



# ARCADIA ELKS LODGE 1524

<>APRIL 2021 Newsletter <>

## COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY – EASTER 2021

Arcadia Elks Lodge will provide food to the community on **Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**, for those who need for the Easter holiday. Pictured is the purchasing of food at the Arcadia Publix for this event.



### APRIL EVENTS

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Community Food Pantry
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm

## LODGE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY– CLOSED

MONDAY-TUESDAY-  
WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY-  
FRIDAY-SATURDAY  
Open 4:00 pm

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> TUESDAYS  
7:00 pm Lodge Meeting

### MONDAY

Hunting Season/Burgers & Bar  
Pizza 6:00

### TUESDAY

Lodge Meeting 7:00  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays

### WEDNESDAY

Bar Poker 6:00; Wings 6:30

### THURSDAY

Tacos 6:30

### FRIDAY

Steak & Seafood 6:30  
Karoke 1<sup>st</sup> Friday  
Queen of Hearts 7:00

### SATURDAY

Bar Poker 5:00

**EXALTED RULER**

Members All:

It is the start of another lodge year. As your new ER, I am looking forward to an exciting year. I have been working with Troy for the past year to learn the ins and outs of the lodge and I know there is a lot I still do not know. I am usually at the lodge a few nights a week. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to help with any of our activities let me know. It is going to take us all working together to make this a successful year.

Please note that are meeting nights are changing to Tuesday and we have moved Taco Night to Thursday.

Ricky Mercer  
Exalted Ruler



**LODGE OFFICERS**

EXALTED RULER S. Ricky Mercer  
LEADING KNIGHT David Beardsley  
LOYAL KNIGHT John Dill  
LECTURING KNIGHT Cindy Beardsley  
SECRETARY Kelly Mercer  
TREASURER TerryLynn Clinard  
TILER Bill May  
CHAPLAIN Marilyn May  
ESQUIRE Robert Vaughn PER  
INNER GUARD Sandy Mansfield  
DIRECTOR (1 Year) Jackie Hughes PER  
DIRECTOR (2 Year) Alfred Higginbotham  
DIRECTOR (3 Year) Troy Hughes PER  
LODGE ADVISOR Brian Burns PER, PSP

**LODGE ADVISOR**

Members All,

Well off we go into another Elks Lodge year! This is my 41<sup>st</sup> year as an Arcadia Elk. I have certainly seen some changes over all those years. There have been good times and bad times. We will continue to cycle as do all of our lives. I am looking forward to this coming year with anticipation of great things. We have a group that has a lot of energy and ideas for a better tomorrow. I am looking forward to not only success in the social side of our Lodge but more activity and outreach on the Lodge activities. We have several grants available for the use to improve our community and charities. But, they are timely. Once they pass they are gone. We look forward to working with ER Ricky Mercer with a great group of support around him. It takes some from everyone to make things successful. And success is not a destination of March 31, 2022; it's a legacy we leave to be carried on for the next leaders.

As I mentioned last month, we are looking forward to having in person camp this summer, so if you have young children or grandchildren, or know of a child that would benefit please look into our great Florida Elks Youth Camp. The Lodge has free camping scholarships available that we use or lose.

Remember our National Convention is scheduled for July in Tampa. We need over 300 volunteers to pull this event off. Please consider volunteering for help being a guide to Members from out of town to find their way around, find a meeting room, and look for a great restaurant and more! You can sign up on the Florida Elks website.

I hate to finish on a sad note, but I certainly needed to thank all who helped say a way too early good-bye to Buddy Mansfield, one of our Trustees, Buddy was a friend to many, a people person, a problem solver, a community leader, a volunteer to many causes, and for us a great Elk. He would see something that needed attention and he would just get it done. No fanfare, no who do we call, he just made it happen. We have written his faults on the sand, and we have inscribed his virtues on the tablets of Love and Memory!

See you at Your Lodge! Brian Burns, PSP FSEA



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## **Harry Anna Investment Fund**

Of everything that the Florida Elks do, perhaps nothing is more important than our work with the state's youth. Sowing the seeds of accomplishment and commitment through our **Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services** and **Florida Elks Youth Camp** programs, children are given the opportunity to grow and learn beyond their wildest imaginations.

The trust fund started in 1951, was named after Harry and Anna Miller who donated land and a building to establish the original Florida Elks Hospital for Crippled Children. Its purpose was, and continues to be, the collection of donations and the acceptance of endowed gifts. Donate at the Lodge or on-line.

The trust fund is restricted, which means that only the income derived from it may be used to support our major projects: the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services and Florida Elks Youth Camp programs. **To learn how you can support these great programs and become a sustaining monthly donor (any amount), go to [www.floridaelks.org](http://www.floridaelks.org)**



LODGE SECRETARY

It has been a busy month closing out one year and preparing to start another. We ended our year with 279 members and are hoping to improve that number this year.

We have changed our meeting nights to Tuesday and move taco night to Thursday.

We have many events planned in the coming months. Be sure to check the calendar, our Facebook page, or the website often to see what events we have planned.

Fraternally,

Kelly Mercer, Lodge Secretary



**Contact your  
Lodge Secretary**

*Today!*

# Happy Birthday

Gordon	Mac		Martin		April	01	
Philip			Turner	Sr	April	01	
Cynthia			Beardsley		April	02	
Ashley			Nemeth		April	03	
Beuford		L	Coss		April	05	
Mark		H	Davis		April	05	
Marilyn		V	May		April	05	
Steve			Lawrence		April	07	
Nils			Anderson		April	08	
Matthew			Kratzer		April	08	
Mary Jo			Gardner		April	12	
Danny			McCorquodale		April	13	
Heather			Smith		April	13	
James		Gary	Osgood		April	14	
William			Strickland		April	21	
William	Will		Wise		April	25	
Arthur		W	Brown	Jr	April	26	
Ashton			Brown		April	26	
Charles			Day		April	26	
Kenneth			Armstrong		April	28	
Micheal			Dempsey		April	30	