



ARCADIA ELKS LODGE 1524

<>October 2019 Newsletter <>



Join us every Wednesday!

Card sales begin at 5:15

Bingo starts at 6 pm

Food and Drinks available for purchase

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

18+ to play

Months with a 5th Wednesday are open to all ages.

LODGE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – CLOSED

MONDAY – SATURDAY

Open 4:00 pm

1st & 3rd THURSDAYS

7:00 pm Lodge Meeting

MONDAY

Hunting Season/Burgers 6:00

TUESDAY

Wings & Tacos 6:30

WEDNESDAY

Seafood, burgers, hotdogs, bar pies; BINGO 6:00 (5:15 card sale starts)

THURSDAY

Lodge Meeting

1st & 3rd Thursdays 7:00

FRIDAY

Steak & Seafood 6:30

Queen of Hearts 7:00

Karaoke 6:30

SATURDAY

Bar Poker 4:30

OCTOBER EVENTS

3rd – DeSoto County High School JV Football Team Dinner

3rd – Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM

17th – Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM

20th – 26th – BROTHERHOOD RIDE

26th – District Fund Raiser at Plant City Lodge

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EXALTED RULER

I hope everyone is well and looking forward to this Fall season. I'm excited that our Northern friends will be returning and enjoying the lodge soon.

We have had a busy month! There are numerous lodge activities planned so pay attention to our website and Facebook pages.

The Elks just cooked for our Desoto Bulldogs, JV and Varsity Football teams. What a great way to be involved with our youth.

The lodge has received numerous Elks grants that allow us to give back to the community and we always need volunteers. If you see an upcoming event you would like to help with just let us know.

We are on our second week of Bingo! Remember every Wednesday night at 6:00 pm. Ticket sales start at 5:15, food is served until 7pm.

If you haven't paid your dues please remember to do so. We want to see you all at the lodge.

Jackie Hughes ER

LODGE LEADERSHIP

<u>EXALTED RULER</u>	Jackie Hughes
<u>LEADING KNIGHT</u>	Joey Santos
<u>LOYAL KNIGHT</u>	Lindsay Wyatt
<u>LECTURING KNIGHT</u>	Mary Kay Burns
<u>SECRETARY</u>	Kelly Mercer
<u>TREASURER</u>	Terry Lynn Clinard
<u>TILER</u>	Duvane Ross
<u>CHAPLAIN</u>	Marilyn May
<u>ESQUIRE</u>	Robert Vaughn PER
<u>INNER GUARD</u>	Buddy Mansfield
<u>TRUSTEE</u>	Troy Hughes PER, Alfred Higginbotham, Nancy Higginbotham PER/District Vice President
<u>HOUSE COMMITTEE</u>	Joey Santos, Chairman; Brandon Bierman, Troy Hughes PER, Ricky Mercer, Marvel Purvis
<u>LODGE ADVISOR</u>	Brian Burns PSP

Stay informed!

Regularly visit our lodge webpage

Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks



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Elks Care - *Elks* Share

www.ElksArcadia1524.com

"Like" & follow our Facebook Page: [@Arcadia Elks No 1524](https://www.facebook.com/ArcadiaElksNo1524) (@arcadiaelks)

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.



LODGE SECRETARY

From the Secretary's Desk...

September has been a busy month for the Lodge. We initiated three new members, hosted the NRA Banquet and we started Bingo on Wednesday's. Soon, we will be able to welcome our northern visitors as they return for another winter season.

Don't forget Joey and Ricky will be participating in the Brotherhood Ride, October 20th – 26th.

Our letters for delinquent members have gone out. If you know anyone on the list, please talk with them about paying their dues. Our membership is vital so that we may continue the work we do within our community in support of those that our less fortunate than ourselves.

Currently, we have 313 members with 47 of them delinquent giving us a lapsation rate of 15.82%.

Kelly Mercer

MEMBERS FOR REINSTATEMENT

Robert Browning - Proposed by Ricky Mercer

Kimberly Moye - Proposed by Lindsay Wyatt

ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP (PENDING INITIATION)

Cynthia Beardsley - Proposed by Buster Hall

David Beardsley - Proposed by Buster Hall

Tara Olson - Proposed by Debbie Rallo Perez

Alyssa Santos - Proposed by Kelli Jo Santos

Daniel Shortman - Proposed by Richard Perez

NEW MEMBERS INITIATED ON SEPTEMBER 19TH

Rosanne Collins - Proposed by Robert Vaughn

Gary Bancroft - Proposed by Buddy Mansfield

Yvette Singletary - Proposed by Kelly Mercer



OPERATION OUTDOOR FREEDOM

Arcadia Elks Lodge donated five hunting blinds for veterans as a portion of our Beacon Grant. Pictured Alfred Higginbotham, Trustee; Nancy Higginbotham, Trustee and DVP; and Brandon Browning, Forestry Service.



**Florida Elks:
Honoring Our
Defenders of Freedom**

So long as there are deployed military and veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget.



DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

The Florida State Elks Association is a voluntary association of Elks Lodges and all Florida Lodges are eligible for membership. There is a state president, vice president at large, and a district vice president in each of the fourteen districts. Arcadia Lodge is part of the Southwest Central District (SWC); the other lodges in SWC are Brandon, East Polk, Lakeland, Lake Placid, Sebring, and Plant City.

Arcadia Lodge member Nancy Higginbotham is SWC District Vice-President (2019-2020). She previously served as Lodge Secretary, is a Past Exalted Ruler and currently serves as a Trustee. When asked about her duties as District Vice-President she provided the following:

“My main duty as the District Vice President is to visit each Lodge in our district, assisting the State President and the Vice President at Large in carrying out the program of the State Association. I also encourage the lodges in their membership growth, as well as, Florida Elk Charities. I am charged with the responsibility of selecting District Committee Chairmen and report their names and contact information to the FSEA. Our District Deputy and myself are required to organize our District Fundraiser which is a Reverse Draw Event being held at the Plant City Lodge on October 26, 2019. Our district has joint Inspections and Social Visitations that are scheduled by the District Deputy and myself. At these visitations, I also need to review the Charity Record Book or availability online. At the social meeting during the visitation, it is my duty to contact ERs and prepare the agenda for the evening. I would have to say, the largest assignment for this year will be the coordination of the State President’s Visit that will be held at our lodge on February 21st and 22nd, 2020.

The first few months as District Vice President I have been able to fill the District Committee Chairmen, have had 1st quarter reporting at 100%, assisted in scheduling and attended our first inspection and social visitation, and looking forward to our Reverse Draw Fundraiser later this month of October.”

Southwest Central District
Reverse Draw Fundraiser



Saturday, October 26, 2019 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Held at the Plant City Lodge
1501 N. Alexander Street
Plant City

\$50.00 per ticket

Reverse Draw

Selling only 200 tickets @ \$50.00,
To cover 2019-2020 District expenses

PRIZES:

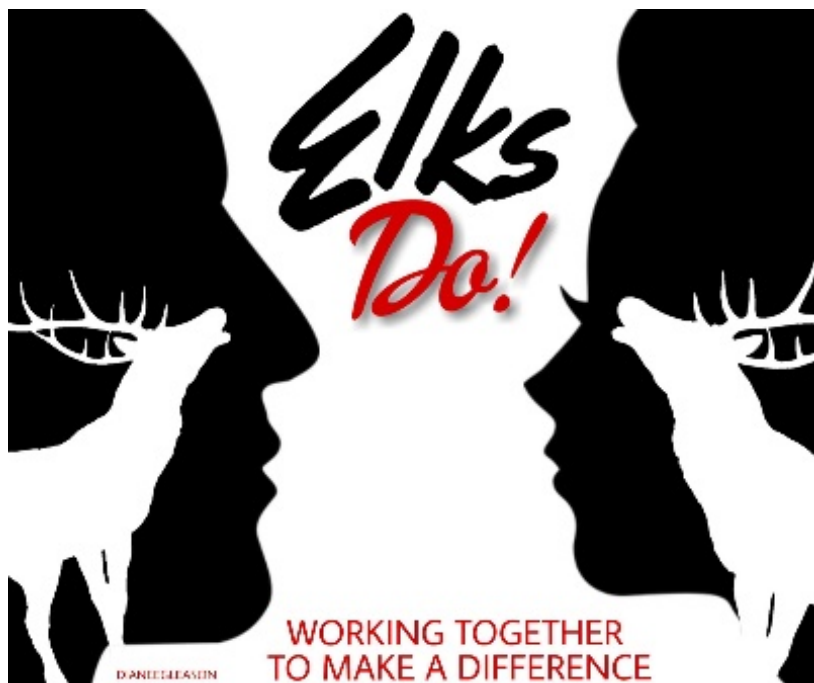
\$100	1 st Number
\$250	50 th Number
\$500	100 th Number
\$250	150 th Number
\$2,500	200 th Number

Prize amounts may be adjusted by percentage if all tickets are not sold.

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DESOTO COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM DINNER

Arcadia Elks Lodge 1524 provided steak dinners for the local JV and Varsity football teams on September 26th.



Please check your 2019 dues status. Your membership at Arcadia Elks Lodge makes a difference in our local community. Throughout the year we Arcadia Elks do much locally with our veterans, children, and other community groups. Did you know we sent 15 local children to the Florida Elks Youth Camp this summer at no cost to their families? "Elks Care, Elks Share." If not up-to-date, please renew now!

2019 Veteran's Day Parade



Troy Hughes
(Chairman and Founder of Veterans
Appreciation Week)
with Adrian Cline
(Superintendent of Schools)

Monday, November 11, 2019

You are invited to participate in our Veteran's Day Parade.

Line-up is at Oak St. and Orange Ave. at 9:00 am and the parade begins at 10:00 am. Awards will be presented for the best marching units, floats, vehicles, horses and carriages. The Vietnam Brotherhood Echo, Inc. will be at McSwain Park, across from the Court House, giving away hot dogs and drinks to the youth participating in the parade. This has been a tradition for over 12 years.

Our Thanks to Adrian Cline and the DeSoto County School District for their help and support

For more information, contact Jackie Tucker, Organizer at 863-993-0083.

You may email your entry to t2000@desoto.net.

You may mail your application to:

Veteran's Day Parade, PO Box 2996, Arcadia, FL 34265.

Deadline for entries is Tuesday, November 6th.

Jackie Tucker, Organizer

Troy Hughes, Chairman & Announcer

Angela Harrell, Committee & Announcer



VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY

The Veteran's Day Ceremony will be held on

Monday, November 11th at the Court House at 11 AM

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Name of Entry _____
 Contact Person _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Cell _____
 Email _____ Fax _____
 Type of Unit: Horse Unit _____ Horse Individual _____ Carriage _____
 Float _____ Non-Profit _____ Commercial - Marching Unit _____
 Vehicle _____ Non-Profit _____
 Description _____