



# ARCADIA ELKS LODGE 1524

<>September 2019 Newsletter <>

## EXCITING NEWS: BINGO AT THE LODGE

Arcadia Lodge 1524 is starting weekly bingo games on Wednesday, September 18, 2019. Bingo game starts at 6:00 pm; cards will be sold starting at 5:15 pm. There are \$1.00 and \$2.00 games.



Food will be available for purchase: seafood, burgers, hot dogs, and bar pies.

Join us on September 18<sup>th</sup> and be part of this exciting new opportunity at Arcadia Elks Lodge!

### SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- 5<sup>th</sup> – Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Brotherhood Ride Fund Raising Dinner at 6:00 pm (Doors open at 5:30 pm)
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Lodge Meeting (Initiation) 7:00 pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> - Bingo
- 26<sup>th</sup> – DeSoto County High School Varsity Football Team Dinner

### LOOKING AHEAD:

- October 3<sup>rd</sup> – DeSoto County High School JV Football Team Dinner
- October 26<sup>th</sup> – District Fundraiser/Plant City Lodge

## LODGE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – CLOSED

MONDAY – SATURDAY  
Open 4:00 pm

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

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

Bar Poker 4:30

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### EXALTED RULER

What a great time Elks are having. Just did Suds n Stories at our local laundromat with over 250 loads of laundry done and books given to the kids! Thank you to Desoto County Health Department, All Faith's Food Bank and Supermatt for joining with us for such a great community event. Our lodge has obtained numerous grants that allow us to give back to our community.

Our Brotherhood Ride fundraiser was a great success again this year. We can't thank everyone enough for donations. Joey Santos and Ricky Mercer will be riding over 600 miles to raise funds for the families of fallen First Responders. Thanks to Elks members from St Edmund Episcopal Church for donating your time and our dinner for the event. Greatly appreciated such a fantastic meal.

Please remember if you have not paid your dues, now is the time. The lodge will be sending out reminders.

I can't believe September is already upon us! We have so many exciting events planned for the upcoming fall season. Please keep checking our website and Facebook page to watch for events.

See you 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

**LODGE ADVISOR**

Members All,

Very shortly, October 1, we will be half way through our Lodge year. Wow! Time flies when you're having fun! And I think most of our hard working Members are having fun. They are having fun because they see the big picture. They know that the everyday tasks of our Social Quarters and Dining room and keeping our Membership active and involved is rewarded by all the great programs and accomplishments of our Lodge. Arcadia can be very proud of our support for our community, our veterans, our children, and those in need.

We have aided the Purple Heart Society, donated hunting blinds to the Operation Outdoor Freedom, and held a very successful Suds and Stories. We did a great fundraiser for the Brotherhood Ride, with two of our own participating this year. We are all behind Joey Santos and Rickey Mercer as they prepare for this awesome event that Arcadia Lodge has supported for many years. Jackie and her great team continue to plan events for our Lodge and for Our Members. Make sure you thank a volunteer when you're at the Lodge.

Our Membership is growing but with the weight of a 16% delinquent list, it is hard to make a true gain. Please look at the list posted in the Lounge and see if you know one of these folks. Give them a call or see them in person and tell them what a difference they make as a paid up Member of the Lodge.

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

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**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

01-Royal Olsen  
01-Willis Peacock  
01-Anita Selkowitz  
03-Byron Jarnagin  
05-Jodie Petrulo  
07-Allen Svihlik  
08-Pat Mercer  
08-George Wadsworth  
09-Jackie Tucker  
10-David Welch  
11-Don Hall

12-Carrie Skinner  
13-Warren Connell  
13-Douglas Haines  
14-Billy Robinson  
16-George Lee  
16-Timothy Vowels  
18-Phil Turner Jr  
19-David Skiver  
20-Richard Motley  
22-James McManus  
22-James Rider

23-James Bushouse  
23-James Fussell  
23-Rex Harper  
23-Colt Harrison  
24-Gene Field  
25-Destiny Eisenmann  
25-Dickie Mercer  
29-Patricia Anthony  
30-Don Myers  
30-Buck Wilson



**LODGE SECRETARY**

From the Secretary's Corner.....

Hello all! It's that time of year where we start getting busy and have quite a few events going on so be sure to check out our new website and our Facebook page so that you don't miss out. The Activities Committee has been busy and will be bringing BINGO to the lodge soon!

An update on membership...we have 50 members that are delinquent so please check the list and pay your dues if you haven't.

Fraternally,

*Kelly Tanner*

**ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP (PENDING INITIATION)**

Gary Bancroft - Proposed by Buddy Mansfield  
Cynthia Beardsley - Proposed by Buster Hall  
David Beardsley - Proposed by Buster Hall  
Rosanne Collins - Proposed by Robert Vaughn  
Tara Olson - Proposed by Debbie Rallo Perez  
Alyssa Santos - Proposed by Kelli Jo Santos  
Daniel Shortman - Proposed by Richard Perez  
Yvette Singletary - Proposed by Kelly Mercer

## Harry Anna Investment Fund

Together We Can Do Great Things

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.



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**SUDS N’ STORIES EVENT – AUGUST 24, 2019**

The Arcadia Elks lodge is doing their part to encourage DeSoto County youth to read...one quarter at a time. On August 24, 2019, the Elks partnered with the Florida Department of Health in DeSoto County, the DeSoto County School District and All Faiths Food Bank to offer a morning of free laundry, storytelling, and resources at the Supermatt Laundry located on Hickory Street in Arcadia. Over 250 loads of laundry were washed and dried free of charge while children enjoyed stories read to them or took advantage of the various activities provided by the DeSoto tutoring bus and bookmobile. This is part of the Community wide initiative - Campaign for Grade Level Reading. This event was made possible through a grant written by Mary Kay Burns, FDOH DeSoto Administrator and Elks lodge officer who is dedicated to making an impact in in the reading levels of DeSoto County youth and improving the health and well-being of DeSoto County residents. The skills children develop early in life through reading are vital to a successful future. Get involved! Contact the Lodge and find out how you can make a difference in a child’s life in our Community.



**ARCADIA ELKS LODGE WILL PROVIDE THE DESOTO COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM DINNERS ON SEPTEMBER 26 (VARSITY) & OCTOBER 3 (JV)**

**DESOTO COUNTY FOOTBALL**

**2019**

*The Dogs*

Dream it. Believe it. Achieve it.

<p><small>* District</small></p> <p>8/23 vs Charlotte 7:30 8/30 @ Lake Placid 7:30 9/6 vs Pt. Charlotte 7:30</p>	<p>9/13 vs *Mariner 7:00 9/20 BVE 9/27 @ *Cape Coral 7:00</p>	<p>10/4 vs Lemon Bay 7:00 10/11 @ *LaBelle 7:00 10/18 vs *Estero 7:00 (HC)</p>	<p>10/25 vs *Cypress Lake 7:00 (Senior Night) 11/1 @ Hardee 7:30</p>
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**DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT**

As I represent our FSEA State President, Tom Ludwick, I need to remind us that our membership is a key factor in our endeavor to keep Arcadia Elks Lodge 1524 thriving. We currently have over 50 members delinquent and we need to contact them and ask them to consider coming back to the lodge, supporting our good works, not only at the lodge, but in the community. The list of delinquents is located on a bulletin board in the social quarters. Please review and see if you know anyone listed and reach out to invite them back.

Also, please, be reminded of our SWC District Reverse Draw Fundraiser on October 26, 2019 at the Plant City Lodge. If you are unable to attend the function, please purchase a \$50.00 ticket with a chance to win up to \$2500.00 to show your support of our district. Exalted Ruler Jackie Hughes has a number of the tickets. Hope to see everyone soon at the Lodge.

Fraternally,

Nancy Higginbotham, DVP

**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:**

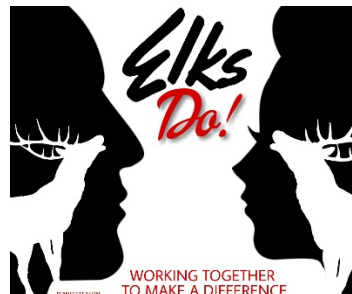
<b>\$100</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Number</b>
<b>\$250</b>	<b>50<sup>th</sup> Number</b>
<b>\$500</b>	<b>100<sup>th</sup> Number</b>
<b>\$250</b>	<b>150<sup>th</sup> Number</b>
<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>200<sup>th</sup> Number</b>

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

**BROTHERHOOD RIDE 2019 EVENT**

Arcadia Elks Lodge 1524 held a very successful fund raising dinner to support the two local Elks members (Joey Santos/DeSoto Sheriff's Department and Ricky Mercer/DeSoto Fire Department) who are participating in this year's Brotherhood Ride.

The 2019 Brotherhood Ride is dedicated to 19 Florida Fallen Heroes who died in the line of duty in 2018 while protecting their communities. The team of law enforcement officers and firemen will honor them by bicycling through the state of Florida for 7 days, covering over 600 miles and average 80-100 miles a day. The ride will begin on October 20th from Titusville, will travel north to Jacksonville and then bicycle south through the center of the state before finishing on October 26th in Fort Myers, FL. (See more photos at [www.ElksArcadia1524.com](http://www.ElksArcadia1524.com))



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!