



ARCADIA ELKS LODGE 1524

<>November 2021 Newsletter <>

\$50/Ticket

200 Ticket Reverse Draw
 November 5, 2021
 Arcadia Elks Lodge #1524 at 6 PM
 Event Entry for 2 and 1 Chance at Big Board Prizes
 Need not be present to win

First Number - \$100 25th Number - \$150
 100th Number - \$500 150th Number - \$150
 200th Number - \$2500

If ALL Tickets are not sold, the prizes would be proportioned according to sold tickets. Partnerships are encouraged on ticket sales, but only 2 persons per ticket may attend on each ticket. There will be a food charge of \$15/person for additional guests.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW AT THE LODGE
OR FROM A LODGE OFFICER

Proceeds to fund lodge operations

Mondays – HUNTING SEASON
Wednesdays – BAR POKER
Fridays – QUEEN OF HEARTS
Saturdays – BAR POKER

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 2nd – Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm
- 5th – Reverse Draw Fund Raiser 6:00 pm
- 6th – Lakeland Lodge Visitation
- 11th – Veterans Day Parade 10:00 am
- 14th – Veterans Dinner/Arcadia Elks Lodge 5:30 pm
- 16th – Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm
- 18th – Mid-Year Convention (Gainesville)
- 19th – Concert - tickets required (see page 6)
- 25th – THANKSGIVING DAY

LODGE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY– CLOSED

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

TUESDAY-Closed (except for
Lodge Meetings)

1st & 3rd TUESDAY
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

Bar Bingo 6:00
Chili Hotdogs 6:30

FRIDAY

Steak & Seafood 6:30
Karoke 1st & 3rd Friday 7:00
Queen of Hearts 7:00

SATURDAY

Bar Poker 5:00

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EXALTED RULER

Members All:

This month we will be going to Gainesville for our Mid-Year convention. I am looking forward to seeing what good the Elks has been doing in our state. We have a few activities planned this month so please be sure to check the calendar page for updates.

We are still looking for a few people to help cook on Friday nights. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Troy Hughes so we can get you on the calendar!

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.

I hope you and your family have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Ricky Mercer
Exalted Ruler



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 Brian Burns PER, PSP; Nancy Higginbotham PER, PDD

LODGE ADVISOR

Members All,

As we enter our second half of our Lodge Year, we are beginning to see our Northern Members returning. Please reach out to any of them you know or have contacts for. Let them know we are open, safe and doing the work of Elksdom. As always we can use help in all areas of our Lodge.

Now for my Lodge Advisor business! It is always disturbing when you hear of items, especially donated items missing from OUR Lodge. Our Volunteers work hard to please our membership and not only do they donate hours of service but often we bring in items to make our work easier and more pleasing for the Lodge. If you have “borrowed” something and forgot please bring it back. We do not normally loan out any items outside our Lodge.

Arcadia is behind in its goals for both Harry-Anna Trust fund and our National Foundation. We are last in the District with a per capita of \$.75 in ENF and we are next to last in Harry-Anna with \$3.13. This is not what we represent as Elks! 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 18-20, 2021 at the Hilton University of Florida Hotel. If you want to learn more about our Major Projects or the workings of our committees, please plan to get a room and spend a day or two 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



Stay informed!

Regularly visit our lodge webpage

Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks



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Elks Care - *Elks* Share

www.ElksArcadia1524.com

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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

From the Secretary's Desk...

With the holidays approaching, we have many events and activities in the coming months.

We currently have 292 members with 26 of them delinquent which gives us a lapsation rate of 9.22%. The new dues system with the Grand Lodge has been very beneficial.

Don't forget, we and are now open on Thursday and will be having Bar Bingo!

Kelly Mercer
Secretary



The 2022 **Most Valuable Student** scholarship contest opened on Monday, August 2. The MVS scholarship is open to high school seniors who are U.S. citizens. The 500 four-year scholarships are awarded based on academics, service, leadership and financial need.

The top 20 finalists will attend the 2022 Leadership Weekend in Chicago to learn about the Order and to serve in the name of the Elks. That same weekend, the top 20 will also interview for the top awards, ranging from \$20,000 to \$50,000. The remaining 480 runners-up will receive \$4,000 scholarships. Spread the word to the high school seniors in your life to apply by **November 15, 2021**.

Learn more about the MVS contest and find the application link at enf.elks.org/MVS.

Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Elks members. The 2022 contest and application will opened on September 1, 2021. The deadline for 2022 applications is **February 7, 2022**.

COMING EVENTS

NOTICE

**** FRIDAY NIGHT NOVEMBER 19 ** **SPECIAL/CONCERT PRIVATE EVENT ****

NO REGULAR DINNER – NO QUEEN OF HEARTS

TICKETS REQUIRED

AVAILABLE FOR LODGE MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE WITH PURCHASE

November 19th the lodge has been rented for concerts. These dates both of which are Friday's the Lodge will not be open for regular dinner service or members unless you have purchased tickets.

Tickets can be bought at the lodge or on 104.5 classic country or wdmillerlive.eventbee.com

Nov 19th TICKETS ARE \$15 (General Admission) & VIP TICKETS \$50 (Steak Dinner)

NOVEMBER 14 VETERANS DINNER / ARCADIA ELKS LODGE 5:30 pm
(Veteran & Guest) Call 993-0011 for reservation



A poster for Veterans Remembrance Month. At the top, it says "diane gleason designs". The poster features a silhouette of an elk with large antlers standing on a red heart. Below the heart, it says "November is Veterans Remembrance Month". The text "VETERANS DAY PARADE" is followed by "Thursday, November 11th, 10:00 am". Below that, it says "Elks Care – Elks Share". The text "VETERANS DINNER" is followed by "Arcadia Elks Lodge" and "Sunday, November 14th, 5:30 pm". At the bottom, it says "(Veteran & Guest)" and "Call 863-993-0011 for Reservation". The poster has a red border and a background of stars and stripes.

BIRTHDAYS

Douglas B Krugh	11	03
Timothy Hilgeman	11	04
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
Robert Veasley	11	11
Tim Carlson	11	14
Jeff Pitch	11	14
John R Fraley Jr	11	15
Susan Smith	11	16
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
Kenneth Eugene Yount	11	28
Annette J Genito	11	29

