

Lakewood Rancher

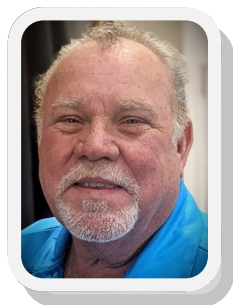


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MONTHLY NEWLETTER LAKEWOOD RANCH SARASOTA ELKS LODGE 2855

September 2020

Message from Exalted Ruler Jerry Ditty



We made it to September. Not a lot of news to talk about. But there is one new and exciting event and that is Horse Racing Bingo!

Leon, Mary, Faith and Steve have previewed the event and the days it proves to be the most successful is Friday and Saturday nights. Come on in and try it - it's a blast and helps raise money for the Lodge.

Also coming, thanks to the donations by Bill and Susie Kersey and Diane Jethwa is a raffle for a "Basket of Cheer" Tickets are 7 for \$10.

Another fun event will be a drawing for \$200 worth of 'scratch-off' tickets. 7 for \$10

Look for a mailing from our Veterans Committee announcing a fundraiser for "Homes for Our Troops." Along with that mailer will be information concerning revisions to our Lodge by-laws.

Hope everyone is doing well Stay safe and hope that we get back to normal soon.

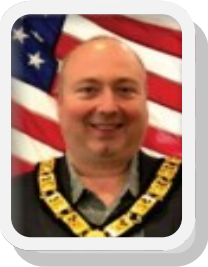


This past May our Lodge used their \$2,000 Elks National Gratitude Grant to support The Food Bank of Manatee in this time ofprecedented demand related to the coronavirus economic situation. These funds would normally be used by the Lodge program Elks Feeding Empty

Little Tum mies (EFELT), but since the program is temporarily suspended because of school closures, the Lodge decided to help the food bank. The food bank has stepped in and is helping to feed many of the same children EFELT would normally serve. Maribeth Phillips,

Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee CEO, received the check on behalf of the Food Bank of Manatee from EFELT east coordinator Clay Wakefield of our Lodge.

From the Lodge Secretary Brett Davis PDDGER



You will soon receive a postal mailing from the Lodge regarding Veteran's Committee fundraiser. Also included in this mailing (to save costs) are proposed changes to our by-laws. The statutes of our Order require a general revision every (5) five years and this is the year it is due.

There are only a few proposed changes and they are elaborated on in this mailing insert. The biggest change is to authorize the organizing of an "Elks Riders" chapter at our Lodge and Lodge approval, via the by-laws is the first step in getting that chapter up and going. Voting on the general revisions will take place at the regular Lodge meeting Thursday September 24th.

I have received correspondence from Grand Lodge offering a one-time grant of \$1,500 to each Lodge

for COVID-19 related financial relief. While we are holding our own financially, our revenues are down significantly as people are understandably still uncomfortable coming out, and given the day-to-day uncertainty of whether we will be allowed to stay open or must close. The COVID-19 numbers are trending downward and hopefully the end is in sight.

While we continue to offer monthly orientation/initiation sessions, as you can imagine attendance has been sparse. We have cancelled several of them as people are still hesitant to come out. We certainly understand that but will continue to offer the sessions monthly for those that wish to attend. Since we have so few willing to come, practicing appropriate social distancing is extremely easy to achieve.



2021 MVS Contest

The Elks National Foundation is proud to announce the start of the 2021 Most Valuable Student scholarship contest on August 5, 2020. The Most Valuable Student scholarship is available to high school seniors who are United States citizens. Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks. Applications are judged on academics, leadership, service and financial need. The application is completed online and must be submitted by the **November 15, 2020**, deadline. The 500 national winners will be announced in April 2021.

Learn more at www.elks.org



2021 Legacy Awards Contest

The 2021 Legacy Awards contest runs from September 1, 2020 to February 5, 2021. Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Elks members.

Learn more at www.elks.org

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C'MON IN AND CHECK IT OUT!
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS

Lodge Officers 2020-2021

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 Bevelhymer
Public Relations - Randy Volkart, PER
Soccer Shoot - Barbara Mikimmin
Youth Activities - Randy Volkart, ER

Fraternal - Frank Iannello

Americanism - Open
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