



# ARCADIA ELKS LODGE 1524

<>October 2021 Newsletter <>



**Mondays – HUNTING SEASON**

**Wednesdays – BAR POKER**

**Fridays – QUEEN OF HEARTS**

**Saturdays – BAR POKER**

## OCTOBER EVENTS

2<sup>nd</sup> – DD/VP Visitation

5<sup>th</sup> – Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm

16<sup>th</sup> – “Suds & Stories” (Super Mat) 9:00 am

19<sup>th</sup> – Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm

22<sup>nd</sup> - Concert - tickets required (see page 6)

## LODGE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY– CLOSED

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

TUESDAY-Closed (except for  
Lodge Meetings)

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  
Philly Cheesesteaks 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

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**EXALTED RULER**

Members All:

We are halfway through the current lodge year! As for me, I am returning from the Brotherhood Ride. What an amazing 22 days I had! It was the trip of a lifetime. I am glad to be back home and in my normal routine, though. Thank you all for the continued support!

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.

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,

The last couple of months have been kind of a “whirl wind” for Alfred and me. We were invited to travel along with the Brotherhood ride from August 21, 2021 through September 15, 2021 as part of the “Yellow Shirts/Support Team”. We were so supportive to the riders, especially our Exalted Ruler, Ricky Mercer. Arcadia Lodge was the topic of several conversations during the trip. The riders were very appreciative of the warm reception they received from the lodge members and guests. They really liked the dinner and breakfast meals which were provided to all. The entire team just crushed the journey as a family, making lots of memories, riding over 1600 miles and reaching Ground Zero in New York City on September 11, 2021 for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the attack.

Back to the real world and back to work at the lodge. We are at the halfway point in the Lodge year. Our FSEA Mid-year Convention is scheduled to be November 18-20, 2021 at the Hilton University of Florida Conference Center Gainesville. This is always a great opportunity to get reenergized in our work and goals. We learn from other lodges, their success stories and accomplishments, and are able to share our own experiences. We have some events scheduled in the near future and look to raise funds to be able to help fund our Major Projects, community, children and veterans.

Be sure to look for the coming events and plan to attend. Come join us at the lodge and share our fun.

Nancy Higginbotham, PDD  
Lodge Co-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)**



**LODGE SECRETARY**

From the Secretary's Desk...

It has been a busy month with the Brotherhood Ride and now on to inspection. We have many events and activities in the coming months.

We currently have 293 members with 31 of them delinquent which gives us a lapsation rate of 10.99%. 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

## ***WELCOME NEW MEMBERS***

Kara Lomski, Timothy Marzec, Amber Wilson, Brendon Wilson, Debra Wilson



**Initiation September 2021**

COMING EVENTS

NOTICE

**\*\* FRIDAY NIGHT OCT 22 & NOV 19 \*\* \*\*SPECIAL/CONCERT PRIVATE EVENT \*\***

**NO REGULAR DINNER – NO QUEEN OF HEARTS**

**TICKETS REQUIRED**

**AVAILABLE FOR LODGE MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE WITH PURCHASE**

October 22nd and 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

Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> TICKETS ARE \$10

Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> \$20 (Dinner)

Nov 19<sup>th</sup> TICKETS ARE \$15 (General Admission)

Nov 19<sup>th</sup> VIP TICKETS \$50 (Steak Dinner)

**BUY YOUR TICKETS AND ENJOY THE CONCERT!**



**Friday, November 5th at 6:00 PM**

Mark your calendar for the Arcadia Elks fund raising event on November 5th. Only 200 tickets will be sold at \$50 each.

This event will financially benefit the lodge and serve as an opportunity to enhance membership.

Come and join with your fellow members in supporting the lodge during this difficult time.

BIRTHDAYS

Brian T Burns, PSP	10	01
Ronald Freeman	10	01
Carlton D McKettrick, Jr	10	01
James "Sam" E McLeod	10	06
Kenneth J Shatney, Jr	10	06
Dale MJohnson	10	07
Troy L Hughes, PER	10	10
Gerald Jankowiak	10	10
Debbie Vickers	10	12
Bart Plymale	10	13
Forrest Erickson	10	14
Joseph R Swinney	10	14
Brenda Fulton	10	15
Terrence Griffith	10	19
Rex Smith	10	20
Steve Hickox	10	23
Irene Pooser	10	24
Dennis W Albritton	10	25
H Allen McClelland	10	25
Thomas N Ranta	10	26
William E Smith	10	26
Whit Cornell	10	28
Terry Lee Welles	10	28
Steven Eggers	10	29
David W Montgomery	10	29
David Costner	10	30
Raymond A Flewelling, Sr	10	30
Ronald Neads, PER	10	31

