

# THE HERNANDO HERD



Monthly Newsletter of Brooksville Elks Lodge #2582



*Brooksville Lodge No. 2582*  
BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS  
A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION

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*Stars & Stripes  
God Bless America*

May 2019



**VISIT AND JOIN OUR LODGE WHERE GOOD FRIENDS MEET**



## 2019 LODGE OFFICERS

**PHIL RAFFERTY  
EXALTED RULER**

<b>EXALTED RULER</b>	<b>PHIL RAFFERTY</b>
LEADING KNIGHT	RICH GRIFFITHS
LOYAL KNIGHT	PAUL ERVIN
LECTURING KNIGHT	TERRY CAMPBELL
SECRETARY	LARRY WHITE, P.E.R.
TREASURER	TAMMY FALONE
CHAPLAIN	BRAD DUNHAM
ESQUIRE	JANINE POISSON
INNER GUARD	CHARLIE WALTER
TILER	DIANE HEIN
FIVE YEAR TRUSTEE	ROBERT HEIN
FOUR YEAR TRUSTEE	SCOTT MACKEIL
THREE YEAR TRUSTEE	JOHN DeMAS
TWO YEAR TRUSTEE	MIKE HUGHSON
ONE YEAR TRUSTEE	MEL HAINES

### LODGE SECRETARY HOURS:

5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Monday & Wednesday    12:00 p.m. -- 4:00 P.M. Saturday

Please call Larry's Cell Phone: 219-201-7278.

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## Meet Our New Officers



**Front Row L-R, Larry White, Secretary - Tammy Falone, Treasurer - Diane Hein, Tiler - Gin Poisson, Esquire**

**Back Row L-R, Charles Walter, Inner Guard - Rich Griffiths, Leading Knight - Phil Rafferty, Exalted Ruler - Terry Campbell, Lecturing Knight - Mike Hughson, Two Year Trustee - Bob Hein, Five Year Trustee**

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## A Message from your Exalted Ruler

Hello ladies and gentlemen; we are off and running in the new Lodge year. I got through my first meeting without too many goofs but I promise it will get better.

In case you haven't stopped in lately, please do so. We would love for you to see the changes that have been made.

We are currently working on the horseshoe pits, bocce ball courts and coming soon is a new bowling league (video bowling) in the lodge room with corn hole games and shuffle board tournaments. Feel free to visit and join in on the fun!

Also, if you're a golfer and are looking for someone to play with, several members get together on Sundays for a round or two. Call Bob Hein at 920 326 2187 to get involved.

Rumor has it that the house committee is working on starting a fish fry. I don't have all the details yet but stay posted...

If you attended the last meeting in April, you will know that the budget passed for this upcoming fiscal year. In it, there are provisions for upgrading one of our air conditioning systems, creating a new member entrance and several odds and ends that require attention in and around the Lodge. Cash donations to help offset these things are greatly appreciated.

Very soon, in order to save trees and dollars, we will be transitioning to your receiving The Hernando Herd electronically. In fact, you can access it now by going to [elks2582.com](http://elks2582.com). Then in the top row, far right, click "More." Then scroll to "The Hernando Herd", click on it and you will see all the previous and current Hernando Herds. Click on the date you want and it will appear.

In closing, I want to say THANK YOU! to each and every one of you that volunteer on what seems to be a daily basis. We never turn down volunteer help and if you haven't joined us for a while, please, stop in sometime and tell us what you excel at.

**Fraternally Yours,**

**Phil Rafferty E.R.**

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## **HOUSE COMMITTEE MESSAGE**

Hello everyone! Well we have come to the end of another month, my goodness time flies. Hope you have all been well and had a chance to drop by our Lodge to visit with old and new friends. We have been busy trying to get settled in so we can do the best job possible for you and our Lodge and hope that you will bear with us in this transitioning time.

We have a pretty full month for May and hope that you all come out and join in the fun. So put us on your calendar!!

First our regular 1<sup>st</sup> Friday night dinner/dance with Angelo on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, always a great time. Saturday night May 11<sup>th</sup> join us for a special Mothers' Day Dinner Dance. Vic & Lisa will be here to entertain you and we would love to make your Mother's day a little special.

On May 4<sup>th</sup> we have our monthly Steak Shoot, lots of fun and you could win some great rib eye steaks. This day is also the Kentucky Derby so we decided to have a Kentucky Derby Party with plenty to eat. (I promise, Mike Hughson and his crew will be back with his fantastic spaghetti next month.) So get your Derby Hats made and come on down. There will be a prize for the best Hat so be creative. Cost of dinner will be \$7.00 and you will not be disappointed.

May 18<sup>th</sup> is our monthly Steak night with a choice of steak or meatloaf. We have a new guy entertaining us named Tony Machicote; if you come to Karaoke he has been by and sang a couple of songs and everyone loved him. You like Doo Wop, you'll love him.

May 24<sup>th</sup> is our Triviaoke night. It starts at 6:00 p.m. now so it isn't too late and food will be available. If you haven't been to this give it a try, we have a blast. The first part is trivia and then karaoke.

May 27<sup>th</sup> will be Memorial Day so come out and help us celebrate the day with some great hamburgers & hot dogs and all the trimmings. We will have games and lots of things to have a great time.

Last but not least we are planning on opening on Sunday again!!! Yay!!!! We will also be having line dance lessons from 4:00 to 6:00 so come out and learn how to do all these dances we all wish we could do. Cost for the lessons is \$5.00. Food will be available.

We are trying hard to get our Lodge busy again and we need all of you to come out and support your Lodge. We have a lot of new people coming in and we need to show them what the Elk's club is all about. Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity! You being happy make us happy!!

For all those heading North for the summer we wish you safe travels and look forward to your return in the fall.

As always we appreciate all of our volunteers, thanks for stepping up and giving a hand every time we need you!!! We couldn't do it without you!!

God Bless,

**YOUR HOUSE COMMITTEE**

**CINDY GRIFFITHS, Chairman**

**Members: Diane Hein, Nora Hughson, Sherry MacKeil, Angie Marsano, Gin Poisson, & Jackie Sherman**

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**A NOTE from your LEADING KNIGHT**

Hello all my fellow Brother and Sister Elks. Hope this letter finds all of you in good health and great spirits. This being the month of May, I would like to wish all the mothers a happy and healthy Mothers' Day. All the new officers have finished our first month of our new year, and it is amazing to see all of the energy and great ideas everyone has to help move our beautiful Lodge forward. I am proud to be part of such a great group of people. I would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who work so hard at the Lodge and remember we always welcome new volunteers, so please come join us and bring your new ideas and have a great time with us. Remember that this is your Lodge, please come and enjoy all of the updates and friendly people.

**God Bless,**

**Rich Griffiths, Leading Knight**

## **SECRETARY'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to the month of May. I have two things to cover this month that are of great importance for the Lodge:

1. If you haven't paid your dues for the year of 2019-2020 please do so as soon as possible. They are now past due as of April 1st 2019. You can send a check to the Lodge or if you wish come down and see me or the bartender and pay with a credit or debit card. I am in the office Monday and Wednesday from 5pm to 9pm and Saturdays from 12 pm to 4pm if you want your card immediately or I will send it to you in the mail. If you need any assistance please call me at 219-201-7278.

2. We are voting on 3 new lifetime memberships the 2nd meeting in May and hope that everyone will come down to visit the Lodge and attend the meeting for this important vote. The following members have put in an application for lifetime membership:

Bradley Dunham who is a 35 year member and is 70 yrs of age

Donald Bartley who is a 32 year member and is 77 yrs of age

Frederick Perlinger who is a 41 year member and is 78 yrs of age

They are all eligible to become lifetime members. The Grand Lodge rules state you must be a 30 year member of the Elks and over the age of 65 to become a lifetime member. If anyone else is eligible please come and see me. I have the applications that need to be filled out for life membership. Then the Lodge must vote on your application. Once approved you will pay lifetime dues next year.

Thank you all and God bless.

**Larry White, PER**

**Lodge Secretary**

## MAY BUSINESS ELKS' ADVERTISING



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