



# The Antlers

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## Message To The Members From Theresa (Terry) Hebior, Exalted Ruler

Our country has been blessed with men and women whose sacrifices allowed us to flourish as individuals, as a society, and as a nation. As Memorial Day just recently passed, we pause to remember, honor and express our gratitude to all those Americans who lost their lives in uniform. May God bless those we honor, those currently serving America in uniform, and all our Nation's Veterans.

The next holiday to celebrate is June 14th, Flag Day. The annual Flag Day Service mandated under Section 2.030 of the Laws of the Order of Elks will be held on Sunday, June 14th. I hope that you and your guests will join us for breakfast and our flag day service which is open to the public. It will feature our scouts as our flag bearers. More details are on [page 5 of this publication](#). Did you know that it took more than a century after the creation of America's flag for anyone to suggest a holiday to honor it. In 1885, a Wisconsin grade school teacher named Bernard Cigrand held what's believed to be the first recognized Flag Day, which began a lifelong quest to establish a formal holiday. Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation calling for a June 14 commemoration in 1916, but it wasn't until 1949, 16 years after the death of the Cigrand, the "father of Flag Day," that Congress passed legislation as a national holiday.

We started a new series in this edition of the Antlers...**SOMEONE TO KNOW**. The first article is about one of our outstanding volunteers. I hope you will take the time to read about Steve Kirsh on Page 3.

Last month at our lodge meeting on Tuesday, May 12th, I presented the **2019-2020 Elk awards**. It was my privilege to choose and present the following awards;

- ELK OF THE YEAR— Cory Riley**
- OFFICER OF THE YEAR— Jeannie Platt**
- CITIZEN OF THE YEAR— Janice Kirsh**

Our lodge is blessed with SO MANY wonderful volunteers!! I am so grateful to be a part of this Elk family.

I would like to wish all of the fathers and father figures a Happy Father's Day. To my dad, it has been said that every great achiever is inspired by a great mentor. Thank you for being my mentor.

To all, stay safe and see you soon!

*Terry*

### ELKS OF THE MONTH

**Ramsey Khan & Mike Cole**

Thank you for all that you did to update our restrooms in the lounge!! They look great!!

If you are aware of a family or individual in need of food or monetary needs, please contact your chaplain, Bob Tithof at [407-601-4280](tel:407-601-4280). Please leave a message with contact info and assistance request.

All correspondence is confidential.

*Elks care, Elks share.*

## June Birthdays

Fred Cumbie II	01-June	Emory Graham	25-June
Etta Jean Platt	01-June	William Misczak	25-June
Fran Barry	02-June	Linda Champion	26-June
Debra Furnari	02-June	James Evans	26-June
Steve Leggiero	02-June	James Richards	26-June
Emory Miles	02-June	Brian Cutcher	27-June
Robert Rousch	02-June	Marianne Tithof	27-June
James Johnson	04-June	Thomas Gionet	28-June
Estevan Gonzalez	05-June	Paul Berline	30-June
James Wingrove	07-June		
Miguelina Jorge	10-June		
Kathleen Boro	11-June		
David Demond	12-June		
Amanda Waskelis	14-June		
Patricia Babbs	18-June		
Robert Slater	19-June		
Gerald Barnes	21-June		
Marilyn Davis	21-June		
Willard Secret	22-June		

**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  
June 2020 Birthdays Only

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CARDS ARE  
REQUIRED TO  
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LODGE

Please do not prop  
the doors open



MEMBERS,  
PLEASE  
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that is not a member

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
<b>CLOSED</b> Except 6/14	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>LODGE OPEN</b> <b>4-10 PM</b> <b>MEMBERS &amp; THEIR</b> <b>GUEST</b> <b>MENU</b> <b>AVAILABLE 5-8</b> <b>**CLOSED</b> <b>DURING LODGE</b> <b>MEETINGS</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>LODGE OPEN</b> <b>4-10 PM</b> <b>MEMBERS &amp; THEIR</b> <b>GUEST</b> <b>MENU</b> <b>AVAILABLE 5-8</b>  Queen of ♡ Drawing 7:00 pm 	<b>CLOSED</b>
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7	8	9 LODGE OPEN EXCEPT DURING LODGE MEETING BOD MEETING 6pm LODGE MEETING 7pm	10	11	12 LODGE OPEN 4-10 PM	13
14  Breakfast	15	16 LODGE OPEN 4-10 PM	17	18	19 LODGE OPEN 4-10 PM	20
21 <i>Happy Father's Day</i>	22	23 LODGE OPEN EXCEPT DURING LODGE MEETING NEW MEMBERS 5pm ORIENTATION 6pm LODGE MEETING WITH INITIATION 7pm	24	25	26 LODGE OPEN 4-10 PM	27
28	29	30 LODGE OPEN 4-10 PM	1	2	3 LODGE OPEN 4-10 PM	4 

## Elks Remember Pearl Harbor

The Pearl Harbor National Memorial and the B.P.O. of Elks share a proud history of honoring the service and dedication of Americans whose profound sacrifices for our nation should never be forgotten. Through the support of the B.P.O.E., Pacific Historic Parks is able to support the Pearl Harbor National Memorial (USS *Arizona* Memorial) through education and interpretive programs, research, preservation, and restoration. Pacific Historic Parks exists to perpetuate the memory of events and honor the people involved in this site.

The Pearl Harbor Visitor Center has begun its process of renovating its signage, museum and other areas around the park; many upgrades have been identified, including interactive museum displays that would appeal to all generations.



Kissimmee Elks #1873 donated over \$400 dollars to the renovations of this unforgettable memorial.

Terri Sparveri, Charles Lassabe & Phillip Trueblood



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Don Vincent, Joseph Konopka, Deb Violette, Daniel Heck, Edward Hartford, Fred Bernier

## SOMEONE TO KNOW

### Steven Kirsch Sous Chef Kissimmee Elks



Are you a native of Florida?

**"No, I was born in Vermont and moved down to Florida in 2004 three months before Hurricane Charlie."**

You have the distinguished honor of being an Eagle Scout. How has being an Eagle Scout prepared you for the future?

**"It taught me how to work with a group of people and how to get them to focus on one task. Which can be a challenge with a group of kids. I believe that if you can deal with some of the kids then everything else should be a piece of cake."**

You have an Associate Degree from Valencia College and are currently attending the University of Florida, what is your major and your plans for the future? Do you have a special person who influenced you to pursue your education?

**"My major is Secondary Education and I'm on the Social Sciences Track. Basically, I am planning on teaching History which was always my favorite subject in school. I had a lot of really good teachers through the years who were all very passionate about what they do and I want to teach kids about something that I really enjoy."**

What do you think it takes to be successful in today's society?

**"To work hard and not get distracted by stupid things. With so much technology in our lives you really need to know how to use it to your advantage or you'll get left in the dust."**

Working in the kitchen at the Kissimmee Elks Lodge, you have exhibited a great willingness to learn, you have great work ethics and have demonstrated an ability to be highly motivated. Where does this positive energy come from? You also have become an awesome cook.

**"My parents. Watching how they worked when I was a little kid, I remember my dad waking up at 5:30 in the morning in the winter to go clear the driveway and get the car preheated and running. I figure if he could do all that without too much complaining then I have it easy."**

Besides being a staff member with the Scouts, holding a job, pursuing an Education, what do you do in your spare time?

**"I try to get out of my house and go hiking or camping, which is difficult right now. Usually there's a lot of multitasking which means doing schoolwork while camping which is always fun."**

Your parents are dedicated outstanding Scout leaders and have influenced many young Scouts and have been a guiding factor in Scouts achieving the rank of an Eagle Scout, what advice would you give to young Scouts having an interest in Scouting?

**"There are a lot of opportunities in Scouting, I have been able to travel the country for different events and work with a lot of different interesting people. Some of my best friends I met through Scouts and some of my favorite memories were working at Scout events or trips."**

Do you think the country has responded openly to the Coronavirus? Your mother is a Registered Nurse who worked in intensive care, a very demanding position. As a medical professional, has she made you more aware of the seriousness of this virus or is it overblown?

**"The biggest problem is the lack of information. Nobody really knows what is happening which is freaking out more people than it should. I'm not worried because almost everyone who gets this virus recovers unless they have other health issues. I think that as long as everyone washes their hands and doesn't do anything stupid then we'll be fine."**

Submitted by Bob Tithof

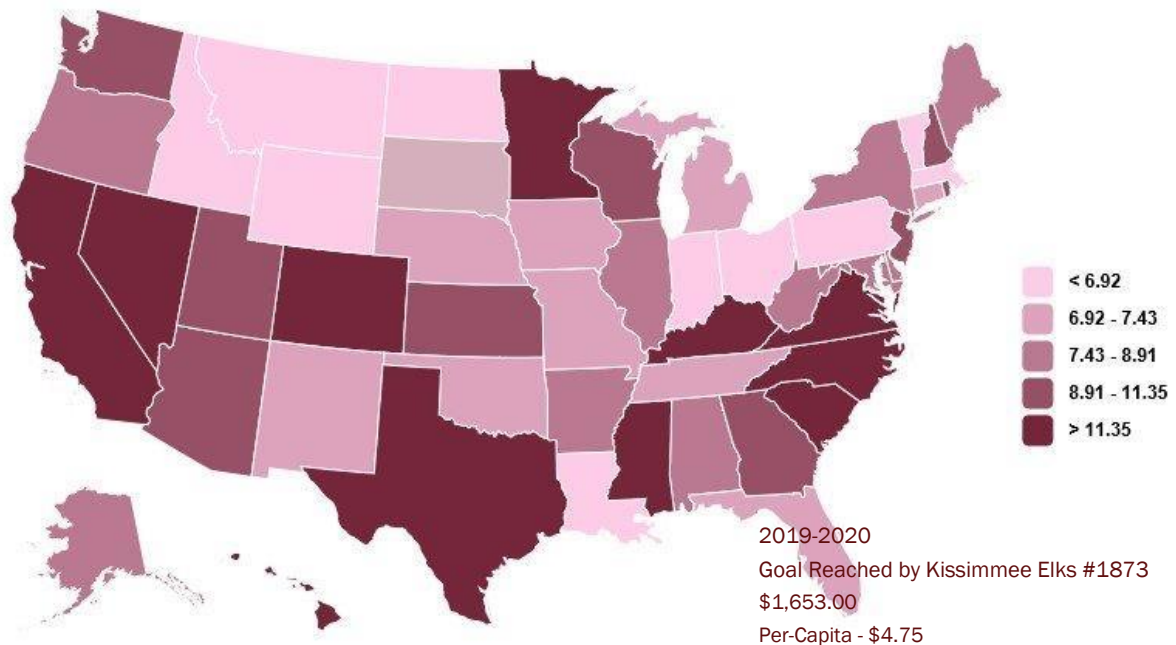
# RECORDS SET AND SMASHED

Last year was one for the books, to say the least.

We experienced new highs together, and a new and unexpected low as the COVID-19 pandemic changed our lives. But, while our normal shifted, the generosity of the Elks did not.

Despite everything, the Elks helped break—no, *shatter*—records.

This year, the Elks helped raise an incredible \$6,697,176.55 for the Elks National Foundation, setting an all-time high.



The previous record was set in Fiscal Year 2019, when we reached \$6,597,765.11 in donations. During a pandemic, Elks cleared that record by nearly \$100,000.

And, that wasn't the only record set. For the first time since we started keeping track in FY1993, all 48 state associations achieved the per-member-giving goal.

The 2019-20 per-member-giving goal was \$4.75; the Elks blew that out of the water. **ENF donors gave \$8.68 per member—another record set.**

Thank you so much for choosing to support us right now! Your decision means the world to us, and we don't take it for granted.

See this article and more at <https://www.elks.org/enf/news.cfm?StoryID=122528>

A 501(c)(3) public charity, the Elks National Foundation helps Elks build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans and meet needs in areas where Elks live and work. For more information on the ENF, visit [elks.org/enf](https://www.elks.org/enf).

# PARKING LOT FUND



## RAFFLE TICKET FUND RAISER \$100 DONATION

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

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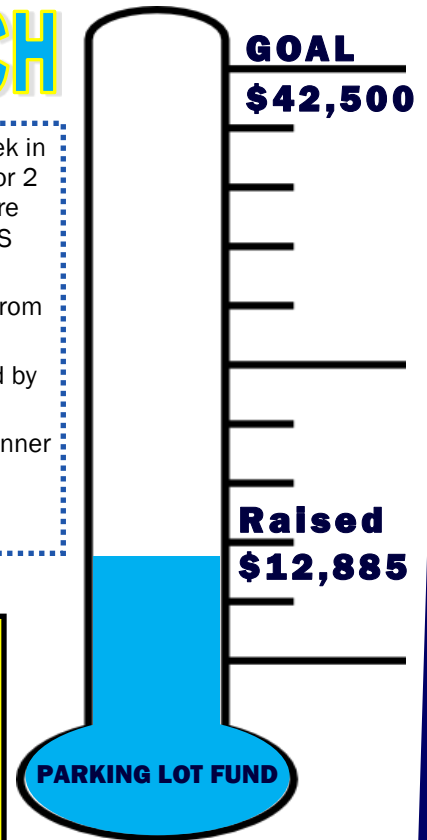
Drawing **July 4th 2020 @ 6:00 pm** for a one week stay at a Myrtle Beach time share. Donated by Jim & Jeannie Platt

# WIN A STAY IN MYRTLE BEACH

Want to get away **AND** support OUR fund for a NEW PARKING LOT??? Enjoy one week in Myrtle Beach at a beautiful time share donated by Jim & Jeannie Platt! Choose a 1 or 2 bedroom from 3 different Myrtle Beach locations. Many dates are available and more information will be posted in the lodge. Here is how you enter to win your FABULOUS vacation!

1. Cut the Raffle Ticket out from this page of the Antlers OR pick up a raffle ticket from the bar.
2. Bring your donation of \$100 and your completed raffle ticket to the bar OR send by mail to the lodge, attention Secretary Jeannie Platt.
3. The drawing will be at the lodge on Saturday, July 4th, 2020 at 6:00 pm. The winner does not need to be present.

Good luck to ALL and thank you for supporting your lodge and our parking lot fund!!



Pancakes    Eggs    Bacon  
Omelets  
Sausage    Potatoes

**14 JUNE  
FLAG DAY**

Bob's Homemade  
Cinnamon Rolls

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**Sunday, June 14th**

**Breakfast  
Made to Order**

**Breakfast By Reservation  
8 am—9:30 am**

**Flag Ceremony 10 am**

**Breakfast By Reservation  
10:30 am—Noon**

**Office Chairs Needed  
Donations WELCOME**

NEW OR  
USED  
APPRECIATED

1. Send your information to Terry Hebior @ thebior.elk@gmail.com
2. PDF format is required
3. Your add will be placed in the next available Antlers for the requested amount of time.
4. An invoice for payment will be sent to the email address provided.

Please include name and phone number with all emails.



**ONE YEAR**  
 1/2 Page = \$150  
 1/4 Page = \$125  
 Business Card = \$75

**ONE MONTH SQUARE**  
 1X1 INCH = \$10 PER INCH  
 UP TO 6X6 SQUARE = \$60



Over the last 152 years, millions of Elks have risen to meet challenges that were unique to their generations, and we will be no different.

**"Unifying America by Charity & Patriotism"**

# Americanism

*Set of patriotic values aimed at creating a collective American identity*

## Americanism Essay Contest

A program of the Elks' Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee, this contest is geared towards students in 5th through 8th grades to promote patriotism among young people.

Watch next months Antlers for more information or visit <https://floridaelks.org/americanism-essay>

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**June 30 2021**

Eli & Betty Niedert (IMO) Heather Bock

**June 30 2025**

Addison & Sandy Walker (IMO) Heather Bock

**June 30 2021**

Robert & Marianne Tithof (IMO) Heather Bock

**June 30 2021**

Steve & Terry (IMO) Heather Bock

**October 31, 2020**

Randy Musser PDDGER (IMO) Jesse and Ina Musser

**November 30, 2020**

Veterans (IMO) Jim Husband

**December 31, 2025**

Addison Walker (IMO) Eric Bock

**January 31, 2021**

Jeannette Dunstan (IMO) William Dunstan.

**January r31, 2021**

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**February 28, 2021**

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Jane Couture (IMO) Rene Couture Jr.

**February 28, 2021**

Eula Scott (IMO) Mac Fickling

**February 28, 2022**

Dot Johnston (IMO) Les Johnston

## The Eleven 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."**

## CHAPLAINS CORNER

At our last initiation of New Members, I was keenly moved during the Ritual as our Lecturing Knight, Tom Wilson, presented his reading about Brotherly Love. Although I have heard it many times over the years, the impact of those words seem so pertinent to what we are dealing with in our country and world today. Everyone of our lives has been affected by the coronavirus. Although we may have different ideas of how to handle the fight against this virus, the universal weapon that we adamantly agree on is the principal that we must all take care of and consider each other. Perhaps it has been a while since you have heard the reading so I encourage you now review and take heart to it here;

Brotherly Love is symbolized on our Altar by the Antlers of Protection.

"The animal from which our Order derives its name is noted for gentleness and timidity. It is strong of limb, fleet of foot, quick and keen of perception. So should we be: quick to hear the cry of distress, timorous of doing wrong and fleet of foot to relieve the unfortunate, thus conforming to the Golden Rule which should govern all mankind.

In this rule, which is the foundation and groundwork of our Order, Brotherly Love finds its perfect expression; and it is best exemplified by practicing the teachings of our motto — **"The faults of our Members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory."**

It softens the stern realities of life and manifests itself in good fellowship, in sympathy, and in kindness of thought, word and deed. It has smiles and laughter for us in seasons of joy, and it sits with us in the shadow and weeps in the hour of bereavement. It teaches us to scatter flowers along life's pathway and to speak words of kindness to the living as well as to cherish the memory of the dead.

As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto others, for we pass this way but once. We cannot retrace our steps nor call back the days that are gone; but the passing moment is ours long enough to grasp the hand in friendship, to lighten each other's burden, to bring rest to the weary, and to comfort those who mourn — This is BROTHERLY LOVE"

Chaplain Bob Tithof

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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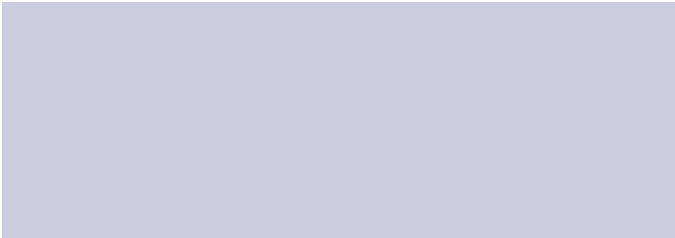
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2nd and 4th TUESDAY  
(except July, August & December)  
OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 pm

**Members are encouraged to attend!**

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**2020-2021**  
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**Schedule**

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