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MESSAGE FROM EXALTED RULER DOUG NORMAN

MESSAGE FROM LODGE SECRETARY KAREN FISH



Hello West Citrus Elks,

My year as your ER is quickly winding down. What a ride it has been. I'm sending out a huge thank you to all members that have helped to keep our lodge running, by attending functions, donating time or money, and helping to make a difference in our community. The 2023/24 officers have been elected and will be installed in April. Please continue to support your officers and lodge; we have been and are continuing to have

wonderful events. Watch for these upcoming March events: Country Western dinner dance, St. Patrick's Day dinner dance, car show and volunteer appreciation luncheon along with weekly karaoke & bingo.

I look forward to being your Past Exalted Ruler, but it has been my privilege to be your ER this past year.

See you at our lodge,

Doug Norman E.R. West Citrus Elks #2693



Please notify the office of any address, email, or phone changes. Office: (352) 628-1221. Lounge: (352) 503-2010 Email:<u>welksclub@tampabay.rr.com</u> Website: <u>www.westcitruselks.org</u>

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 ~ Lounge opened 1pm – 7 pm (Lodge office closed) Friday ~ Lounge opened 3pm – 7pm; Lodge Office Open 9am – 3pm

 $Saturday \sim 12 pm - 5 pm \ Sunday \sim Lounge/Bar$



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When Deb is gone from the lodge for the summer she is missed. Deb or Spence, as she is known to her friends, is not afraid to jump in wherever she is needed. She is one of our most dependable member and volunteer at the lodge. Thank you Deb for all you do for the lodge and all of Elkdom!

THE BPOE IS GROWING.



On February 20th the West Citrus Elks initiated five new members. Pictured left to right are Ron Fifthen, Mary Ellen DePetrillo, Lah Graham, Keith MacNeir and Chuck Gungloff. Welcome to Elkdom!

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDS ASSISTANCE

The editor of the newsletter, Donna Hayes, needs assistance putting the newsletter together and is willing to train someone to help. So if you have computer skills and are interested in learning something new, please contact Donna at 407-782-8577.

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

- 03/01—House Committee Meeting at 10 am
- 03/06—Lodge Membership Meeting at 7 pm *
- 03/06—Veterans Committee Meeting at 10:30 am
- 03/15—Veterans Sewing Group at 10:30 am—3:00 pm
- 03/20 2nd monthly Lodge Membership Meeting at 7:00 pm*
- 03/20—LOE Board meeting at 10:30 am

03/27—LOE Monthly Membership meeting at 10:30 am

* PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE MONTHS OF FEB-RUARY, MARCH AND APRIL, THE LODGE CON-DUCTS 2 MEETING IN THOSE MONTHS. PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND AT LEAST ONE MEETING PER MONTH.

LODGE MEETING REMINDER

On Monday, March 6th and Monday March 20th, the Lodge will hold 2 regular lodge meetings. Please be sure to come out at 7 pm for these monthly meetings. These meetings are a place where you can voice your questions or concerns, so please don't miss the monthly meetings.

WEST CITRUS ELKS #2693 BIRTHDAY COUPON

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

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**

VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON PLANNED FOR MARCH 25TH



Lodge #2693 ER (Doug Norman) extends an invitation to a luncheon for volunteers who have given the Lodge 4 or more hours during the period beginning April 1,2022 through March 24, 2023.

DATE: MARCH 25, 2023 TIME: 1 PM

LUNCHEON MENU: PASTA PRIMAVERA

Sign up at the bar beginning now through March 17th.

CAFÉ CLOSED FOR DINNER SERVICE MARCH 10TH

THE DINING ROOM WILL BE CLOSED ON March 10th and there will be no dinner service that evening. However, the bar will be opened that day from 3pm to 8 pm if you would like to stop in and have a cocktail.

ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL AND BEYOND

NEW OFFICERS INITATION AND LUNCHEON—APRIL 2ND

KARAOKE TUESDAY AND KARAOKE FRIDAY

DERBY DINNER DANCE—MAY 6TH



VETERANS COMMITTEE NEWS



Next meeting for Sewing for Veterans will be March 8th and March 22, starting at 10:30am to 3:00pm. So, bring your sewing machines and join the fun. A light lunch will be provided.

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

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

VETERANS COMMITTEE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER CRUISE

Well we are back!! Despite the turn of events, where some of our cruiser were a little under the weather, we did have a good time. If anyone who was on the cruise, please send me picture for the newsletter. We will be meeting soon to plan our next vacation fundraising event. If you are interested and would like to become involved with the veterans committee, please contact Donna Hayes at 407-782-8577 or via



CITRUS COUNTY FOSTER PARENT ASSO-CIATION FUNDRAISING EVENT

Citrus County Foster Parent Association is having an event at our lodge. The details are in the flyer below. This is an open fundraiser and the Foster Parent Association will welcome Lodge members as well as the public.

Tickets are not available at the lodge ,go to web site listed in the flyer to purchase tickets.

This is **NOT** an Elks Lodge event. Outside prices at the bar will be in place.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF LADIES OF THE ELKS LINDA ZAKSZESKI

L.O.E. FLEA MARKET VOLUNTEERS



Top O' The Mornin to Ya! St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner so many of us will be wearing the green this month enjoy yourselves (but not too much :-).

Our flea market has come and gone and while it's a lot of work it's always an amazing function. I'd like to thank EVERYONE who helped us with the transporting of

items from the sheds to the ballroom, putting all the items on tables, pricing, checking the electronics, folding linens, wrapping purchases, tallying items purchased - everything. Thank you, Ladies and Elks, and those in between. You made it a success!!!! Now it's time for our March Card Party. It's being held March 14th, with set up March 13th. We have good food and lots of fun for those who attend. Bring your cards, board games and friends. Edna Pirmann is selling tickets and her number is: 352-628-3362, cost is just \$20 and includes lunch. We have raffle baskets and a "Pot of Gold." Doors open at 11:00! This is our last fundraiser for the year, so I hope we see you there. March General meeting is the 27th in the Lounge at 10:30 AM and our host/hostess are the Jeroski's

Best Always, Linda



L.O.E. MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 2 - Robin Corddry debrob22@msn.com

March 7 - Patricia Van Vliet wvanvliet1@tampabay.rr.com

> LADIES OF THE ELKS UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MARCH

03/14—LOE Card Party 03/20—LOE board meeting at 10:30 am 03/27—LOE member meeting at 10:30 am





LADIES OF THE ELKS ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARD PARTY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 14TH.







LADIES OF THE ELKS

ST. PATRICK'S CARD AND GAME PARTY

TUESDAY MARCH 14, 2023 DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 \$20.00 includes LUNCHEDN

RAFFLE BASKETS

DOOR PRIZES

POT OF GOLD

FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION



CALL EDNA AT 352-628-3362

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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 (352) 628-7095.

KARAOKE SATURDAY MARCH 4TH AND 18TH



The house committee will continue to host Saturday Karaoke on March 4th with KJ Southern Bill and March 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.

Starting in April, Saturday Karaoke will be moving to Friday evenings. On April 7th singing will begins at 5 pm, kitchen will be open from 4 pm to 7 pm. 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, Star Fire. Social hour begins at 5 and dinner served at 6 pm, show begins at 7 pm till 9 pm

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

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!



St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance Friday March 17th 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The Last Chance Band will provide entertainment. Due to scheduled events, we must hold the St. Patrick's Day dinner in the lounge. There will be no Friday night regular dinner service. We are limited to 15 tables that seat 4, therefore only 60 tickets will be available. This is a ticket event and only those members with tickets will be allowed in the lodge bar. Prizes will be awarded for best St. Patty costume

Menu choices: Corned Beef and Cabbage or Fried Haddock and Fries Tickets are \$25.00 Tickets are go sale 3/1/2023 from 4-7, Tuesday through Friday.

BINGO EVERY THURSDAY



Bingo is played every Thursdays at 6 pm SHARP. The cafe is open for bingo guests to order food from 4 pm—6 pm.



WELCOME TO THE WEST CITRUS ELKS CAFÉ AND GRILL

THE CAFÉ WILL BE CLOSED FOR DINNER SERVICE ON MARCH 10TH.



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 Closed for regular dinner service

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	\$10
CHOPPED STEAK	\$10
HAM STEAK	\$10
FISH (FRIED OR BAKED)	\$10
BONELESS PORK CHOP	\$10

FEATURED DINNERS FOR MARCH

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

WEEK OF MARCH

03/06	HADDOCK	\$17
03/13	MEATLOAF	\$13
03/20	SPAGHETTI W/MEATBALLS	\$13
03/27	STUFFED FLOUNDER	\$18

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)	\$14
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

SANDWICHES (sandwich only—Add fries \$2.50)

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



GARDEN SALADS



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



Fish Basket \$8 (Baskets are served with French Fries)

A LA CARTE

Appetizer (ask your server for selection)	\$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.



March 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 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 Cruis- ers meeting at 7 pm	3 Lodge Office Open 9am- 3pm Lounge open 3 pm-7 pm CAFÉ OPEN SERV- ING FROM 4 PM-7 PM	<i>4</i> BG's Café opened 12-5 pm KARAOKE 5-9 PM KJ - ROGER CARRIER
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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 Appointed Officers Esquire

Chaplain Tiler Inner Guard

Appointed Non-officers

Mediator Parliamentarian Presiding Justice Lodge Advisor

Past Exalted Rulers (this Lodge) Richard Brown William Dennington Ed Seitler

PDDGER's Ed Seitler

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Committees

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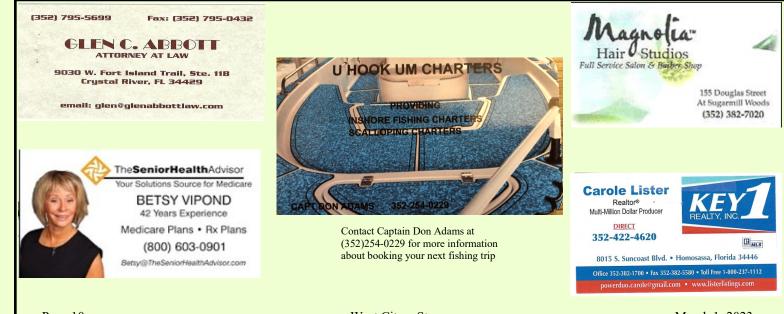


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