



# ARCADIA ELKS LODGE 1524

<>March 2022 Newsletter <>

## EXALTED RULER

Members All:

In February, I attended the Quarterly Meetings in Umatilla at the kid’s camp. If you have never been, you should take the trip as it is a beautiful place for our kids to have fun! The meetings were full of information about upcoming changes and how the Elks support the community.

As my lodge year is coming to an end, I wanted to say thank you to everyone that has helped and supported. I am looking forward to helping ER-elect Nancy Higginbotham, PDDGER in her next lodge year.

I am at the lodge a few nights a week. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to help with any of our activities let me know. It is going to take us all working together to continue to make this a successful year.

Ricky Mercer  
Exalted Ruler

### FEBRUARY EVENTS

1<sup>st</sup> – Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM  
15<sup>th</sup> – Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM  
TBA – Installation of New Officer (2022-2023)

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## LODGE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY– CLOSED

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

TUESDAY-Closed (except for  
Lodge Meetings)

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

Bar Bingo 6:00  
Chili Hotdogs 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

**LODGE SECRETARY**

Members All:

As we are coming to the close of another Elk year, I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work and support this year. As I take a step back from being secretary, I am looking forward to helping in other aspects.

We still have a few officer positions available. If you are interested in helping the lodge and filling a position, please contact me.

Currently, we have 294 members and 24 are delinquent giving us a lapsation rate of 8.51%.

Fraternally,

Kelly Mercer



**2021-2022 LODGE OFFICERS**

EXALTED RULER S. Ricky Mercer  
LEADING KNIGHT Joseph Santos  
LOYAL KNIGHT Mary Kay Burns  
LECTURING KNIGHT Jackie Tucker PER  
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 ADVISORS Nancy Higginbotham PER, PDD

**LODGE ADVISOR**

Members All,

As we all know, we are in the final month of our lodge year. I want to thank all the volunteers who have given their time and money to keep our lodge going.

Officer nominations and elections were held during the month of February. We have most of our officers, however, after the election, some health issues are requiring changes. I feel confident that we will be ready on April 1 to “hit the ground running”.

We will be scheduling a special meeting in order to install all the new officers.

It is also the time for appointments of new committee chairpersons. If you have any interests in youth activities, veterans, community outreach programs, or as simple as lodge activities, please let me know. These are such vital talents to expand our lodge and the knowledge of our major projects in the community.

Dues notices have been mailed and are currently being received by the members. Please mail your check to the lodge secretary or better yet, stop by the lodge and drop off your payment.

We have one (1) grant remaining, with plans for a Food Drive. We will be shopping for food, place food in the bags and hand out to drive-through recipients. These funds are made available to us from our donations to Elk National Foundation.

Our charity fundraiser for Superbowl Sunday, February 13, 2022, was a great success, enabling the lodge to send donations to our Harry-Anna Trust Fund and Elks National Foundation.

The activities in the social quarters continue to soar. We all love to see the member participation. Camaraderie within membership promotes growth in the lodge.

Hope to see everyone at the lodge!!

Nancy Higginbotham, PDDGER  
Lodge Advisor



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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)**



BIRTHDAYS

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jason H Coker	03	01
Shawn A Barney	03	03
Patricia Moore	03	05
Reece Welch	03	05
Tim Albritton	03	07
Donald C Sargent Jr	03	07
Tim W Goodell	03	10
Kimberly Moye	03	10
Adrienne A Pion	03	11
Loren H Gibson	03	12
Phillip Keene	03	12
Bonnie Molloy	03	14
Lydia S Yoder	03	15
Robert Zabrowski	03	15
William "Bill" Martin	03	16
Ward D Kanode	03	19
Ronald Alan Root	03	21
Darrin Holman	03	24
Raymond L Quave	03	26
Tyler Edwards	03	27
William Head	03	27
Tobi McCaffery	03	27
Martha S Faul	03	29
Dereck Manley	03	29
Barney C Cook	03	31