



ARCADIA ELKS LODGE 1524

<>MARCH 2021 Newsletter <>



Sunday
March 28
1:00 PM

INSTALLATION OF
2021-2022 OFFICERS

ARCADIA ELKS
LODGE 1524

LODGE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY & THURSDAY-
CLOSED

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

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

MONDAY

Hunting Season/Burgers & Bar
Pizza 6:00

TUESDAY

Tacos 6:30

WEDNESDAY

Bar Poker 6:00; Wings 6:30

THURSDAY

Closed
Lodge Meeting
1st & 3rd Thursdays 7:00

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

Bar Poker 5:00

MARCH EVENTS

4th – Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm
17th – **St. Patrick's Day Party**
18th – Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm
28th – **Installation of 2021-2022 Officers**

EXALTED RULER

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank everyone that has stood by me this year, it's been a tough one for sure. There is so much to do and it is consuming, yet most members wouldn't even know the efforts that a few put in just to keep the lights on. It is a full-time job on top of a full-time for some of us, but trust me when I say I'm not complaining I'm actually very proud of what we do as Elks.

As I have come to learn over time is that there is no greater gift in life than being able to do for others, and that's why I'm here. When I see a Vet that struggles to get around stand a little taller when he salutes Our Red White and Blue, well that just makes my pride overflow knowing we are here to serve them for the sacrifice they made. When I get to hear the stories from the kids and their parents about the great experiences they had and the new friends that were made at camp. How they can take me back to when I was kid and it warms my spirit knowing that we are here for them, building our future, that one day they'll do the same for another. Or as a blind challenged person grabs me not wanting to let go and with tears in her eyes keeps saying thank you for taking the time and effort to give her a gift for Christmas. There was a piece of my heart ripped out that night that I'll never get back, she actually got to take it home with her as well. So that's the funny thing I found as an Elk, "the more I give away to others the more I find I have to give."

These are the reasons I do what I do as an Elk, how about you?

Thank you, God Bless.

Troy Hughes, Exalted Ruler



LODGE OFFICERS

EXALTED RULER Troy Hughes PER
LEADING KNIGHT Joey Santos
LOYAL KNIGHT Ricky Mercer
LECTURING KNIGHT Angie Wilson
SECRETARY Kelly Mercer
TREASURER Terry Lynn Clinard
TILER Duvane Ross
CHAPLAIN Marilyn May
ESQUIRE Robert Vaughn PER
INNER GUARD David Beardsley
DIRECTOR Nancy Higginbotham PER, DDGER
DIRECTOR Jackie Hughes PER
DIRECTOR Buddy Mansfield
LODGE ADVISOR Brian Burns PER, PSP

LODGE ADVISOR

Members All,

Well, we are into our last month of our Lodge year. It has been a very tough year for many of our Members and Our Lodge. Thanks to everyone who supported the Lodge and kept us going. Hopefully we are entering a better time with all of us healthy and helping make Our Lodge and Our Community grow and prosper. We have a full slate of officers, but as always we need everyone! We need volunteers for committees, projects, and events. We also need our Members to come out and participate, either in person or just call and get a to-go, it all helps.

We are proposing a By-law change to set our meetings on the first and third Tuesdays. Everyone will be notified and the vote will be taken at that select meeting. The change then goes to judiciary for approval. This change works better for our new officers and hopefully will work out well.

We will be starting Karaoke on the first and third Fridays. We had karaoke on Feb 12th and it went over well. Please come out and support this so we can afford to keep it going.

Also starting in March we will bring back our monthly BBQ! Once again we will need volunteers to help but it hopefully will allow us positive cash flow and a great opportunity to reach out to the community to let them know all the great things Elks do.

We are looking forward to having in person camp this summer, so if you have young children or grandchildren, or know of a child that would benefit please look into our great Florida Elks Youth Camp. The Lodge has free camping scholarships available that we use or lose.

Our National Convention is scheduled for July in Tampa. We need over 300 volunteers to pull this event off. Please consider volunteering for help being a guide to Members from out of town to find their way around, find a meeting room, look for a great restaurant and more! You can find details on the FSEA website.

See you at Your Lodge! Brian Burns, PSP FSEA



Stay informed!

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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**



LODGE SECRETARY

As we are coming to the close of another Elk year, I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work this year. I have mailed out letters regarding a change in our meeting night and a form to update your information that we have on file. We will vote on this change March 18th at our meeting.

Currently, we have 315 members and 41 are delinquent giving us a lapsation rate of 13.49%.

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

New Officers for 2021-2022

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| Exalted Ruler | S. Ricky Mercer |
| Leading Knight | David Beardsley |
| Loyal Knight | John Dill |
| Lecturing Knight | Cindy Beardsley |
| Secretary | Kelly Mercer |
| Treasurer | TerryLynn Clinard |
| 1 Year Trustee | Jackie Hughes |
| 3 Year Trustee | Troy Hughes |
| Chaplain | Marilyn May |
| Tiler | Bill May |

***“It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more. Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken.”
“To our absent members”***

***We mourn the passing of Arcadia Elks Lodge Board of Directors member
Buddy Mansfield on February 28.
Please keep the Mansfield family in your prayer***

Happy Birthday

| First Name | Last Name | Month | Day |
|------------|-------------|-------|-----|
| Jason | Coker | 03 | 01 |
| Shawn | Barney | 03 | 03 |
| Patricia | Moore | 03 | 05 |
| Reece | Welch | 03 | 05 |
| Buddy | Mansfield | 03 | 06 |
| Tim | Albritton | 03 | 07 |
| Donald | Sargent Jr | 03 | 07 |
| Tim | Goodell | 03 | 10 |
| Kimberly | Moye | 03 | 10 |
| Adrienne | Pion | 03 | 11 |
| Loren | Gibson | 03 | 12 |
| Phillip | Keene | 03 | 12 |
| Bonnie | Molloy | 03 | 14 |
| Robert | Zabrowski | 03 | 15 |
| William | Martin | 03 | 16 |
| Ward | Kanode | 03 | 19 |
| Ronald | Root | 03 | 21 |
| Raymond | Quave | 03 | 26 |
| Tyler | Edwards | 03 | 27 |
| William | Head | 03 | 27 |
| Tobi | McCaffery | 03 | 27 |
| Linda | Allbritton | 03 | 28 |
| Martha | Lander-Faul | 03 | 29 |
| Barney | Cook | 03 | 31 |
| Cassandra | Pishioneri | 03 | 31 |



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February 14, 2021

Members All:

I hope everyone is doing well. We are wanting to make some changes to our by-laws regarding our meeting nights and schedule. We would like to move our meetings from Thursday evening to Tuesday evening.

This would mean our meetings would be as follows:

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| January | 1 st & 3 rd Tuesday |
| February | 1 st , 2 nd , & 3 rd Tuesday |
| March | 1 st & 3 rd Tuesday |
| April | 1 st & 3 rd Tuesday |
| May | 1 st & 3 rd Tuesday |
| June | 1 st & 3 rd Tuesday |
| July | 3 rd Tuesday Only |
| August | 3 rd Tuesday Only |
| September | 1 st & 3 rd Tuesday |
| October | 1 st & 3 rd Tuesday |
| November | 1 st & 3 rd Tuesday |
| December | 1 st & 3 rd Tuesday |

All meetings will continue to be at 7:00pm. As members we all need to vote on this at our meeting on March 18, 2021. We would like to have your input. We hope to see everyone there.

Thank you
Kelly Mercer
Kelly Mercer
Secretary