



ARCADIA ELKS LODGE 1524

<>August 2021 Newsletter <>

Lodge Outside Clean-Up Day



Saturday, August 14th at 9:00 am

Come out and help us get the trees trimmed, new bushes planted, and clean up the outside of the lodge.

Any members that are willing – your help will be greatly appreciated.

Let's take pride in the appearance of our lodge!!

AUGUST EVENTS

- 14th - Lodge Outside Clean-Up Day 9:00am
- 17th - Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm
- 21st – Brotherhood Ride arrives at Arcadia Lodge

LODGE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY– CLOSED

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

Tuesday-Closed (except for
Lodge Meetings)

3rd TUESDAY July & August
7:00 pm Lodge Meeting

MONDAY

Hunting Season/Burgers 6:00

TUESDAY

Lodge Meeting 7:00
1st & 3rd Tuesdays

WEDNESDAY

Bar Poker 6:00; Wings 6:30

THURSDAY

Philly Cheesesteaks 6:30

FRIDAY

Steak & Seafood 6:30
Karoke 1st & 3rd Friday 7:00
Queen of Hearts 7:00

SATURDAY

Bar Poker 5:00

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EXALTED RULER

Members All:

I am still learning so much about the Elks. This past month, I got to attend the Grand Lodge Convention in Tampa. I was able to meet with other ER's and discuss how they are doing things.

Don't forget that on August 21, 2021, the Brotherhood Ride will be riding into our lodge. I hope to see you all there.

We are looking for a few people to help cook on Friday nights. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Troy Hughes so we can get you on the calendar!

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 continue to make this a successful year.

Ricky Mercer
Exalted Ruler



LODGE OFFICERS

EXALTED RULER S. Ricky Mercer
LEADING KNIGHT David Beardsley
LOYAL KNIGHT Mary Kay Burns
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,

As we are entering the 5th month of our lodge year, we have some scheduled activities at the lodge, requiring volunteers.

On Saturday, August 14th @ 9:00 am, we will be meeting to spruce-up the outdoors at the lodge, anticipating our hosting the Brotherhood Ride “sleepover” on Saturday, August 21st. If you are available and can volunteer, please contact our ER, Ricky Mercer, or any other officer to offer your time. We are extremely proud to be involved with the Brotherhood Ride as our own Exalted Ruler, Ricky Mercer, will be riding from Naples, Fl to “Ground Zero” in New York City. **PEDAL STRONG!!!!**

Now that my position of District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler has expired, I’m pleased to say that I received an appointment to the FL Elks Charities Board of Directors.

Keep in mind, in addition to honoring and supporting our veterans, we also donate to our charities. We are way behind in our Harry-Anna and Elk National Foundation donations. This could be corrected by more of our membership becoming sustaining donors. Monthly donations from your credit card are painless and SO appreciated.

Come join us at the lodge and share our fun.

Nancy Higginbotham, PDD
Lodge Co-Advisor



RICKY MERCER
DESOTO COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

Ricky Mercer will be representing the DeSoto County Fire Rescue in this year's Brotherhood Ride. The 2021 Ride, will be dedicated to Florida's Fallen Heroes who died in the line of duty in 2020 while protecting their communities. The team will also be riding for the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 and honor the first responders who have died from 9/11 related illnesses.

On August 21st, the team will pedal from Naples, FL to New York City for 22 days, covering over 1,700 miles and average 70-100 miles a day.



Stay informed!

Regularly visit our lodge webpage

Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks



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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**



FLORIDA ELKS YOUTH CAMP



A project of the Florida State Elks Association, The Florida Elks Youth Camp is a beautiful and modern 405 acre complex that provides a unique summer camping experience for 7 weeks. Each Florida Elks lodge has camping scholarships available. The camp is funded through the Harry Anna Investment Fund. Arcadia Lodge 1524 had ten scholarships but only three were able to be used (Adam, Christopher, & Nicholas). Additionally Keith Keene's grandchildren (Breann & Paisley) attend camp sessions. Keith reports they had a great experience and want to return next summer. (Photos are from 2021 camp sessions)

Now is the time for all members to consider supporting the Harry Anna Fund as well as making sure that in 2022 every scholarship is used by a DeSoto County child.



LODGE SECRETARY

From the Secretary's Desk...

This past month started out a little busy with the Grand Lodge Convention in Tampa. It was packed full of new information. Our State President Suzi Simonelli's motto is "Teamwork Makes Elkdom Shine."

We currently have 289 members with 39 of them delinquent which gives us a lapsation rate of 13.83%. The new dues system with the Grand Lodge has been very beneficial.

Don't forget, we have changed our meeting nights to Tuesday and are now open on 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.

Kelly Mercer
Secretary

PHOTOS FROM ELKS GRAND LODGE/NATIONAL CONVENTION (JULY)



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Alfred Higginbotham	08	03
Michael Pooser	08	06
Justin Q Fussell	08	08
Michelle Potter	08	12
Justin Bryant	08	13
Tod Backer, PER	08	15
James M Bigott	08	15
Robert Doletzky	08	17
Cheryl A Hall	08	17
Tim L Martin	08	17
Clarence G Alvord	08	18
Frederic T Abbott	08	20
Audie Grantham	08	21
John E Lyford	08	21
Robert A Hamilton	08	23
James F Potter	08	25
Christopher Woppman	08	25
Robert Drake	08	26
Suzanne Freeland	08	26
Thomas J Overley	08	26
Robert Browning	08	27
Linda L Curry	08	27
Monita Clark	08	28
William D Wooten	08	28
JW Court	08	30
Ronald L Jones	08	30
William "Bill" A Stephenson	08	30