



# ARCADIA ELKS LODGE 1524

<>July 2021 Newsletter <>

**RICKY MERCER**  
DESOTO COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

Ricky Mercer will be representing the DeSoto County Fire Rescue in this year's Brotherhood Ride. The 2021 Ride, will be dedicated to Florida's Fallen Heroes who died in the line of duty in 2020 while protecting their communities. The team will also be riding for the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 and honor the first responders who have died from 9/11 related illnesses.

On August 21st, the team will pedal from Naples, FL to New York City for 22 days, covering over 1,700 miles and average 70-100 miles a day.

**Brotherhood Ride 2021**  
**NEVER FORGET**

**Cycling for Fallen Heroes**  
**Florida to New York**

**50/50 RAFFLE | SILENT AUCTION | GUN AUCTION | LIVE AUCTION**

**BAKED ZITI, SALAD, ROLL & DESSERT - \$10 PER PERSON**

Doors open at 5:00pm • Dinner starts at 6:00pm • Auction starts at 7:00pm  
Arcadia Elks Lodge #1524 | 1028 W. Oak Street, Arcadia

To RSVP, donate, or for more information, contact:  
**Jackie Hughes • 941-214-0464**

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

<b>JULY EVENTS</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	– Elks National Convention in Tampa
10 <sup>th</sup>	– Brotherhood Ride Fund Raiser
20 <sup>th</sup>	– Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	– “Celebrity” Bartender Night

## LODGE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY– CLOSED

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

Tuesday-Closed (except for  
Lodge Meetings)

3<sup>rd</sup> TUESDAY July & August  
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

Philly Cheesesteaks 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

**West Oak Street, Arcadia FL 34266 \* 863-993-0011 \* [wwwElksArcadia1524.com](http://wwwElksArcadia1524.com)**

**EXALTED RULER**

Fellow Elk Members:

This past month has been busy. The South West Central District had a great fundraiser at the Lakeland Lodge. They put on a very nice event.

This month we have a few events planned and I am looking forward to seeing everyone. We have our Brotherhood Ride Fundraiser on Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. Currently, I am preparing for the ride. It is going to be a great experience. We also have our Grand Lodge Convention in Tampa July 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> and I am looking forward to learning many new things.

I want to thank the House Committee, volunteers, and Officers that step up each day to help keep our lodge a success!

Ricky Mercer  
Exalted Ruler



**LODGE OFFICERS**

EXALTED RULER S. Ricky Mercer  
LEADING KNIGHT David Beardsley  
LOYAL KNIGHT Mary Kay Burns  
LECTURING KNIGHT Cindy Beardsley  
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 ADVISOR Brian Burns PER, PSP

**LODGE ADVISOR**

Members All,

As I write this we are preparing to go and volunteer at the Elks National Convention in Tampa, Florida. It should be a great time seeing old friends and making new ones. We are helping put on the National Ritual contest so we will have long days, but it is so enjoyable to see the dedication and skill these members bring each year.

We held our District fundraiser on Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup> at Lakeland Lodge. As always Lakeland did a great job with the food and organization of the reverse draw. It was fun and profitable to our own “Lucky Lady” Sandy Mansfield! Sandy stayed in until the last 4 when they split. It was well attended by Arcadia Lodge and we enjoyed our District’s fellow members.

See you at Your Lodge! Brian Burns, PSP FSEA



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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. **To learn how you can support these great programs and become a sustaining monthly donor (any amount), go to [www.floridaelks.org](http://www.floridaelks.org)**



LODGE SECRETARY

Hello all!

It is so good to see so many members enjoying the lodge each week. I am gearing up to head to the Grand Lodge Convention to see what new things they have in store for us Elks.

Currently, we have a total of 287 members with 51 of them being delinquent. Our new billing system seems to be helping. If you haven't paid your dues, please stop by and see me.

We have some events planned this month so be sure to check out our Facebook page, website, or stop by the lodge.

Kelly Mercer  
Secretary



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Albert Funari	07/03
Lane Nott	07/05
Debbie Rallo-Perez	07/07
Lenny Lempenau	07/08
Shirley A Shore	07/09
James Harold Wall	07/09
Duvane C Ross	07/10
Mary Kay Burns	07/11
Peter Nicholas, PER	07/11
Keith Keene, PDDGER	07/12
James W May	07/13
Nancy Higginbotham, DDGER	07/14
Angelia M Wilson	07/17
Jerry Hunt	07/18
Larry G Furr	07/19
Brandon M Lynch	07/20
Matthew Plymale	07/20
Kelly C Mercer	07/22
R Phillip Nedley	07/22
Ethan Vitali	07/22
Dennis Johnson	07/23
Mitchell "Micky" Mercer	07/23
S Ricky Mercer	07/23
Angela Harrell	07/24
John F Court	07/25
Sam Edwards Jr	07/26
Brandon Hutson	07/27
Jimmy Barrera	07/31