



THE CHRONICLE

JULY 2026

EXALTED RULER MESSAGE



To My Fellow Members of DeLand Lodge 1463,

Welcome to Summer. If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so ASAP. This can be done in the Social Quarters or online at DelandElks.Com.

A couple of quick mentions for July. Our next initiation of new members will be this month. Just a reminder that when you see new members in the Lodge, please give them a warm Deland Elks welcome. Thank you to the members who continue to visit and serve lunch at the First Step Shelter. We prepare lunch for the residents, serve lunch and then visit them after. What a great feeling to see these residents enjoy a good meal, company and a conversation. Our next visit will be in July. Please reach out to Caroline Fannin if you would like to get on the volunteer calendar. There are so many happenings down at the Lodge. On July 3, Thursday is our annual Deland Elks Celebrates our USA. The Lodge will be cooking Hot Dogs, burgers, and brats. We will also have Stavro's Food Truck on site and a coffee truck as well. Please bring your lawn chair for the firework festivities as we sit under the front pavilion to enjoy the show. Members and families can come down to enjoy good food, cold beverages and great fellowship celebrating our Great Country's Independence.

The first District Vice President visit from Wayne Becraft was at our lodge on June 27th. It was a great time, and an amazing turnout. Thank you to all the volunteers that made this night a huge success. I want to give a special Thank you to Donna Nott, Bob Sari, Gina Klimas, Glen Fannin, Trish Figueredo, Lisa Browning, Dean Yeager, Barbara Thompson, Mark Thompson, Robert Dick, Melinda Dick, and Sharon Varnadore. It takes an army to accomplish a night like this and they were ready for the challenge! Thank you so much for your help and dedication to the Elks!

The District Vice President visits will continue in July, at Merritt Island on July 25th! Please check the monthly calendar to see the date of the visit for each of the Lodges. All members are encouraged to attend. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or our lodge secretary with any questions you may have. Please email Lodge Secretary and RSVP if you would like to attend any of the visits.

Members, come on down to PER Wednesdays. Each Wednesday the PER's will be serving up a home cooked meal with each PER taking turns serving their favorite dish. Come down and have a great meal, take advantage of all the Lodge has to offer on PER Wednesdays. Activities down at the Lodge are happening. Every other Friday is music or karaoke and of course the Queen of Hearts.

Coming up on August 1st will be our 2nd Annual Elks Yard Sale, so if you have anything that you would like to donate, please contact Jennifer Hopson.

Just a quick reminder about Elkdom. Let us all make sure we treat each other with respect and Brotherly Love. We are all brothers and sisters under the Benevolent and Protective Order of the ELKS. Be it in the Social Quarters, the Lodge Room or wherever it may be, let us be good to one another.

In closing I am thankful to be a Deland Elk. Our focus together as a Lodge will still be to help the community in every way we can, including assisting our veterans and children. I want to encourage each of you to find something at the Lodge that inspires you, moves you or sparks your interest. Please don't hesitate to raise your hand, we have so much to do. There is something for everyone.

Please refer to the Weekly Blast, the Lodge Calendar, and our website at www.delandelks.com for more info on what happens at the lodge.

I look forward to a year filled with fellowship, service, and continued growth. Together, let's continue to make this a year to remember.

Fraternally Yours,

Keith Klimas
Exalted Ruler
Deland Lodge 1463



DELAND ELKS LODGE #1463 OFFICERS 2026-2027



EXALTER RULER

KEITH KLIMAS



LEADING KNIGHT

BOB SARI, PER



LOYAL KNIGHT

JENNIFER HOPSON



LECTURING KNIGHT

SCOTT BROWNING



SECRETARY

ALICIA VANOPDORP



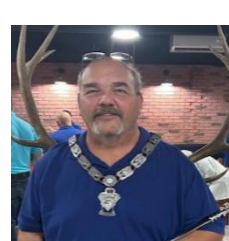
TREASURER

BARBARA THOMPSON



TILER

SAM KIRKLAND



ESQUIRE

ROBERT DICK



CHAPLIN

ANITA NIXON



INNER GUARD

LARRY DRUMB



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FRANK SCALIA



LODGE ADVISOR

MARK THOMPSON, PDDGER



1 YEAR TRUSTEE

DAVE McCranie, PER



2 YEAR TRUSTEE

DEAN YEAGER, PER



3 YEAR TRUSTEE

SCOTT SANDERSFIELD, PER



4 YEAR TRUSTEE

MARK THOMPSON, PDDGER



5 YEAR TRUSTEE

GLEN FANNIN, PER

Birthday Celebration

James	Freeder	01		Rhonda	Miller	17
David	Miklavcic	02		James	Shipman	17
Gerald	McCormick	03		William	Stevenson	17
Lisa	Browning	04		Sheila	Parsons	18
Scott	Dickinson	04		Dave	Ballinger	21
Suzy	Smith	04		Loren	Hoyt	21
Phyllis	Smith	05		William	Budzinski	24
Josilynn	Wiese	06		Larry	Smith	24
Gerald	Fieser	07		Angela	Kester	25
Michael	Ray	09		Philip	Goldthwait	26
Beth	Thompson	09		Jill	Jensen-Petersen	26
Joseph	Laubinger	11		Louis	LaGiglia	26
Bill	Nixon	11		Robert	Schanzle	26
James	Brown	12		Martha	Ashley	27
William	Hess	12		Robert	Jones	27
Anthony	Roddenberry	12		Ronnie	Mills	28
Edwin	Sanders	12		Robert	Dick	29
Vi	Grabowski	14		Robert	Hughes	29
Shawn	Grimm	14		Kathleen	Campbell	30
Barbara	Felker	16		William	Grumhaus	30
Keira	Espada	17		Michael	Culbertson	31
Gary	Gentile	17		Thomas	Roberts II	31

DELAND ELKS LODGE 1463

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DELAND, FL 32724

STEAK *Night*

JOIN US FOR A GREAT NIGHT
OF GREAT FOOD & GOOD COMPANY!



WILL BE ON
SATURDAY,
7/18/26

COST WILL BE

\$30

THEY MUST BE RESERVED BY

7/13/26

COST WILL BE

\$35

AT DOOR IF ANY
ARE AVAILABLE



DINNER INCLUDES:
STEAK, POTATO,
SALAD, AND DESSERT

PAYMENT OPTIONS:



PAY BY USING
THE ATTACHED QR CODE



PAY ONLINE AT
DELANDELKS.COM



OR PREPAY AT THE LODGE
WITH ANY BARTENDER



DELAND ELKS
LODGE #1461

Reserve early — seats are limited!

Save the Date

YARD
SALE

AUGUST 1

Good
Finds
Great
Deals!

Time to start
spring cleaning.

More info
to come

TREASURES
WAITING
FOR A NEW
HOME!

★ MERRITT ISLAND ELKS ★
★ PRESENTS ★

JULY 25TH VP VISIT

★ WAYNE BECRAFT ★

★ and his wife ★
★ DORIS ★

★ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ★



5 PM
FIX HORS D'OEUVRES
Starting at 5



SOCIAL HOUR



DINNER
to Follow

— STARTS AT —
5PM

★ **\$15** ★
FRIED CHICKEN
and the
PICNIC FIXINGS

**RSVP TODAY WITH
YOUR LODGE SECRETARY**



FLORIDA ELKS UNITED
★ **DRIVING FORWARD** ★

— Great People ★ Good Food ★ Strong Community —



THE EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT
WELCOMES

FLORIDA ELKS STATE PRESIDENT

LENNY DILORENZO

★ ★ AND HIS WIFE ★ ★

Lauren Dowd-Shedlock

ACCOMPANYING THEM WILL BE

VICE PRESIDENT AT LARGE

T. STEPHEN "SNUFFY" SMITH JR.

★ ★ AND HIS WIFE ★ ★ *Any Smith* ★ ★

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026

Merritt island 2650 - \$20

Lasagna with Salad & Dessert

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026

Warbird Air Museum - \$15

Tour & Lunch

Titusville 2113 - \$20

Ham with Scalloped Potatoes

& Dessert with the State

President's Formal Address



**FOR WEEKEND AGENDA, TICKETS, HOTEL & EVENT RESERVATIONS,
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: ecdelks.square.site/fsea**

TAP or SCAN





E.C.D.V.P. SCHEDULE

★ MERRITT ISLAND 2650	7/25
★ STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE ECD	8/21-8/22
★ SANFORD 1241	9/5
★ EDGEWATER NSB 1557	9/19
★ PALM COAST 2709	10/3
★ PORT ORANGE 2723	10/17
★ ORMOND BEACH 2193	10/31
★ TITUSVILLE 2113 – HOMECOMING	12/12

★ **V.P WAYNE BECRAFT** ★

★ **WATCH FOR SIGN UP SHEETS!** ★

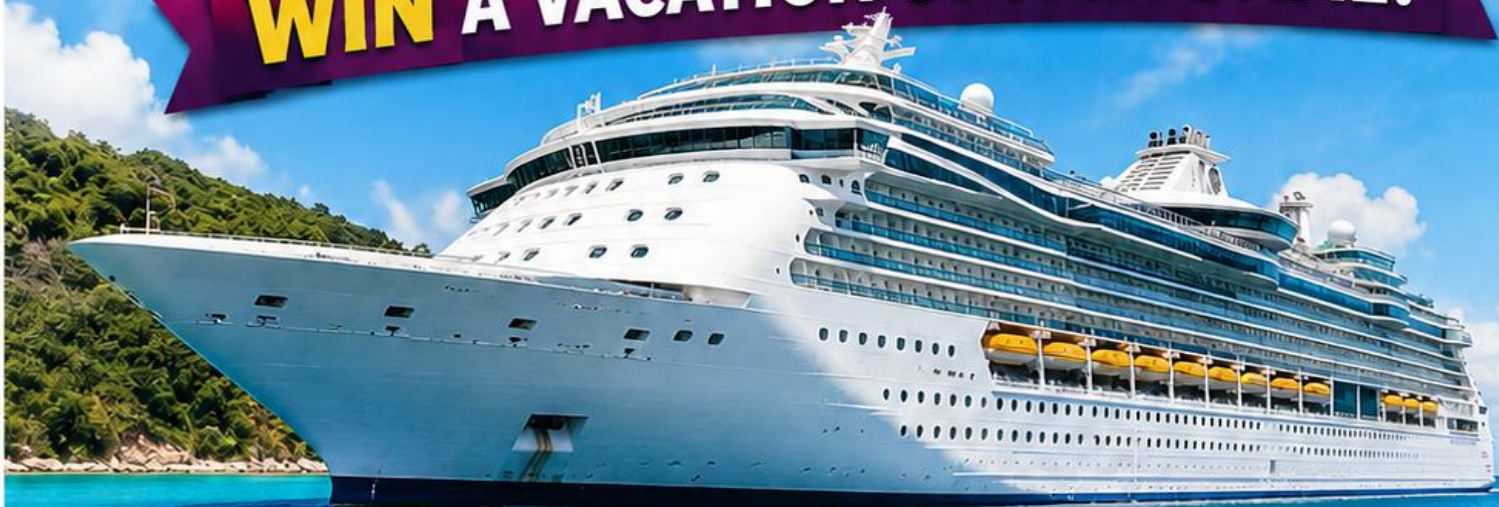
COME MEET YOUR NEW VP AND
HEAR THE STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DELAND ELKS

Past Exalted Rulers Association

RAFFLE!

WIN A VACATION OF A LIFETIME!



YOU COULD WIN A
GIFT CERTIFICATE
IN THE AMOUNT OF

\$1500

FROM



RoyalCaribbean
INTERNATIONAL

TICKETS
WILL BE

\$20
each

YOU CAN BUY TICKETS FROM ANY PER!

Relax. ★ Explore. ★ Make Memories! 

SUPPORTING OUR LODGE ★ SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

UPCOMING

Events



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



7/03:

Fireworks at Earl Brown Park



7/05 – 7/08:

Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago



7/18:

PER Steak Dinner



8/01:

DeLand Elks Annual Yard Sale



8/21:

State President visit at Merritt Island



8/22:

State President visit at Titusville



8/29:

District Family Feud at DeLand



9/26:

70's party



10/21:

People Loving People cornhole tournaments



10/30:

Halloween Party



11/07:

Casino Night



11/08:

Elks Day at the Stetson Mansion



11/22:

DeLand Elks Friendsgiving Dinner



12/24:

Elks Annual Christmas Caroling downtown DeLand



Something for Everyone!



JOIN US AND BE PART OF THE FUN!