



1770 NEWS

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“MESSAGE FROM YOUR ER



Dear Members,

While the summer is filled with vacations and conventions, there is still plenty of time to get our good works done!

One meaningful way to support our Lodge is by applying for available grants, including the Beacon Grant, Gratitude Grant, Spot Light Grant,

and Freedom Grant. Completing the required paperwork can help fund the important work of our committees. To secure grant funding for our Lodge this year, applications must be submitted by January 20, 2027.

Summer is a wonderful time for social activities, and we have many lined up. Not only do we get to spend time with our new members and deepen your pool of Elk knowledge.

Our national Elks convention was held in Chicago, IL with Grand Exalted Ruler Timothy F. Jaeger of Napa California Lodge #832. His motto this year is “Let’s Go”!

I had the pleasure of representing our Lodge and voting on the resolutions presented for this year. All four passed.

It was exciting with 7,900 Elks all gathered, old friends and new acquaintances, sharing their experiences and remembering those who are no longer with us.

Once again, I ask for volunteers and thank everyone sincerely who has helped keep our Lodge and activities going. Special thanks to Bill Rogers for serving as ER while I was away.

Summertime at the Lodge is quieter, so please show your support while many members are away. Join us for an activity or simply stop by to cool off and get out of the heat.

Fraternally yours,

Joe Civitano, Jr.,

Exalted Ruler

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ELK OF THE MONTH

Ed was born in Cleveland, Ohio and his family moved to Boca Raton when he was a year old and grew up in the local area. He started his professional career at IBM Boca Raton in the personal computer division and then worked at the Office Depot Corporate Headquarters for 33 years in multiple management level positions. During that same time period, he was also an owner/operator of a full service UPS Store in Boynton Beach.

Ed is an 11-year member of the Elks Lodge 1770. He has been an integral part of the semi-annual golf tournament committee for the past few years and continues to volunteer his time at the lodge where needed.

Ed currently works part time at a local country club, is in a weekly bowling league and plays golf in his spare time. He is a huge Miami Dolphin, Florida Gator and Boston Red Sox fan.



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April 1st every year**

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2025-2026 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler - Joseph Civitano, Jr. PDDGER
Esteemed Leading Knight – Michael Sinneck, PDDGER
Esteemed Loyal Knight - William Rogers
Esteemed Lecturing Knight - Marilyn DePalma
Tiler - Charlie Winter **Treasurer** - Amanda Birch
Esquire - Paul Byrne **Chaplain** - Lynne Lavanco
Secretary - Patti Lydon **Inner Guard** - Vacant

TRUSTEES

5 Yr – Rocco Binetti
 4 Yr – Steve Dassa
 3 Yr – Laurie Rogers
 2 Yr – Kenn Goatley
 1 Yr – Sabrina Biancaniello

DUES AND FEES 2026

Application.....\$50
 *Member Dues\$148
 Life Member Dues\$81
 Associate Member Fees\$15
 Transfer Dimit (good standing)\$50
 Absolute Dimit.....\$50 *plus pro-rated dues*
 Reinstatement\$50 *plus annual fees not prorated*

LODGE MEETINGS at 7:30 pm

2nd & 4th Tuesday, January thru October
 2nd Tuesday in Nov. & Dec.

LODGE COMMITTEES

Accident & Prevention	Rocco Benetti
Auditing & Accounting	Mike Borsos
Building & Grounds	Victor Hewitt
Government Relations	Mitch Katz
Community Activities	
Blood Bank	Jim Stanton
Local Scholarships	Mary Wilson
Student & Teachers Award	Ted Hoskinson
Lodge Activities Chair	
Americanism	Bill Rogers
Annual Awards Elk/Officer/Citizen	ER
Army of Hope	Joe Civitano, Jr.
Elks Memorial Day Service	Michael Sinneck
Elks National Foundation Support	Paul Byrne
Elks National Foundation Grants	Janet Meeks & Mitch Katz
Flag Day Service	Mitch Katz & DJ Lee
Harry-Anna Trust Fund (FSEA)	Joe Civitano & Mike Sinneck
Membership	Marilynn DePalma
Indoctrination	Paul Byrne & Patti Lydon
Investigation	Google Search
National Veterans Service	Heather Gansen
Other Activities	Erika Sherman
Public Relations	Mitch Katz
Relief Committee	All Chair Officers
Youth Activities	
Antlers Program	C. Ron Allen
Drug Awareness	C. Ron Allen
Hoop/Soccer Shoot	Vacant
Other Committees	
Banquet Hall Rental	Sylvana "Gigi" Dominguez
Bar Manager	Gina Lambert
Bingo	Janelle Antoine
(Bulletin) Newsletter	Pat Raglin
Kitchen Manager	Kathy Glynn
Golf Tournaments	Billy Black/Butch Aubrey
Queen of Hearts	Linda Dezic & Charlie Winter
Softball	"Spike" Goddard
Webmaster	Les Nelson
Merchandise	Sabrina Biancaniello

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Elks USA: elks.org
Florida State Elks Assoc (FSEA): floridaelks.org
South South East District (SSE District): elksdistrict2000.org

To get your bulletin and event reminders
 by email, contact Patti Lydon at
secretary@delrayelks.org



Elks Care - Elks Share

VETERANS: If you served in the armed forces
 of the U.S., email exaltedruler@delrayelks.org
 with your branch of service.

HOURS OF OPERATION

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Saturday & Sunday **Noon – 8 PM**
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Delray Beach Elks Fall Golf Tournament

SUNDAY

October 11, 2026

Indian Spring Country Club

Additional information available soon



I am an ELK

I am an **ELK** because an **ELK** saw something in me that
would allow me to be a good **ELK**

When asked I eagerly joined my local lodge and embraced its greatness

We became **ELKS** because our organization is meaningful, powerful and
important to our country, our community, our friends and our family

We remain **ELKS** because we **EMBRACE** our mission, our duty and
our members

We patronize our lodge because brotherhood and fellowship are a
cornerstone of who **ELKS** are

Working Together We can accomplish great things

Being an **ELK** is not about self, we are a group of individuals with
many ideas countless skills and inexhaustible desire to serve

ELKS are not about what an individual can extract from
membership It is what needs to be done to support it

We rejoice at being **ELKS** because We take pride in the successes
of the children, our Veterans and the communities we serve

We practice being **ELKS** by being there when needed
stepping up when asked and volunteering our time and resources
when necessary

I cannot be a good **ELK** without my fellow **ELKS**
We are a Team






AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Thomas Jensen	1	John Gormly Jr.	12	Zachary Ellison	20
Allison Sjaardema	1	Steven Hober	12	Shane Glazer	21
Thomas Tripi Sr.	1	William Mason	12	Michael Rayball	21
Karen Salamon	2	George Morrissey	12	Eric West	21
Karen Malyakas	3	Judie Tippet	12	Jeremy Voccia	22
Amada Birch	4	Mathew Wolf	12	Timothy Kennedy	23
Robert Miller	4	Stephen Alexander	13	Jamie Laughlin	23
Edward Nassan	4	Holli Brisson	13	Donald Quinty	23
Jeffrey Theriaque	5	Aaron Stevens	13	Billy Black	24
Linda Fried	6	Thomas Gallagher	14	Steven Brill	25
Micah Havertape	6	Kathryn Kit Johansen	14	Robert Dodson IV	25
Kevin Rickard	6	S Byard	15	Brian Murray	25
George Roth	6	Chuck McDonald	15	Susan Ervasti	27
David Gwynn	7	Christy Bruder	16	Francis Joe Altomare	28
Alfred Hop Kennemer	7	Jacqueline DeWaal	16	John Backer	28
Joseph Anselmo	8	Barbara Donnelly	17	Morgan Hennessey	28
Michael Davison	8	David Henninger	17	John Van Sant	28
Kevin Smith	8	John McInerney	17	Mark Hajduch	29
Tyler Adams	9	Charles Nail	17	Daniel O'Sullivan	29
Theodore Hoskinson	10	Linda Cavasini	18	Mary Ellen Wazorko	29
Mark Lipper	10	Lynda Gillespie	18	Jerry Guthrie	30
Linda DiNoto	11	Dottie Tome	18	Christopher Little	30
Joseph Grillo	11	Everett Bo Eaton	19	Kathy Barker	31
Thomas Panik	11	Joe Griffin	19		

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MEMBERSHIP/PUBLIC RELATIONS

Rick Gathen
Director



A Fraternal Organization

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MEDIA ALERT – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Local Elks Leader Represents Community at National Convention in Chicago

CHICAGO, IL — Joseph Civitano, Exalted Ruler of **Delray Beach Lodge No. 1770**, represented the members of **Delray Beach, Florida** as an official delegate to the **161st National Convention of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks**, held in Chicago, Illinois, from **July 4–8, 2026**.

As the elected leader of **Delray Beach Lodge No. 1770**, **Civitano** joined more than **8,000 delegates, members, and guests** representing all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, and the Panama Canal Area to conduct the business of one of America's largest patriotic and charitable organizations.

The National Convention brought together Elks leaders from across the nation to participate in educational programs, leadership training, strategic planning sessions, and ceremonies recognizing the organization's commitment to veterans, youth, first responders, and local communities.

With nearly **800,000 members nationwide**, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks remains one of America's largest fraternal and charitable organizations. Founded in **1868**, the Elks have contributed more than **\$15 billion** in charitable support throughout their history.

In the past year alone, Elks members provided more than **\$545 million** in charitable giving, volunteer service, and in-kind contributions benefiting veterans, students, first responders, disaster relief efforts, and communities throughout the United States.

The members of **Delray Beach Lodge No. 1770** proudly serve the **Delray Beach** area through charitable giving, volunteer service, youth programs, veterans services, scholarships, and community outreach initiatives.

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For additional information about the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, visit **www.elks.org**.

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Delray Beach Elks Lodge #1770

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Nat'l Clown Day!  starts at 2 pm
2	3 Canasta Games	4 National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day!	5  Starts at 7 pm	6 	7 Ticket Sales 5:30 - 7 pm Drawing 7pm Kitchen open! 	8  starts at 2 pm
9	10 Canasta Games	11 Delray Elks Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM Everyone welcome!	12  Starts at 7 pm	13 	14 Ticket Sales 5:30 - 7 pm Drawing 7pm Kitchen open! 	15  starts at 2 pm
16	17 Canasta Games	18	19 Aviation Day  Starts at 7 pm	20 	21 Ticket Sales 5:30 - 7 pm Drawing 7pm Kitchen open! 	22  starts at 2 pm
23	24 Canasta Games	25 Delray Elks Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM Everyone welcome!	26  Starts at 7 pm	27 	28 Ticket Sales 5:30 - 7 pm Drawing 7pm Kitchen open! 	29  starts at 2 pm
30	31 Canasta Games	July '26 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 September '26 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30				

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2  Starts at 7 pm	3 	4 Ticket Sales 5:30 - 7 pm Drawing 7pm Kitchen open!  12:51am	5 Patio Grill Today!  starts at 2 pm
6	7 Labor Day	8 Delray Elks Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM Everyone welcome!	9  Starts at 7 pm	10  New 8:27pm	11 Patriot Day Ticket Sales 5:30 - 7 pm Drawing 7pm Kitchen open! 	12 Rosh Hashanah Patio Grill Today!  starts at 2 pm
13 Grandparents Day	14 Canasta Games	15	16  Starts at 7 pm	17 Constitution Day 	18 Ticket Sales 5:30 - 7 pm Drawing 7pm Kitchen open!  1:44pm	19 Patio Grill Today!  starts at 2 pm
20	21 Canasta Games Yom Kippur	22 Delray Elks Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM Everyone welcome!	23  Starts at 7 pm Autumnal equinox (GMT)	24 	25 Ticket Sales 5:30 - 7 pm Drawing 7pm Kitchen open! 	26 Patio Grill Today!  starts at 2 pm Full 9:49am
27	28	29	30  Starts at 7 pm			
		Notes				

GOLF



A GREAT DAY ON THE COURSE!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TO PLAY, SPONSOR,
★ AND SUPPORT OUR LODGE! ★



★ *Good Friends. Great Shots. Perfect Day.* ★★



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS AND PLAYERS!

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND CAN'T WAIT FOR NEXT YEAR!

HAPPENING

Around the Lodge

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JANELLE! ❤️



Bingo players honoring the Bingo Coordinator Janelle Antoine on her birthday.



SHARK WEEK!



Erika Sherman handing out Shark straws.

Judie Tippet won both baskets at bingo!



PROUD TO GIVE BACK



Winner of the American Flag Blanket donated it to Bella.



**MANGO PIE at the
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JUNE 2026-2027

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NOVEMBER 2025

Doug & Shelle England

APRIL 2027

Patrick J. Connolly
USMC Korea

JANUARY 2028

Donald & Elizabeth Marra

Booster Form

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Message as you want it to appear in the newsletter:

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Please send this form and payment
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Lodge prohibits including insignia or mention of Elks.

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(or large business for that matter) to advertise in our newsletter. With
over 900 members, your advertising dollars will go a long way.

It's easy...follow the instructions in the application next to this article
and the membership will begin seeing your advertisement in the next
newsletter. Your advertisement definitely helps the Lodge fulfill its mission.



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Thank you for participating in the blood drive at
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