



ARCADIA ELKS LODGE 1524

<>June 2021 Newsletter <>

BROTHERHOOD RIDE 2021

BBQ FUND RAISER

Arcadia Elks Lodge – June 12



The 2021 Brotherhood Ride, will be dedicated to Florida’s Fallen Heroes who died in the line of duty in 2020 while protecting their communities. The ride will also be for the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 and honor the first responders who have died from 9/11 related illnesses. On August 20th, the team will pedal from Naples, FL to New York City for 23 days, covering over 1,700 miles and average 70-100 miles a day.

JUNE EVENTS

- 1st – Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm
- 12th – Brotherhood Ride BBQ Fund Raiser
- 15th – Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm
- 26th – District Fund Raiser (Lakeland Elks Lodge)

LODGE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY– CLOSED

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

Tuesday-Closed (except for
Lodge Meetings)

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

MONDAY

Hunting Season/Burgers 6:00

TUESDAY

Lodge Meeting 7:00
1st & 3rd Tuesdays

WEDNESDAY

Bar Poker 6:00; Wings 6:30

THURSDAY

Philly Cheesesteaks 6:30

FRIDAY

Steak & Seafood 6:30
Karoke 1st Friday 7:00
Queen of Hearts 7:00

SATURDAY

Bar Poker 5:00

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EXALTED RULER

Fellow Elk Members:

May was a busy month and it looks like June might be too. A few of us just returned from the State Convention. I have learned a lot and there was quite a bit of new information being handed down that I will be looking over in the next few days.

I want to take the time to thank all those who have stepped up and helped in the first few months to help. If anyone else is interested in volunteering to cook, bartend, or help with events please get with one of the House Committee members.

Hope everyone has a great month!

Ricky Mercer
Exalted Ruler

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 12 – Brotherhood BBQ (Arcadia Elks Lodge)
June 26 – Southwest Central District Fund Raiser (Lakeland Elks Lodge)
July 4-7 – Grand Lodge Convention (Tampa)



LODGE OFFICERS

EXALTED RULER S. Ricky Mercer
LEADING KNIGHT David Beardsley
LOYAL KNIGHT John Dill
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 leave for our State Convention in Orlando. We are making history in Florida welcoming our first female State President. Suzi Simonelli is a very active and enthusiastic Elk in every way. I hope you will take the time to meet her in person and read about her travels in our State News and on our website. The president will be visiting Our SWC District on July 30th in Lake Placid. It will be a great time to get to know many Elks from around our District and the State.

On July 3, 2021 Our Grand Lodge Convention will be in Tampa. This could be a great day trip for Members to see what is happening around our Great Country in the Elks.

Please stay active in the Lodge over our summer months and bring a friend to show them that Elks care, Elks share. Our good work sets apart!

See you at Your Lodge! Brian Burns, PSP FSEA



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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**



LODGE SECRETARY

As we enter the summer months it seems we start to slow down a bit. We did initiated five new members last month and I have a few more that were unable to make it. We currently have 286 members with 59 of them still being delinquent. The new billing system has helped tremendously with the collection of dues.

Please be sure to check the website and Facebook page for upcoming events. Also, if you have not created a profile on the Florida Elks website you should. It is a great way to see what the Elks do.

Kelly Mercer
Secretary

Welcome New Members: Monita Clark, Larry Fradd, Dereck Manley, John Yoder, Lydia Yoder



Arcadia Elks continue to serve on the Florida Elks Charities Board. At the Florida Elks State Convention, Keith Keene is recognized for his eight years on the board while Nancy Higginbotham becomes a member. Congratulations to Keith for his years of service and to Nancy as she takes on this important work.



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Brandon Windsor	06	04
Lynn L Lord	06	06
Lloyd McGee	06	06
Jackie Hughes, PER	06	10
Michael J Kurek	06	13
Robert (Bo) Meador	06	13
John R Shutt Sr	06	15
Richard R Taylor	06	15
Robert W Lakey	06	16
Sandra L Mansfield	06	16
Jeri Ann Bennett	06	18
Durward Smith Jr	06	20
Sue E Fay	06	21
Kathy Jarnagin	06	24
Mark D Ruston	06	24
Woodrow W Cornell	06	26
Noel Cuevas	06	26
Thomas C Damron	06	26
Penny Pringle	06	26
Joseph F Santos	06	29
Brenda Stewart	06	30