

# Lakewood Rancher



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MONTHLY NEWLETTER LAKEWOOD RANCH SARASOTA ELKS LODGE 2855

February 2020

## Message from Exalted Ruler Randy Volkart



I want to thank everyone involved that made our annual Open House a big success. Membership is vital not only to our Lodge's profitability, but also to ensuring our future leadership.

We added 38 new potential leaders! Therefore my Volunteers of the Month are the Open House Committee led by chairperson Sarah Davis, members Misty Pope,

Gary Pope, Terry Reynolds, Jeff Reynolds, Annette Ormsby, Rick Ormsby, Kayla Goddard, Brett Davis, with special help from Tonya Ditty, Jerry Ditty, and a multitude of Lodge Volunteers. I also want to recognize the Dunk Tank participants: Misty Pope, Steve Caruthers, Joe Cooper, and Tonya Ditty for making the event a "slam dunk."

February is a very important month as it is when we have the nomination and election of next year's officers. The nominations will be made at the February 13th regular Lodge meeting, followed by the election at the February 27th

Lodge meeting. If you have interest in serving, just have a member nominate you.

This month is packed with fantastic events. The Lodge Scholarship Fundraising Dinner is February 1st, Super Bowl Party on February 2nd, Valentine Dinner/Dance February 15th, a Day at the Races February 23rd, and the Harry Anna Fundraiser dinner on February 29th. Hope to see you all there!

Quote of the Month (about income tax) by Will Rogers. *"The tax payers are sending congressmen on expensive trips abroad. It might be worth it except they keep coming back."*

## Nominations and Election of Officers This Month



We will be accepting nominations for next year's Lodge officers at the first meeting this month on February 13th. And at the second meeting of the month on February 27th we will be

electing the winning nominees to lead us in the next Lodge year. If YOU want to really get involved in the process see the information on page 4 of this issue

## From the Lodge Secretary



Brett Davis, PDDGER  
Secretary

In accordance with Grand Lodge Statute Section 14.160: A member delinquent and owing at least five month's dues to the Lodge shall be dropped from the rolls any time during the month of March each year without a vote of the Lodge. The effective date for dropping the Member shall be not later than March 31, provided the delinquent dues are not paid. A list of the Members who will be dropped can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

Once a Member is dropped from the rolls he becomes an unaffiliated Elk and in accordance with GLS 14.190 is not permitted to visit any Lodge nor avail himself of the privileges of the bar or restaurant of any Lodge in any way or manner.

For information on how an unaffiliated Member may be reinstated, contact the Secretary at his direct line (941) 567-4245.

## Checking Membership Cards at Front Doors

We know that it's aggravating to have to show your card at the front door on Wednesdays and if we can get some volunteers, on Fridays too, but there is a very good reason for this.

On those two days we experience a heavy volume of people entering for Bar Bingo on Wednesday and the Queen of Hearts on Fridays. Our Lodge is a private club and as such we qualify for a greatly reduced price for our liquor license.

Liquor licenses can cost thousands of dollars, but we pay less than one thousand for our Fraternal License. However, that comes with some restrictions. We cannot serve the "public" nor are we allowed to serve guests of Elks. Your guests are welcome, but YOU are responsible for them while they are here and YOU must order their beverages.

What happens if we do serve a non-ELK? We never know if someone at the bar isn't observing us from the licensing ATF. If they should see us serve a non-ELK, they can shut us down for 30 days and destroy our existing liquor inventory.

It would cost us thousands of dollars to replace that inventory plus our bartenders would be out of work for 30 days.

And this has already happened to one Lodge in our district.

Take pride that you are a member. Show your card, not only at the front door when asked but also to the bartender when ordering drinks.

Rick Thorson, PER

# List of Delinquent Members to be Dropped From Rolls as of March 31st.

1	Last Name	First Name
2		
3	Armstrong	Charlette
4	Armstrong	Starla
5	Baker	John
6	Brown	Doug
7	Burns	John
8	Carmichael	Anna
9	Case	Matthew
10	Cessar	Amy
11	Cessar	Thomas
12	Clark	Douglas
13	Clark	Joanne
14	Cote	Shirley
15	Cousins	Barbara
16	Cruzado	Robert
17	DePalo	Laraine
18	Draper	Michelle
19	Elfiky	Norma
20	Else	Keri
21	Erickson	Bruce
22	Everts	Betty
23	Fischer	George
24	Fischer	Rose
25	Fix	Derek
26	Fossum	Pamela
27	Fretz-Smith	Jennifer
28	Garcia	Corrine
29	Glasser	Sonya
30	Hartmann	Paula
31	Hassell	Herb
32	Heelock	Jeff
33	Hobbs	Gregory A
34	Johnson	Barrie
35	Keegan	Robert
36	Kilpatrick	Willis
37	Klingler	Joseph
38	Knoppal	Charles
39	Lahm	Elane
40	Lawler Atkins	Jane
41	Lehr	Judith

42	Leigh	Aimee
43	Lococo	Genevieve
44	Lord	Sharon
45	Mattel	Bernadete
46	Matthews	Joyce
47	Mauck	Ed
48	McCorkle	Rockne
49	Meindl	Roberta
50	Miller	Al
51	Moran	John
52	Muoio	Lori
53	Murphy	William
54	Nauman	Thomas
55	Noll	Charles
56	Noto	Carl
57	O'Shea	Hollis
58	Palmer	John
59	Ratliff	Greg
60	Rebalsky	Stefanie
61	Remp	Leigh
62	Riekel	William
63	Rivera	John
64	Rose	Karen
65	Ross	Barbara
66	Russell	Gary
67	Sampson	Roger
68	Sanchez	Gregory
69	Scala	Tony
70	Schmidt	Anna
71	Shillus	Karin
72	Smith	Ty
73	Sollecito	Lorraine
74	Southern	Carmen
75	Tibbetts	Gary
76	Tullidge	Daniel
77	Vernier	Lois
78	Vokey	George
79	West	Charles
80	Westall	Gael
81	Wheelock	Jeffrey
82	White	Richard
83	Wilhelm	Barry
84	Wrable	Betty



Nominations - February 13, 2020

GLS 3.080

Any Member in good standing, regardless of residence, and except for those ineligible under Secs. 8.180, 9.010, 9.011, 9.040 and 9.300, may be nominated for any elective Lodge office by any Member in good standing. Nominees are not required to openly accept a nomination, and need not be present.

If a Member has been nominated for more than one office, he must declare that he accepts one nomination and withdraw from other nominations and if he does not do so, he must accept only the first nomination. Nominations may be made on election night only if no nomination for that office has been made or if all candidates for that office have declined or withdrawn. Nomination speeches may be limited with the consent of the Lodge.

Election of Officers - February 27, 2020

GLS 3.090

Only Members who are not delinquent in their dues may vote in an election.

Absentee or proxy voting is not permitted.

The vote is by secret ballot and a Member should not disclose his vote. The nominee receiving the majority of votes cast shall be declared elected. If there shall be but one nominee for any office, the Lodge may direct any officer to cast the vote of the Lodge for the nominee.

If the Lodge approves, speeches for candidates may be made at the Lodge election.

Officers retain their office until their successors are duly installed.

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**GET OUT THE VOTE!**  
**IT'S YOUR VOTE. IT'S YOUR VOICE. YOUR VOTE MATTERS!**

**Nominations Feb 13th**  
**Elections Feb 27th**



## Lodge Officers 2019-2020

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

## PER Association

President - Tonya Ditty  
Vice President - Darrin Simone Sr  
Secretary - Rick Thorson

## Committees

Activities - Tonya Ditty, PER  
Community Projects - Rick Thorson, PER  
Youth Activities - Randy Volkart, ER  
Hoop Shoot - Joe Halpin  
Soccer Shoot - Randy Volkart, ER  
Drug Awareness - Sarah Davis  
Fraternal - Randy Volkart, ER  
Americanism - Rick Thorson, PER  
ENF - Brett Davis, PDDGER  
Flag Day - Rick Thorson, PER  
Elks Memorial Day - Randy Volkart, ER  
Lodge Activities - Norma Perugino  
Veterans - Tom Sweeney  
Accident Prevention—Terry Layland  
EFELT - Clay Wakefield  
Elks Training - Tonya Ditty, PER  
Entertainment - Norma Perugino  
Government Relations - Rick Thorson, PER  
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 - Dawn Fallon  
Sickness & Distress - Joanne DiCarlo  
State Major Project - Kathy Hogue & Joanne DiCarlo  
Website - Kayla Goddard