



# ARCADIA ELKS LODGE 1524

<>January 2020 Newsletter <>



**Join us every Wednesday!**

Card sales begin at 5:15

Bingo starts at 6 pm

Food and Drinks available for purchase

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

18+ to play

Months with a 5th Wednesday are open to all ages.

## JANUARY EVENTS

WEDNESDAY BINGO RESUMES JANUARY 8TH

2<sup>nd</sup> – Lodge Meeting

11<sup>th</sup> – DD Clinic, Plant City lodge, 10:00 am

16<sup>th</sup> – Lodge Meeting

## LODGE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – CLOSED

MONDAY – SATURDAY

Open 4:00 pm

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 7:00

### FRIDAY

Steak & Seafood 6:30

Queen of Hearts 7:00

Karaoke 6:30

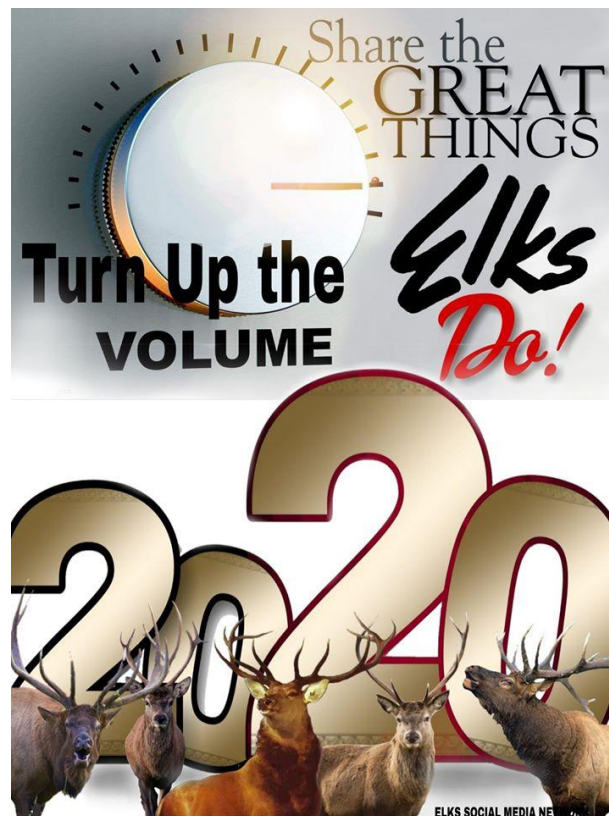
### SATURDAY

Bar Poker 4:30

1021 West Oak Street, Arcadia FL 34266 \* 863-993-0011 \* [www.ElksArcadia1524.com](http://www.ElksArcadia1524.com)

**LODGE LEADERSHIP**

<u>EXALTED RULER</u>	Jackie Hughes
<u>LEADING KNIGHT</u>	Joey Santos
<u>LOYAL KNIGHT</u>	Lindsay Wyatt
<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; Brandon Bierman, Troy Hughes PER, Ricky Mercer, Matt Plymale, Marvel Purvis
<u>LODGE ADVISOR</u>	Brian Burns PSP



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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

*From the Secretary's Desk...*

*Happy New Year!! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays!! We have been working hard on our membership. In December, we added nine new members.*

*Currently, we have 327 members. Only 34 are past due giving us a lapsation rate of 10.4%. We are continuing to work on improving those numbers. We currently have 5 members awaiting their induction ceremony and 2 awaiting proposition.*

*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*

*Members Awaiting Proposition:*

*Beuford Coss*

*Proposed By: Linda Curry*

*Gloria Stephens*

*Proposed By: Angelia Wilson*

*Members Awaiting Induction:*

*Kevin Joens*

*Proposed By: Troy Hughes*

*Robert (Bo) Meador*

*Proposed By: William (Pat) Mercer*

*Tara Olson*

*Proposed By: Debbie Rallo-Perez*

*Donna Ott*

*Proposed By: Buster Hall*

*Daniel Shortman*

*Proposed By: Richard Perez*

*Terrence Stewart*

*Proposed By: Keith Keene*

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### DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

To all members,

Here's hoping we all had a "Merry Christmas" with our family and friends, filled with laughter and joy. Festivities at the lodge were fantastic and well planned by the hard working volunteers and staff at the lodge.

As I indicated in my December message, I am working on our State President Tom Ludwick's Homecoming Visitation at the Arcadia Lodge scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. I am providing the informational letters and would like for all to read and respond accordingly. Keep in mind that everyone in the entire state are invited and make your reservations with me in January.

The next DD Clinic will be held at the Plant City Lodge on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 10:00 am. It is important that all the required officers attend this clinic.

**Happy New Year** and hope to see you soon at the lodge.

Fraternally,

Nancy Higginbotham, SWC District Vice President

### LODGE ADVISOR

Members All,

We are in the height of our season. It's great to see our winter friends down and participating at the Lodge. On January 11, 2020 we will have our District Deputy Workshop at the Plant City Lodge. Grab a group of fellow Elks and make the trip. We begin at 11AM with a light lunch to follow. We will be hearing Elks information and a session on our new Electronic Financial reporting.

We will have the honor of hosting our own State President from Our District, Tom and Joyce Ludwick on February 21 and 22, 2020. Our DVP Nancy Higginbotham will be the hostess for the events. We will need many volunteers to showcase Our Lodge and Our District. This is the first President's visit to our Lodge since 1993. Let's make it one to remember!

We will have three meetings in February. On February 6 and 13 we will take nominations for Officers for the next Lodge year. At our meeting on February 20 we will elect our new slate of officers. Please come out and participate in the process and consider serving your Lodge as an officer.

We are entering our last quarter of the Lodge year. Arcadia can be very proud of its accomplishments and the dedication of Our Officers, Committee Members, and Our many Volunteers. I know we will continue to be a great example of what a real Elks Lodge should be, "Caring and Sharing" and making our community a better place.

See you at Your Lodge! Brian Burns, PSP FSEA

<b>STATE PRESIDENT VISIT</b>
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**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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On **Saturday evening**, all Elks are welcomed and urged to attend the Social Evening to welcome State President Tom Ludwick and First Lady Joyce to the Arcadia Lodge for a wonderful dinner of:

Grilled Steak	Caesar Salad
Herb Roasted Potatoes	Garlic Knots
Grilled Asparagus	Chocolate Ganache Cake with Raspberry
Sauce	

Doors will open at 5:30 pm where guests will be greeted by State President Ludwick and will enjoy a welcome reception and pictures with him, along with hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner being served at 6:30 pm. Dinner tickets will be \$25.00 per person.

Hotel accommodations and prices are available and listed on the attached sheet. Please call and make your own reservations by January 25, 2020. Due to the fact Arcadia is a small town, Holiday Inn Express will be filled quickly, this time of year.

As this is the last SP's Visitation, we certainly look forward to seeing everyone in the Southwest Central District. If you would, please complete the dinner reservation form and return to Nancy Higginbotham, with a check payable to the SWC District Advisory Council.

Thank you and hope to see all at the State President's Visitation.

Fraternally,

*Nancy Higginbotham*

Florida State Elks Association  
Southwest Central District Vice President

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**2019-2020 Southwest Central District – State President's Visitation**

**Arcadia, Florida**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_

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Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info: Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail

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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



**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Jimmy	Knight	January	03
Roseanne	Collins	January	05
Daniel	Shortman	January	05
William	Trawick, Jr	January	07
Allen	Block	January	08
Raymond	Bradshaw	January	10
Renee	Otto	January	11
Robert	Vaughn PER	January	12
Jerry	Comisford	January	13
Charles	Hampton	January	13
W	Sunday	January	13
Leslie	Thompson	January	13
Kye	Bishop	January	14
James	Milliman	January	14
William	Arnott	January	16
Douglas	Deal	January	16
Nicole	Crews	January	17
Ryan	Fullerton	January	19
Kale	Wyant	January	19
Perry	Carmel	January	21
Daniel	DeHaven	January	22
Bill	Blocker PER	January	24
Nadia	Daughtrey	January	24
Gilbert	Coan	January	25
Byron	Barney PER	January	26
Benjamin	Boone	January	26
Terrence	Stewart	January	26
Jennifer	Davis	January	27
James	Parker	January	27
Carolyn	Payne	January	28
Daniel	Strickland, Jr	January	29
Kevin	Callanan	January	30
Tim	Kilkelly	January	30