

The Antlers

July 2024



Message To The Members From Chuck Lassabe, PER Exalted Ruler



Hello fellow Elks;

The Elk train has slowed for the summer as we prepare for National Convention in Austin. Jeanie Platt will return our new District Deputy (DD). Our lodge is very proud that Jeanie is the DD.

We have a new AC system in the annex building just in time for a rental. We also have new doors between the big room and the front entrance Jeanie misses the doors banging (LOL).

We are reorganizing the membership and activities committees, more to come. We are looking for committee members and ideas for lodge activities please come forward.

We are working on a fall golf tournament and more. We will only have one meeting this month. Stay safe.

Chuck Lassabe PER
407.709.0789 cell



July Birthdays

- 01 Steven Campbell
- 01 J Wayne Wrightstone
- 04 Rapael Abreu
- 06 Ralph Pero
- 08 Suzanne Secrest
- 09 Ibeliz Ramirez
- 09 Esteban Rodriguez
- 11 Diane Underwood
- 15 Lee Roy Rider
- 21 John F. Woodward
- 22 Alene Johnson
- 22 Louis Parker
- 24 Mark Waskelis
- 25 Rodney A. Hammond
- 29 Robert A Barry
- 30 Robert Husband
- 31 Sheri S. Clement

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
Good for June '24



A large, bright sparkler is the central focus of the top image, with its golden sparks radiating outwards against a dark background. The bottom of the image fades into a light blue and white background.

Terry Heibor

Terry became a member of the Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873 on January 28, 2014. Evident financial difficulties plagued our lodge at that time. With the support of the then Exalted Ruler and officers, Terry was tasked with taking over the organizing and accountability of daily transactions. Her background in food service, supervision, inventory and sales aided in the mission. She implemented our current POS, set it up and trained members in its operation. That also allowed the Lodge to be able to easily process credit card payments. This change made it possible for people to call in to renew memberships and order tickets to events, instead of having to come in to physically present their card. This, as well as several other procedures and practices helped save our Lodge from financial ruin. Her expertise and dedication were quickly recognized with the “2014 Elk of the Year” award.



Eventually she was appointed to the House Committee. She actively served in this position for almost 10 years. In January 2019, our presiding ER abruptly resigned. At the board’s request, Terry was installed ER during a meeting on January 28, 2019. In March 2020, as we dealt with Covid-19, Terry was installed for another full term as ER. The installation took place in the parking lot of the lodge with a wagon wheel formation of cars as the officers stood outside with their right hand extended pledging their individual commitment, she received a third and final installation in March 2021. Terry has continued to then work in the House Committee. Terry was very active in setting up and hosting our events. Since Covid the events are a lot smaller, but before those dark days we did have a few events that sold out, particularly NYE and St. Pat’s. She took care of the dreaded task of seat assignments. It was also Terry’s idea to make Friday’s our event nights, which after Covid made a lot of sense.

We thank Terry for all of her dedication and tenure through her various roles at our lodge. As she now retires to spend more quality time with her loved ones. Her great leadership and support to our lodge will long stand.

We are grateful to her and her family (for sharing her).

HAPPY
Retirement!

Thank
you





Lodge Closed on Sundays, Thursdays and Saturdays
 Except when noted

Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	01 	02	03	04 	05 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	06
07 GOLD TEAM	08 	09 Committee/BOD Mtgs. 6pm Lodge Mtg. 7pm \$1 Hot Dogs after mtg.	10	11	12 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	13
07 PLATINUM TEAM	08 	09 Committee/BOD Mtgs. 6pm Lodge Mtg. 7pm \$1 Hot Dogs after mtg.	10	11	12 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	13
14 RED TEAM	15 	16 BINGO WITH VETS 2-3PM 	17	18	19 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	20 9am-1pm
21 BLUE TEAM	22 	23	24	25	26 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	27 7:30am-10:30am RANDY MUSSER MEMORIAL 9:30A-11:30A
28 	29 	30	31	Lodge Hours Open Hours Bar - 4pm Kitchen Monday/Tuesdays 5:00pm - 6:30pm Wednesday 5pm-7pm Friday 5pm-8pm Bingo - 6pm *Closed during Lodge Meetings		

Scheduled events may change after publication. To check on any Lodge fuction, please call 407-847-2444

850 scholarship winners join Elks Family

BY PATRICK ROELOFS, ENF COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

In April, the Elks National Foundation awarded more than \$3.9 million to high school seniors entering their freshman year of college, welcoming 850 students to the Elks Family. More than just financial aid, an Elks scholarship is an invitation to a network of service-minded peers.

Out of more than 22,000 applicants for the ENF's Most Valuable Student scholarship, the Top 20 scholars received \$30,000 scholarships and an invitation to Chicago for the Most Valuable Student Leadership Weekend. Four-hundred-and-eighty runners-up received \$4,000 scholarships.

From April 11 to 14 in Chicago, the Leadership Weekend offered panels run by current and former Elks scholars to teach the new class about personal branding, transitioning to college, and finding service opportunities through the Elks.

The Elks also welcomed 350 Legacy Awards scholarship recipients to the #ElksFamily. Exclusively for the children or grandchildren of Elks Members, the Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships with a requirement that recipients must serve with a Lodge three times during the four years they receive the scholarship.

To see a full list of the scholarship winners and to learn more about the ENF's scholarships, visit elks.org/scholars, follow the ENF on Instagram @ElksScholars, and like the ENF on Facebook @ElksNationalFoundation.



KISSIMMEE ELKS LODGE #1873 AWARDED ARTURO WILLIAMS A \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP! ARTURO GRADUATED FROM THE OSCEOLA COUNTY SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND VALENCIA COLLEGE WITH AN ASSOCIATE IN ARTS.

ARTURO IS GOING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA AND MAJORING IN AERO SPACE ENGINEERING. ARTURO PLEDGE TO COME BACK TO OUR LODGE AND GIVE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY, CONGRATULATIONS ARTURO!





DOES A UTOPIA EXIST? YES, UTOPIA OF THE SEAS

HEY ELK CRUISERS, ON *JANUARY 6, 2025*
WE WILL SAIL THE HIGH SEAS ON UTOPIA
OF THE SEAS FOR A FOUR
NIGHT CRUISE.

OUR MEMBER/TRAVEL AGENT, RUTH BORO,
IS ARRANGING THIS FOR US. SHE WORKS
FOR A
LARGE AGENCY THAT CAN ARRANGE FOR
GENEROUS DISCOUNTS.

EXACT RATES ARE DETERMINED BY MANY
FACTORS LIKE CABIN TYPE, YOUR LOYALTY
STATUS, AGE, ETC.

SO TO JOIN US, CONTACT RUTH AT
RUTHBORO@YAHOO.COM OR (407) 346-
6220.

Your Help Goes a Long Way

Members all, your bar servers and kitchen staff are volunteers. We volunteer, not because we are professionals, but because we have a passion for our lodge and our Elk family.

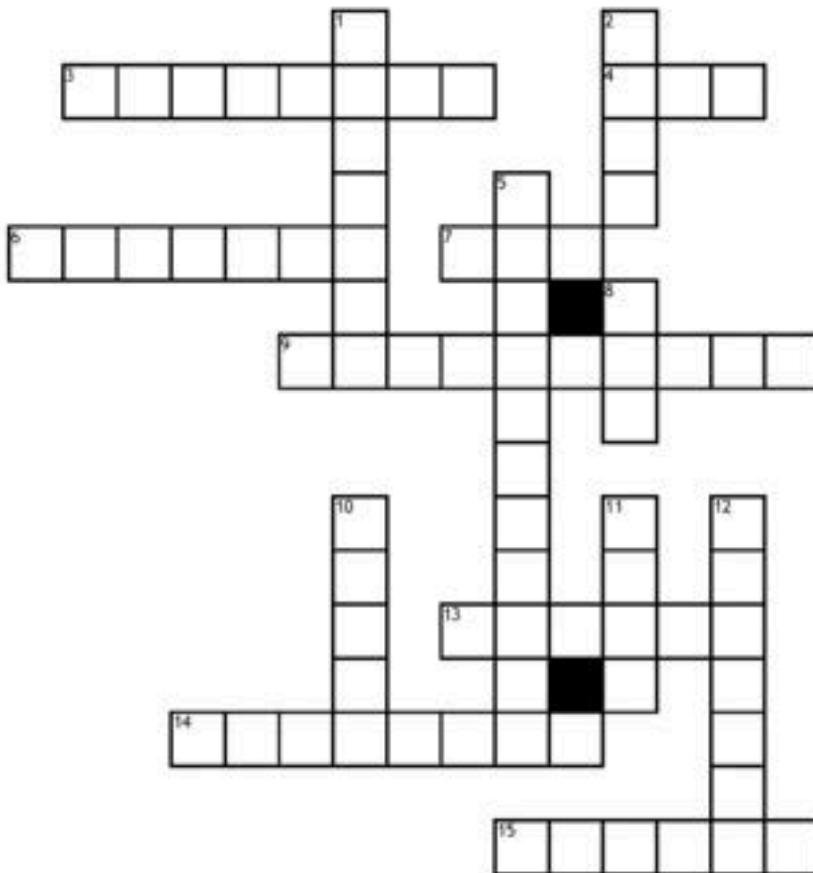
1. PLEASE place your order at the **“ORDER AND PAY HERE”** spot or have a seat at the bar.
2. Check your bill before you pay. If something is not right, please tell us so we can correct it or add on that drink that may have been missed. Mistakes will happen.
3. Clear/Buss your table. Glasses go to the bar and dishes to the bussing trolley. We thank you.
4. If you see an opportunity, help out if you are able. We will gladly show you where to find trash bags, toilet paper, hand towels, brooms, vacuum cleaners, etc.
5. There is no such thing as too many volunteers. Yes, we can use your help. It doesn't matter if it's a day, an hour or whatever you can give. There is always something that needs to be cleaned or fixed. Contact your Exalted Ruler or House Committee Members. Phone numbers on page 8 of this publication.





Name: _____ Date: _____

Elk Trivia



Across

- 3. Street where Lodge 1873 is located
- 4. Informal father
- 6. State where Lodge 1873 is located
- 7. Past "President" acronym
- 9. Original name of the Elks

- 13. Last name of Elk founder

- 14. Night meetings are held

- 15. Items worn by officers

Down

- 1. City where the Grand Lodge is located

- 2. Initials of fraternal organization

- 5. City where Elks was founded

- 8. Acronym of cash register system

- 10. State where 2024 Annual Convention held

- 11. Trait taught by participation in basketball tournament

- 12. District where Lodge 1873 is located

Elks

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Join in the conversation.

Register online
www.elks.org/register

SUBMITTED BY EILEEN BARRETT * ANSWER KEY ON LAST PAGE



The 11 O'clock Toast to Our Absent Members

"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 Elksdom 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.

ANTLER'S BOOSTER CLUB

MARCH 31, 2025

FRED & FRAN HAMMER (IMO) AMANDA ANDERSON

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

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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2024-2025
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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
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 4-YEAR TRUSTEE FRANK HUSBAND
 5-YEAR TRUSTEE BLAKE FREEMAN

LODGE MEETINGS

2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY
(EXCEPT JULY, AUGUST & DECEMBER)
PF EACH MONTH @ 7:00PM
MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED
TO ATTEND

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY HOURS
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 10AM-2 PM

**PAST EXALTED RULER
ASSOCIATION (PER)**

PRESIDENT	ROBERT BARRY PDDGER
VICE PRESIDENT	ETTA JEAN PLATT, PER
SECRETARY/TREASURER	JAMES PLATT, PER

**2023-2024
TEAMS/LEADS**

KITCHEN	STEVE HEIRBOR
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