

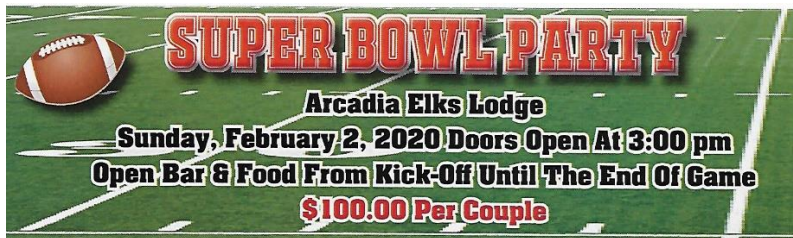


ARCADIA ELKS LODGE 1524

<>FEBRUARY 2020 Newsletter <>

FEBRUARY 2 – SUPER BOWL PARTY Reverse Draw Raffle

(Tickets available at the lodge)



**FLORIDA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT
SOUTHWEST CENTRAL DISTRICT VISITATION
ARCADIA LODGE 1524-FEBRUARY 21-22, 2020**



FEBRUARY EVENTS

BINGO EVERY WEDNESDAY

- 2nd -Super Bowl Party
- 6th-Lodge Meeting (Nomination of Officers)
- 13th-Lodge Meeting (Nomination of Officers)
- 14th-Valentine's Day Dinner
- 20th-Lodge Meeting (Election of Officers)
- 22nd-State President Visitation Dinner

LODGE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – CLOSED

MONDAY – SATURDAY
Open 4:00 pm

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

MONDAY

Hunting Season/Burgers 6:00

TUESDAY

Wings & Tacos 6:30

WEDNESDAY

Seafood, burgers, hotdogs,
bar pies; BINGO 6:00
(5:15 card sale starts)

THURSDAY

Lodge Meeting
1st & 3rd Thursdays 7:00

FRIDAY

Steak & Seafood 6:30
Queen of Hearts 7:00
Karaoke 6:30

SATURDAY

Bar Poker 4:30

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EXALTED RULER

I can't believe that it is already February! This year of being ER is almost over and we have accomplished so much. There have been numerous events that The Elks have done within our community, thanks to the grants we have received from Grand Lodge. From Suds n Stories, Veterans Dinner, Kids Christmas Party, Oral Health Awareness, Books furnished to children in Desoto County, Operation Outdoor Freedom BBQ's for Wounded Vets that are taken on hunts and cooking for our Desoto Bulldogs football teams. Wow we really have been busy! We recently had Desoto High School Baseball team host their fundraising event at the lodge and what a great evening. So many of our members have volunteered their time and made each and every event successful. I truly am grateful for such support within our lodge. Please if you're not asked and would like to help with anything just let me know as we always need help.

This month is big for Arcadia Elks as we are hosting the State Presidents Visitation at our lodge. President Tom and Frist Lady Joyce Ludwick will be here February 21-22nd. Saturday evening the lodge is hosting a dinner in their honor. Dinner tickets are \$25 per person and are going fast so please contact the lodge before we sell out. We would love to see our members at dinner.

The event we held at the lodge for Linda Summers showed us all how much we as Elks support our members. What a terrific evening seeing so many turn out and show such love to Linda. Its these type of moments that make me realize what being an Elk is about, Community. Please continue to keep Linda in your prayers and she continues her battle with cancer.

Bingo has certainly brought a lot of activity to the lodge and has become such a fun night. If you haven't come out on Wednesdays to play Bingo yet give it a try. Lots of laughs, good food and we have attained new members from our Bingo nights. Card sales start at 5:15 and play is at 6:00pm.

February is nomination and election of new officers so please attend the meetings. February 6th and 13th are nominations and February 20th we vote. It is so important to attend meetings and see what is going on.

Remember to keep current with lodge activities and all upcoming events by checking out our Facebook page or our website.

See you at the lodge. Jackie Hughes, Exalted Ruler

**PLAN NOW FOR
VALENTINE'S DAY
FEBRUARY 14, 2020**



**VALENTINE
DINNER EVENT**

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LODGE LEADERSHIP

<u>EXALTED RULER</u>	Jackie Hughes
<u>LEADING KNIGHT</u>	Joey Santos
<u>LOYAL KNIGHT</u>	Ricky Mercer
<u>LECTURING KNIGHT</u>	Mary Kay Burns
<u>SECRETARY</u>	Kelly Mercer
<u>TREASURER</u>	Terry Lynn Clinard
<u>TILER</u>	Duvane Ross
<u>CHAPLAIN</u>	Marilyn May
<u>ESQUIRE</u>	Robert Vaughn PER
<u>INNER GUARD</u>	Buddy Mansfield
<u>TRUSTEE</u>	Troy Hughes PER, Alfred Higginbotham, Nancy Higginbotham PER/District Vice President
<u>HOUSE COMMITTEE</u>	Joey Santos, Chairman; Troy Hughes PER, Ricky Mercer, Buck Wilson
<u>LODGE ADVISOR</u>	Brian Burns PSP



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.



LODGE SECRETARY

As February approaches, we have a lot going on. We will be nominating and electing new officers. Also, be looking for your dues notices for the new year as they will be going out at the end of February. Don't forget they are due on April 1, 2020.

We have been working hard on our membership. In January, we added six new members.

Currently, we have 333 members. Only 32 are past due giving us a lapsation rate of 10.4%. We are continuing to work on improving those numbers. We currently have 4 members awaiting initiation.

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 we have planned.

Fraternally,

Kelly Mercer, Lodge Secretary

Awaiting Initiation:

Kevin Joens
Tara Olson
Donna Ott
Daniel Shortman

Proposed By: Troy Hughes
Proposed By: Debbie Rallo-Perez
Proposed By: Buster Hall
Proposed By: Richard Perez

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS (Initiated January 16, 2020)



LODGE ADVISOR

Members All,

February is here and Arcadia Elks Lodge is doing great job on the lodge level. Our lounge and kitchen have been serving up great food and fellowship!

First on the lodge front, our grants are finished up for the year!! We helped children, veterans, and our community on a whole is a better place to live and thrive. We received and spent over \$13,000 in grants! Thanks to all our great volunteers who worked so hard to make these worthy projects possible.

Remember this month we will have three meetings, the first, second, and third Thursday. The first two will include nominations for officers for the upcoming lodge year which begins April 1, 2020. Please consider stepping up to take an office and help steer your lodge into the future.

Thanks to all that attend our social quarters and make Arcadia Elks Lodge a fun place to be. Without your participation and the many volunteers helping this great place to be would not be possible.

See you at Your Lodge! Brian Burns, PSP FSEA

DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

To all Members,

Our lodge year is in the last quarter. We need to continue our work to raise funds to support our State Major Projects, Elks National Foundation and our Harry-Anna Trust Fund. I urge each and every member to become a Sustaining Donor, as this will help us attain our goals. It is easy to join and you can assign as much or as little as you are comfortable with.

Also, for our local lodge, sustaining our current membership and bringing in new members will help our membership goals.

During the month of February, we will be electing new officers for the up-coming year. Be sure to look around, choose the best person for the job and attend the meetings to support them.

Information on the State President's Visitation, along with the form to complete if you are attending the lunch, dinner and tours are in this newsletter (pages 6-8). If you are choosing to attend, please complete the form and submit it to me along with your check to cover expenses.

Come out and support our lodge!!

Fraternally,

Nancy Higginbotham
SWC District Vice President

STATE PRESIDENT VISIT – February 22

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF ARCADIA ELKS LODGE 1524

TO: Officers of the Florida State Elks Association
Past State Presidents
State Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Regional Chairs
District Deputies & District Vice Presidents
Exalted Rulers and Officers

RE: State President's Official Visit to the Southwest Central District

You are cordially invited to join the welcoming Southwest Central District and host **Arcadia Lodge #1524**, as we welcome State President Thomas Ludwick and First Lady Joyce to the Southwest Central District on **Saturday, February 22, 2020**, as they are returning to their home district. Joining Tom will be VPAL Rudy Masi, Sr. and Dolly, State Chaplain Mark Thompson and Barbara, State Harry-Anna Chairman Mark Daniels and Melony, along with our Endorsed SPAL Suzi Simonelli and Joey.

Please note the **Friday Night Activity/Dinner** is a limited invitation only event. We will be hosting Friday night's dinner at the home of Brian and Mary Kay Burns, for the state president's party, visiting dignitaries and dignitaries of the Southwest Central District.

On **Saturday morning** beginning at 10:00 am, we will be attending the Arcadia Youth Rodeo Association at the Arcadia Mosaic Arena located at 2450 NE Roan Road in Arcadia and watch the kids perform for about two (2) hours. After the rodeo, we will return to the lodge for a light lunch, followed by a short travel for a tour of the Arcadia Stockyard located at 2719 Earnest Street Arcadia (N US 17), our local livestock auction barn, at approximately 1:30 pm. PLEASE DRESS ACCORDINGLY for these functions. Taco Bar lunch will be prepared at the lodge for \$10.00 per person. In lieu of the Stockyard tour, Persnickity Jewelry and Gifts is providing an alternative outing to enjoy wine and cheese tasting. Shortly thereafter, the vans will be returning the group to the hotel.

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2019-2020 Southwest Central District – State President’s Visitation

Arcadia, Florida

Name: _____

Title: _____

Lodge: _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____

Spouse/Guest Title: _____

Contact info: Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Saturday Tours:
Rodeo (No Charge) # Attending: _____

Arcadia Stockyard (No charge) # Attending: _____

Persnickity Jewelry & Gifts (No Charge) # Attending: _____

Saturday Lunch: Taco Bar (\$10.00 per person)
Attending: _____ \$ _____

Saturday Dinner: (\$25.00 per person) # Attending: _____ \$ _____

Checks payable to SWC District Advisory Council
Mail check to: Nancy Higginbotham, 7413 SE County Road 76, Arcadia, FL 34266

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

David	Beardsley	February	01
Kevin	Easton	February	01
Rickard	Frymyer	February	02
John	Schlabach	February	03
Theresa	Burkett	February	06
Maryanne	Dumas	February	06
Donna	Smith	February	07
Shawn	Edwards	February	09
Rodney	Morgan	February	09
William	Segur	February	09
Eugene	Turner Jr	February	09
Judi	Ricci PER	February	14
Dan	Wilson	February	14
Jerry	Carter	February	15
Doug	Christ	February	15
Marvin	Purvis	February	15
Adam	Nelson	February	16
Frank	Baxley	February	18
Robert	Farmer	February	22
Teter	Hutson	February	22
Leroy	McDonald	February	24
Allan	Burtscher PER	February	25
Brian	Williams	February	26
Dianne	Pelham	February	27
Diana	Sitko	February	28