



1770 News

BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS #1770

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“MESSAGE FROM YOUR ER”



Members all,
Merry Christmas everyone! I wish everyone a happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year. I would also like to use the end of 2023 to thank all of our staff and officers for all of their hard work this year.

The motto Elks care, Elks share applies year-round, but is especially appropriate during the holiday season. To that end our Lodge is participating in two holiday campaigns – a toy drive for children and a food drive for veterans.

The Delray Beach Police Department working with the Delray Citizens for Delray Police are having their 33rd annual toy drive. They are requesting donations of new, unwrapped toys. There is a collection box in the front entryway of the Lodge. The box will remain there until December 13th, at which time it will be picked up by the DBPD. Last year they distributed approximately 2,000 toys to 1,000 children. For some of the children these toys were the only gifts that they received.

The West Palm Beach Veterans Administration Healthcare System is collecting non-perishable food items to assist veterans this holiday season. Specifically, our Lodge will be collecting for the VA Pantry located at the West Palm Beach VA Hospital. The needed non-perishable items include beef jerky, canned soup, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, ketchup, mustard, snack bars, and macaroni and cheese. A collection box will be in the Lodge until December 20. Please support these causes if you can. There are a lot of people out there who could use our help.

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ELK OF THE MONTH

The Elk of the Month for December is Lee Berkowitz. Lee brings tremendous energy and enthusiasm to everything that he does. This was certainly the case when the chairman of the Hoop Shoot committee – PER Dick Schmitt – asked Lee to assist him with this year’s Hoop Shoot. This was no small request. Our Lodge had not held a Hoop Shoot since 2021, and our members who had run them in the past are no longer with us. Lee immediately went to work. He sought advice and guidance from District Hoop Shoot Director Tito Young, recruited volunteers, and implemented a publicity campaign. After the Lodge Hoop Shoot went off without a hitch, Lee directed his attention to helping Tito with the District Hoop Shoot, while at the same time making plans for the 2024 Hoop Shoot.

PER Dick Schmitt said that Lee was a pleasure to work with, very eager and committed. He also said that Lee is a glass-half-full kind of guy, while Dick is glass-half-empty, so they made a great combination.

Lee is an avid poker player. He was one of the first Lodge 1770 members to participate in an activity offered by Boca Raton Lodge 2166 by becoming a regular at their Monday night Texas Hold ‘em games. Thank you and congratulations, Lee!



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**Dues of \$140 are due
April 1st every year**

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2023-2024 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler - Les Nelson
Leading Knight - Danielle Smith
Loyal Knight - Paula Slavinski
Lecturing Knight - Bruce Richard
Tiler - Charlie Winter
Esquire - Laurie Rogers
Secretary - Patti Lydon
Treasurer - Maureen Gour
Chaplain - Lori Stoffer
Inner Guard - Peter Morales

TRUSTEES

5 Yr - Mitch Katz
 4 Yr - Eddie Sisko
 3 Yr - Vacant
 2 Yr - Doug England
 1 Yr - Victor Hewitt

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Co-Chairperson - Shelle England
Co-Chairperson - Barb Slavinsky
Secretary - Linda Richard
Member - Cindy Howard
Member - Ron Voss

**DUES AND FEES
2023-2024**

Application.....\$50
 * Member Dues\$140
 Life Member Dues\$68
 Associate Member Fees\$15
 Transfer Dimit (good standing) \$50
 Absolute Dimit (not in good standing) . \$50
plus pro-rated dues
 Reinstatement\$50
plus pro-rated dues

*** DUES BREAKDOWN**

\$32 Grand Lodge
 Annual Fees
 \$107 Delray Elks
 \$1 Regular Prepaid
 Annual Fee
 (includes approx \$19
 per-capita donation
 goals for Florida State
 Elks Harry-Anna Trust for
 Major State Projects and
 Elks National Foundation
 Community Investments
 and Scholarship)

LODGE MEETINGS at 7:30 pm

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

LODGE COMMITTEES

Accident & Prevention	Eddie Sisko
Auditing & Accounting	Mike Borsos
Building & Grounds	Tim Garito & Eddie Sisko
Government Relations	Diane Evans
Community Activities	
Blood Bank	Jim Stanton
Local Scholarships	Mary Wilson
Student & Teachers Award	Ted Hoskinson
Lodge Activities Chair	
Americanism	Matt Pietrini
Annual Awards Elk/Officer/Citizen	ER
Army of Hope	Charlie Winter
Elks Memorial Day Service	Mitch Katz
Elks National Foundation Support	Cecil Broderick, PER
Elks National Foundation Scholarships	Mary Wilson
Elks National Foundation Grants	Cecil Broderick, PER
Flag Day Service	Mitch Katz
Harry-Anna Trust Fund (FSEA)	Mike Sinneck, PER, PDDGER
Membership	Cindy Howard
Indoctrination	Cindy Howard & Maureen Gour
Investigation	Maureen Gour
National Veterans Service	Charlie Winter
Other Activities	Laurie Rodriguez
Public Relations	Danielle Smith
Relief Committee	All Chair Officers
Youth Activities	
Antlers Program	C. Ron Allen
Drug Awareness	C. Ron Allen
Hoop/Soccer Shoot	Dick Schmitt, PER
Other Committees	
Banquet Hall Rental	Viola Treacy
Bar Manager	Gina Lambert
Bingo	Janelle Antoine
(Bulletin) Newsletter	Bruce Richard / exec44@optimum.net
Kitchen Manager	Viola Treacy
Golf Tournaments	Brian Murray
Queen of Hearts	Paula Slavinski
Softball	"Spike" Goddard
Webmaster	Bruce Richard / exec44@optimum.net
Atlantic High Football Mentoring Program	Dave Beaumont & Chris Edwards
Merchandise	Bruce Richard

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

Monday - Friday **3 PM - 9 PM**
Saturday & Sunday **Noon - 9 PM**
Times may change at the discretion of the bartender.

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“MESSAGE FROM YOUR ER”

An update on the building repairs - donations to the Building Repair Fund have tapered. Total donations are now \$19,424.64. None of these funds have yet been spent. Discussions with our mortgage holder to do a cash-out loan modification were halted after Grand Lodge said that they would not approve of our Lodge taking on any additional debt as our current cash flow will not support it. In fact, our cash flow barely covers our current debt. We can revisit this solution if/when our cash flow improves. Again, have a joyous and safe holiday!

Fraternally yours,

Les Nelson

Exalted Ruler

exaltedruler@delrayelks.org

404-822-1194

SAVE THESE DATES

December 2, Noon - 2 p.m.

Holiday Cookies Exchange

December 2, 7 p.m.

White Elephant Gift

December 3, Noon

Elks Memorial Day Service

December 5, 5:30 p.m.

Ugly Sweater Contest

December 24, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Egg Nog Social

January 1, Noon - 2 p.m.

New Year's Day Brunch

TBD

Chili Cook Off

TBD

Surprise Game Show

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Please let the Secretary know of any member or their family member who is in distress, is in sickness or needs a helping hand.

Elks Care - Elks Share

Patti Lydon
secretary@delrayelks.org
(561) 278-1770

LODGE OF SORROW

A Noble Elk has fallen...Pierced by the arrow of Death. His faults forgotten. His virtues cherished.

Bill Pendegrass
(Life Member)

"We shall meet, but we shall miss Him, there will be the vacant chair. But though we no more possess him, still our Hearts His memory bear."

PLEASE OPEN YOUR EMAIL

Currently, only 51% of our members take the time to open the emails sent to them by the Lodge. These emails are sent in the form of an email blast via Constant Contact. They contain useful, up to date information concerning events and activities at the Lodge. Last minute schedule changes or cancellation are sent out via these email blast. Efforts are made to minimize the number of emails that are sent out. Please open these mails when you receive them.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Albert Gresh	01	Audrey Desimone	11	Lenore Sheriff	19
Rosemarie Cicio	02	Andy Freed	11	Jeanette Stipo	19
Joseph Davis	02	Terri McDonough	11	Rommy Donoso	20
James Gilfillan	02	Rodger M Stutes	11	Diane Marquis	20
Anna D Steele	02	Linda Widell	11	Joyce Pickel	20
James McGuinness	04	Linda Roman	12	Leroy A Minto	21
Greg Murray	04	Brad Winney	12	Deborah A Daidone	22
Jeanne Ray	04	David Paul Freeburn	13	Gail Pavorsky Lipkin	22
John W Carpenter III	05	Charles Burnett	14	William Tone	22
Gary Cisco	05	Ethel G Dunne	14	Annmarie Clennan	23
David Knott	05	Mervyn Johnston	14	Chris Colasuonno	23
Thomas Mercer	05	Morgan Simpson	14	Kenneth L Hensley	23
Jody Thompson	05	James Baron	15	Jenny Cohane	24
William Tome	05	Daniel Bleakley	15	William Weigel	24
Jason Arena	06	Margaret C Russo	15	M Pauline Ross	25
Thomas Gottlieb	06	John G Stober	15	Karyn Schreiner	25
Jason Hanby	06	Timothy Garito	16	Zygmunt S Czarniecki	26
Cole LaMont	06	Douglas Kruger	16	Keyla Luna	26
Rebecca Broom	07	Charles W Lynch	16	Esther Chiarolanzio	27
David Mackey	07	Mary McNamara	16	Michael Connors	27
Louis Piaggi	07	Robin Coyle Read	16	Thomas J Falcone	27
Laurie Rogers	07	Jorge Salvio	16	Scott McDonald	27
Mary Ann Russo	07	Katherine Willets	16	Ryan Buggee	28
Thomas E Adams	08	Louis Santoro	17	Kirby Jankee	28
Melissa Hobbs Klavon	08	James Kyle Aubrey	18	Radford C Parker	29
Mary McCarty	08	Holly Black	18	Patricia Singleton	30
Patrick Young	08	Barbara Fitz	18	Christopher Aiello	31
Linda L Dezic	09	Duncan Lutton	19	E Burton Ford	31
Dianne Adams	11	Jolienne Napolitano	19	Carl Malysz	31

OUR LODGE OFFICERS



Exalted Ruler
Les Nelson



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Mitch Katz
5 Year Trustee



Eddie Sisko
4 Year Trustee



Doug England
2 Year Trustee



Victor Hewitt
1 Year Trustee

Not Pictured: Esquire Laurie Rogers

PAST EXALTED RULERS

1949-50	Rev. John L. Kellaghan	1968-69	Robert E. Brenner	1986-87	Warren Gidner	2004-05	Michael Rodriguez
1950-51	Chas. F. Lundsford	1969-70	Eugene Boggs PDDGER	1987-88	William Latour	2005-06	Howard Greenstein PDDGER
1951-52	Neil E. MacMillian	1970-71	Dennis W. McKessy	1988-89	George Debish	2006-07	George Fitzgerald
1952-53	Al C. Avery	1971-72	Gerald Rogne PDDGER	1989-90	Steve Tanella	2007-08	Rene Torriente
1953-54	N.G. Dean	1972-73	Seth Hawkinslebrity	1990-91	Wally Gies PDDGER	2008-09	Burt Morrison
1954-55	Jack E. Carver PDDGER	1973-74	Eugene Boggs PDDGER	1991-92	Frank C. Hills	2009-10	Richard Schmitt
1955-56	Geo. J. Stanton	1974-75	Dennis W. McKessy	1992-93	George Schmierer	2010-11	Jim Eaton
1956-57	N.G. Dean	1975-76	Jack Decker	1993-94	George Debish	2011-12	Jack Bazar
1957-58	Gene Mahlmeister	1976-77	Robert T. Jenson	1994-95	Fred Schick	2012-13	Wendy Huff
1958-59	Wm. H. Hall	1977-78	Alan Hart PDDGER	1995-96	Rick Bame	2013-14	Rick Bame
1959-60	Charlie A. Glenn	1978-79	Cliff Chapman	1996-97	Kenneth McCombs	2014-15	Michael Rodriguez
1960-61	A. Paul Young	1979-80	John S. Hager	1997-98	George E. Smith	2015-16	Michael Rodriguez
1961-62	H. Ed Pendergraft	1980-81	Wally Gies PDDGER	1998-99	Bud Shaffer	2016-17	F. Joe Altomare
1962-63	James Murphy PDDGER	1981-82	Roger Morse PDDGER	1999-00	Anthony Capparelli	2017-18	Michael Sinneck PDDGER
1963-64	George C. Davis	1982-83	Ben Dooley	2000-01	Michael Rodriguez	2018-19	Richard Snyder
1964-65	Edmund H. Putnam	1983-84	Ben Dooley	2001-02	Doug Moore	2019-20	Cecil Broderick
1965-66	Werner A. Rother	1984-85	George Gangler	2002-03	Peter Cattabriga	2020-21	Cecil Broderick
1966-67	R.G. Culhan	1985-86	Fred Schick	2003-04	Fred Schick	2022-23	Kathi Giordano
1967-68	Charles J. Rooney						

CHARITY SPOTLIGHT



HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

The Delray Beach Police Department is working in conjunction with the Delray Citizens for Delray Police organization to bring holiday joy to kids in our community. This year marks the 33rd annual toy drive event, which continues to be successful thanks to community partners and citizens. Over 50 boxes have been deployed throughout the city and will remain there until December 13th when they are picked up, sorted and bagged.

The police department receives names from schools, social workers, church groups and other agencies of kids who are in need of a holiday. Without the toy drive, some of our recipients wouldn't receive anything for the holidays. Last year, we distributed approximately 2,000 toys to close to 1,000 children.

Without the assistance of community members, like yourselves, there would be many kids in Delray Beach that wouldn't receive much to celebrate this year. Thanks again for your continued support and contributions.

Our Elks Lodge is assisting in this endeavor by placing one of the collection boxes in our lobby. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy and place it in the box no later than Wednesday, December 13. Let's make some kids holiday season one to remember.



OPERATION GRATITUDE CONTINUES

The West Palm Beach Veterans Administration Healthcare System will be collecting non-perishable food items from October 20th to December 20th to assist Veterans this holiday season.

Our Elks Lodge will be assisting Frank N. Sellers of Elks Veterans Service in the collection of non-perishable foods for the VA Pantry located at the West Palm Beach VA Hospital.

The needed non-perishable items are as follows:

Beef Jerky
Peanut Butter
Mustard
Ketchup
Snack Bars
Mac & Cheese

Canned Soup
Spaghetti Sauce
Multi-Vitamins
Bottled Water
Sport Drinks

A collection box is located at the Lodge to accept your donations. Please give what you can from the above listed items.

The Fisher House will also accept non-perishable food items as well as all home cooked meals. Fisher House located at the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center provides a place for military or veteran families to stay free of charge while a loved one is in the hospital. For additional information concerning this worthwhile case, please contact shelley.prickett2@va.gov.



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February 2024

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December 2023

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Yes, this is another story about how it's necessary for our members to volunteer at the Lodge. Why is it that the same SMALL group of volunteers, in some cases almost daily, are the only ones that seem to care about the Lodge? The officers and trustees not only volunteer to serve on the Board but they are also the same members that volunteer day after day. From participating in the Lodge Clean Up, Monday Night Dinners, Bingo, Queen of Hearts, House Committee, Activities Committee, Patio Grill, etc., it's always the same names that sign up to help.

Very few of the volunteer positions require any heavy physical labor. In fact, most do not require much physical labor at all. Areas in which volunteers are needed include the sale of raffle tickets, the serving of food (taking the dinner to tables or the bar) during Monday Night Dinner, helping to decorate the Lodge for various holidays or events, cooking at the Patio Grill or for Monday Night Dinner, or several other different activities. You can spend as much time as you wish as a volunteer.

At the conclusion of every initiation ceremony, the new members identify themselves and tell why they wanted to become an Elk. Universally, nearly everyone says they joined to help and to participate at the Lodge. Unfortunately, after the evening, they are seldom seen at the Lodge again. We have over 900 members and less than 10% of our members ever volunteer.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Lodge. Without volunteers, the Lodge could not hold many or, for that matter, any of our events and activities. Think about it...there are not many paid employees at the Lodge (one exception is the bartenders). Volunteers run almost everything at the Lodge. Without volunteers there would be no Lodge.

Please consider giving a little of your time to the Lodge. It will help the Lodge immensely and you will definitely find it to be fun and you will feel good about participating. It's easy...contact a bartender, obtain a volunteer slip, fill it out with your interests, and one of the volunteer coordinators will contact you.



WE DESPERATELY NEED YOUR HELP

It is not clear if the members know that the Lodge is hemorrhaging money on a monthly basis. If the current trend continues, the Lodge may not currently have sufficient income to cover the monthly expenses of the Lodge.

Just as you have experienced an astronomical increase in your home owner's insurance, the Lodge is no different. Insurance, electricity, employee costs, food costs, and liquor costs (to name a few) have all gone up.

The Lodge attempts to cover costs through liquor sales, food (Monday Night Dinner, Patio Grill, the Kitchen, etc.), raffles, rental of the Pineapple Ballroom, and other activities and events. Unfortunately, the Lodge has not recovered from the problems and reduction of usage of the Lodge caused by Covid. Many of our members have not returned to the Lodge since Covid. The Pineapple Ballroom has not been rented as often as it was before Covid. These issues have resulted in a shortfall in revenue needed to keep the Lodge viable.

It should be noted that the proceeds from Bingo and Queen of Hearts cannot be used for the operation of the Lodge. Those funds, due to Florida statute, must be used for charity and the Elks supports many charities. Also, money collected for the Building Repair Fund cannot be used for operating expenses. It is collected solely for facility repairs.

So, what are the solutions? Well, the Lodge could increase dues placing some of the burden on all members, whether you visit the Lodge or not. Another is to increase the price of liquor, beer and food. You would still find the liquor and beer prices less than what you would spend at other establishments. Another solution would be close one or two nights a week to save operating costs.

At the present, none of these solutions are being considered but without increased member participation at the Lodge, there may be no choice but to implement some, if not all, of them.

Now is the time to reflect on your commitment to Delray Beach Elks Lodge #1770. A lot of good is done by the Lodge and its members. For the Lodge to be sustainable, all we need is participation of our members. We need you to come to the Lodge and have a drink, eat a meal, enter the raffles, or rent the Pineapple Ballroom for your next event.

Many of you joined the Elks because of what being an Elk represents. Socializing with other Elks allows you to learn what is happening at your Lodge and allows you to meet other Elks like yourself. Your support will allow our Lodge to continue to function the way it was meant to...a place for all of us to enjoy.

DECEMBER EVENTS

Join us for a

HOLIDAY COOKIES EXCHANGE

Presented by

DELRAY BEACH ELKS LODGE #1770

Saturday, December 2, 2023
From 12:00 - 2:00PM

Looking for volunteer bakers!
Bring in 3 to 6 dozen cookies and take home as many cookies as you bring in.
For additional information, contact Barbara Slavinski 561-558-4012.

EKA JUNKIE PRESENTS

The Delray Beach Elks 11th Annual
WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE

STARTING CHRIS BELLIO AS SANTA AND BRIAN MURRAY AS HIS ELF

Do you have something that is taking up space in your garage or closet? Perhaps a Huggy Bear designer coat that you want to get rid of? Wrap it up and bring it to the 11th annual white elephant exchange. After all one man's trash is another man's treasure.

Saturday, December 2, 2023
7:00PM

Don't have anything to give away? Any sort of store-bought gag gift will do (\$20 maximum). Gifts must be wrapped.

Kitchen will be open during this event.
Thank you Paula & Mitch!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3
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