


The Antlers

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September 2024



Message To The Members From Chuck Lassabe, PER Exalted Ruler



Greetings Fellow Elks,

Elk train 1873 has a full head of steam and we are rolling down the track. Just in case you have not been to the lodge lately we now have a game area that includes (2) two dart board, claw machine and a juke box with new speakers in the lounge. We will add an ATM soon.

We need help with our committees always looking for help and new ideas. All committees meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm.

We need to keep adding to our membership. So I challenge every member to sign up one person.

We now have a fund raiser for the Emery Miles Annex Building. Currently the north east corner has settled and we need to do some soil boring before we install the grout to stabilize the building. So let raise some money to fix our building.

Stay true to your Elk values

Chuck Lassabe PER

September Birthdays

- 01 Vivian Theriault
- 01 Honey Whittington
- 02 Eileen H. Barrett
- 03 Nicholas Nelson
- 04 Blake Freeman
- 07 Richard Cox
- 07 Julian Summer Lee
- 08 Clyde L. Clark
- 11 Frank Husband
- 11 Ramzan Khan
- 13 Johanna I. Grignani
- 13 Bill Henry
- 14 Kevin Burkard
- 14 Kenneth J. Komara
- 14 Donald L. Phillips
- 14 Steven J. Schlamb
- 16 Kenneth Hall
- 16 Martin Konieczny
- 16 Joyce D. Thimgan
- 19 Raymond A. Fernandez
- 20 Terence F. Hart
- 22 Ellis M. Zsoldos
- 27 Mark Chick
- 30 Michael Kamenoff

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*



Thank You for All You Do!



Fellow Kissimmee Elk Members,

What does your membership mean to you? Sharing your thoughts can help grow our Lodge. How, you may ask? I'm planning a series of posters to promote our Lodge that will be placed around the property for guests and renters to see. One of these posters will include testimonials from you, our valued members.

Please take a few moments to write about your experiences at our Lodge. You can write about the friends you've made here, the great food, fun events, how you volunteer both inside the Lodge and outside, and anything else that you have experienced. If you have photos, they will be most welcome.

When you've completed your testimonial masterpiece, please email it to me at eileenb301@gmail.com. Also, if you have any questions, or need any help writing, feel free to email me. If you prefer snail mail, please mail your letter to the Lodge at this address:

Kissimmee Elks Lodge
Attn: Eileen Barrett
1655 Kings Hwy
Kissimmee, FL. 34744
















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September 2024

Lodge Closed on Sundays, Thursdays and Saturdays
Except when noted

Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01 PLATINUM TEAM	02  CLOSED	03 Comittee Mtgs. 6pm	04	05	06  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	07
08 RED TEAM	09  6pm	10 BOD Mtg. 6pm Lodge Mtg. 7pm \$1 Hot Dogs after mtg.	11 6PM 	12	13  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	14
15 BLUE TEAM	16  6pm	17 BINGO WITH VETS 2-3 PM 	18	19	20  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	21 Public Safety Night 5pm
22 GOLD TEAM	23  6pm	24 Orientation/ Lodge Mtg. 6pm 1 Hot Dogs after mtg.	25 6PM 	26	27  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	28
29 PLATINUM TEAM	30  6pm			<p>Lodge Hours Open Hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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



Public Safety Night

at the Kissimmee Elks Lodge

Dinner & Award Ceremony
Honoring our First Responders



Saturday, September 21, 2024
at 5:00 in the evening

Event is open to the Public
\$10 Per Person

Chicken Cordon Bleu, Rice, Vegetable and a
Side Salad will be served



Halloween Party

Friday, October 25, 2024

5:00 PM

Adults: \$15 🎃 Children Under 10: \$8



**Costume
Contest**

**1st Prize: Two Friday
Night Dinners
and Two Drinks**
**2nd Prize: 24 of
Queen of Hearts
Raffle Tickets**
**3rd Prize: Bingo
Card Pack**

DJ

6:00 – 10:00

50/50

Raffles

Taco Bar

**With beef and
chicken, cheese,
soft and hard
shells, black
beans, salsa
and guacamole**

Tickets are available at the bar.
Come in or call (407) 847-2444 to purchase your tickets.

Origin of the Eleven O'Clock Toast

In regard to the Elks' 11 O'Clock Toast and its origin, we have to go back long before the BPOE came into existence. One of the main contributions of Charles Richardson -- in stage name of Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian and founder of the American branch of the Jolly Corks -- was to deliver into the hands of newborn Elks the rituals and traditions of a fraternal organization started in England around 1010 A.D., the Royal and Antedeluvian Order of Buffaloes, to which he belonged prior to coming to New York.

The RAOB, or Buffaloes as we shall henceforth refer to them, also practiced an 11 o'clock toast in remembrance of the Battle of Hastings in October of 1066. Following his victory, William of Normandy imported a set of rules, both martial and civil in nature, to keep control of a seething Norman-Saxon population always on the edge of a revolution.

Among those rules was a curfew law requiring all watch fires, bonfires (basically all lights controlled by private citizens that could serve as signals) to be extinguished at 11 each night. From strategically placed watchtowers that also served as early fire-alarm posts, the call would go out to douse or shutter all lights and bank all fires. This also served to discourage secret and treasonous meetings, as chimney sparks stood out against the black sky. A person away from his home and out on the darkened streets, when all doors were barred for the night, risked great peril from either evildoers or patrolling militia.

The hour of 11 quickly acquired a somber meaning, and in the centuries that followed, became the synonym throughout Europe for someone on his deathbed or about to go into battle: i.e. "His family gathered about his bed at the 11th hour," or "The troops in the trenches hastily wrote notes to their families as the 11th hour approached when they must charge over the top. Thus, when the 15 Jolly Corks (of whom seven were not native-born Americans) voted on February 16, 1868, to start a more formal and official organization, they were already aware of an almost universally prevalent sentiment about the mystic and haunting aura connected with the nightly hour of 11, and it took no great eloquence by Vivian to establish a ritual toast similar to that of the Buffaloes at the next-to-last hour each day.

The great variety of 11 O'Clock Toasts, including the Jolly Corks Toast, makes it clear that there was no fixed and official version until 1906-10. Given our theatrical origins, it was almost mandatory that the pre-1900 Elks would be expected to compose a beautiful toast extemporaneously at will. Regardless of the form, however, the custom is as old as the Elks.



Annex Repair Fund

As you may know, our Lodge benefits greatly from the rentals of our Main Room and the Annex. The rentals help all of us because they help keep costs down. Just compare anything on our menu with a commercial restaurant to see for yourself. In addition, the ticket prices of our events and our annual membership dues can also be kept down. So, without rentals, everything would cost more.

In order to attract renters, we need to maintain and improve our Lodge properties. The next set of projects we are in the Annex, also known as the Emery Miles Annex Building. First, we need to shore up a corner of the building that's sinking. Second, the crooked walls need to be made safer and more secure. Third, we need to remove the dropped ceiling. These improvements will enhance the appearance of the Annex and make it more attractive to renters.

To do all this we need your help. Please buy a "hardhat" with any donation under \$100 or a "toolbox" for any donation of \$100 or more. Our goal is \$20,000.00. Please help our Lodge to help serve you.



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 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.

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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WEAVER GAME

Play now one of Wordle's famous word games - Weaver Game. Your task is to convert one word to another, changing one letter in each row.

E L K S

A R M Y

G R I T

T E A M

O R D E R

E N T E R

There may be more than one way to get from ELKS to ARMY, from GRIT TO TEAM or ORDER to ENTER. If you do find another way, please post it on the bulletin board in the bar at the Lodge.

Submitted by Eileen Barrett



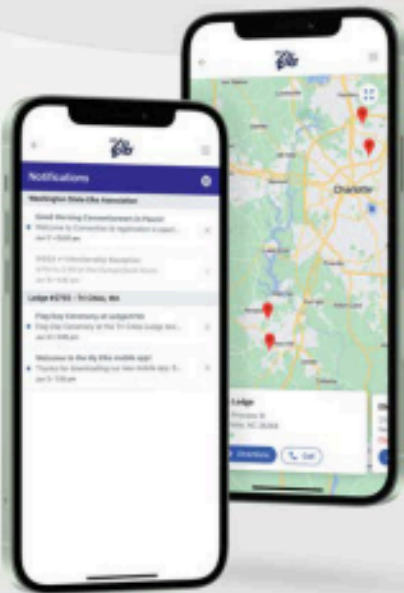


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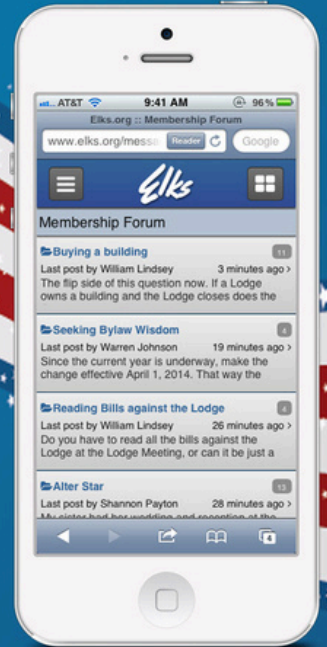


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2024-2025
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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 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)
 OF 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**

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