

#### WEST CITRUS STORY

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#### MESSAGE FROM EXALTED RULER DOUG NORMAN



Hello West Citrus Elks,

We've made it through the holiday season and the January hangover! Great events have taken place like the Pretenders Show, the Ladies Fashion Show, and the usual fare of dinners and karaoke. Thanks to all of you that have participated, and to those member volunteers who work tirelessly for the Lodge to make all these events happen. We've initiated 8 new members in January, welcome to these folks.

We will have open positions coming up this year, on several committees and the board. Those members with an interest in helping the Lodge continue our mission to keep the doors open are welcome to step up. Our building is need of some critical repairs, please watch for updates and fund-raising efforts to keep our building intact and functional.

Again, I am asking members to come to the monthly meeting. That is where you will get information as to what is happening in the Lodge but also a time to ask the ER questions and get the information firsthand.

The Valentine's Day Dinner Dance is scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup> and is always a fun event. Tickets are available for purchase, Tuesday – Friday from 4 pm to 7 pm. Come join us!

As always, our volunteers do a great job, thanks to each of you for all that you do for our Lodge and Elkdom.

See you at the lodge,

Doug Norman E.R. West Citrus Elks Lodge 2693

#### MESSAGE FROM LODGE SECRETARY KAREN FISH



Please notify the office of any address,

email, or phone changes. Office: (352) 628-1221.

Lounge: (352) 503-2010 Email: welksclub@tampabay.rr.com Website: www.westcitruselks.org

Office Open 9am ~ 3pm Monday ~ Wednesday ~ Friday

#### LODGE OFFICE AND LOUNGE HOURS

Sunday ~ Lounge and Lodge office closed

Monday ∼ Lounge/Lodge closed; Lodge Office Open 9am – 3pm

Tuesday ∼ Lounge opened 1pm − 8 pm (Lodge office closed)

Wednesday ~ Lounge opened 3pm – 7pm; Lodge Office Open 9am – 3pm

Thursday  $\sim$  Lounge opened 1pm - 7 pm (Lodge office closed)

Friday ~ Lounge opened 3pm - 7pm; Lodge Office Open 9am - 3pm

Saturday ∼ 12pm − 5pm Sunday ∼ Lounge/Bar

#### PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP







Whether you know her as the Beetle Juice or as the pretty lady at line dancing classes, or as the director of the Lodge's annual Pretenders Show, she is just the best all round gal you will ever meet. Cathy works long hard hours to make sure that the Pretenders show is the best it can be. This show is our biggest charity fundraiser and the Lodge would like to thank Cathy, her volunteers and performers for delivering a great show every year. Thank you Cathy for all you do for the Lodge and all of Elkdom.

#### WEST CITRUS ELKS STARTS A NEW YEAR WITH 7 NEW MEMBERS.



On January 9<sup>th</sup> the West Citrus Elks Lodge initiated seven new members who are eager to join in to help the less fortunate, the children and the veterans of our community and our country.

Pictured left to right are John Hart, Ron Wagner, Steve Willding, James Weber, Nick Russo, Todd Beohm and Shawn McDonald. Congratulations to our new members. Be sure to say hello and welcome them to the Lodge.

#### PAID LODGE POSITION OPEN

**Treasurer Position Open.** Our Treasurer, Kris Estus is retiring. If you have accounting experience, know QuickBooks and are interested in the position, call Kris Estus at (561)253-4972. This is a paid position. Thanks, Kris, for all your hard work!

#### LODGE MONTHLY MEETINGS

02/01—House Committee Meeting at 10 am

02/06—Lodge Membership Meeting at 7 pm \*

02/06—Veterans Committee Meeting at 10:30 am

02/22-Veterans Sewing Group at 10:30 am-3:00 pm

02/20 - 2nd monthly Lodge Membership Meeting at 7:00 pm\*

02/20—LOE Board meeting at 10:30 am

02/27—LOE Monthly Membership meeting at 10:30 am

\* PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL, THE LODGE CONDUCTS 2 MEETING IN THOSE MONTHS. PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND AT LEAST ONE MEETING PER MONTH.

#### IMPORTANT LODGE MEETING February 6th at 7 pm

On Monday, February 6th, the Lodge will hold voting for the 2023-2024 Lodge officers. Please be sure to come out at 7 pm and cast your vote for the candidates. Monthly meetings are a place where you can voice your questions or concerns, so please don't miss this important meeting



#### WEST CITRUS ELKS #2693 BIRTHDAY COUPON

Sign and bring this coupon to the Lodge to receive a free drink in your birthday month.

HAPPY STRING

Member name: Birthday:

Happy Birthday to all with a birthday this month. Celebrate at the Lodge with a complimentary house brand mixed drink, wine, or domestic beer of your choice. **Members only. One coupon per member** 



#### VETERANS COMMITTEE NEWS



#### SEWING FOR VETERANS



We had our first meeting on January 18th, with 5 ladies in attendance. We discussed the types of lap and wheelchair quilts, walker caddies, adult bibs, and Alzheimer fidget quilts and how we plan on

making them. We will have some kits available. Different patterns were handed out for guidance. Batting, some backing and quilting the quilts will be provided by our group. A label will be placed on completed projects with West Citrus Elks and a place to write in the veteran's name. The first facility we will be working on is Cypress Cove with 14 veterans.

A plastic bin with Sewing for Veterans has been placed in the lobby for donations.

Next meeting will be February 22nd, starting at 10:30am to 3:00pm. So, bring your sewing machines and join the fun. A light lunch will be provided.

If you have any questions please contact Susan Adams, at <a href="mailto:shewolf@tampabay.rr.com">shewolf@tampabay.rr.com</a>, cell (352)254-0099) or home (352)270-8745.

#### ALL ABOARD VETERANS CRUISE TO SAIL ON FEBRUARY 8TH



On February 8, the veterans committee's annual cruise will set sail. Those of us going are excited for this 11 day excursion. I don't know if there are any last minute cabins available but you can call Bill and Terri Obermeir at (704)774-7779 to find out.

#### VETERANS COMMITTEE JOINS SCOUT TROUP 2693 IN FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Every year the veterans committee plan an event with our Cub Scout troop to retire worn and torn American flags. Their scout master in the picture below, instructs the scouts how to properly retire American flag and follows the protocol of 4 U.S.C. United States Code, 2011 Edition, Title 4 - FLAG AND SEAL, SEAT OF GOVERN-MENT, AND THE STATES, CHAPTER 1 - THE FLAG From the U.S. Government Publishing Office. All of the veterans, lodge members, boy scouts families and friends who attended were served pizza and soda. The scouts were hands on when it was time





#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF LADIES OF THE ELKS LINDA ZAKSZESKI



Here it is - February already! We are into the new year and there are many things happening with the Ladies. Our Fashion Show held the end of January was a resounding success! Shout out to Edie Thompson, Bonnie Lee, Joanne Hepner and to all the Ladies who helped decorate the tables, made and sold raffle baskets and attended with friends. You

made it work! Our members tea is February 4th. It's a lovely event. Try your best to attend. The time is 1:00 pm. Wear your best hat and bring your favorite tea cup! There are tasty treats, fun games, and terrific social experiences. Unfortunately, our flea market shed collection is that same day; however, you can drop off your gently used items early and still arrive in time for the tea! Our flea market set up is the 23rd and 24th of February with the actual sale on the 25th from 8 AM to 2:30. We need all hands on deck, do as much as possible and help where needed. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and we need everyone. We ask assistance from members of the Elks as this is where all help is definitely requested. We thank you in advance! February General Membership meeting is 2/27 in the lounge at 10:30 AM Remember, March 14th is our Card Party, with set-up being the 13th.

Best Wishes,

Linda

#### L.O.E. FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



2/2 -Martie Bollman-Jarrell - mjarr5193@aol.com

2/3 -Linda Zakszeski - lzakszeski@gmail.com

2/4 -Becky Tabacchi - tabacchicb@aol.com

2/16 - Teresa Jancura - taj 1957@frontier.com

2/26 -Edna Pirmann - ednapirmann@aim.com



#### LADIES OF THE ELKS UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

04—Flea Market shed open from 9 am- 12 noon

04—LOE Membership tea 1 pm to 3 pm

20—LOE Board meeting at 10:30 am

23-24—Set for LOE Flea Market

25—Annual LOE Flea Market

27—LOE Membership Meeting 10:30 am

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

LOE Card Party coming March 14th (this is the final LOE charity fundraiser event of the year)

#### **FASHION SHOW MOMENTS**





## ACTION AT THE LODGE UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



#### **EUCHRE ON THURSDAYS AT THE LODGE**



Did you know that there is a great group of folks that play Euchre at the lodge every Thursday at 1:30? Well they do! If you enjoy playing Euchre and want to meet other members, this is a perfect place to start. You don't need a partner or group to play, you just need to show up. For more information, contact Dan or Louise Lopp at

#### LINE DANCING LESSONS



Come and join in on the fun of learning or practicing your line dancing with Kathy Reynolds every Wednesday from 2 pm to 3 pm. The cost is \$5 per class. These ladies do a great job teaching you all the line dancing moves to get you ready for the next lodge event. For more in-

formation call Kathy Reynolds at (352) 637-1233. See you there!

#### KARAOKE SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4TH AND 18TH



The house committee will continue to host Saturday Karaoke on February 4th with KJ Southern Bill and February 18th with KJ Turner Camp Dave. Karaoke singing begins at 5 pm. The kitchen will be open from 4 pm to 7 pm, the bar opens at 12 noon. Come and join us for a fun evening of singing.

#### Country Western and Oldies Night Presented by Star Fire

Set you dance calendar for Saturday March 11th for a fun night with a new entertainment group from out of town, <u>Star Fire</u>. Social hour begins at 5 and dinner served at 6 pm, show begins at 7 pm till 9 pm

#### **Entertainment provided by STAR FIRE**



Entrées will be a choice of a Chicken Basket or a Fish Basket (Baskets include French Fries)

Note: Special Food allergies must be requested at time of ticket purchase.

Tickets on sale **NOW** \$13.00 per person or two for \$25.00. You can be purchase tickets at the Lodge Tuesday-Friday 4pm to 7pm

#### BINGO EVERY THURSDAY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Bingo is played every Thursdays at 6 pm SHARP. The cafe is open for bingo guests to order food from 4 pm—6 pm. There will be no bingo on Feb 23 due to LOE Flea Market set up.

#### VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER AND DANCE EVENT



February 11, 2023 at 5 pm Entrée choices are Roast Beef or Herbed Haddock

(includes Caesar salad, mashed potatoes, green beans almondine, roll w/butter and dessert)

Tickets on sale Tuesday through Friday 4PM to 7PM for \$25 each

**Music by Solid Gold** 

#### WELCOME TO THE WEST CITRUS ELKS CAFÉ AND GRILL



#### **CAFÉ HOURS**

Sunday Closed
Monday Closed
Tuesday 4 pm to 7 pm
Wednesday 4 pm to 7 pm
Thursday 4 pm to 7 pm
Friday 4 pm to 7 pm
Saturday—café open most Saturdays) check newsletter for details

#### EARLY BIRD SPECIALS

(Available from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm only)

(Your order must be in no later than 5:00 pm)

(includes soup or salad, choice of potato and vegetable du jour)

CHICKEN BREAST	<b>\$10</b>
CHOPPED STEAK	\$10
HAM STEAK	\$10
FISH (FRIED OR BAKED)	\$10
BONELESS PORK CHOP	<b>\$10</b>

#### **SANDWICHES**

(sandwich only—Add fries \$2.50)

1/4 lb hamburger or Cheeseburger	<b>\$6</b>
Chicken Sandwich (Fried or Grilled)	<b>\$6</b>
Pork Chop Sandwich (fried or grilled)	<b>\$6</b>
1/4 lb All Beef Hot dog	\$4.50







#### FEATURED DINNERS FOR FEBRUARY

(Available from 4:00 pm—7:00 pm Tuesday—Friday) (includes soup or salad, choice of potato and vegetable du jour)

#### **WEEK OF FEBRUARY**

02/07	PORK RIBS	\$18
02/14	CHICKEN PARMESAN	\$15
02/21	PORK JAGERSCHNITZEL	\$14
02/28	LASAGNA	\$15

#### **GARDEN SALADS**



FRIED OR GRILLED CHICKEN \$9
FRIED OR GRILLED SHRIMP \$10

#### OTHER ENTREE OPTIONS

(includes soup or salad, choice of potato and vegetable du jour)

BONELESS PORK CHOP	\$12
CHOPPED STEAK	\$13
CHICKEN BREAST (FRIED OR GRILLED)	\$13
GRILLED HAM STEAK	\$13
FISH (FRIED OR BROILED)	<b>\$14</b>
SHRIMP (FRIED OR BROILED)	\$14

Note: For dining room reservations of 5 or more, call (352) 503-2010

Last seating to place an order is 7:00 pm

#### **BASKETS**







Chicken Finger Basket \$6
Shrimp Basket \$7
Fish Basket \$8
(Baskets are served with French Fries)

#### A LA CARTE

<b>Appetizer (ask your server for selection)</b>	\$6.50
Soup or Salad	\$3.00
Dessert	\$4.00
Ice Cream	\$3.00
French Fries or Baked Potato	\$2.50

Please be aware that our food may contain or come into contact with common allergens, such as dairy, eggs, wheat, soybeans, tree nuts, peanuts, fish, shellfish or wheat. Please let your server know if you are allergen sensitive to any of these foods.



### February 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Lodge Office Open 9am-3pm Lounge open 3pm-7pm House committee meeting 10 am LINE DANCING 2PM CAFÉ OPEN SERV- ING FROM 4PM- 7PM	2 Lodge Office closed Lounge open 1 pm-9 pm EUCHRE 1:30 PM CAFÉ OPEN FROM 4PM-7PM BINGO STARTS AT 6 PM Citrus County Car Cruisers meeting at 7 pm	3 Lodge Office Open 9am- 3pm Lounge open 3 pm-7 pm CAFÉ OPEN SERVING FROM 4 PM-7 PM	4 LOE FLEA MARKET SHED OPEN 9 TO 12 LOE Member Tea 1 pm— 3 pm Lounge opened 12-5 pm Take Stock in Children 1pm—3 pm(in the back room) KARAOKE 5-9 PM KJ SOUTHERN BILL
5 CLOSED Lounge, lodge office, and café	6 CLOSED Lounge, and cafe Lodge Office Open 9am-3pm Veterans Committee meeting 10:30 am Lodge Meeting 7 pm	7 Lodge Office closed Lounge open 3pm-8pm CAFÉ OPEN SERV- ING FROM 4PM- 7PM KARAOKE 5-8 PM KJ SOUTHERN BILL	8 Lodge Office Open 9am-3pm Lounge open 3pm-7pm LINE DANCING 2PM CAFÉ OPEN SERV- ING FROM 4PM- 7PM	9 Lodge Office closed Lounge open 1 pm-9 pm EUCHRE 1:30 PM CAFÉ OPEN FROM 4PM-7PM BINGO STARTS AT 6 PM	10 Lodge Office Open 9am- 3pm Lounge open 3 pm-7 pm CAFÉ OPEN SERVING FROM 4 PM-7 PM	11 Lounge opened 12-5 pm Valentine's Day Dinner Dance 5 pm—9 pm
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**Board of Directors** 

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**House Committee** 

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Pat Brace

Brian Estus (Bar Manager)
Debbie Lawrence
Dolores Rosales
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Don Conway
Brian Estus
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Paul (Bill) Kobel
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Cindy Kempff
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**Elected Officers** 

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**Bulletin Boosters** (Join the Boosters and help support our Lodge bulletin. for a donation of \$10. Please see the Lodge Secretary.)

November 2022

In Memory of Okey Ryan

April 2023

In Memory of George Tichy

April 2023

In Memory of Irv Lovejoy

June 2023

In Memory of Mel Lafferty

November 2023

In Memory of Mel Lafferty

December 2024

In Memory of Richard H. Lee, PER

December 2025

In Memory of Roy Hoskins

February 2026

In Memory of Milford Seely In Memory of Margrurite Seely

December 2028

In Memory of Regis D. "Skip" Steighner PER

**Appointed Officers** 

Esquire Brian Estus
Chaplain Patricia Grove
Tiler Bonnie Gonzalez
Inner Guard Mike Floch

**Appointed Non-officers** 

MediatorTBDParliamentarianEd SeitlerPresiding JusticeGlen AbbottLodge AdvisorEd Seitler

Past Exalted Rulers (this Lodge)

Richard Brown
William Dennington
Ed Seitler

Brian Estus
Paul (Bill) Kobel
Kris Estus

PDDGER's

Ed Seitler Ed James

**Ladies Of The Elks Officers** 

President Linda Zakszeski Vice President Patricia Rice Charlotte Blauvelt Treasurer Recording. Secretary Carole Moats Corresponding . Secretary Janet Porter At Large Volunteer Hours Rick & Jill Jeroski At Large Publicity Carolyn Ohlmeyer At Large Communications Donna Hayes Edna Pirmann Sentry Greeter Jeanne MacBurnie Joanne Hepner

Chaplain Joanne Hepner
Historian Laura Peterson & Deb Spence

Parliamentarian Bonnie Lee

Committees

Accident Prevention and Safety

Americanism Florida Youth Camp

Auditing Bingo

Buildings and Grounds

Community Activities Drug Awareness ENF Flag Day

Grant Coordinator Harry Anna Trust Hoop Shoot House Chairperson Investigations Lapsation

Lodge Event Coordinator

Lodge Special Functions Coordinator

Lodge Historian

Membership Recruitment Memorial Service Orientation Publicity Scholarships

Cub Scouts Sickness and Distress

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Donna Hayes, Cheryl Brett,

Joanne Hepner Lucille Lareau Susan Wood

Ed Lutkus, Davy Jones, Jim Stradling, Brad Sass

Karin Nottage TBD Brian Estus TBD Kris Estus Kris Estus TBD Donna Hayes TBD Karen Fish

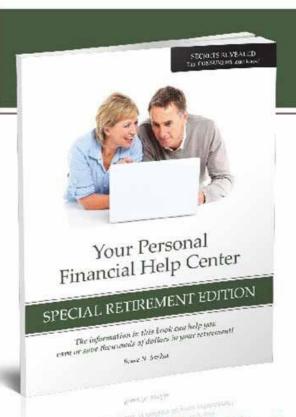
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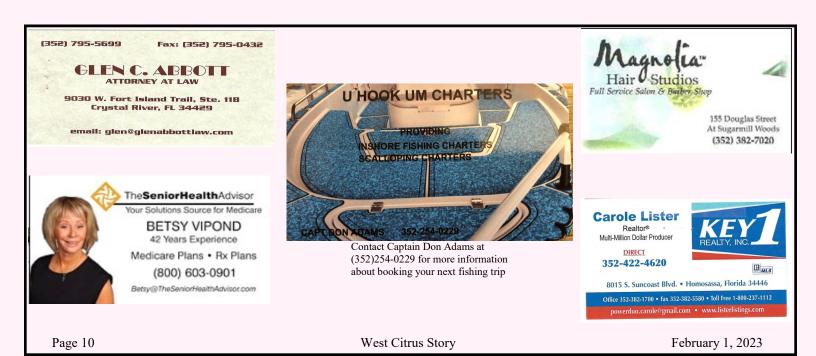




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