

<>February 2022 Newsletter <>



ARCADIA ELKS LODGE <> 993-0011



### **FEBRUARY EVENTS**

1<sup>st</sup> – Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM (Officer Nominations)

8<sup>th</sup> – Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM (Officer Nominations)

11th – "Valentine" Prime Rib Dinner

13<sup>th</sup> – Super Sunday "Reverse Draw" Party

15<sup>th</sup> – Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM (Officer Elections)

# **LODGE SCHEDULE**

#### SUNDAY- CLOSED

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

TUESDAY-Closed (except for Lodge Meetings)

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

#### **MONDAY**

Hunting Season/Burgers 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**

Bar Bingo 6:00 Chili Hotdogs 6:30

#### **FRIDAY**

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

#### **SATURDAY**

Bar Poker 5:00

## **EXALTED RULER**

#### Members All:

This lodge year will soon be coming to an end. I have learned many new things this year about the Elks and the things they do to support the community.

This month we will be heading to Umatilla for the quarterly meetings. It is always a great time to learn the many ways Elks are stepping up and helping others.

I am 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 Joseph Santos
LOYAL KNIGHT Mary Kay Burns
LECTURING KNIGHT Jackie Tucker PER
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 ADVISORS Nancy Higginbotham PER, PDD

#### **LODGE ADVISOR**

#### Members All,

Time flies when we are having fun!! So "they" say, however, we are in the 11<sup>th</sup> month of our lodge year with lots of work to complete.

We have one (1) grant remaining, with plans for "Suds and Stories" to assist our community at a local laundromat. We pay for the use of the washer and dryer, while members read story books to the kids.

One of our charity fundraisers is scheduled for Superbowl Sunday, February 13, 2022, which will enable the lodge to send donations to our Harry-Anna Trust Fund and Elks National Foundation.

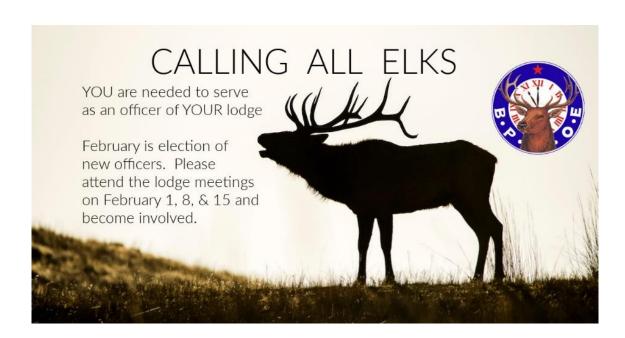
Also in February, we will elect new officers for the lodge year beginning April 1, 2022. We have three meetings during the month; first, second and third Tuesdays. The first two (2) meetings are designated for nominations of officers, followed by the third meeting for elections. Rather than criticize the officer's actions, consider stepping up to take an office and give your input and support to the lodge.

I'm delighted to see the activities in the social quarters continue to have a lot of member participation. Camaraderie within membership promotes growth in the lodge.

We as members will be receiving our dues notices for the coming year. It is very important that we remit our check to the lodge immediately. These funds are necessary to keep our lodge functioning.

Hope to see everyone at the lodge!!

Nancy Higginbotham, PDDGER Lodge Advisor



# Stay informed!

# Regularly visit our lodge webpage



# www.ElksArcadia1524.com

"Like" & follow our Facebook Page: Arcadia Elks No 1524 (@arcadiaelks)

# **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 <u>sustaining monthly donor</u> (any amount), go to <u>www.floridaelks.org</u>** 





#### **LODGE SECRETARY**

From the Secretary's Desk...

There are only a few more months left in this Elk year. Currently, we have 294 members with 24 of them delinquent.

This month, we are nominating and electing new officers. If you are interested, please let one of the current officers know.

Please be sure to check out our Facebook page or the calendar on our website for upcoming events.

Kelly Mercer, Secretary

# **The Elks National Foundation**

# Our Legacy to the Future

In 1928, one man's dream became a reality for all Elks and the communities we serve. Then-National President John F. Malley envisioned a plan that would "unite the forces of the Order into a mighty army for the service of mankind." During the annual Grand Lodge Convention in Miami that year, Malley's call to service inspired delegates to take action by voting to establish the Elks National Foundation with an initial \$100,000 grant.

More than 90 years after Malley shared his vision with the Order, the ENF continues to unite all Elks in service to their communities. Last Year's income to help the Communities we serve was \$62,047,928.00. The Funds value is over \$800mil. The Trustees that over see this fund work as volunteers to keep our growth going.

# **Our Mission**

The **mission of the ENF** is to help Elks build stronger communities. Each Lodge that meets the per capita goal is eligible to apply for community grants of different amounts and categories. The Arcadia Lodge has held reading programs for our youth and helped their families wash clothes at a local Laundry mat, we have worked with Operation Outdoor freedom, which serves disabled Veterans getting them outdoors hunting and other outdoor activities, grants have helped us put on food giveaways over the last two years. ENF provides funds for scholarships and supports our Hoop Shoot program among many other programs for children, Veterans, and Lodge Communities.

Please go to Elks.org, search for ENF and become a sustained donor or just give a one-time donation. Arcadia is short of our per capita goal and we need each and every one of you to pitch in.

Thanks to all who care and share! Brian Burns PSP

# **BIRTHDAYS**



Kevín Easton	02	01
Ríckard Frymyer	02	02
John Schlabach	02	03
Keith Robertson	02	05
Theresa Burkett	02	06
Maryanne T Dumas	02	06
Donna D Smíth	02	07
Shawn Edwards	02	09
William Bill Segur	02	09
Eugene Turner Jr	02	09
John F Yoder	02	09
Judí Ríccí, PER	02	14
Jerry Carter	02	15
Doug Christ	02	15
Frank Baxley	02	18
Teter Hutson	02	22
Leroy Bíll W McDonald	02	24
Díanne B Pelham	02	27
Díana Marie Sítko	02	28