Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873



The Antlers

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

It feels good to be back at the lodge and open again. Slowly members are making their way back to the lodge to enjoy Bingo on Monday nights, Karaoke on Wednesday nights and Dinner & Music and Friday Nights. We continue to hold our lodge meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. You are encouraged to attend so that you can stay current on lodge business and financials. Meetings start promptly at 7:00 pm.

Our lodge is blessed to have amazing members that have been keeping our lodge clean and making sure everything is sanitized and ready for you. You are required to wear a mask when entering the lodge and when moving around the lodge. Once seated, masks can be removed to enjoy our great food and drinks.

These are tough times for many but especially brutal for those that have been out of work. If you know of a member needing assistance or if your lodge can help in anyway, please reach out to myself, our Chaplain or Secretary. Phone numbers are listed on the last page of each Antlers publication.

To close, I pray that you all stay safe, well and in good spirits. Please be kind to one another and do your part during these strenuous moments. Embrace that this time could have a positive impact on us. Find the strength to find good in all things.

Terry



ELK OF THE MONTH Lorraine Barker

Lorraine has been behind the scenes working on attaining all of our grants!! She has always been a key planner in the Foster Family Holiday event and this year is no different. YOU ARE VERY, VERY APPRECIATED!

November Birthdays

Damon Green	01-Nov
Daniel E. Jackson	01-Nov
Robin Thompson	01-No
Addison E Walker	01-Nov
Judy Raile	02-Nov
Inman Ed Akins	05-Nov
Jaime Carr	05-Nov
Jasper Thompson	07-Nov
Laurette Fabick	08-Nov
Jerry B Scott	09-Nov
Paula Jean Coffer	12-Nov
Michael J. Cole	12-Nov
Julius Benton	13-Nov
Marla Penn	13-Nov
Barbara H Weyrauch	15-Nov
Delbert Ray Wallace	16-Nov
Dean F Blevins	17-Nov
Hugh Holland	17-Nov
Sue Ellen Kauffman	17-Nov
Judith Davidson	19-Nov

Daniel L Shipman	19-Nov
Anna Resudek	20-Nov
Charles Lassabe	22-Nov
Wendell J McKinnon	23-Nov
Roy Smith	23-Nov
Mary Jo Decker	24-Nov
Charles Michael Relyea	24-Nov
Gene Young	24-Nov
Betty Dobbie	25-Nov
Yolanda Ziegler	25-Nov
Eleanor Jane Couture	29-Nov

Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873 <u>Birthday Drink Coupon</u>

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
November 2020 Birthdays Only

November is Elks Veterans Remembrance Month

Each year, November is designated as National Veterans and Military Families Month. It's appropriate that during this special month we give thanks for what we have and hold dear – the blessings of freedom secured for us by our service members and their families.

The strength of our military stands upon a tradition of service that extends beyond those in uniform. Our country's collective strength also comes from those who once served and have now rejoined civilian life, as well as from those who serve on the Homefront.

Veterans make our country stronger by applying their military experience in their post-service lives. They draw upon the leadership and training that were at the core of their military life as they transition to the civilian workforce, helping neighbors and communities in need, and serving wherever and whenever it is necessary. Our nation's veterans know what it takes to get the job done!

Military families, too, have a special duty to kin and country. Military spouses, for example, stand in full support of their service members, often putting a career on hold to move to another installation or juggle life's complexities middeployment. From settling their children in a new school to helping their service member's parents navigate care when their loved one is far from home – military families do what needs to be done and never stop giving.

As a nation, while we should give our thanks, recognition and support to our veterans and military families year-round – it is especially vital to do so during National Veterans and Military Families Month. You can join with Military Community and Family Policy on your preferred social media network as we show our support and appreciation for military families, or you can show appreciation in another way, be it in public or in private, online or in "real life." Our military families have made it their mission to serve our nation; now it is our turn to serve them, whenever and however we can.

But there's still more that communities can do to support our service members and their families. A friendly nod in passing, a warm welcome to the neighborhood, hiring a veteran, transitioning service member or military spouse to the local workforce – these actions, big and small, demonstrate our thanks and appreciation to our veterans, service members and their families.

For National Veterans and Military Families Month – and for all other months of the year – remember the burden and hardship shouldered by our veterans and military families, which they gladly took on for all of us. While we thank them for their service, the time has come to move beyond words to action. Where and when you can, please extend a hand to our veterans and military families in friendship and solidarity, in appreciation of the work they have done for America.



RENTAL EVENTS

NOV 7-Anniversary Party-Main

NOV 14-Wedding-Main

NOV 21—Wedding—Main

DEC 5,6,—Scouts—Annex

<u>DEC 12</u>—Foster Family Event

DEC 12—Birthday Party—Annex

DEC 26-Sweet 16-Annex



LODGE EVENTS—SAVE THE DATE

NOV 26—Thanksgiving ELK STYLE

<u>DEC 6</u>—Elks Memorial Ceremony Noon

DEC 12—Foster Family Christmas Event

DEC ?—Christmas Potluck

DEC 31—New Years Eve Party

MAR 13-St. Patty's Day Dinner/Dance

MAR 27—Installation of Officers

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
CLOSED	Lodge Opens 4pm Kitchen Open 5 pm - 7 pm Charity Bingo 6 pm—8pm	Lodge Opens 4pm* Kitchen Open 5 pm - 7 pm *closed during lodge meeting	Lodge Opens 4pm Kitchen Open 5 pm - 7 pm Karaoke 5:30 pm -9pm	CLOSED	Lodge Opens 4pm Kitchen Open 5 pm - 78pm Queen of ♥ Drawing 7:00 pm	CLOSED
1 Control South	2 Guido Travel 12-3 Chicken Kiev with Rice Pilaf	3 KITCHEN CLOSED House Committee Meeting 7pm	4 I FARAOKE	5	6 FREW Nicht PINNER	7
8	9 Group Travel 12-3 Fried Shrimp	BOD MEET ING 6 pm LODGE MEETING 7 pm \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8 pm	Veteran's Day	12	13 Franklicht DINNER	Gress
15	16 Ziti w/Meatballs	17	18	19	20 FROM Night DINNER	21 All you can eat Spaghetti & Jell-O Shot Bingo
22	23 Chicken Parmesan	24 LODGE MEETING & Initiation 7:00pm \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8pm Orientation 5:30pm	25	26 THANKSGIVING FOR ALL	27 FRIDAY NIGHT	28
29	30 Bob's Meatloaf		02	03	04 Friday Night DINNER	05



Christmas Elves

ELVES + ELKS = HOLIDAY GIVING

If you have been with us for the last 5 years, you know at Christmas we honor foster and diversion families of Osceola County with Embrace Families of Central Florida. Through a grant from our Elks National Foundation, we provide holiday cheer to 200 families and over 430 children. This year our event is:

Saturday, December 12 from 10am to 4pm.

We are calling it "Elves on the Shelf at the Elks Drive Thru."

Covid-19 will not stop us! We will follow all health guidelines. Instead of populating our lodge, we will have a drive-through. Families, staying in their cars, will be guided by entertaining Elves, music, and Leroy, the Elk Mascot. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will wave from the gazebo. To facilitate a present, a gift card will be provided for each child and at the end of the ride, a food basket to complete a holiday meal will be presented to each family.

Want to donate or work a 2hour shift as an Elf volunteer? These opportunities will be highlighted in future e-mails. Look for them to remind you of the event. Put on your Elf hat and tights. Together we can bring smiles to children who are already dealing with difficult life situations along with the daily dysfunctions of Covid-19 we all face.







Enjoy Take out....Hot from

our kitchen to yours!





SOMEONE TO KNOW

Interview with Samantha Kirsch by Bob Tithof

Q: We know that you and your family moved to Florida from another state. Which schools have you attended for your education up to this year?

 $\underline{\mathbf{A}}$: I attended First United Methodist School from $\mathbf{1}^{st}$ grade to $\mathbf{5}^{th}$ grade, then the Osceola County School for the Arts from $\mathbf{6}^{th}$ grade to $\mathbf{12}^{th}$ grade. I am currently attending the University of South Florida in Tampa

O: Have you decided on a major and what are your future goals in regard to this major?

A: I am majoring in Integrative Animal Biology and I would like to work in a zoo taking care of and working medically with the big cats.

Q: Do you feel that high school has prepared you for college? What are the positives and negatives in this area that you have found so far?

A: I feel like high school partially prepared me for college, academically, methods of doing my work in high school has helped me in college. Socially though, I had the same friends for 7 years so making friends is a new and interesting experience for me. Luckily, I have a very social roommate who introduced me to some of her friends and the people that I share a common area with are super nice.

Q: You recently had a birthday. Were you in time to register to vote in November? At this time in your life, do you have any specific feelings or impressions about politics in America?

A: I turned 18 on September 26 and I am registered to vote in the November election. Personally, I think politics is just one big game. The politicians just do and say whatever they think will get them more votes, whether it is actually true or not. As for actually voting, I believe in trusting your gut and just trusting whatever your gut tells you to do.

Q: You have been recognized as an exceptional achiever. Along with your love for music, some of your efforts have involved dance lessons starting at an early age and continuing through high school and a long, impressive history of being active in scouts which is still a part of your life now. How has your dedication to these activities shaped your life and will you continue them in college?

<u>A:</u> I have been dancing for 12 years, playing music for 7 years, and scouting for 4 years. These activities are the best parts of my life, I have met so many friends and had so many amazing experiences. Going into college I joined the dance club so I can continue doing what I love and even though I have moved to Tampa, I am still active with the troop trying to get my Eagle.

Q: Who is the person or persons who have had the most influence on your life?

<u>A:</u> The person who has had the most influence in my life is my mom, Janice. She has inspired and taught me to be a powerful and self-sufficient woman. She has taught me how to be there for others and how to help those around me. She has always been there for me and she has helped me with everything I have ever needed.

Q: You have been an effective volunteer in our Elks Lodge in a variety of impressive ways. What does volunteering mean to you? What advice would you give to younger people regarding volunteering?

A: Volunteering is so important to me; it brings joy and happiness to everyone. It feels good bringing some joy to those around you, even if it is in small ways. I always tell my scouts to volunteer whenever possible and we try to give them the opportunities frequently. Some advice I would give is to find something you are passionate about and see if there are opportunities to volunteer there.

Q: What are some of the challenges that you feel your generation will face?

A: There are many challenges that my generation is facing currently, virtual school, not having school events and trying to make big life decisions when no one knows what is going to happen. The major challenges that we are going to face in the future is the aftermath of this pandemic. Businesses may close because they can't make enough money, which will make finding jobs harder which in turn will make everything worse. Paying for school will be harder, maybe paying off loans or medical bills will be harder. Everything is going to be so much more complicated because of this pandemic.

Q: Would you care to share some random facts that we don't know about you?

∆: I enjoy learning new things, whether it be life skills or academic. I absolutely love animals; I think they are better than people. I love the girls in the troop, they are my children and I wish them long and fun scouting careers. I have two calico cats and I love them more than life itself. Cats are superior to dogs and no one can change my mind otherwise. I think if you have the chance to go on an adventure, you should push your limits and go on the adventure.

Thank you for sharing this time with us. You are definitely a roll model to all young people as an achiever, hard worker, and a leader. God bless you with a future of continued happiness, fulfillment, and success in your life journey.



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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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION;

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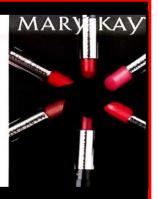
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November 30, 2020

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December 31, 2025

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February 28, 2022

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June 30 2021

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June 30 2025

Addison & Sandy Walker (IMO) Heather Bock

June 30 2021

Robert & Marianne Tithof (IMO) Heather Bock

June 30 2021

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July 31, 2021

Beverly Harmsen (IMO) Rose Ann Hartford

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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ATTENTION LODGE MEMBERS

Elks Annual Memorial Day Service

The Lodge Officers will be performing this solemn service on December 6, 2020 commencing at 12 Noon. There is no better way to honor those members who gave of their time and effort to make Kissimmee Lodge what it is today by your attendance at this service. I'm sure some of you remember those who were dedicated and have passed away. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the service.

Submitted by Randy Musser, PDDGER

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

"Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves.

Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is... Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you"

Pope Francis

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity, the principles of our organization, are perfect guidelines for each of us to achieve this. May God keep all of us on the right paths as we travel though life.

Chaplain Bob Tithof

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2nd and 4th TUESDAY

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OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 pm

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2020-2021

Central District Visitation Schedule

DD / VP Visits

Brooksville September 12
West Citrus September 26
Kissimmee October 10
Orlando November 7
Zephyrhills November 14
Aripeka December 5

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Zephyrhills August 29
Zephyrhills April 17
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Zephyrhills October 30 and 31

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