

ARCADIA ELKS LODGE 1524

JANUARY 2024



The lodge is participating in the collection of toiletries that will be used in Elks welcome home packets for veterans. A portion of the collected items will also be donated locally to DeSoto Cares Homeless Services. Mike Dempsey is the coordinator for the Arcadia Lodge. The list of items needed follows (no shaving lotion or mouthwash):

Deodorant-Bodywash-Toothbrush with cap-Shampoo (with no medication, no Head & Shoulders-Conditioner-Tissues-Hairbrush-Comb-Lotion (no medication)-Lip balm (no medication)

JANUARY EVENTS

2nd – Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM
16th – Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM
26th – Prime Rib Night

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
Karoke 7:00
Queen of Hearts 7:00

SATURDAY

Bar Games/Hot Dogs 2:00

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www.ElksArcadia1524.com

LODGE LEADERSHIP

I want to wish our members a happy new year.

Hope to see you all in the coming months, and truly wish that you ask about the awesome ways Arcadia Elks help support others locally and in the Elks state wide programs.

I am very proud of the progress we've made in the last year, and I'm excited of what is to come in the future.

God bless.

Troy Hughes, Exalted Ruler

Members all:

As we say goodbye to 2023, and enter 2024, Mary Kay and I would like to thank all those who brought us through the long struggles of the last year and upon the horizon of a great future of Arcadia Elks Lodge. During all of our physical rebuilding and insurance battles we were able to keep our Lodge functioning with ongoing grants, scholarships, activities, and fundraising. The often time used phrase “It takes a village” certainly pertains here. We are close to finishing our facility redo. We have been open and successful for a few months now. We still need volunteers for many areas. Cooking, cleaning periodically, helping with functions, bringing new ideas to benefit not only our Lodge and social quarters, but our surrounding community.

Having been a member of Arcadia Elks for 42 years, I have seen many ups and downs. We are on an upward swing, but it takes dedication of every member. In 2024, Kay and I would like to spend more time in Georgia at our cabin. I serve in many capacities in both the SWC District and the FSEA. All of our time away will revolve around our Elk work and other groups we are involved with. We are lucky to have good Leadership in Our Lodge, but we need to plan ahead for new blood and smooth transitions. In February we will hold three meetings, the first, second, and third Tuesday. The first two meetings we will accept nominations for officers, the third meeting will be voting on those nominees. Please think about stepping up to join our leadership team. We hope to have a full slate of officers by our third meeting. FSEA holds an Officers training covering very important information to help ERs, Secretaries, Treasurers, and anyone else who wants to attend. These sessions are March 15-17, 2024 in Orlando. The Lodge budgets for this event and it changes every year.

Let's join together to make the load less and celebrate the successes together, because no success is ever accomplished alone.

See you at Your Lodge!

Brian Burns, PSP FSEA

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 sustaining monthly donor (any amount), go to www.floridaelks.org**



NEWS NOTES



ELKS
Join us at the Lodge!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 6:30 PM
\$30 - served with baked potato or fries and salad
(fish & shrimp also available)

Reserve at the lodge or call 863-993-0011

Prime Rib Dinner

Community • Friendship • Charity
join.elks.org



NEW MEMBERS INITIATED – DECEMBER 2023



NEWS NOTES

ELKS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Do you know a graduating senior who will benefit from a scholarship?

Legacy Scholarships are \$4,000 scholarships available to children or grandchildren (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2021. Great-grandchildren are not eligible. The applicant must be a high school senior. The 2024 application process opens on November 13, 2023 and closes on February 5, 2024.



A vertical poster for the Florida Elks Youth Camp Summer Camp 2024. The background is a gradient of blue and teal. At the top, the text "FLORIDA ELKS YOUTH CAMP" is in white, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, "SUMMER CAMP 2024" is written in large, pink, bubbly letters. To the left of the text are three circular icons: the top one shows two people on a rope bridge, the middle one shows two people in a canoe, and the bottom one shows a group of people with bows. To the right of the main text is a white box with a pink border that says "REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! SIGN UP TODAY!". Below the main text, there is a list of sessions: "Join us!", "7-Day Sessions - ages 9 through 13", "14-Day Sessions - ages 12 & 13", and a list of seven 7-day sessions and three 14-day sessions with their respective dates. At the bottom right, there is a white box with a pink border that says "Go to: www.feyc.org for more info & to register". At the very bottom right, there is a small illustration of a person swimming.

NEWS NOTES



We will have our "100 Club" on February 11th for the Super Bowl. \$100 per ticket admits 2 people for food and games. Check at the lodge for more information.

LODGE OFFICERS ELECTIONS – FEBRUARY 6 & 13



NEWS NOTES

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Mack, Cynthia
- 03 Knight, Jimmy
- 04 Cook, Paul C
- 05 Stark, Melton
- 07 Dickens, Roy L
- 07 Trawick, William T
- 09 Beasley, Aaron
- 10 Bradshaw, Raymond J
- 10 Dill, John David
- 11 Branch, Joseph
- 11 Otto, Renee D
- 12 Vaughn, Robert
- 13 Thompson, Leslie
- 14 Bishop, Kye
- 16 Fritz, Melba
- 17 Crews, Nicole
- 18 Whitlow, John
- 19 Barrera, David J
- 19 Kopke, Stephen
- 22 DeHaven, Daniel
- 24 Blocker, Bill
- 24 Daughtrey, Nadia K
- 25 Coan, Gilbert
- 26 Barney, Byron
- 26 Boone, Benjamin Tyler
- 26 Stewart, Terrance
- 26 Taylor, Richard
- 27 Davis, Jennifer
- 27 Parker, James S
- 28 Payne, Carolyn
- 29 Strickland, Daniel
- 30 Callanan, Kevin J
- 30 Kilkely, Tim

