



# ARCADIA ELKS LODGE 1524

<>NOVEMBER 2020 Newsletter <>

## VETERANS DAY PARADE

**November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am followed by ceremony at DeSoto County Court House**



## VETERANS DINNER

Arcadia Elks Lodge is hosting a dinner for all veterans and spouses (no charge) on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 4:00 pm and dinner at 5:30 pm.

### NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 5<sup>th</sup> – Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day parade 10:00 am
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Dinner 4:00 pm (dinner at 5:30 pm)
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> – THANKSGIVING DAY

## LODGE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY & THURSDAY –  
CLOSED

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

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 7:00

### FRIDAY

Steak & Seafood 6:30  
Queen of Hearts 7:00

### SATURDAY

Bar Poker 5:00

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### EXALTED RULER

Hello Elk Members,

This month is near and dear to my heart.

We started a few years back because for me one day was not enough to honor those that have served in the Armed Forces. I'm so proud that our city has again signed the proclamation to observe from November 8th to the 15th as Veterans Week here in Arcadia.

We hope all will turn out for the parade held downtown on the 11th 10 AM followed by the ceremony to be held on the lawn of the DeSoto County Court House at 11 AM. The Arcadia Elks Lodge will be hosting the closing ceremony on the 15th for all Veterans and their spouses to attend. Doors open 4 PM, complimentary dinner 5:30. This is open to none member Veterans so spread the word, we share because we care.

Hope to see you there, and God Bless.

Troy Hughes PER  
Exalted Ruler



Mayor Robert Heine Jr and Exalted Ruler Troy Hughes with Arcadia's proclamation of November 8 – 15 as Veterans Week

**LODGE LEADERSHIP**



**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 SECRETARY**

Hello All! We are starting to get back into the swing of things! As the holidays are approaching, please be sure to check our Facebook page for upcoming events.

Currently, we have 308 members. Only 49 are past due giving us a lapsation rate of 16.12%. We are continuing to work on improving those numbers. If you know anyone that has not paid their dues, please reach out to them or us.

Fraternally,

Kelly Mercer

**LODGE ADVISOR**

Members All,

We are half way through our Lodge year. Doesn't seem possible, with all the shutdowns and limitations we've had we have a lot of catching up to do during our last 6 months.

Arcadia is behind in its goals for both Harry-Anna Trust fund and our National Foundation. Please think about becoming a sustained donor for both. Just go to the Websites and sign up. You can give whatever you can afford. These funds are used to run our many charitable projects on the State and National level.

We have our Mid-year convention coming up on November 20-21 at the Hilton Tampa Airport Hotel. If you want to learn more about our Major Projects or the workings of our committees, please plan on making a day trip up to listen in or call and get a room a spend a couple days and enjoy your fellow Elks. The agenda is on the Florida Elks website. While you are on the website check out all the things going on with the Elks.

See you at Your Lodge! Brian Burns, PSP FSEA

**GOOD  
DEEDS  
EVERY  
DAY**

DIANE GLEASON



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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)**



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

First	Middle	Last	Month	Day
Douglas	B	Krugh	11	03
Danny		Via	11	04
Lindsey	D	Wyatt	11	04
Dolores		Whidden	11	05
Robert		Dennison	11	07
Julian		Wright	11	07
Lucky		Muse	11	09
Thomas		Dolan	11	10
Gerald		Rajski	11	10
Robert		Veasley	11	11
Tim		Carlson	11	14
Jeff		Pitch	11	14
John	R	Fraley Jr	11	15
Susan		Smith	11	16
Shon		Whidden	11	17
Tony	W	Hutson	11	18
Scott		Mears	11	18
Deke		Livingston	11	20
D	Zachary	Varner	11	21
Jonathan		Wingate	11	21
John	Wm	Lipe	11	23
Diane	E	Hall	11	25
Gary	L	Newbrough	11	26
Donald		Knoche	11	27
Kelli	D	Metcalf	11	27
Kenneth	Eugene	Yount	11	28
Annette	J	Genito	11	29

*Happy Birthday!*