



The Antlers



September 2026



Message To The Members From Rick Theriault, Exalted Ruler



September Birthdays

01	Vivian Theriault
01	Honey Whittington
02	Eileen Barrett
02	Dorian Coley
02	John Fields
03	Nicholas Nelson
03	Karen Thompson
04	Blake Freeman
04	Donald Phillips
07	Richard Cox
11	Frank Husband
11	Ramsey Khan
12	Nicholas Husband
13	Johanna Grignani
13	Bill Henry
14	Kevin Burkard
14	Kenneth Komara
14	Steven Schlamb
16	Kenneth Hall
17	Christine Wright
20	Terence Hart
25	Joshua Grant
26	Adam Self
30	Michael Kamenoff

Dear Members,

As we welcome September, we also welcome a season of renewed energy, fellowship, and service.

The summer months gave us many opportunities to come together, support one another, and strengthen the spirit of our Lodge. Some of us got to travel to exotic destinations for conventions, like Orlando and Chicago!

Now, as families settle into new routines and our community turns toward the fall season, I encourage each of us to look for ways to stay involved and continue making a meaningful difference.

In 1982, the Grand Lodge Convention passed a resolution establishing BPOE National Patriotism Week. This year, the Elks are proud to recognize September 7 through 13 as Elks National Patriotism Week. Somewhat in line with that, we will be entering the time period for the Americanism Essay contest entries.

On September 12, our Lodge will honor our First Responders with a dinner to thank them for their service and dedication to keeping our community safe.

Our commitment to charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity remains at the heart of everything we do. Whether we are supporting Veterans, encouraging our youth, assisting local families, or representing Elksdom in the community, every act of service reflects the values we proudly share. Programs like Hoop Shoot, VA bingo with Veterans, Give Kids the World, essay contest, scholarships and Meals on Wheels to mention a few, all help us to better ourselves and the community.

Thank you to every member who has volunteered time, donated resources, attended events, or offered a helping hand when needed.

Fraternally,

Rick

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 '25



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Cindy is a dedicated longtime member who is always willing to help whenever she is needed.

She generously gives her time and continues to make a difference through her volunteer services.

We sincerely appreciate Cindy's dedication, commitment, and continued service to our Elks Lodge.

Thank you Cindy for all you do.

A warm welcome to our new Elk



Your paragraph text

Eugene Doyle



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Lodge Closed on Sundays, Thursdays and Saturdays
Except when noted

Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		01	02 6PM 	03 Activities Committee Mtg 6pm	04  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	05
06	07  LODGE CLOSED	08 BOD Mtg. 6pm Lodge Mtg. 7pm \$1 Hot Dogs after mtg.	09 6PM 	10	11  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	12 Public Safety Night 5pm
13	14  6pm	15 BINGO WITH VETS 2-3PM 	16 6PM 	17	18  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	19
20	21  6pm	22 Orientation/ Lodge Mtg. 6pm 1 Hot Dogs after mtg.	23 6PM 	24	25  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	26
27	28  6pm	29	30 6PM 	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 function, please call 407-847-2444

Honoring ★ OUR FIRST ★ RESPONDERS

FROM ST. CLOUD FLORIDA & KISSIMMEE FLORIDA



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026



5:00 PM



★ — Enjoy a Delicious — ★

DINNER

CAESAR SALAD
CHICKEN CORDON BLEU
WITH RICE PILAF AND GREEN BEANS

★ PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE ★

TICKETS
IN ADVANCE **\$10**

TICKETS
AT THE DOOR **\$15**

★ **DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE** ★
to thank those that keep us safe!

Get Your Ticket Before They Sell Out!

DENIM & DIAMONDS

★ COUNTRY MUSIC CELEBRATION ★

★ FUNDRAISER FOR VETERANS ★
“ARMY OF HOPE”

\$10

DONATION PER PERSON



**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 7TH**



**DINNER INCLUDED
6-7 PM**



CASH BAR



**DOORS OPEN
AT 5:30 PM**



**LIVE MUSIC BY
SLICK WOOD**



**5-PIECE BAND
7-10 PM**



**50/50 DRAWINGS,
RAFFLES & DOOR PRIZES
8:30-9:30 PM**

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PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE BY NOVEMBER 1ST.

★ **TICKETS GO ON SALE SEPTEMBER 7** ★

ALSO CELEBRATING
**BOB & LIN BIRCHLER'S
60TH DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY**



Community Service

CHARITABLE SERVICE

The Order prioritizes charity in its broadest sense, allowing local lodges to choose their benevolent activities while also responding swiftly to national disasters. Their charitable efforts include food, shelter, medical aid, education, and support for children, Veterans, and the underprivileged. State Elks Associations lead initiatives such as scholarships, medical clinics, and rehabilitation programs.



What can I do today to keep our local mission going?

Let us Celebrate!

BPOE National Patriotism Week

September 7 – September 13



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 Elkdome 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

JANUARY 31, 2027

JIM & JEANNIE PLATT (IMO) MERLE & TOBY MOUNTZ

MARCH 31, 2027

FRED & FRAN HAMMER (IMO) AMANDA ANDERSON

APRIL 1, 2027

PAT DEVILLERS (IMO) GEORGE DEVILLERS

MAY 31, 2027

LEE HERSHNER (IMO) ELLA FLYNN

JUNE 1, 2027

RHONDA SCHOOLEY (IMO) EDWARD NICHOLSON

FEBRUARY 28, 2028

DOT JOHNSTON (IMO) LES JOHNSTON

AUGUST 1, 2028

JANE COUTURE (IMO) NICOLE COUTURE

AUGUST 31, 2028

JOHN & CAROL HAMILTON (IMO) PAUL & LOUIS DANIELS

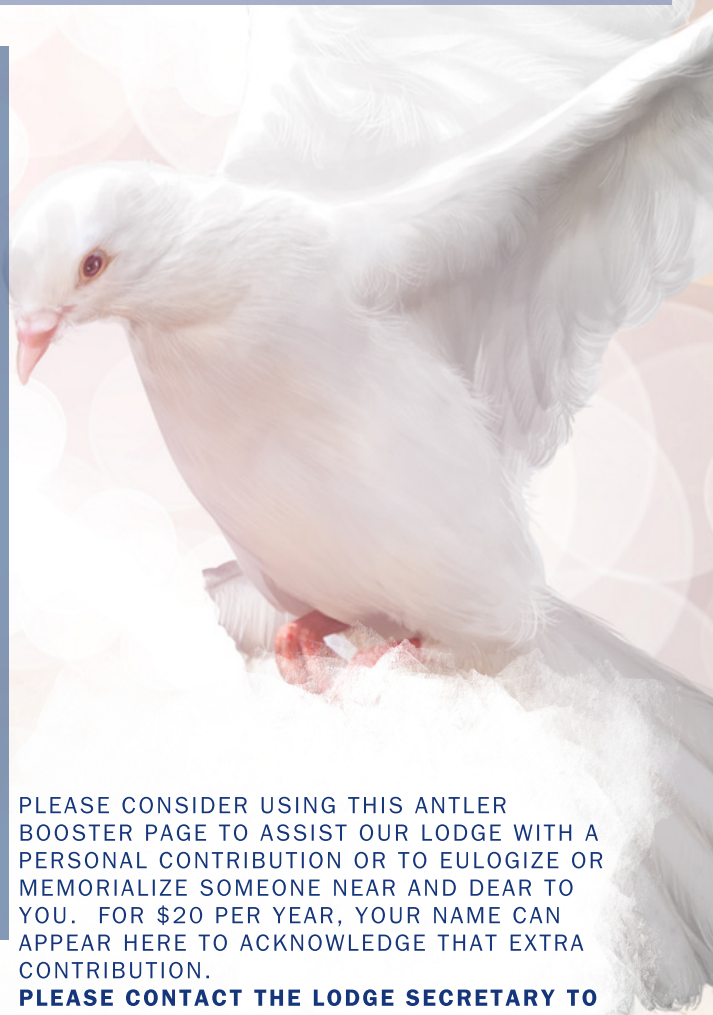
PLEASE CONSIDER USING THIS ANTLER BOOSTER PAGE TO ASSIST OUR LODGE WITH A PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION OR TO EULOGIZE OR MEMORIALIZE SOMEONE NEAR AND DEAR TO YOU. FOR \$20 PER YEAR, YOUR NAME CAN APPEAR HERE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT EXTRA CONTRIBUTION.

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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2026-2027 LODGE OFFICERS

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CHAPLAIN	ROBERT HATCHELL
INNER GUARD	BETTY LAMBERT

2026-2027 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

LODGE MEETINGS

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

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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, PDDGR
SECRETARY/TREASURER	JAMES PLATT, PER

2026-2027 TEAMS/LEADS

KITCHEN	STEVE HEBIOR
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