



The Antlers

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

My heart is filled with gratitude. I would like to recognize our amazing volunteers that prepared our lodge for a **VERY SUCCESSFUL** District Deputy visit on Saturday, September 25, 2021. Your unselfish giving of time and a lot of hard work and sweat makes me proud to be a part of this amazing Elk family. Thank you to; Steve Hebior, mom and dad, Jim and Jeannie Platt, Karen Roper, Joe Waskelis, Rick and Vivian Theriault, Mel and Jedd Ziegler, Steve Schlamb, Janice Kirsch, Cindy Lee, Cory Riley and Willard Secrest. Thank you to Tom Wilson for getting our flags fixed!! To anyone that I missed and for those that came to work on the grounds when no one was around, thank you for answering the call for help! We looked VERY clean, organized and WE were impressive!

We have a few more opportunities to volunteer. Do you enjoy reading? Needed, are 2 members to participate in judging the Legacy applications. These essays written by our youth could assist them with scholarships. Please contact Bob Barry if you are interested, 407-414-1718.

We are also looking for volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels starting at 9am on designated days. Please contact Joe Waskelis, 407-560-5482, if you would like to get involved with the Osceola Count of Aging Meals of Wheels Program.



Finally, we need help with our rentals. You can volunteer your time with as little as 2 hours per month as a monitor. Renting out our main hall and annex brings great revenue to our lodge but it takes members to be present when the lodge is being used. Please reach out to Marianne Tithof at 303-704-3415 to learn more.

I always look forward to this time of year, the fall season! I enjoy the cooler weather and pumpkin everything! I also look forward to the return of our snow bird members! Your Elk family is ready to welcome you back so please be safe on your journey! Don't forget to get your tickets for the Halloween Party! There is going to be an illusionist, music and great food and friendship. The costume contest is always entertaining and the winner takes a cool \$100 in cash! Don't miss the HALLOWEEN BASH & the best party in town!

Be safe, be kind and be involved.

I AM A PROUD ELK.

Terry

ELKS OF THE MONTH

BOB BARRY & JIM PLATT

The cornerstones of Kissimmee Elks #1873

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Robert Pearson, Chris Churchill, Stacey Smaldone, Leo Smaldone, Pat Curley and James Caldwell



October Birthdays

Daniel Heck	04-Oct	Lisa Ann Munyon	26-Oct
Thomas David	07-Oct	Gerald Sylvester	27-Oct
Franklin D. Gaines	07-Oct	Kenneth Boro	28-Oct
Theodore W. Johnson	07-Oct	Carlos Bollman	31-Oct
Patricia Williams	07-Oct	Beth McCollum	31-Oct
Richard F. Sambuca	08-Oct		
Robert D. Griffis	09-Oct		
Gail Keith	12-Oct		
Cathleen Lemerond	13-Oct		
Phillip Rabeau	16-Oct		
Anthony Rodriguez	17-Oct		
James E. Phillips	21-Oct		
Douglas Richard Kinner	22-Oct		
Corinne Riley	23-Oct		
Tad Simpson	24-Oct		

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

October 2021 Birthdays Only

RENTAL EVENTS

If you know of anyone interested in renting one of our beautiful rooms please have them call







Marianne Tithof
303-704-3415



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 - 6:30 pm Charity Bingo 6 pm-8pm	Lodge Opens 4pm* Kitchen Open 5 pm - 6:30 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 - 8pm Queen of ♥ Drawing 7:00 pm 	CLOSED

Did you know the saying "God willing and the Creek don't rise" was in reference to the Creek Indians and a body of water? It was written by Benjamin Hawkins in the late 18th century. He was a politician and Indian diplomat. While in the south Hawkins was requested by President of the US to return to Washington. In his response, he was said to write, "God willing and the Creek don't rise". Because he capitalized the word "Creek" it is deduced that he was referring to the Creek Indians tribe and not a body of water.

					1 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	2
3	4 Guido Travel 10-2:30 Chef's Choice 	5 House Committee Meeting 7pm Osceola Veterans 7pm	6 Dinner Specials 	7	8 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	9 Rental Main AM—fundraiser PM—70th bday Rental Annex bday party
10  COLUMBUS DAY	11 Chef's Choice 	12 TRUSTEE & BOD MEETING 6 pm LODGE MEETING 7pm \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8pm	13 Dinner Specials 	14	15 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	16
17	18 Chef's Choice 	19	20 Dinner Specials 	21	22 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	23
24/31	25 Chef's Choice 	26 Orientation 5:30pm LODGE MEETING 7pm \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8pm	27 Dinner Specials 	28	29 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	30  MAIN—LODGE HALLOWEEN PARTY- see page 6

Someone To Know BOB & FRAN BARRY



Where did you live prior to moving to Florida? When did you move here?

Bob-Brockton, Massachusetts. 1978
Fran- Scranton, Pennsylvania . 1956

Where did you grow up? How many siblings did you have?

Bob- Quincy, Massachusetts. (4) siblings, Tommy, Rita, Eleanor, and Barbara
Fran-Scranton , Pennsylvania and Miami Florida. (7) siblings, Emil, Vince, Lucy Ann, Marie, Bobby, Albert, and Phil

Where did you go to school?

Bob- Quincy Massachusetts & Boston University
Fran-Scranton, Pennsylvania and Miami, FL

Bob, you are a Veteran. What branch of military were you in? Were you drafted or did you volunteer? What were your assignments? Do you feel the military was a worthwhile experience?

I joined the Air Force after touching base at Boston University and after going to Tech School I was sent to McGuire AFB near Trenton, New Jersey and I spent my entire 4 year enlistment there. Joining the Air Force and being in an air traffic control career field was the best thing that could have happened to me because shortly after leaving the Air Force I was hired by the FAA and spent 38 years working for them. Went to work for Disney for 3 years and finished my working life at a control tower at Kissimmee Airport finally retiring in 1995.

What type of work/profession filled your life?

Bob-See the above

Fran- Secretary for the Budget Director at Miami University. National Car Rental, at Miami Airport, became an Aesthetician, after moving to Kissimmee I spent 30 years at Disney security and retired 2018

When did you retire?

Bob- 1955

Fran- 2018

How did you meet?

While working at Miami Tower for a while I was in the Planning Office. My co-worker and I went to lunch in the Terminal at a lunch counter I was sitting there eating my chili when this person sat down next to me. She was very busy saying "Hi Babe" too every Eastern Airlines Employee that walked. I hurried to finish my chili but just about then she ran out of any one to say "Hi Babe" so she asked me if I worked there and I said yes, where do you work she asked, in the Tower I replied. I've always wanted to see the Tower, so I replied "I can do that some time" and without pausing she said how about three this afternoon, and that is how it started.

When and where were you married?

We were married twice, the first time in 1983 by my Brother-in-Law Tom Wilson in Delray Beach, Florida. the second time in 1988 by Fran's Brother Father Bob Pagliari in an Orlando Church.

How many Children and Grandchildren do you have? Where do they live?

Between we have Five , Fran's sons Greg and Chris, and my three, son Michael and daughters Cindy and Debbie. We have eight grandchildren and six great-grand children. Greg lives in Louisiana and a grandson Chris Jr lives in Cleveland, Tennessee, everyone else lives in Florida.

Both of you are dog lovers. What will you tell us about these family pets who always shower you with such unconditional love?

Bob- We had 2 Biechon Frise, the male Peter, the best dog in the world, had to cross the Rainbow Bridge in July. He was sixteen . Katie, who is a keeper, continues to spark up our days and she is eleven.

Do you have a favorite memory about your childhood or your married life to share?

Bob-My childhood was great growing up with a brother and three sisters. My father came from a family of three brothers and four sisters (three sisters were Nuns and the fourth never married). The brothers had a total of seven children . My mother came from a family of six children, four brothers and one sister who had seven children, between both families there were plenty of cousins and lots of visits.

Fran - Growing up in Scranton was busy with six siblings in a good sized home with aunts, uncles and cousins around. As an Italian family there was always something to celebrate. Then the family moved to Miami and into a three bedroom house. My oldest brother Emil went into the Air Force and a new brother, Phil, joined us. The best times were at Miami Beach on Sundays with my mom cooking (breakfast and lunch) on the grill and the rest of the day enjoying the beach.

Our Marriage in 1983 started out a little shaky with five children who didn't get along at the start. Different personalities. Fran had been a single Mother with two Jobs. Fran's boy were sometimes on their own but Fran was a good mom and made things work. After a time it all came together. This year we celebrated 38 years of Partnership.

When and how did you become interested in the Elks?

Bob- When living in Quincy my Dad had a friend who was an Elk, dad attended many Elk outings with this friend and always told me what a great time he had and how nice he was treated. When the opportunity came I joined the Binghamton , New York Lodge in 1963. I've also been a member in The Brockton Massachusetts Lodge and the Margate Florida Lodge.

Fran- I wanted to do things with Bob so I joined Kissimmee Lodge in 2002.

What positions have you held in the Elks?

Bob- At the Brockton Lodge I served as Leading Knight and Exalted Ruler. At the Margate Lodge I went through all the chairs.

Fran- Served as Chaplain, Lecturing Knight and Loyal Knight at Kissimmee Lodge.

Both of you are constantly working at the lodge at every function, inside duties, and always anywhere you are needed. What would you share with all of us fellow Elk members when it comes to purpose, fulfillment, encouragement or what drives your dedication?

FIRST RESPONDERS RECONGNIZED

They couldn't come to the lodge so Bob went to them!



Pictured above on the right is James Kenney of the Osceola County Corrections Department. He was selected as the Departments Employee of the year. He has been part of the Department since 2006, serving as Prison Rape Elimination Coordinator since 2013. He is chairperson of the Osceola County Human Traffic Working Group. He provided School Bus drivers with training to recognize this Trafficking He is described as having a passion and dedication to the job he does. On the left is Bob Barry the Lodge Chairman for Public Safety Night.



Pictured left to right, Kissimmee #1873 members Kenny Boro and Robert Barry next to Fire chief Jim Walls.

Lt. Boro served as Chairman of the apparatus committee and while purchasing two new Engines and a ladder truck. This past year he was selected to be part of the Florida Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 4. He is only the second person from the Kissimmee Fire Department to be selected.

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Bob- We have had a good life. At some point it's time to give back because of all the good fortune we have had. There is no better way to give back than doing things you enjoy and doing it with people who have the same goals. At Give Kids the World, it's helping families, with special needs children, enjoy a week at the Village. At the Lodge the common goal is helping the order succeed.

We know both of you also volunteer at Give Kids the World Village. When did you become involved and where do you work there? Do you do any other type of volunteering?

Fran- Started around 1993 as Night Security in a Golf Cart. I started around 2000 doing general cleanup. We started working together as Front Entrance Booth, Game Room monitors and then The Ice Cream Parlor. All this stopped when Covid hit.

Although you are greatly involved, what do you like to do in your spare time? Hobbies?

Bob- We are both Master Gardeners, a program sponsored by the University of Florida that helps the local communities with their Horticulture needs.

Fran- I'm a member of the Red Hats and do Acrylic Roll Painting

Bob, we know you are a sports enthusiast. What are your favorite teams? Tampa Bay? Fran, do you share this enthusiasm?

Bob'- New York football it is the Giants. The Red Sox baseball team since my youth. Fran does not share this with me.

Fran- I AM A New York Yankee follower!!

This is really a pleasure for us to know more about both of you. We all appreciate you and wish you many more good years of happiness, health, dedication and friendship along with the love of your Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873 family.

Submitted by Robert Tithof



SUSTAINING DONOR UPDATE

PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A SUSTAINING DONOR... MORE FACTS ON the NEXT PAGE

2016-2021 PER YEAR

No. of Donors as of August 31 Each Year	No. of Donors	Monthly Give	Cumulative No. of Gifts/ Gift Size
August 31, 2016	8	\$277	53/\$33.79
August 31, 2017	40	\$1,207	312/\$32.51
August 31, 2018	94	\$2,416	1,127/\$29.69
August 31, 2019	157	\$3,560	2,548/\$26.95
August 31, 2020	249	\$5,228	5,026/\$24.31
August 31, 2021	502	\$10,551	9,607/\$22.68



SUSTAINING DONOR UPDATE

PLEASE BECOME A SUSTAINING DONOR

Greetings All!

August 2021 completed the 6th year for our Sustaining Donor program. It's hard to believe, but our first \$19 donation was received on August 14, 2015! SEE WHERE WE ARE NOW!

DONOR RETENTION



87% retention rate

last 12 months **↓81%** retention rate

GOALS

90% INDUSTRY RETENTION RATE

\$217,932 since inception



\$750,000 annual goal

\$10,551 projected

\$8,981.25 monthly goal

PER MONTH THIS YEAR

HIGHLIGHTS

6 YEARS

8 donors → **502** donors

\$277 → \$10,551

NEEDS



2,756 donors needed per month

2,756 IS ONLY **19%** OF ALL MEMBERS

Together, we can make a difference!

Thank you to everyone who is a loyal sustaining donor. Our monthly donors are the gift that keeps on giving!

If you would like to become a sustaining donor, floridaelks.org/donate

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IMPACT

The average donor has been a donor for 16.56 months. That makes the value of a donor **\$375.66**. This is equivalent to...



2 KIDS FOR 1 WEEK OF SUMMER CAMP

OR



3 HOURS OF PHYSICAL OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY TO A CHILD

Halloween Bash

Saturday, October 30, 2021

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

\$22 for Members \$28 for Non-Members

Open to All Spirits, Witches, Humans, etc.

Special
Performance
by a Master
Magician

DJs
Mike &
Denise

Food stations include salad, nachos, pasta, sausage
and peppers , meatballs, and desserts

\$100 Cash Prize for Best Costume

Raffles

50/50 Drawing



Drink Specials

Proceeds to Support K9 Service Dogs

Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873
1655 Kings Highway, Kissimmee, FL 34744 (407) 847-2444

Order by phone, mail or stop by the lodge.
Credit cards accepted.



Antler's Booster Club

October 31, 2022

Bob & Fran Barry (IMO) Wayne Sorrell

October 31, 2022

Randy Musser PDDGER (IMO) Jesse and Ina Musser

December 31, 2025

Addison Walker (IMO) Eric Bock

January 31, 2022

Jim & Jeannie Platt (IMO) Merle & Toby Mountz

February 28, 2022

Dot Johnston (IMO) Les Johnston

March 31, 2022

Fred & Fran Hammer (IMO) Amanda Anderson

May 31, 2022

John & Mary Livingston (IMO) Bruce & Izzy Simpson

June 30 2022

J Wayne Wrightstone (IMO) Melvin Constant

June 30 2022

J Wayne Wrightstone (IMO) Wayne Farmer

June 30 2025

Addison & Sandy Walker (IMO) Heather Bock

June 30 2022

Robert & Marianne Tithof (IMO) Heather Bock

August 31, 2023

Bob & Marianne Tithof (IMO) Phyllis Jean Kirchner



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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SAVE THE DATES

10/30/21	#1873 Halloween Dance
11/18/21	Midyear Convention, Florida
11/25/21	#1873 Thanksgiving Feast
12/5/21	#1873 Memorial Service & Brunch
12/18/21	#1873 Christmas Gift Exchange
12/31/21	#1873 New Years Eve Party
1/8/22	State Soccer Shoot
1/22/22	Area 3 Regional Soccer Shoot
2/8/22	#1873 PER night/nominations
2/12/22	#1873 Valentines Dance
2/19/22	State Hoop Shoot
2/22/22	#1873 meeting/voting
3/1/22	Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)
3/11/22	Officer Training
3/19/22	#1873 St. Patty's Dance
4/2/22	#1873 Installation of Officers

11 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



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Office of the Secretary Hours
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 10AM-2 PM

OR CURRENT RESIDENT



LODGE MEETINGS

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

Members are encouraged to attend!

Please submit all articles for publication by email to thebior.elk@gmail.com
Please include your contact information.

2021-2022
Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	Theresa Hebior, PER
Leading Knight	Steve Schlamb
Loyal Knight	Tom Wilson
Lecturing Knight	Corine Riley
Lodge Secretary	Etta Jean Platt, PER
Lodge Treasurer	Steven Hebior
Esquire	Charles Lassabe
Tiler	Larry Lemerond
Chaplain	Joe Waskelis
Inner Guard	Nicholas Schlamb

2021-2022
Board of Trustees

1-year Trustee	Ted Johnson
2-year Trustee	Rick Theriault
3-year Trustee	Brian Light
4-year Trustee	Mark Waskelis
5-year Trustee	Janice Kirsch

Central District Sponsor
PSP Victor McClellan

Central District D.D.G.E.R.
PER Mary Crosier-Zepherihills

Central District V.P.
PER Brian Estus—West Citrus

2012/2022
Central District Visitation Schedule

Brooksville	10//2/2021
West Citrus	10/23/2021
Zephyrhills	11/6/2021

District Deputy Clinic: 8/7/2021
Zephyrhills Lodge #2731 4/2/2022

District Deputy Clinic 4/25/20

Past Exalted Ruler Association (PER)

President	Randy Musser ,PDD
Vice President	Etta Jean Platt, PER
Secretary/Treasurer	James Platt, PER

2021-2022
House Committee

Chairperson	Cindy Lee
Secretary	Eileen Barrett
Member	Melissa Ziegler
Member	Karen Roper
Member	LeAnn Schlamb
Member	Cory Riley
Member	Janice Kirsch
Member	Joe Waskelis
Member	Steve Hebior

Lodge Advisor Robert Barry PDDGER
Lodge Attorney Addison Walker, ESQ.