



# The Antlers

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## Message To The Members From Chuck Lassabe, Exalted Ruler

Hello Elks.... all aboard,

The 1873 Train is rolling down the tracks with a full head of steam doing good for our community. You will notice the display for the Sheltering Grant. We have been awarded a \$4000 grant to help local dog shelters and we are collecting donations. Remember our fur friend needs your support please give what you can. Loraine Barker has worked long and hard on the lodge grants.

I am sure that you have seen the construction on the North side on the lodge property; this is the Cell tower project. Our lodge is leasing a piece of the lodge property for the cell tower and this is a recurring revenue source for our lodge and will boost the cell service in our area. This will all be maintained by the cell companies.

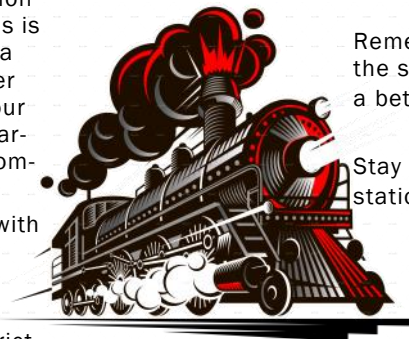
The kitchen project is still moving forward with more changes coming soon.

We have just completed our official visit from the DDGM and audit of the lodge records. Be proud 1873 is the best in our district. Congratulations to all involved and thank you to the officers that were able to attend.



This Saturday is the lodge Halloween Party food and costume contest. Please buy your tickets and attend.

Reminder that the 70th lodge birthday and Veterans day celebration is coming on November 11. Chef Steve has a great menu planned so buy your tickets \$20 for adults and \$10 for children Lodge members that are Veterans eat for FREE. Thank you for your service.



Remember we need you MEMBERS to attend the stated meeting and help to make our lodge a better place for all members to enjoy.

Stay on board the 1873 Elk Train coming to a station near you.

Chuck Lassabe  
407.709.0789

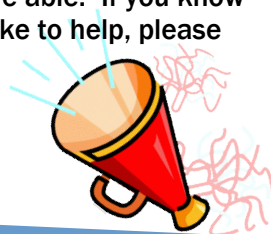
### ELK OF THE MONTH Steve Campbell

For all that you do, we thank you!!

### Calling all decorators

On Wednesday, Oct 25, I will be at the Lodge from 4 - 7 PM to decorate for Halloween. Then on Thursday, Oct 26, I'll be there from 11 - 4 to finish up.

Please come if you are able. If you know anybody who would like to help, please share the message.



Thanks,  
Eileen

## November Birthdays

Damon Green	01-Nov	Charles Lassabe	22-Nov
Daniel E. Jackson	01-Nov	Wendell J McKinnon	23-Nov
William Skay	01-Nov	Steven Mullins	24-Nov
Addison E Walker	01-Nov	Charles Michael Relyea	24-Nov
John Thorton	04-Nov	Gene Young	24-Nov
Inman Ed Akins	05-Nov	Yolanda Ziegler	25-Nov
Marsha Freeman	05-Nov		
Jasper Thompson	07-Nov		
Jerry B Scott	09-Nov		
Julius Benton	13-Nov		
Leo Smaldone	15-Nov		
Delbert Ray Wallace	16-Nov		
Dean F Blevins	17-Nov		
Sue Ellen Kauffman	17-Nov		
Valerie Webber	17-Nov		
Wanda LeBlanc	18-Nov		
Daniel L Shipman	19-Nov		

### 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  
November 2023 Birthdays Only

GIT READY FOR A HOOTIN' HOLLERIN' SHINDIG  
KISSIMMEE ELKS 1873 IS CELEBRATIN' ITS

# 70TH ANNIVERSARY



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023

4:00 – 9:00 PM

Veterans Recognition  
@ 4:45

Cornhole Tournament  
@ 5:00

Buffet  
5:30 – 7:30

DJ Cory  
5:00 – 9:00 PM

Chef Steve's  
Buffet:  
Ribs, Chicken,  
Cheesy Potatoes,  
Veggie &  
Dessert

\$20 FOR ADULTS \* FREE FOR LODGE 1873 VETERANS  
\$10.00 FOR 15 AND UNDER  
ELK MEMBERS ONLY

Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873  
1655 Kings Highway, Kissimmee, FL. 34777 \* (407) 844-4444

**Military and Veterans of #1873 that are in good standing as a member, please enjoy your dinner compliments of your lodge. As American citizens, we are grateful for your service and sacrifice.**



**RENTAL EVENTS**

If you know of anyone interested in renting one 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
<b>CLOSED</b>	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	<b>CLOSED EXCEPT 5/18/2022</b>	Lodge Opens 4pm Kitchen Open 5 pm - 8pm Queen of ♥  Drawing 7:00 pm	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Red Team</b>	 <b>VETERANS DAY</b> HONORING ALL THOSE WHO SERVED		1 <i>Karaoke w/Cory 5-9</i>	2	3 <b>FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER</b>	4
<b>White Team</b>	6 GTS Travel 1-3 PM  	7	8	9	10 <b>FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER</b>	11 70th  
<b>Blue Team</b>	13 Guido Travel 10-2:30  	<b>14</b> BOD MEETING 6pm LODGE MEETING 7pm \$1 Hot Dogs after meet	15 <i>Karaoke w/Cory 5-9</i>	16	17 <b>FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER</b>	18
<b>Gold Team</b>	20  	21 BINGO   W/ THE VETS	22	23 	24 <b>FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER</b>	25  
<b>Platinum Team</b>	27  	<b>28</b> Orientation 5:3pm LODGE MEETING W/ INITIATION @ 7PM \$1 Hot Dogs after meet	29	30	12/1 <b>FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER</b>	12/2



# *Carryoke*

Karaoke at the Elks

Hosted by  
*DJ Cory*

Every 1st and 3rd  
*Wednesday*  
5:00 to 9:00 PM

*70s*



*80s*

*90s*

*00s*

*Thousands of Songs  
Available in Many Genres*

Open to Elks and Their Guests

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# It's A Barking and Meowing Ark at the Elks

Our club has been fortunate to receive a \$4000 grant from the Elks National Foundation. In the past we have sponsored foster families, veterans, domestic abuse victims, homeless, schoolchildren and cancer patients. This year our recipient is the Osceola County Animal Services on Canoe Creek Road. Grant monies will be used by them to purchase from their Amazon wish list of pet supplies and also purchasing Kuranda dog beds. These beds are \$125 and are elevated and sturdy to keep dogs off the floor. They are long lasting but always in need. Additional monies go to their emergency fund for out of facility surgeries, food for poor households and operational emergencies. There were nearly 5000 animals passing through last year. Right now the shelter is housing a fairly equal amount in cats and dogs. Out of building includes 100 animal foster families, goats, chickens, sheep and some wildlife. Want to read their story? Go to [osceolacountypets.com](http://osceolacountypets.com).

**YOU CAN BE INVOLVED!** Their wish list has requested most items in multiples. Our lounge has a display ready for your donation. Please take an animal cut-out from the basket and return with a gift by November 17. If you don't want to shop, make a donation to the other basket or to the bartenders. Envelopes are available. \$10-30 would be greatly appreciated.

**GET YOUR CHILDREN/GRANDCHILDREN INVOLVED!** We have seen many families bringing their children for Friday dinner. We have set up under \$5 gift suggestions on a fence surrounding a dog bed. Peanut butter, Cheez Whiz, pumpkin, chicken broth, etc. are used to stuff dog toys and frisbees, then frozen for enjoyment when dogs are in their crates. For cats-litter scoops, kitten wipes, etc. Having 3 dogs I am aware of animal expenses. Let's help a facility that helps our animal friends.

Lorraine Barker  
Grants Coordinator



# Antler's Booster Club

**December 31, 2025**

Addison Walker (IMO) Eric Bock

**January 31, 2024**

Robert & Karen Slater (IMO) Eric Slater

**January 31, 2024**

Jim & Jeannie Platt (IMO) Merle & Toby Mountz

**February 28, 2028**

Dot Johnston (IMO) Les Johnston

**February 28, 2024**

Jane Couture (IMO) Rene Couture Jr

**March 31, 2024**

Fred & Fran Hammer (IMO) Amanda Anderson

**May 31, 2027**

Lee Hershner (IMO) Ella Flynn

**June 30 2024**

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

**August 31, 2024**

Bob & Marianne Tithof (IMO) Phyllis Jean Kirchner

**October 31, 2024**

Randy Musser PDDGER (IMO) Jesse and Ina Musser



# 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

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.

**\*Tax Disclaimer:** Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873 is a not-for-profit organization 501(c)8.

# Americanism



Learn about our military history for FREE !! Our lodge has a corporate membership for the **Museum of Military History**. You and your family are invited to visit anytime during the year. Please see our secretary Jeannie Platt for the pass and use it as often as you like. All we ask is that you return the pass so the next members have a chance to use it.

5210 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highways in Kissimmee, 34746



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**Marianne & Bob Tithof 303-704-3415**  
  
**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](mailto:thebior.elk@gmail.com)  
Please include your contact information.

**2023-2024**  
**Lodge Officers**

Exalted Ruler	Chuck Lassabe
Leading Knight	Rick Theriault
Loyal Knight	Joe Waskelis
Lecturing Knight	Robert Husband
Lodge Secretary	Etta Jean Platt, PER
Lodge Treasurer	Steve Hebior
Esquire	Derek Bartolli
Tiler	Dennis Miller
Chaplain	Robert Hatchell
Inner Guard	RC Crotty

**2023-2024**  
**Board of Trustees**

1-year Trustee	Brian Light
2-year Trustee	Mark Waskelis
3-year Trustee	Janice Kirsch
4-year Trustee	James Platt, PER
5-year Trustee	Frank Husband

**Central District Sponsor**  
PSP Victor McClellan

**Central District D.D.G.E.R.**  
PER Anthony "Tony" Schiappa - Orlando

**Central District V.P.**  
PER Etta Jean Platt –Kissimmee

**2023/2024**  
**Central District Visitation**  
**Schedule**  
**COMPLETE**

**2023/2024**  
**Central District DD Clinics**  
**April 6, 2024 Zephyrhills**

**Past Exalted Ruler**  
**Association (PER)**

President	Robert Barry PDDGER
Vice President	Etta Jean Platt, PER
Secretary/Treasurer	James Platt, PER

**2023-2024**  
**House Committee**

Member	Eileen Barrett
Member	Linda Bartoli
Member	Terry Hebior, PER
Member	Lee Mendez
Member	Robbie Pinkston
Member	Karen Roper
Member	Judy Schmidt
Member	Vivian Theriault
Member	Joe Waskelis

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