

LAKEWOOD RANCHER

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Gratitude Grant Applications Open!

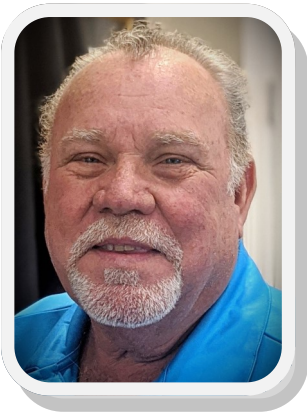


The 202-2022 fiscal year kicked off on April 1 with the launch of the Gratitude Grant. Ranging from \$2,000 to \$3,000, these grants are the ENF's way of thanking Lodges that reached the National President's giving goal in the previous year. In 2020-2021, the goal was \$4.80. Our Lodge achieved that goal with \$4.98 per member and will be eligible for a Grant.

Last year, the CIP (Community Investment Program) added more flexibility for Lodges to meet pandemic-related needs, and the same flexibility will be in place for this next round of Gratitude Grants. For some Lodges, the increased flexibility led to new opportunities for membership and community support.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Lodges are encouraged to think about donating to food pantries or other local organizations that are better equipped to directly serve the population in need affected by the pandemic. If a Lodge uses the Gratitude Grant to serve veterans and military members in need, it must focus on one of these five areas of increased need:

- ◆ Employment
- ◆ Homelessness and Housing
- ◆ Military Families
- ◆ Health
- ◆ Educational Support



Message from Exalted Ruler Jerry Ditty

While we try to get back to normal operations, we continue to employ all necessary safety measures to keep our Members safe.

May is going to be a busy month for our lodge starting on the 1st when we will be having a Cinco de Mayo party featuring the IPA. Band playing outside from 2 to 5 pm. Inside, Chef Richard will be preparing chips & salsa, beef tacos, chicken tacos, taco salad, deluxe nachos, chicken and beef enchiladas and Mexican rice and beans. We will also have a

Margarita bar that day.

The good food will continue on the 8th with a London Broil dinner and on the 29th with BBQ Chicken & Ribs. A big thanks goes to all the Ranch Hands that help serve. On Sunday, May 9th we will be having a fundraiser Mother's Day breakfast for the benefit of Elks Foundation. The menu will be extensive and feature a Bloody

Mary and Mimosa bar .

Last month on April 10th, we had a Spring Car Show and Vendor Fair that was a huge success. Thanks go to Dave Lagasse, Faith Frost and all the helpers that volunteered and to Sara Davis for the great job on the Vendor Fair.

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PER Darrin Simone Sr. Appointed as Endorsed Vice President For Southwest District

Visitation Schedule

Manasota Lodge #2734

Saturday June 6, 2021

Palmetto Lodge #2449

Saturday July 24, 2021

South Hillsborough #2672

Saturday August 7, 2021

Bradenton Lodge #1511

Saturday August 21, 2021

Sarasota South #2495

Saturday September 11, 2021

Venice-Nokomis #1854

Saturday, September 25, 2021

Lakewood Ranch Sarasota #2855 - Homecoming

Saturday, October 9, 2021

ER continued

Our Italian Night fundraiser to support Harry-Anna was well attended with 52 dinners served. Thanks to all for a great job.

The Veterans committee is having a Reverse Raffle offering a first prize of \$2000 plus other prizes of \$100 to \$500. Tickets are \$30 and only

300 will be sold.

I want to send out a special thank you to Kathy Dattilo for all her hard word on the Americanism contest and congratulations to our first place state winner Luca Schlosberg. Please mark your calendar for the State Elks Conference which will be

held May 27-30 at the Rosen Center Orlando. To register, you should go to felks.org. Also remember that Grand Lodge Conference will be July 4th to 7th at the Tampa Convention Center.



Treasurer Report

March 12, 2021 to April 8, 2021

Income

Opening Balance From March 11, 2021		\$134,648.42
Received from the Secretary	\$57,562.90	
Charity Funds Received	\$ 4,744.17	
Interest on Reserve Account	\$ 1.84	
Sub Total		\$ 62,308.91

Less Expenses

Lodge Bills Paid	\$44,911.06	
Charity Funds Paid	\$ 6,121.17	
Sub Total		- \$ 51,032.23

*** Cash Balance April 8,, 2021** **\$145,925.10**

*** Charity Fund Balance** \$10,277.36

*** Reserve Fund Balance** \$40,526.01

COMMUNITY CORNER



helpful information
about good causes

A history of Mother's Day and how its founder sought to have it discontinued.

The official Mother's Day holiday arose in the 1900s as a result of the efforts of Anna Jarvis, daughter of Ann Reeves Jarvis. Following her mother's 1905 death, Anna Jarvis conceived of Mother's Day as a way of honoring the sacrifices mothers make for their children.

After gaining financial backing from a Philadelphia department store owner named John Wanamaker, in May 1908 she organized the first official Mother's Day celebration at a Methodist church in Grafton, West Virginia. That same day also saw thousands of people attend Mother's Day at one of Wanamaker's retail stores in Philadelphia.

Following the success of her first Mother's Day, Jarvis—who remained unmarried and childless her

whole life—resolved to see her holiday added to the national calendar. Arguing that American holidays were biased toward male achievements, she started a massive letter writing campaign to newspapers and prominent politicians urging the adoption of a special day honoring motherhood.

By 1912 many states, towns and churches had adopted Mother's Day as an annual holiday, and Jarvis had established the Mother's Day International Association to help promote her cause. Her persistence paid off in 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson signed a measure officially establishing the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

Jarvis Decries Commercialized Mother's Day

Anna Jarvis had originally conceived of Mother's day as a day of personal celebration between mothers and families. Her version of the day involved wearing white carnation as a badge and visiting one's mother or attending church service. But since Mother's Day became a national holiday, it was not long before florists, card companies and other merchants capitalized on its popularity. While Jarvis had initially worked with the floral industry to help raise Mother's Day profile, by 1920 she had become disgusted with how the holiday had been commercialized. She outwardly

denounced the transformation and urged people to stop buying Mother's Day flowers, cards and candies. She also launched countless lawsuits against groups that had used the name "Mother's Day", eventually spending most of her personal wealth in legal fees. By the time of her death in 1948 Jarvis had disowned the holiday altogether, and even lobbied the government to see it removed from the American calendar.

Mother's Day Around the World

While versions of Mother's Day are celebrated worldwide, traditions vary depending of the country. In Thailand, for example, Mother's Day is always celebrated in August on the birthday of their current Queen Mother, Sirikit.

Another alternate version of Mother's Day can be found in Ethiopia where families gather each fall to sing songs and eat a large feast as part of Antrosht, a multi-day celebration honoring Motherhood.

In the United States, Mother's Day continues to be celebrated by presenting mothers and other women with gifts and flowers and it has become one of the biggest holidays for consumer spending. Families also celebrate by giving mothers a day off from activities like cooking or other household chores.