

ARCADIA ELKS LODGE 1524

October 2023

BROTHERHOOD RIDE FUND RAISER October 7th

\$15.00 at the door; text/call 941-214-0464 to reserve meal.
(Sliced Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans & Roll)
50/50 Raffle; Silent Auction; Gun Auction; Live Auction



RICKY MERCER
DESOTO COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

Ricky Mercer will be representing the DeSoto County Fire Rescue in this year's Brotherhood Ride. Our 2023 Ride, will be dedicated to 28 Florida Fallen First Responders who died in the line of duty in 2022 while protecting their communities. Beginning October 27th from Naples, our team will honor them by cycling through the state of Florida for 9 days, covering over 600 miles and average 70-90 miles a day. The ride will conclude on November 4th in Miami.

Thank you everyone for your continued support!!

50/50 RAFFLE | SILENT AUCTION | GUN AUCTION | LIVE AUCTION

SLICED PORK, MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS & ROLL - \$15 PER PERSON

Doors open at 5:00pm • Dinner starts at 6:30pm • Auction starts at 7:30pm
Arcadia Elks Lodge #1524 | 1028 W. Oak Street, Arcadia

To RSVP, donate, or for more information, contact:
Jackie Hughes • 941-214-0464

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

OCTOBER EVENTS

3rd – Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM
7th – Brotherhood Ride Fund Raiser 5:00 PM
17th – Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM

LODGE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – TUESDAY – THURSDAY
SOCIAL QUARTERS CLOSED

MONDAY – WEDNESDAY –
FRIDAY – SATURDAY
Open 2:00 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 Games 6:00; Wings 6:00

THURSDAY

Closed

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

Bar Games/Hot Dogs 2:00

1028 West Oak Street, Arcadia FL 34266 *863-993-0011*

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SWC DISTRICT LEADER

Members All,

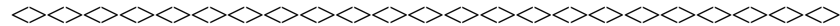
I am so excited about how Arcadia Lodge # 1524 has shown up after so long gone with our physical facility. Our "Lodge" has held strong supporting our Elks programs and our Community! Now, as we enter our last phase of our building renewal on the outside, we need to renew our Obligation as Elks. We need members new and old to step up and volunteer. One night, or weekly, or for a special cause, we need you to make a difference in this world.

For those that know about our Ritual or for that matter want to know more about our Ritual, we have some exciting news! The Florida State Elks Association (FSEA) has stepped up to help bring our Rituals back to the grandeur they once held and should always hold! The Rituals of the Elks are one of the things that separates our Benevolent Association from any other. The FSEA will hold an in-state contest for "degree teams" which can be made up of officers from one Lodge or multiple Lodges. They will perform at the State Convention for State Honors. Please let me know if anyone is interested. As we have done in the past we will have regular Lodge contests but, at this time we have no teams out of our 95 Lodges who want to go and compete. Very Sad! There will be an individual contest in the Flag tribute and the Eleven O'Clock toast contest. Check the FSEA website for details. You may win a trip to Austin TX to represent Florida Elks!

Brian Burns PSP
SWC District Leader

LODGE LEADERSHIP

- EXALTED RULER Troy Hughes PER
- LEADING KNIGHT Joey Santos
- LOYAL KNIGHT Sandy Mansfield
- LECTURING KNIGHT Kelli Jo Santos
- SECRETARY Jackie Hughes VP-SWC District
- TREASURER Nancy Higginbotham PDDGER
- TILER Bill May
- CHAPLAIN Marilyn May
- ESQUIRE Robert Vaughn PER
- INNER GUARD George Rigney
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- TRUSTEE Mary Kay Burns
- TRUSTEE Sam McLeod
- TRUSTEE Ricky Mercer PER



Lodge Advisor Nancy Higginbotham PDDGER

Stay informed!

Regularly visit our lodge webpage

www.ElksArcadia1524.com

“Like” & follow our Facebook Page: Arcadia Elks No 1524 (@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. **To learn how you can support these great programs and become a sustaining monthly donor (any amount), go to www.floridaelks.org**



NEWS NOTES

SATURDAYS

ALL AMERICAN FUN DAY

Arcadia Elks Lodge 1524

- <> College Football <> Darts <> Billards <>
- <> Virtual Bowling <> Bar Games <>
- <> Hot Dogs & Chips <>



Arcadia's most comprehensive activity center

Enjoy with other members and invite friends



NEWS NOTES

FOCUS ON MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

We are at the midpoint in the Elks year (April-March) and the Arcadia Lodge is moving in a positive direction. Despite the hardships following Hurricane Ian the lodge has a refurbished building and a strong spirit among members. Three of our members have been acknowledged by the Florida Elks State Association of having already proposed two or more candidates for membership this year: Jackie Hughes (4), Mary Kay Burns (3), and Troy Hughes (2). Current membership is 270 with 10 new members and 5 lapsed members reinstated thus far this year. Now is a good time to introduce the lodge to friends who may be good candidates for membership. The membership application process is simple and can be done easily on line: join.elks.org or by contacting the lodge secretary.



Welcome new members Chris Lindberg, Cindy Noblett, Donna Carver, Bridget Hastings, (Exalted Ruler Troy Hughes), Melton Stark, Mark Pion



NEWS NOTES

ELKS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Do you know a graduating senior who will benefit from a scholarship?

Applications for the Most Valuable Student Scholarship are open! In 2024, every Top 20 MVS scholar will receive \$30,000—increasing the guaranteed scholarship for the Top 20 Finalists by 50 percent. High school seniors have until November 13, 2023 to apply.

Legacy Scholarships are \$4,000 scholarships available to children or grandchildren (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2021. Great-grandchildren are not eligible. The applicant must be a high school senior. The 2024 application process opens on November 13, 2023 and closes on February 5, 2024.



CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

In 2026, Arcadia Elks Lodge 1524 will observe its 100th anniversary. A Centennial Committee has been formed with the responsibility to generate funding, conduct comprehensive research and write the history of the lodge, and determine appropriate events and activities. The committee members are Bill Blocker PER, Brian Burns PSP, Nancy Higginbotham PDD, Keith Keen PDD, Sam McLeod, Michelle Potter, Robert Vaughn PER (chairman), Will Wise, and Linda Yoder.



NEWS NOTES

OCTOBER 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 M Johnson	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
Steven Eggers	10	29
David W Montgomery	10	29
David Costner	10	30
Raymond A Flewelling, Sr	10	30
Ronald Neads, PER	10	31

