodge By February 1, 2026

**\$65 Steak Dinner, Show &  
Priority Seating  
DOORS OPEN 4:30 PM  
DINNER SERVED 5 PM**



**\$35 Show Only  
DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM  
NO EARLY ADMISSION  
SHOW TIME 7 PM**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**FEBRUARY 7, 2026**

1655 Kings Highway  
Kissimmee, FL 34744  
407-847-2444

KEITH ALLYNN      A  
**NEIL DIAMOND**  
TRIBUTE



**ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE REQUIRED**

**Call or visit the Kissimmee Elks Lodge**

For one night only, Saturday February 7th 2026 The Kissimmee Elk Lodge 1873 in Kissimmee FL will present "A Neil Diamond Tribute" at 7:00 p.m. "A Neil Diamond Tribute" stars Diamond look and sound alike Keith Allyn.

Experience the feel of Neil as Allyn unveils the story of Diamond's life through Neil's own songs from the '60s through today, while weaving through his own comedic career change from an international top 10 Elvis, to Neil Diamond, all for the love of a woman.

Allyn began his career in stand-up comedy at the age of 14 opening for such greats as Chris Rock, Tim Allen and Robin Williams. At 21, he discovered his musical talents while performing "All Shook Up" at a karaoke night. The girls went wild, and Allyn was hooked. For several years he continued to perform as an Elvis tribute artist and was voted a top 10 Elvis, by Graceland, in 2004.

Later, trying to impress a girl who was a huge Neil Diamond fan, he called her on the phone and in his best Neil voice sang "Hello Again" from the Jazz Singer. It became their song, she became his wife, and he became The Diamond Image. Come see the story unfold live along with the story of Neil Diamond's struggles and triumphs, enjoying hits like "Sweet Caroline," "Song Sung Blue," "Hello Again," "Brother Love," "America" and many more.

If you love romance, magical surprises, comedy and Neil Diamond music, you will love A Neil Diamond Tribute.

# 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 Elksdom 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, 2026**

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 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, 2027**

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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LODGE TREASURER	DAWN HEID
ESQUIRE	STEVE CAMPBELL
TILER	DENNIS MILLER
CHAPLAIN	ROBERT HATCHELL
INNER GUARD	STEVE BROWN

## 2025-2026 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- 1-YEAR TRUSTEE JANICE KIRSCH
- 2-YEAR TRUSTEE MARK WASKELIS
- 3-YEAR TRUSTEE FRANK HUSBAND
- 4-YEAR TRUSTEE BLAKE FREEMAN
- 5-YEAR TRUSTEE KEN EDWARDS

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VICE PRESIDENT	ETTA JEAN PLATT, PER
SECRETARY/TREASURER	JAMES PLATT, PER

## 2025-2026 TEAMS/LEADS

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

## LODGE MEETINGS

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

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