



1770 News

BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS #1770

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“MESSAGE FROM YOUR ER”



Dear Members,

As we enter the final quarter of the Elk year, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to my officers, board members, committee chairs, and especially all the volunteers who have generously dedicated their time to make this Elk year a success.

At the beginning of my term, I committed to embracing any ideas put forth for events, and it has truly proven to be the right decision. Thank you, members, for attending and supporting your lodge.

We still have exciting events ahead! As we move into this season, your committees and fellow members have planned fantastic activities, including Country Western Night, Super Bowl Party, Valentine’s Dinner and Show, Mardi Gras Week, and St. Patrick’s Day Party, just to name a few. Please remember that all events held at the lodge are not only for our enjoyment but also essential for covering our expenses and raising funds for our charity account.

Be sure to check your email for dates and times!

See you at the lodge!

Fraternally yours,
Cecil Broderick
Exalted Ruler

ELK OF THE MONTH

This month’s Elk of the Month is Erika Sherman, who has been a member for just one year. She immediately joined the activities committee and quickly became an active participant. Erika has volunteered her time and made donations to every event organized by the committee. I believe her positive influence at the lodge is just beginning, and we are already benefiting from her contributions. Please join me in congratulating our Elk of the Month, Erika Sherman!



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!! delrayelks.org

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**Dues of \$148 are due
April 1st every year**

Pay your dues online at DelrayElks.org

Replacement Membership Cards Now \$5

2025-2026 OFFICERS

- Exalted Ruler** - Cecil Broderick PER
- Esteemed Leading Knight** – Joseph Civitano, Jr. PDDGER
- Esteemed Loyal Knight** - Marilyn DePalma
- Esteemed Lecturing Knight** - William (Bill) Rogers
- Tiler** - Charlie Winter
- Esquire** - Paul Byrne
- Secretary** - Patti Lydon
- Treasurer** - Les Nelson
- Chaplain** - Lynne Lavanco
- Inner Guard** - Vacant

TRUSTEES

- 5 Yr – Mike Sinneck PDDGER
- 4 Yr – Laurie Rogers
- 3 Yr – Ken Goatley
- 2 Yr – Jeff Aubrey
- 1 Yr – Victor Hewitt

**DUES AND FEES
2026**

Application.....	\$50
* Member Dues	\$148
Life Member Dues	\$81
Associate Member Fees	\$15
Transfer Dimit (good standing)	\$50
Absolute Dimit (not in good standing) .	\$50
<i>plus pro-rated dues</i>	
Reinstatement	\$50
<i>plus pro-rated dues</i>	

LODGE MEETINGS at 7:30 pm

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

LODGE COMMITTEES

- Accident & Prevention
- Auditing & Accounting
- Building & Grounds
- Government Relations
- Community Activities
- Blood Bank
- Local Scholarships
- Student & Teachers Award
- Lodge Activities Chair
- Americanism
- Annual Awards Elk/Officer/Citizen
- Army of Hope
- Elks Memorial Day Service
- Elks National Foundation Support
- Elks National Foundation Scholarships
- Elks National Foundation Grants
- Flag Day Service
- Harry-Anna Trust Fund (FSEA)
- Membership
- Indoctrination
- Investigation
- National Veterans Service
- Other Activities
- Public Relations
- Relief Committee
- Youth Activities
- Antlers Program
- Drug Awareness
- Hoop/Soccer Shoot
- Other Committees
- Banquet Hall Rental
- Bar Manager
- Bingo
- (Bulletin) Newsletter
- Kitchen Manager
- Golf Tournaments
- Queen of Hearts
- Softball
- Webmaster
- Atlantic High Football Mentoring Program
- Merchandise

- Tim Gorrito
- Mike Borsos
- Victor Hewitt & Tim Gorrito
- Diane Evans
- Jim Stanton
- Laurie Rogers
- Ted Hoskinson
- ER
- ER
- Charlie Winter
- Michael Sinneck
- Paul Byrne
- Vacant
- Janet Meeks & Mitch Katz
- Mitch Katz & DJ Lee
- Mike Sinneck, PER, PDDGER
- ER & Patti Lydon
- ER & Patti Lydon
- Patti Lydon
- Charlie Winter
- Shelle England
- Vacant
- All Chair Officers
- C. Ron Allen
- C. Ron Allen
- Vacant
- Sylvana "Gigi" Dominguez
- Gina Lambert
- Janelle Antoine
- Pat Raglin
- Kathleen Glynn
- Butch Aubrey
- Linda Dezic & Charlie Winter
- "Spike" Goddard
- Les Nelson
- Dave Beaumont & Chris Edwards
- Suzy Sims

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

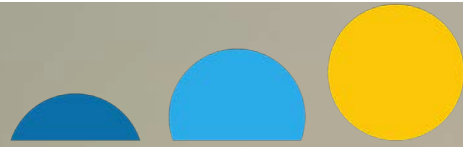


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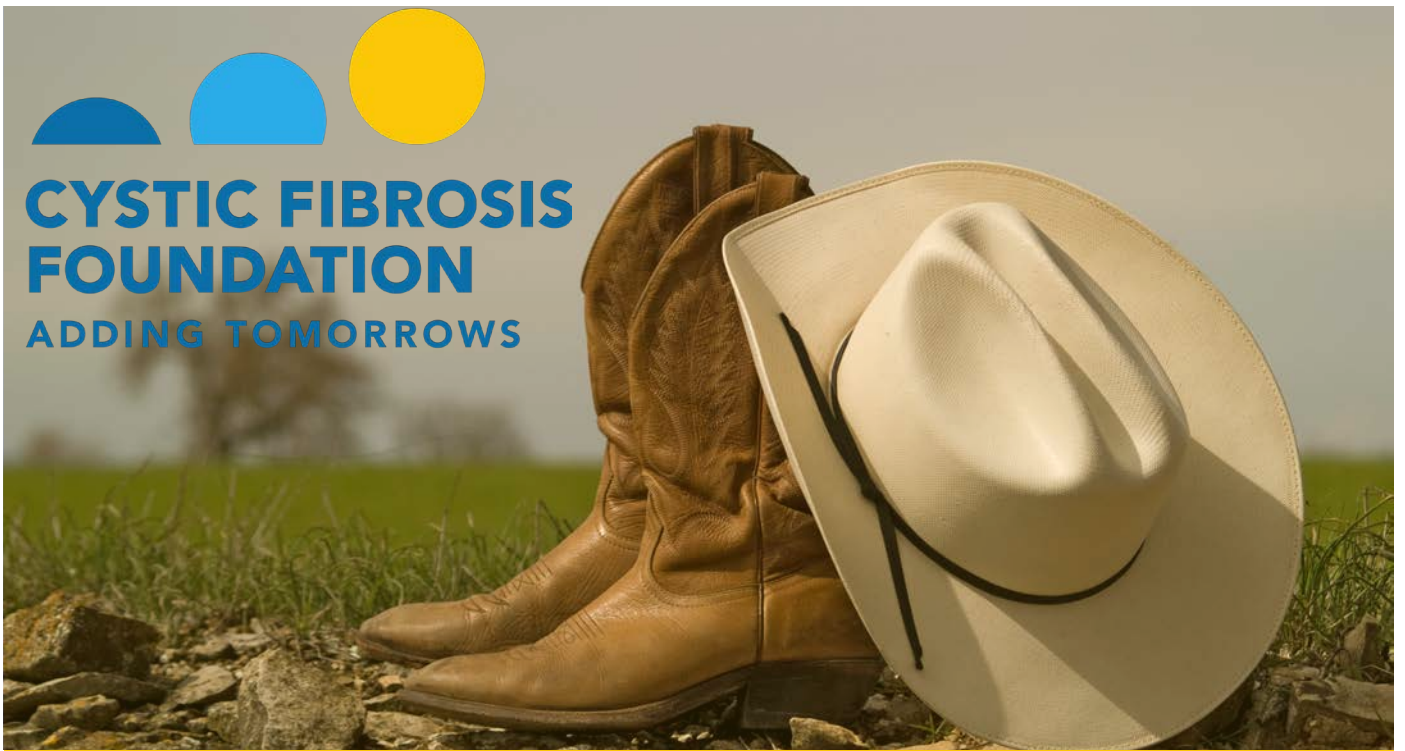
VETERANS: If you served in the armed forces of the U.S., email exaltedruler@delrayelks.org with your branch of service.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday - Friday 3 PM – 9 PM
Saturday & Sunday Noon – 8 PM
Times may change at the discretion of the bartender.



**CYSTIC FIBROSIS
FOUNDATION**
ADDING TOMORROWS



Fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis
February 7, 2026, 6:00pm-Midnight



\$70 per person

(Includes open bar and BBQ)
Available for purchase at bar or
online



Music by Rough Shot!!

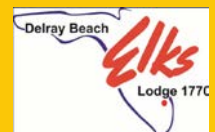


Games of Chance



Big Boot and Basket Raffles
Big Boot Raffle Tickets sold the night of
the event (Feb 7)

265 NE 4th Ave, Delray Beach





FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Anthony Tony Keller	1	Billy Schiltz	11	Larry Cappelli	23
Susan Sims	1	Paul Mac Innes	12	Dean Miuccio	24
Michael Cruz	2	James Wands	12	Emily O'Connor	25
Rick Ofsanko	3	Greg Barnett	13	John Duval	26
John Miller	4	Douglas England	13	Donald Murphy	26
William O'Dell	4	Peter Morrissette	13	Douglas Root	26
Anthony Sabella	4	Paul Stwarka	13	Debbie Roy	26
Jack Linthicum	6	Denise Daukas	14	Deborah Arrigo	27
David Roberts	6	Kelly DeBois	14	Paul Byrne	27
Loretta Battiloro	7	Mary Hall	14	Alexander Gamma	27
Lee Ann Glatzmayer	7	Michael Lan	14	John Foley	28
Robert Jesionek	7	Ralph Lugo	14	Colleen Palmer	28
Barbara Mucci	7	Thomas Carney	15		
Margo Ross	7	Thomas Migliore	15		
Erika Sherman	7	Vitina DeSimone	16		
Lucia DeMarinis	8	Robert Glass	17		
William Hoyman	8	Debbie Schlater	17		
Joe Nieves	8	Bruce Kennedy	19		
Kimberly Hewlett	9	Ufuk Tukul	19		
Thurston King	9	Ryan Holly	21		
James Hanlon	10	Bob McDonald	21		
Sharon Otto	10	Joe Civitano	22		
Jade Trombetta	10	Teri Detter	22		
Stephen Anderson	11	William Greenwood	22		
Jeffrey Arist	11	Dale Lotz	22		
Brent Burgess	11	Donald O'Sullivan	22		



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MEDIA ALERT – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Elks Celebrate 158 Years of Service, Charity, and Community Impact

Founded February 16, 1868 – A Legacy of Giving Continues

Chicago, IL – February 16, 2026 — The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks proudly celebrates its **158th anniversary**, honoring a legacy built on **service, patriotism, and compassion in action**. For more than a century and a half, the Elks have stood shoulder to shoulder with their communities—answering the call, lifting up neighbors, and proving that real charity is not a slogan, but a way of life.

This milestone year also leads to a once-in-a-century celebration: on **July 4, 2026**, the Elks will commemorate the **100th Anniversary of the Elks National Memorial and Headquarters Building** in Chicago—an American landmark that embodies the heart of the Order.

Dedicated in **1926**, the Elks National Memorial rises **96 feet above Lake Michigan** as a breathtaking tribute to those who served our nation and to the Elks who made its creation possible. In 2026, thousands of Elks from across the country will gather in Chicago to honor a century of history—and renew a promise that still matters: to serve, to give, and to lead with purpose.

That promise continues today with impact that is measurable and undeniable. Elks Lodges nationwide award **\$5 million annually in scholarships**, and through the **Elks Community Investment Program**, the Order will deliver **\$17.6 million in grants** to strengthen neighborhoods, support seniors, fight hunger, and improve community safety. In **2024**, Elks volunteers generated more than **\$531 million in charitable impact**, reflecting the strength of a mission that never stops moving.

With nearly **800,000 members** and close to **1,800 Lodges nationwide**, the Elks continue to welcome American citizens age 21 and older who believe in God and share a commitment to serving others.

To learn more, visit www.elks.org.
For membership information, visit Join.Elks.org.

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The Guardian of the Lodge

The sun shines through the windows of the Lodge as I watch over all four walls. I am the elk, the guardian over the lodge that bears my name. Though I do not walk within its walls, I have watched generations gather here, bound not by blood, but by brotherhood.

From my post on the wall, I see them arrive — men and women carrying warmth in their laughter, purpose in their hearts. Their voices carry, and I listen. They speak of *Charity*, the first and most resounding principle. I see it not in words, but in their deeds — the way they share meals with the hungry, collect articles for the needy, and lift spirits in times of despair. It is a quiet power, like the strength of the herd protecting its young.

Then comes *Justice*, steady and unyielding. It guides them when choices are hard, reminding them that fairness is not always easy, but it is always right. I have seen how they stand up for others, how they build a lodge that welcomes all. In their fairness, I see the balance of the forest — predator and prey, each with a place in the great design.

Brotherly Love — that is their heartbeat. When one stumbles, others lift them up. When one triumphs, all rejoice. I have seen this love ripple outward like sunlight through the trees. It binds them stronger than any fence or wall. It is the same bond that keeps my herd together through snow and storm — trust, loyalty, and care for one another.

And then there is *Fidelity*. The truest test of all. I have watched the oldest among them, gray-haired and wise, still devoted to the oath they once took — to lead by example. Fidelity is the path worn smooth by years of footsteps — steady, sure, and sacred. It is what keeps them returning, generation after generation, to this place of belonging.

When night falls and the lodge lights dim, I lower my head in respect. The air hums with laughter, music, and the spirit of service. They may not see me watching, but I see them — living the very principles my kind has long embodied in the wild: strength, harmony, loyalty, and faith.

I am the elk, and they are my herd in another form — bound not by antlers or fur, but by heart. As long as they uphold Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity, I will remain here, standing watch over the lodge that carries my name — proud, steadfast, and eternal.



DONATE BLOOD

Elks Lodge 1770 Delray
Thursday, February 12
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM

All donors receive*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **Long-sleeved T-shirt**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Fact: Only 3% of those who are eligible actually donate blood.



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




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Delray Beach Elks Lodge #1770



February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Groundhog Day BAR TRIVIA Event	3	4 BINGO Starts at 7 pm	5 	6 Ticket Sales 5:30 - 7 pm Drawing 7pm Kitchen open! 	7 NO BINGO TODAY COUNTRY WESTERN NIGHT 6 pm to midnight
8 SUPER BOWL! PARTY Starting 5 pm	9 Texas Hold 'Em 7 pm	10 Delray Elks Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM Everyone welcome! Nominations Tonight	11 BINGO Starts at 7 pm	12 	13 Ticket Sales 5:30 - 7 pm Drawing 7pm Kitchen open! 	14 Valentine's Day BINGO starts at 2 pm Special Event with Steve Sassa! in the evening
15 Mardi Gras Week! New Orleans style food, daily fun with prizes. Check emails for details. Get your costumes ready	16 Presidents' Day Texas Hold 'Em 7 pm	17 Chinese New Year Partial solar eclipse	18 BINGO Starts at 7 pm	19 	20 Ticket Sales 5:30 - 7 pm Drawing 7pm Kitchen open! 	21 BINGO starts at 2 pm
22	23 Texas Hold 'Em 7 pm	24 Delray Elks Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM Everyone welcome!	25 BINGO Starts at 7 pm	26 	27 Ticket Sales 5:30 - 7 pm Drawing 7pm Kitchen open! 	28 BINGO starts at 2 pm

January '26

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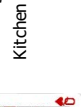

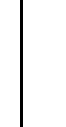



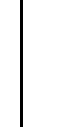




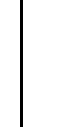



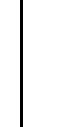

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March 2026

Place Logo Here **Name of School**
School Calendar

Place important monthly notices and reminders here

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Texas Hold 'Em 7 pm	3	4  Starts at 7 pm	5 	6 Ticket Sales 5:30 - 7 pm Drawing 7pm Kitchen open! 	7  starts at 2 pm
8 Daylight Saving	9 Texas Hold 'Em 7 pm	10 Delroy Elks Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM Everyone welcome!	11  Starts at 7 pm	12 	13 Ticket Sales 5:30 - 7 pm Drawing 7pm Kitchen open! 	14 No BINGO today St. Patrick's Day Party/Event 
15	16 Texas Hold 'Em 7 pm	17 St. Patrick's Day! 	18  Starts at 7 pm	19 	20 Ticket Sales 5:30 - 7 pm Drawing 7pm Kitchen open! 	21  starts at 2 pm
22	23 Texas Hold 'Em 7 pm	24 Delroy Elks Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM Everyone welcome!	25  Starts at 7 pm	26 	27 Ticket Sales 5:30 - 7 pm Drawing 7pm Kitchen open! 	28  starts at 2 pm
29	30 Texas Hold 'Em 7 pm	31				

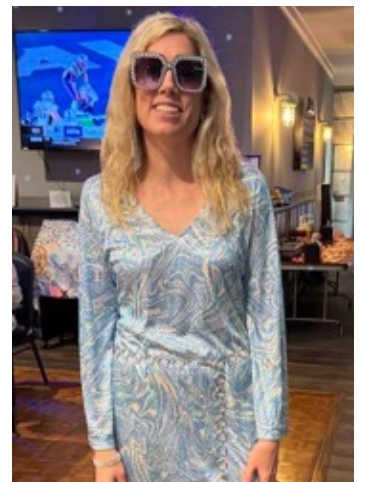
February '26

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April '26

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First Annual Disco Party!





MARDI GRAS – Activities All Week!

Monday, February 16: Special Mardi Gras dinner...New Orleans Gumbo, red beans and rice - \$15.

Tuesday, February 17: "Get it before you give it up!" If you are giving up drinks or desserts for Lent, come to the Lodge where we will have drinks and desserts! There will also be bar trivia with prizes!

Wednesday, February 18: Bingo with a Mardi Gras game that had additional prizes!

Thursday, February 19: Special Mardi Gras event with prizes starts at 5:30pm. Wear your mask and beads to get a ticket for the prize drawing. Additional prizes in the "center" for LCR (left-right-center) winners!

Friday, February 20: Queen of Hearts drawing!



For the small price of \$5, "Big Mike" won \$50 cash, \$15 on one scratch off ticket and \$500 on the other scratch off ticket! Travis won a special 50/50 raffle. It pays to play and support the Lodge.

The National Elks Float in the Rose Bowl Parade



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

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 blasts 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.

Only \$15 for members \$25 for non-members per line puts your name on the list for a FULL YEAR BOOSTERS

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MARCH 2025

Mary Wilson

APRIL 2025

"Moon" & Sue

AUGUST 2025

Mary Wilson
In memory of Elk Harry Drager

OCTOBER 2025

Donald & Linda Widell

NOVEMBER 2025

Doug & Shelle England

APRIL 2027

Patrick J. Connolly
USMC Korea

JANUARY 2028

Donald & Elizabeth Marra

Booster Form

Name: Linda L. Widell

Email: donaldwidell@comcast.net

Phone: 860-402-4064

Date: 10-25-25

Message as you want it to appear in the newsletter:

Line 1: Linda L. Widell

Line 2: In Memory of

Line 3: Donald Widell

Cost: 30.00 lines x 2 years x \$15 = \$ _____

Please send this form and payment to the Lodge Secretary.

Thank you for your support!

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Business card - \$175 (back page - \$225)

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Business Name: _____

Contact: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____


email: _____

Enclose payment and attach business card or artwork and send to us or drop it off at the lodge. Email your artwork to: secretary@delrayelks.org

*The USPS prohibits the inclusion of financial, insurance and travel businesses in order for us to continue our non-profit mailing rates. Also, ELKS Grand Lodge prohibits including insignia or mention of Elks.

We would like to encourage all Elks members who own a small business (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.



Blood Donor HONOR ROLL

Thank you for participating in the blood drive at
Elks Lodge 1770 Delray on Thursday, December 11, 2025

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pineappleballroom@delrayelks.org



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