

ARCADIA ELKS LODGE 1524 – August 2023

Elks Care – Elks Share



Friday, August 4th, is a gathering for members (spouse/guest) to see the renovated lodge building and celebrate a return to normal operations after ten months since the devastation done by Hurricane Ian.

Come and enjoy a buffet of brisket, chicken, cole slaw, mac & cheese, cowboy baked beans, and baked goods (no charge for food) and socializing with your fellow Elks. Open at 4:00 pm & food at 6:00 pm.

HOPE TO SEE ALL MEMBERS ON AUGUST 4TH!

(2023 dues must be paid)

AUGUST EVENTS
4 th – Members Celebration Gathering
11 th – GRAND OPENING (start of regular schedule)
15 th – Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM
26 th – DD/VP Visitation at Brandon/Plant City
27 th – Elks Day at the Rays (St. Petersburg)

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www.ElksArcadia1524.com

LODGE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – TUESDAY – THURSDAY
SOCIAL QUARTERS CLOSED

MONDAY – WEDNESDAY –
FRIDAY – SATURDAY
Open 2:00 pm

TUESDAY – Closed (except for
Lodge Meetings)

1st & 3rd TUESDAY
7:00 pm Lodge Meeting

MONDAY

Hunting Season/Burgers 6:00

TUESDAY

Lodge Meeting 7:00
1st & 3rd Tuesdays

WEDNESDAY

Bar Games 6:00; Wings 6:00

THURSDAY

Closed

FRIDAY

Steak & Seafood 6:00
Karaoke 7:00
Queen of Hearts 7:00

SATURDAY

Bar Games/Hot Dogs 2:00

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EXALTED RULER

Members All,

I am excited to say that we are doing the final touches on The Lodge and it looks AMAZING! Big thank you to those that have worked so hard to see this day, and also to our members that supported us by paying their dues while the doors weren't even open to them. This kind of support is what makes me proud to be part of The Arcadia Elks Lodge. We are truly Arcadia Strong: thick or thin we stand together till all is right. It hit home with me as I watched our DVP Jackie Hughes tell the tale of what the Lodge has went through to a standing ovation at the district clinic.

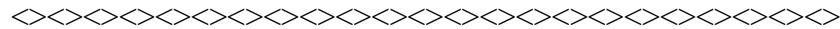
But now it's time to look towards a bright future, filled with good times through fellowship. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our members appreciation event Aug. 4th, and the official reopening on the 11th.

God Bless

Troy Hughes PER
Exalted Ruler

LODGE LEADERSHIP

- EXALTED RULER Troy Hughes PER
- LEADING KNIGHT Joey Santos
- LOYAL KNIGHT Sandy Mansfield
- LECTURING KNIGHT Kelli Jo Santos
- SECRETARY Jackie Hughes VP-SWC District
- TREASURER Nancy Higginbotham PDDGER
- TILER Bill May
- CHAPLAIN Marilyn May
- ESQUIRE Robert Vaughn PER
- INNER GUARD George Rigney
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- TRUSTEE Mary Kay Burns
- TRUSTEE Sam McLeod
- TRUSTEE Ricky Mercer PER



- Lodge Advisor Nancy Higginbotham PDDGER
- SWC District Advisor Brian Burns PSP

Stay informed!

Regularly visit our lodge webpage

www.ElksArcadia1524.com

"Like" & follow our Facebook Page: [@ArcadiaElks](https://www.facebook.com/ArcadiaElksNo1524)

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**



NEWS NOTES

THANKS FOR GREAT TEAMWORK!

It has been a long and difficult ten months since Hurricane Ian damaged the lodge building on September 28, 2022.

Much work had to be done acquiring the financial settlement to restore the building to good condition for appropriate use. Thanks to the lodge leadership for getting it done and to our membership for being supportive.

Special thanks is due to those who accomplished all this with hands-on work in the building and on the grounds for countless hours and days: David Barrera, Bill Blocker, Brian Burns, Jackie Hughes, Troy Hughes, Sam McLeod, Joey Santos, John Yoder, and all who assisted.

The building looks great with a new roof, new flooring, new furnishings, fresh paint, and various other renovation details throughout the facility.



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NEWS NOTES

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On July 18th, new members Gwen Blocker and Patricia Taegder were initiated. Welcome to membership in Arcadia Elks Lodge 1524!



GRAND LODGE – ELKS NATIONAL CONVENTION

Nancy (PDDGER) and Alfred Higginbotham represented Arcadia Elks Lodge 1524 at the annual Grand Lodge – Elks National Convention that convened over the Independence Day weekend in Minneapolis MN.




NEWS NOTES

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES / ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION GRANTS

Arcadia Lodge 1524 partnered with the DeSoto County School District to host a back-to-school fair that included the Lodge partnering with the Health Department and Arcadia Main Street to offer free back-to-school supplies ON July 29th at the Turner Center. Arcadia Lodge supplied funding for computer mice and ear buds that was attained by \$8,500 ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION Community Investment Program grants. Lodge members assisted with distribution of the school supplies



NEWS NOTES



Florida Elks Day with the **RAYS**

TB SUN, AUGUST 27
VS. NYY
START TIME: 1:40 P.M.
GATES OPEN: 11:40 A.M.



Lower Box Preferred Tickets are \$40 per ticket (\$100 Value)

★ Ticket includes New Rays/Elks co-branded Hat. ★

DEADLINE: Deadline to order is Sunday, August 13th, 2023

To purchase tickets, please go to
www.floridaelks.org/Rays

\$5 from every ticket sold will benefit
Elks Harry-Anna Trust Fund.



For Questions, please contact
Steve Harmon at
(813) 508-2315 or Email steve@floridaelks.org

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Alfred Higginbotham-3rd / Michael Pooser-6th / Justin Fussell-8th / Earl Vader-9th
Michelle Potter-12th / Justin Bryant-13th / Kara Lomski-13th / Tod Backer-15th
James M Bigott-15th / Joseph McClenithan-15th / Robert Doletzky-17th / Cheryl Hall-17th
Tim Martin-17th / Clarence Alvord-18th / Frederic T Abbott-20th / Audie Grantham-21st
John Lyford-21st / Robert Hamilton-23rd / Tyler Mansfield-25th / James Potter-25th
Christopher Woppman-25th / Robert Drake-26th / Suzanne Freeland -26th
Thomas Overley-26th / Robert Browning-27th / Linda Curry-27th / Monita Eversole-28th
William Wooten-28th / J W Court-30th / Ronald Jones-30th / William Stephenson-30th

