



Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873

# The Antlers

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

Greetings fellow Elks now our 1873 Elk train is headed straight into the state convention at full steam ahead.

Our lodge is in charge of the hospitality room for our district. We gave a committee formed and are looking for more volunteers to assist. Please get involved.

Please keep up the membership drive we need to stay active. Our lodge communities are still looking for help. Let us know. May will bring on several lodge events so watch out for information.

We will be kicking off the Bar Reno fund raiser very soon more information to come.

That's all for now stay on board.

Chuck Lassabe PER  
407.709.0789 cell



## New Members

Thomas Carter, Tracey McCready,  
Michael Groshon, Dayna Lutz, Judith Cook  
& Pauline Husband

## ELK OF THE MONTH

Judy Schmidt

For all that you do,  
we thank you!!



## May Birthdays

Robert Degraff	01-May	Steve Hebior	24-May
Hans Merkel	02-May	Michal Lucas	25-May
David Tithof	04-May	Judith Weber	27-May
Jack Boro	06-May	Janice Kirsh	29-May
Phillip Trueblood	06-May	Charles Lewis	30-May
Rex Roby	08-May		
Robert Reynolds	12-May		
Donald Falkenberg	12-May		
Dana Sunshine	12-May		
Debra Wood	13-May		
Betty Jo Edmondson	16-May		
Lorraine Barker	19-May		
David Smith	22-May		
Stephen Wysong	22-May		

### 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  
May 2024 Birthdays Only

## Volunteer to play BINGO with our Veterans at the Lake Nona VA CLC !

Volunteer to play Bingo at the Community Living Center at the Lake Nona VA Medical Center. Bingo starts at 2pm.

**EACH VISIT:** All volunteers need to reach out to Bob Barry to sign up and get instructions.

Now, you are ready to assist 60 CLC residents as they play BINGO in hopes of winning Canteen Bucks! Please be aware that parking may be a challenge and could require patience and a little extra time.

## Committee Members Needed

Contact **Chuck Lassabe, Exalted Ruler** to volunteer.

Americanism

### Lodge Activities Committee

Community Projects

Drug Awareness Education

Hoop Shoot

Soccer Shoot

Community Projects

Public Safety Medals

Dictionary Project

Student/Teenager of the Month/Year

Antlers Program (Elks for 12-21 year olds)

Junior Golf Program

ENF Fundraising

ENF Scholarships

Elks Training

Government Relations

Harry-Anna Trust Fund

Membership

Orientation

Public Relations

Ritual

Veterans' Services

<https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/activities/media.cfm>



## Grand Lodge Activities Committee

- ▶ Established around 2010 when the Grand Lodge Consolidated the Committees to save money and increase community presence
- ▶ Each Lodge is required to have an Activities Committee (Statute 13.021)
- ▶ Charged with Implementing:
  - ▶ Public Relations, Hoop Shoot, and Drug Awareness Programs of the Lodge, State, and Grand Lodge
  - ▶ Supervising all matters pertaining to activities of a civic, social, and community interest, including one Elks Sponsored Community Project
  - ▶ Responsible for community outreach and involvement through youth activities and community projects.

Please visit the **ELKS.ORG** to learn about the work of our committees. You will find videos, training materials and everything you need to know about lodge committees. One Committee that you may consider is the Activities Committee. Have you asked yourself, why does no one know about our lodge and about the Elks? The activities committee will help our community know who we are and how we can contribute! Our future depends on you.

Contact Chuck Lassabe to become a Committee Member.



### Student Recognition Program

This Grand Lodge Activities Committee video provides an overview of the Student Recognition Program, which includes the Student & Teenager of the Month/Year. The video describes the process of contacting the schools, conducting the program, and providing recognition for the winning students.

<https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/activities/media.cfm>

## The Program



Learn more about the Student Recognition Program by visiting the Elks Website!

The Process

**RENTAL EVENTS**

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

**Vivian Theriault**  
**407-595-6730**

**2024**



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 EXCEPT WHEN NOTED</b>	Lodge Opens 4pm Kitchen Open 5 pm - 6:30 pm Member 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</b>	Lodge Opens 4pm Kitchen Open 5 pm - 8pm Queen of ♥  Drawing 7:00 pm	<b>CLOSED</b>
Blue Team	1 		1	2	3 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	4
5 Gold Team	6 Guido Travel 10-2:30 	7 House Committee Meeting 7pm	8 Cards and Games 6-9	9	10 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	11
12 Platinum Team Happy Mothers Day	13 GTS Travel 1-3 PM 	14 BOD MEETING 6pm LODGE MEETING 7pm \$1 Hot Dogs after meet	15 Taco's & Trivia @6:30	16	17 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	18
19 Red Team	20 	21 BINGO W/THE VETS 	22 Cards and Games 6-9	23	24 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	25 
26 Blue Team	27 	28 OREINTATION LODGE MEETING 7pm \$1 Hot Dogs after meet	29	30	31 Student Awards Night FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	



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# Upcoming Events

[Florida Elks](#)  
Florida Elks .org



**State Convention**  
Orlando, Florida  
May 22-25, 2024

[REGISTER NOW](#)



**FLOE RV Rally**  
Ocala, Florida  
May 31-June 2, 2024

[REGISTER NOW](#)



**Elks Day at the Rays**  
Tampa Bay, Florida  
August 18, 2024

[BUY TICKETS NOW](#)



**National Convention**  
Austin, Texas  
June 30 -July 3, 2024

[REGISTER NOW](#)



**61st Annual FLOE Conference**  
Daytona Beach, Florida  
September 19-21, 2024

[SAVE THE DATE](#)

# TRIVIA and TACOS NIGHT



Wednesday, May 15th

6:30 PM

Prizes for Top Team

This Month's Hint:

The 1988 movie "Mystic Pizza" launched the career of what 'Pretty Woman'? Think you know? Come to Trivia Night to show off.

# Student Awards Night

Student Awards Night is May 31 . We will have the winners of our Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Contest as our guests at our Friday Night Dinner. Please come out and meet these Students that could be our future Leaders .



## NO BUTTS ABOUT IT

Our landscape committee has been hard at work maintaining the beautiful Elks grounds that we are so fortunate to have. It would be a great help to us, if everyone would remember not to throw cigarette butts and litter on these grounds, since it makes our job harder. Let's all pitch in and do our part ,remembering that we are so fortunate to have these lovely grounds.



**DO NOT THROW  
CIGARETTE BUTTS  
ON THE GROUND**

# EuChre!

**AND MORE CARD GAMES  
LIKE SET BACK, FIVE  
CROWNS, SEVENS, ETC.  
MAYBE YOU LIKE TO PLAY  
RUMMIKUB OR DOMINOS.**

**JOIN FELLOW ELK MEMBERS ON  
THE 2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAY  
FOR FOOD (5-7PM),  
DRINKS (4-10PM)  
& GAMES (6-9PM)**

# Our Mission

Our mission is to mold the current generation of youth into adults that we'd be proud to have as American citizens. Our motto is to "inspire, connect, and expand." We inspire our kids through the quality of our facilities, of our staff, and of our programming. Without electronics, we help kids build connections between themselves and their peers, their counselors, and nature.

Through all of this, we have the opportunity to expand their compassion for others, their own self-confidence, and their ability and desire to make an impact on the world around them.



**There is space in all 7-Day Sessions of camp, as of 4/18/24.**

**Start an app to see exact availability.**

The FL Elks Youth Camp is located in Umatilla, FL. These are areas in Florida that provide transportation to the FL Elks Youth Camp:

## 2024

### 7 Day Schedule

(Ages 9 through 13)

Session 1: June 9-June 15

Session 2: June 16-June 22

Session 3: June 23 – June 29

Session 4: June 30 – July 6

Session 5: July 7 – July 13

Session 6: July 14 – July 20



**FLORIDA ELKS  
YOUTH CAMP**



Session 7: July 21 – July 27

Session 7 is Free for Military Families - NEW for 2024-Military family discount may ONLY be used for Session 7

## Inspire. Connect. Expand.

A project of the Florida State Elks Association, this beautiful and modern 405 acre complex provides a unique camping experience for 7 weeks during the summer to all Florida kids ages 9 through 13.

Camp sessions last from Sunday afternoon to Saturday morning and provide campers with housing, food, and of course, tons of fun!

# Antler's Booster Club

May 31, 2027

Lee Hershner (IMO) Ella Flynn

June 30 2025

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

December 31, 2025

Addison Walker (IMO) Eric Bock

January 31, 2025

Bob & Fran Barry (IMO) Wayne Sorrell

January 31, 2025

Jim & Jeannie Platt (IMO) Merle & Toby Mountz

February 28, 2028

Dot Johnston (IMO) Les Johnston

February 28, 2025

Jane Couture (IMO) Rene Couture Jr

Gone  
but not  
Forgotten



## 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.

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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](mailto:thebior.elk@gmail.com)  
Please include your contact information.

**2024-2025**  
**Lodge Officers**

Exalted Ruler	Chuck Lassabe, PER
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	Steve Campbell

**2024-2025**  
**Board of Trustees**

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

**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

**2024/2025**  
**Central District Visitation Schedule**  
TBA

**2024/2025**  
**Central District DD Clinics**

**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.