

Lakewood Rancher

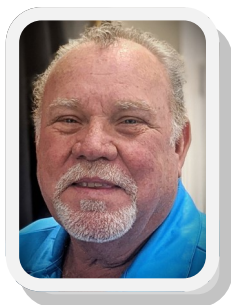


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MONTHLY NEWLETTER LAKEWOOD RANCH SARASOTA ELKS LODGE 2855

August 2020

Message from Exalted Ruler Jerry Ditty



We are continuing to work on the proper safety precautions for our Lodge. Please help us to continue enforcing the safety distancing.

We need help with our door monitoring, please sign up and help us with this necessary safety station.

Currently, we have temporarily suspended Friday night music videos to help with the social distancing issues.

Because of the low attendance on Saturday night we have also cancelled bands through August.

In addition Saturday night's menu has been changed to only offer hot dogs, bratwurst and pizza.

I hope everyone is enjoying the new drink specials. Thanks again go out to Faith Frost for a great job in offering innovative ideas for the bar, to Norma Perugino for continuing to work through the difficult task of keeping our entertainment committees busy, and to Don LaFrance for continuing to update our ever changing monthly calendar and of course this newsletter.

A big thanks to all of our volun-

teers who work in the kitchen, monitoring the door and the Ranch Hands for serving food.

And most importantly, thank you 'Members' for your continued support of our Lodge during these most difficult times.

With YOUR help we will get through this pandemic and continue to make "2855" grow and prosper.

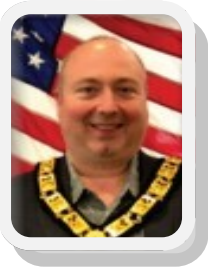
2855 Veteran's Committee Remains Active



Our Lodge's Veterans Committee has remained active during this pandemic with programs to help Veterans in general and particularly those Veterans in our local area.

For more on what they've been up to lately, check the article on page 2 regarding the new "Spotlight Grant" offered through the Grand Lodge.

From the Lodge Secretary Brett Davis PDDGER



I'm sure you all have seen the movie, "**The Good, The Bad and The Ugly.**"

With that theme in mind I'd like to give a report that fits those descriptions.

"The Good" is that we have the largest membership of any Lodge in our District with 1132 members.

"The Bad" is that we have 125 members who are delinquent in paying their dues.

"The Ugly" is that while our Lodge quota for ENF contributions is set at \$4.80 per member, we have only reached \$0.33 per member.

If you know any member who has not paid their dues, please use your influence in encouraging them to do so. As for the ENF goal of \$4.80 per member, we will be addressing that situation more once we recover from the current pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus.

Our next class to be Initiated will be on Saturday, August 1st at 12 noon. Why not make an effort to be in attendance to congratulate these new members, and while here enjoy "a cool one."



On June 1, the Elks National Foundation released \$3.7 million for the Spotlight Grants.

These \$2,000 grants are available to every Lodge to shine the light on COVID-19 relief, for there is no more pressing issue facing American communities than the response to the pandemic. But the needs will look different in different communities, so **flexibility** is offered this year on how they can be used.

With the help of Joann Reddy, our Lodge has been awarded \$2,000 to help issues facing our local community; family literacy and homeless-

ness for our nation's veterans.

Our Lodge will be giving this \$2,000 to the non-profit "Turning Point" in Bradenton to be used to provide positive and material support to our Manatee County homeless Veterans.

This is just one example of how the Elks National Foundation (ENF) helps our State and local communities. For every dollar we here in Florida donate, we receive back a minimum of \$1.24 to be used for our projects. Not a bad deal!



Congratulations to our Lodge Member Steve Carruthers who has been appointed as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for our District.

Steve's Visitation Schedule is shown below.

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| South Hillsborough # 2672 | Tuesday, September 22nd 4:30 pm |
| Sarasota South #2495 | Thursday, September 24th 4:00 pm |
| Lakewood Ranch Sarasota #2855 | Sat Oct 3rd 12 noon - Thurs Oct 8th 4:30 pm |
| Palmetto #2449 | Thursday, October 13th 4:30 pm |
| Manasota #2734 | Wednesday, October 21st 4:30 pm |
| Venice-Nokomis #2854 | Wednesday, November 18th 3:30 pm |
| Bradenton #1511 | Monday, November 23rd 4:30 pm |

Congratulations and Thank You to #2855 Members Who have offered to Serve and been appointed to various Grand Lodge and FSEA committees for 2020-2021

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| Joe Cooper PDDGER | FSEA Properties Board of Directors |
| Brett Davis PDDGER | FSEA Youth Camp Board of Directors and MSM District Auditor |
| Tonya Ditty PER | FSEA State Vice Chairman-Scholarships |
| Frank Malatesta PSP | Grand Lodge Ritual Committee and FSEA Properties Board of Directors |
| Darrin Simone, Sr PER | FSEA State Chairman ENF Fundraising |
| Charles Stolteben, PER | FSEA Southwest District President PER Association |

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Lodge Officers 2020-2021

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| Exalted Ruler | Jerry Ditty |
| Leading Knight | Tonya Ditty, PER |
| Loyal Knight | Kathy Hogue |
| Lecturing Knight | Frank Iannello |
| Secretary | Brett Davis, PDDGER |
| Treasurer | Gloria Wilkinson |
| 5 yr Trustee | Randy Volkart PER |
| 4 yr Trustee | Leon Duis |
| 3 yr Trustee | John Piper, PER |
| 2 yr Trustee | Darrin Simone Sr. PER |
| 1 yr Trustee | Terry Layland |
| Esquire | Frank Malatesta, PSP |
| Chaplain | Joanne DiCarlo |
| Inner Guard | Tom Sweeney |
| Tiler | Ron Lee |
| Lodge Advisor | Brett Davis PDDGER |

PER Association

President - Randy Volkart
Vice President - Darrin Simone Sr
Secretary - Don LaFrance

Committees

Activities - Tonya Ditty, PER

Community Projects - Brett Davis, PDDGER
Drug Awareness - Sarah Davis
Hoop Shoot - Cindy Bevelhymmer
Public Relations - Randy Volkart, PER
Soccer Shoot - Barbara Mikimmin
Youth Activities - Randy Volkart, ER

Fraternal - Frank Iannello

Americanism - Kathleen Dattilo
ENF - Brett Davis, PDDGER
Flag Day - Tonya Ditty, PER
Elks Memorial Day - Frank Iannello
Lodge Activities - Norma Perugino
Veterans - Tom Sweeney
Accident Prevention—Terry Layland
EFELT - Clay Wakefield
Elks Training - Tonya Ditty, PER
Entertainment - Norma Perugino
Government Relations - Brett Davis, PDDGER
Inter-Lodge Visitation - Brett Davis, PDDGER
Investigation - Don LaFrance, PDDGER
Orientation - Darrin Simone Sr., PER
Ranch Hands - Tonya Ditty, PER
Ritualistic - Frank Malatesta, PDDGER, PSP
Scholarship - Arlene Jurkcheit
Sickness & Distress - Joanne DiCarlo
State Major Project - Kathy Hogue & Joanne DiCarlo
Website - Kayla Goddard