

God Bless Our Troops and Our Freedoms





My Fellow Elks,

It is a honor and privilege to be elected by the members of this lodge to serve as your Exalted Ruler for the 2024-2025 year. I take this privilege seriously.

A leader gathers those who share a vision of greatness and leads the way. I cannot do this alone. I need your time and skills to attain our goals for our future.

Our lodge has been focused internally for the past few years to survive a pandemic and a major hurricane. We have stood strong through these trials and survived by the grace of God. As Elks, we need to focus on the bigger picture. The charities we support through our revenue building and fund raising are all noble efforts.

I believe we need to focus outward for the greater good and those less fortunate than ourselves. We must become more visible to our community to show them who we are and why being an

Elk is so important. Elks are the premier patriotic and philanthropic organization of our country, and we must consider our part in the community.

I am asking our members to be part of the solution. I am asking for your ideas to improve our lodge and community involvement. The people of our community need to see the good works that we do. Doing so may cause them to want to be a part of our great organization.

I will be open to your ideas and willing to delegate members to their own aspirations, to accomplish great works for our charities and community.

To delegate means to trust the person in charge of a task. Having worked in the corporate world all my life, I learned the importance of delegating, but I also learned to avoid micromanaging. I promise to give our leaders freedom to manage their goals within the guidelines of the Grand Lodge. I will be open to ideas that may be better than mine. My commitment to our lodge is to make it a place that people want to be a part of, a place to have fun and a place to be involved. I want people to be proud to be an Elk and proud to be a patriotic American.

Our charities depend on our success. Our Veterans charities are deep in our hearts. We honor our Veterans often, but it is never enough. We owe them a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid. The next closest charity to my heart is the children. It is heartbreaking to see a child suffer with illness or debilitation. Harry-Anna and our Children's Therapy services should be in the hearts of each member. Our success it theirs because Elks Care.

I would also like to ask our members, who may not have renewed their membership yet, to please consider renewing it and being a part of our success story. It is only through your membership and involvement that you can support our great organization and be a blessing to our Children and Veterans.

I'd like to thank you all for giving me this opportunity to serve as your ER and lead our lodge to be the greatest lodge in our district and community. Please consider getting involved by doing what's closest to your heart by volunteering, to follow your passion of helping others. It takes all of us to selflessly reach for the stars.

Fraternally,

Phil Boucher, Exalted Ruler



2024-2025 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler Leading Knight Loyal Knight Lecturing Knight Secretary Treasurer Esquire Tiler Inner Guard Chaplain Mediator

Phil Boucher
George Bowden
Rufus Morse-Ellington
Maria Trapasso
Kim Alberto
Barbara Kneer
Pete Thompson
Alice Peret
Susie Copps
Carole Mancini
Ron Heldebrandt (PDD)
Dale Sayset

Trustees

1 Year	Nancy Bloodgood
2 Year	Dianne Wilhelm (PDDGER)
3 Year	Teresa Woodford
4 Year	Vacant
5 Year	Joe Bell

Past Exalted Rulers, Lodge #2753

Rufus Morse-Ellingto	n 2022-2023
Darlene Seachrist	2020-2023
Steve Cicak	2020-2020
Pete Thompson	2019-2020
Dianne Wilhelm	2018-2019
Steve Cicak	2015-2018
Paul Perl	2014-2015
Pete Godshaw	2013-2014
Jeff Morse	2012-2013
Paul Carr	2011-2012
Ravis Prueitt	2010-2011
Maria Trapasso	2009-2010
Richard Cooke	2007-2009
Ronald Cumming	2005-2007
John Bauman	2003-2005
Charles Prindle	2002-2003
Robert J. Tuyls	2001-2002
Elenor Leoce	2000-2001
Roy Conrad	1999-2000
Carl Hoke	1998-1999
Elenor Leoce	1997-1998
James Douglas	1996-1997
Jimmie Sayger	1995-1996
James Douglas	1994-1995
Robert Distlecamp	1993-1994
Greg Grothe	1991-1993
E. Brent Snodgrass	1990-1991
Rex Sims	Interim-1990
PERS at other lodges,	now members
Armond Belisle	1964
Wayne Faux	1995
William Lucek	1982
Darwin Mueller	1984
Frank Poirier	1978
David Wiggin	2007

Deanna Wiggin

Lawrence Gibbs

Len Wenzel

2009

2019

2011 PDDGER

Committees Auditing & Accounting Joe Bell Activities

Shirley Thompson

Phil Boucher Hoop Shoot

Drug Awareness Nancy Bloodgood

Flag Day Phil Boucher

<u>Veterans Day</u> Phil Boucher

Elks Memorial Day Rufus Morse-Ellington

FRATERNAL COMMITTEES

Accident Prevention Rufus Morse-Ellington

<u>Americanism</u> Rufus Morse-Ellington

By-Laws BOD Elks Memorial Day Rufus Morse-Ellington Elks National Foundation Judith MacGregor

Investigating Committee Dale Sayset

Local Charitable Projects Dianne Wilhelm PDDGER Judith MacGregor

<u>Lodge Advisor</u> Dianne Wilhelm PDDGER

Membership George Bowden

PER Association

Dianne Wilhelm PDDGER Maria Trapasso PER Darlene Seachrist PER Pete Thompson PER Rufus Morse-Ellington

Public Relations

Scholarships Nancy Bloodgood

Standing Relief BOD

Veteran's Services Dale Sayset

<u>Presiding Justice of Local Forum</u> Ed Thoth

REGARDING RESERVATIONS

Call 239-776-2674 Member's Lounge dinner reservations: Options #1 no longer used. Please call no later than 12pm on the day before your requested reservation. Banquet Hall Rentals: Option 2 Secretary: Option 3 Treasurer: Option 4 Exalted Ruler: Option 6

Beacon Boosters

Thank you for your support Earl Graylock Dale Sayset Mark Yosway

Be a Beacon Booster Only \$10 per Month or \$120 per Year

Per Statute Section 14.190: Delinquent or dropped members are not allowed in the lodge at any time. Also, current members are not permitted to bring former Elks as guests into the lodge.



Joanne Ribble Councilmember-District 1

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Lounge Schedule 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Closed	Closed	Tacos 5pm Show me the Money 6pm Karaoke with George 7:30pm	Wednesday Wing Night 5pm-7pm	Karaoke with Phil Bee 6:30pm QoH 8:15pm	Joe Sassarini <mark>6:30pm</mark>	Steve Michaels 6:30pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Closed	Membership Meeting (BR) 7pm	Tacos 5pm Show me the Money 6pm Karaoke with George 7:30pm	Wednesday Wing Night 5pm-7pm	Karaoke with Phil Bee 6:30pm QoH 9pm	Manhattan Connection 6:30pm	Jerry Dycke 6:30pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Closed	Membership Meeting (BR) 7pm	Tacos 5pm Show me the Money 6pm Karaoke with George 7:30pm	Wednesday Wing Night 5pm-7pm	Karaoke with Phil Bee 6:30pm QoH 9pm	Reflections of the Past 6:30pm	Mike Glean 6:30 pm
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Closed	Closed	Tacos 5pm Show me the Money 6pm Karaoke with George 7:30pm	Wednesday Wing Night 5pm-7pm	Karaoke with Phil Bee 6:30pm QoH 9pm	Bar Open 4pm No Entertainer	Joe Sassarini 6:30pm

April Entertainment



Apr. 5, 2024 Joe Sassarini



Apr. 6, 2024 Steve Michaels



Apr. 12, 2024 Manhattan Connection



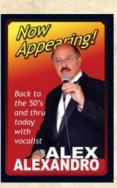
Apr. 13, 2024 Jerry Dycke



Apr. 19, 2024 Ron Spataro



Apr. 20, 2024 Reunion with Harry Boyle & Jim Randall



Apr. 26, 2024 Alex Alexandro Reflections of the past



Apr. 27, 2024 Mike Glean

Tuesdays

Thursdays



With George





7:30-9:30PM Sing the songs you love to sing. The Bar Opens at 4pm **For Reservations Call** 239-776-2674 Please make reservations early



Thursday Night

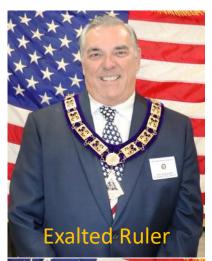
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YOUR OFFICERS FOR 2024-2025 Effective April 1, 2024





-Year Trustee













Loyal Knight







Lecturing Knight







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