

The Antlers

November 2024



Message To The Members From Chuck Lassabe, PER Exalted Ruler



November Birthdays

- 01 Damon B. Green
- 01 Daniel E. Jackson
- 01 William Skay
- 01 Addison E. Walker
- 04 John V. Thornton
- 05 Inman E. Akins
- 05 Marsha L. Freeman
- 07 Jasper Thompson
- 09 Jerry B. Scott
- 13 Julius Benton
- 15 Beale Opsahl-Ong
- 16 Delbert R Wallace
- 17 Dean F. Blevins
- 17 Sue E. Kauffman
- 17 Valarie A. Weber
- 18 Wanda L. LeBlanc
- 19 Daniel L. Shipman
- 22 Charles E. Lassabe
- 23 Wendell J. McKinnon
- 24 Steven Mullins
- 24 Charles M. Relyea
- 24 Gene C. Young
- 25 Yolanda M. Ziegler
- 26 Thomas Carter

Greeting fellow Elks

The Elk train 1873 will be pulling into the station to celebrate the holidays later this month. All that will be traveling please besafe. We are making arrangements for the Hoop Shoot for our lodge to happen next month.

The activities committee pulled off a great Halloween party, good food, dancing and a costume contest with prizes awarded to the children and adults for the best costumes. We can not forget Steve "Boogie" Brown, our very own human Pinata who was wacked by Cindy Joint the Queen of Hearts all the children got their turn to give him a wack for candy. The activities committee is still working hard planning our next events so stay tuned for more details.

The building team will be working on the exterior pressure washing and interior metal work in the kitchen. More details to come. Members we need members to attend the lodge meetings and get involved with your lodge. We have a great lodge and we can make it better.

Remember election day is Tuesday November 5 and the lodge will be closed as we are a polling place.

Besafe

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*



THANKSGIVING

Thank You for All You Do!



Welcome New Members



**Alec & Andrea Darsch
Welcome to the Family**





November 2024

Lodge Closed on Sundays, Thursdays and Saturdays
 Except when noted

Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PLATINUM TEAM					01  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	02 
03 RED TEAM	04  6pm	05  Election Day Lodge Closed	06 6PM 	07	08  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	09 
10 BLUE TEAM	11  Free Dinner for Veterans	12 BOD Mtg. 6pm Lodge Mtg. 7pm \$1 Hot Dogs after mtg.	13 6PM Euchre 	14	15  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	16 
17 GOLD TEAM	18  6pm	19 BINGO WITH VETS 2-3PM 	20 6PM 	21	22  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	23 
24 PLATINUM TEAM	25  6pm	26 Orientation/ Lodge Mtg. 7pm 1 Hot Dogs after mtg.	27 6PM Euchre 	28  HAPPY THANKS GIVING	29  FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	30  


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

THANKSGIVING

Elks Care - Elks Share

THANK YOU FLORIDA ELKS!

With \$4000 from the Florida Elks we were able to donate to two local community services. Thank you to Chuck Lassabe and Marianne Tithof for these recommendations. These are their thank you letters.



Dear All Concerned at the Kissimmee Elk's Lodge #1873,

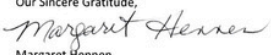
Thank you so much for the generous donation of \$2,000 provided to us here at the Osceola Pregnancy Center! We are so very grateful for the financial gift and we are happy to acknowledge it in our next newsletter and on our social media platforms.


Your gift will support our Wee Care Baby Boutique Program. We are currently serving about 200 clients who are receiving the necessities for their baby. While most of the baby items are donated, your monetary donation helps us to provide the NEW Infant and Toddler car seats. As well as universal strollers, diapers of all sizes, baby wipes, baby wash, lotion, oil and cream. Our baby boutique clientele is UP 99% this year as compared to 2023 thus far.

While our free pregnancy testing statistics remain about the same, those seeking an abortion have risen by 90%. We are a pro-life ministry and offer FREE ultrasounds, abortion education and lay counseling giving the women and men seeking an abortion the opportunity to change their minds about the abortion and allow the pregnancy to continue with a good plan for all involved.

The Osceola Pregnancy Center is a Christian ministry that serves the community by helping families to make LIFE-AFFIRMING choices for the sake of the baby and the emotional, physical and spiritual health of the mother and father. But we don't stop there the Osceola Pregnancy Center supports women and families throughout their pregnancy and can be of assistance until the child is about 2 years old. Our client return rate is 79%. And we have served this community for 35 years.

We could NOT accomplish this type of assistance to the women and families without partners like you.

Our Sincere Gratitude,

 Margaret Hennen
 Director

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October 8, 2024

Kissimmee Elks Lodge#8173
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 Kissimmee, FL 34744


Dear Kissimmee Elks,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$2,000 to support our services. For over 50 years, The Opportunity Center, Inc. has provided services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Osceola County. Contributions, such as yours, help support the Opportunity Center's mission of empowering individuals by providing employment placement, person-centered training, and community integration for adults with disabilities.

The Opportunity Center is dedicated to ensuring that people with disabilities live full and productive lives in the least restrictive environments possible. Services are provided that support adults with disabilities to participate in valued roles in the community, gain access to community-based services and employment, and assist individuals to reside in their preferred living arrangements. At the Adult Day Training Program, skill acquisition is provided in the areas of self-advocacy, adaptive and social skills that are age and culturally appropriate, activities of daily living, and many more. Currently, we also provide transportation services to over 90% of the individuals attending our program. This includes taking them to and from their home every day as well as community outings during the day.

Recognizing the importance of community integration, clients are encouraged to participate in outings or volunteer opportunities in the community. Volunteer opportunities include cleaning local parks, delivering meals through the Meals on Wheels program, cleaning the Kissimmee Welcome Center, and packaging recycled soap that is sent to third world countries through the Wash Foundation. These outings allow our clients to be active and visible members of our local community while practicing the skills they learned at the day program.

We value your support of The Opportunity Center, Inc. and appreciate your generosity.

With gratitude,

 Kristen Lafferty,
 Executive Director



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Elks Care - Elks Share

As members of Elks Lodge #1873 we needed help after Milton. The ceiling in our carport collapsed. This left us with a large cleanup of dry wall and insulation. Steve Hebior put out the call for help. The next day a crew of Elks arrived. In a few hours the mess was gone. We are so grateful. It makes us proud to be members of this organization. BPOE!!
Charlie and Lorraine Barker



L-R. Terry Seagraves, Ellen Gulliot, Charles Barker, Steve Hebior, Cindy Joint, Steve "Boogie" Brown

Every 3rd Tuesday of the month, the committee volunteers their time to play bingo with the veterans at the Community Living Center. They bring joy and entertainment to those who may not have family nearby, offering companionship and a fun break from their daily routine.

If you would like to join, please reach out to Bob Barry



Back row Bob Barry, Bob Tithof, Jim Platt, Jimmie Jackson, Ken Edwards, Micky St Blank
Front row, Jeannie Platt, Fran Barry, Marianne Tithof, and Dennis Millet



THANKSGIVING

Huge shoutout to

The Flaming 360 Booths & Brushes!

Thank you so much for donating the amazing decorations, photo booth, and 360 setup – and for giving your time to make our Halloween Dance extra special! Because of your generosity, our event was a spooky success filled with fantastic memories. We appreciate everything you did to make this night unforgettable!

Click on the picture below to take a look at some of the amazing pictures/videos



Our lodge supported the St. Thomas Aquinas Medical Clinic golf tournament and a good time was had by all and the Ekls team finished in second place.



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From the Elks.org THANKSGIVING

Veterans remembrance, patriotic duty and Thanksgiving

By JAMES W. MARTSFIELD
Committee Chairman

November is for honoring our **V.E.T.S.** It is also the month to elect our legislators, and a time to be thankful for all we have.

V- Veterans Day – November is Veterans Remembrance Month, in which we remember our solemn pledge that “So Long As There Are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Will Never Forget Them.” Our Order is proud of its pledge to never forget the veterans in our hospitals. We also honor our servicemen and women whose sacrifices have preserved the freedoms we all enjoy. They are the heroes of our country. Let us also never forget the volunteers who make our programs so successful. The men and women who donate their time to make our Elks Veterans Program work are also heroes. Be sure to recognize and thank them.

E – Election Day – November is also significant because November 8 is Election Day. We as Elks have a duty to vote for and support candidates who hopefully share our dreams, morals, love of country, our pledge of allegiance and our American flag. Let us all remember that there are not just blue or red states, but red, white and blue United States.

Do you know your government officials? Do you set aside an evening when you honor your police officers and firefighters? Do you invite your government officials to your Lodge? Do you hold a legislative day at your capital? After the election, do you send a congratulatory letter to the newly elected and re-elected legislators, and city and county officials? Along with your letter, don't forget to include your state and national Survey of Volunteer, Youth, Charitable and Community Service Programs.

T – Thanksgiving Day – This day is a time to give thanks to our Creator for the blessings bestowed on our families, the Elks and America. It's time to thank our servicemen and women who are still in harms way while protecting our freedom. When we gather with friends and family may we be thankful this and every day for the many blessings of family, the fellowship of friends, Lodge Members and our beloved American heritage. Invite and welcome a veteran to your Thanksgiving celebration.

S – Support our military families – At tables nationwide, we will share our gratitude toward our men and women in uniform and their families for their sacrifices to keep our nation safe. Our military families offer strength and encouragement to our service members while managing the household, caring for children and putting the country and the military's mission in front of their own desires and dreams. The holidays can be very stressful for many of these families. Consider adopting a family and invite them to your Thanksgiving dinner or supply and deliver dinner to a family. Let's not forget them during this holiday season, and please always remember that “Elks Care – Elks Share.”

The Grand Lodge Government Relations Committee wishes all Elks, your family and all the military families a happy and safe Thanksgiving.



THANKSGIVING

It's Back!

Spaghetti Dinner & Jello Shot Bingo

Saturday, November 9, 2024

Spaghetti Dinner from 5:30 – 7 PM



All you can eat spaghetti
with meat sauce and
bread.

\$8.00 + tax

Jello and Pudding Shot Bingo
Starting at 7:30 pm

\$1.00 per card
good for three games.



Open to members and one guest.

Proceeds go to the Annex Reno Fund



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Support Our Lodge and Look
Fabulous
Earrings, Friendship Bracelets, Brooches,
Necklaces and Greeting Cards are available for
purchase from the rack near the dart boards.
All proceeds go to our Lodge.

Annex Repair Fund

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

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OCTOBER 31, 2025

BOB & MARIANNE TITHOF (IMO) PHYLLIS JEAN KIRCHNER,
HEATHER BOCK

OCTOBER 31, 2024

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DECEMBER 31, 2025

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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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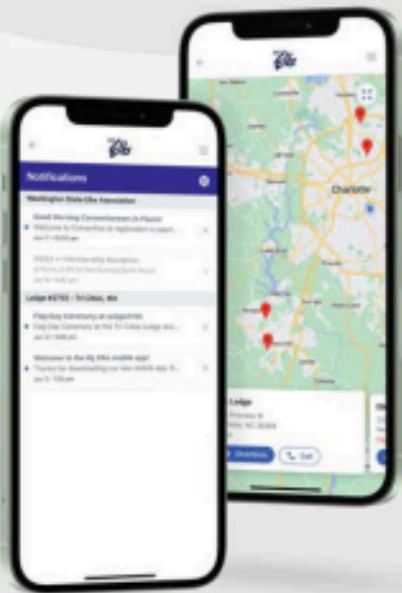


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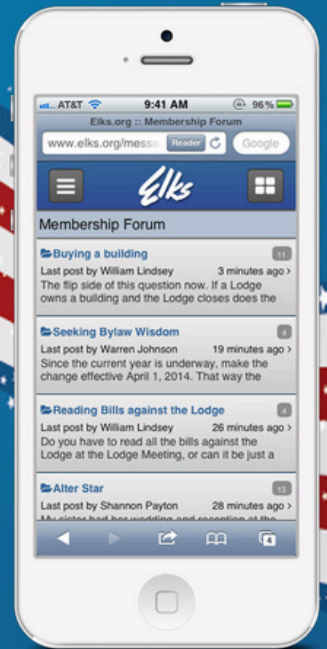


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2024-2025
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LODGE MEETINGS

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

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