



THE CHRONICLE

March 2026

EXALTED RULER MESSAGE

To My Fellow Members of Deland Lodge 1463



Welcome to March and the Elks 2025-2026 year, nears the end.

As I sit down to write my last letter, it is hard to believe my 2nd and final term as Exalted Ruler for Deland 1463 comes to an end. So many thoughts race through my head. I want to thank first and foremost the members of this great Lodge for giving me the opportunity and privilege to be your Exalted Ruler. It goes unsaid that you the members best interest and the best interest of this Lodge was always front and center every single day. I want to thank the officer team who has worked diligently throughout the year so that we can continue to do what we do in the community. This truly has been something I will never forget; I am so proud to say that I am an Elk. Especially for Deland 1463.

I hope you all will take the time to come out on March 28th to celebrate the installation of your new officer team for the year 2026-2027. The celebration begins at 5pm with cocktail hour and installation starts at 6pm. Dinner and awards will follow. This is an exciting time for our officers as well as our members as you meet your new officers.

A couple of quick mentions for February. I would like to recognize the hard work of the crew that tirelessly donates their time to serve lunch at the First Step Shelter every month. Caroline Fannin who chairs the event, Shiela and Jeff Parsons, Gary and Sandy Hand, Vanessa Dahl, Anne Lewis, Lisa Browning, Samantha Fannin, Terry Applegate, Emily Drumb, our own ECDVP Dean Yeager and so many others that have given back to the Shelter. I would also like to thank our Veteran Team that reports once a month to Emory Bennet Veterans Nursing Home to have a night of Bingo for our Vets. Thank you to Bob Sari, Donna Nott, Dean Yeager, Barb Thompson, Lisa Browning and Jay Fischer for making sure our Veterans know we care. The Deland Elks continue to focus on helping our community one day at a time.

March holds so many events and happenings for us at the Deland Elks. March 6th and March 7th is the Florida State President Visit. The State President Michael Chandler and First Lady Caroline will visit the Sanford Lodge on Friday Night for Dinner. On Saturday they will

have breakfast at Ormond Beach Lodge and then go to the Stetson Mansion for a tour at midday. Saturday evening at the Deland Lodge the State President and First Lady will visit for a wonderful family style BBQ Dinner with a country and western theme. The dinner will include pulled pork, smoked chicken, BBQ beans and Mac and Cheese. The welcome reception begins at 5pm with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails in the Social Quarters. Karaoke Craig will be there that evening for everyone to sing their favorite songs. Please see the bartender to pre-pay for your dinner that evening. **DELAND ELKS, please show up in force to show the State President that Deland Lodge 1463 is the best darn Lodge in the District.**

March 21st at 11am we are traveling to Sanford Elks to support The Army of Hope. This year to raise money for the Army of Hope there will be a slider contest, corn hole tournament and a cake raffle. Deland will be going all out to make sure we do our part to raise money to support the Army of Hope. Everyone is welcome to come out and have a great time. The complete information for this event is available at DelandElks.com.

I would like to take a moment to talk about the Elks National Foundation (ENF). I am sure by now you have seen our ENF Sustaining donor board in the Lodge. ENF is a huge part how we as an Elks Lodge can provide support to the community such as Love Like Lindsey Love, Elementary Schools, House of Hope etc. ENF provide Lodges Grant Money so that we can help those in need in the community. These Grants are all possible because of donors to ENF. Please take a second to see if you would like to be a part of the Deland ENF Sustaining Donor Team. You can donate as little as \$5 a month. The donation is taken directly out of your checking monthly. Please reach out to Frank Scalia or me if you have any questions about ENF or if you would like to sign up.

Members, we have launched an additional way we can communicate with Members. We began to use a new bulk texter that will provide lodge happenings, special events or urgent communication to our member base by text. This form of communication will be optional as you will receive a welcome text that will give the member the option to opt out of you do not wish to continue to receive communication in the future. If you have recently changed your cell phone number or if you are not sure we have the most up to date information, please do not hesitate to email Alicia at Elksclub1@gmail.com with any updates you would like to provide. We will always continue to look at ways we can better keep members informed about all the great happenings here at your Elks Lodge. (Just a quick update. Loyal Knight Keith Klimas has worked diligently to work out the kinks in this system and we believe this has been fixed. If you are still not receiving information text messages from the Lodge, please text Keith your Name and desired phone number at 407-312-2266 to ensure we get your correct number added to the list.)

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. Games, pull tabs, and PER Baseball are just some of the fun events that the PER's have planned for each Wednesday Evening. Come down and have a great meal, take advantage of all the Lodge has to offer on PER Wednesdays. Come down and enjoy the evening.

The New Year brings us a chance to revisit our Elk principles, Charity, Justice Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Things that make us who we are as a fraternal organization and individual members of society. It may have been a while since we have taken our obligation but none the less, we as members of the BPOE are held to a standard to follow the obligation whether in or outside of the Lodge. On March 5th we will be hosting a Meet and Greet for all new candidates that wish to become an ELK. On March 19th we will be having initiation for the new members. I encourage members to come support the new candidates and listen again to the obligation as these new candidates begin their journey into Elkdom.

In closing I am thankful to be a Deland Elk. As my 2-year term as the Exalted Ruler for our Lodge comes to an end on March 31st, our focus together 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 the happens at the lodge.

Fraternally Yours,
Glen Fannin, PER
Exalted Ruler Deland Lodge 1463



Official Notice — Membership Dues for 2026–2027

This is a reminder that membership dues for the **2026–2027 year** are now due and must be paid **no later than April 1st**.

Members who have not renewed by April 1st will be considered delinquent and, in accordance with lodge policy, will be:

- Ineligible to attend lodge meetings or Elk functions
- Prohibited from making purchases in the Social Quarters

Effective April 1st, bartenders will be verifying membership cards. **Service will not be provided to anyone without a current 2026–2027 membership card.**

We respectfully ask all members to renew promptly to avoid any interruption of privileges with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

The 2026-2027 Paid Membership Cards will be available for pick up at the Lodge starting March 15th through April 30th.

On May 1st the remaining Paid Membership Cards not picked up by then will be mailed.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support of the Lodge.

OUR OFFICERS FOR 2026-2027 !!

Exalted Ruler	Keith Klimas
Leading Knight	Bob Sari
Loyal Knight	Jennifer Hopson
Lecturing Knight	Scott Browning
Secretary	Alicia VanOpdorp
Treasurer	Barbara Thompson
Tiler	Sam Kirkland
Esquire	Mike Nadeau
Chaplain	Anita Nixon
Inner Guard	Larry Drumb
Organist	Frank Scalia
Lodge Advisor	Mark Thompson, PDDGER
1st Year Trustee	Dave McCranie, PER
2nd Year Trustee	Dean Yeager, PER
3rd Year Trustee	Scott Sandersfield, PER
4th Year Trustee	Mark Thompson, PDDGER
5th Year Trustee	Glen Fanning, PER

Birthday Celebration

John	Becker	01		Jose	Alvarez, Jr.	20
Timothy	Englert	01		Cynthia	Hineman	21
Anita	Nixon	01		David	Caskey	22
Johnny	Ethridge	04		Andrew	Conklin	22
Art	Giles	04		Michael	Hall	22
Teresa	Logsdon	04		Kevin	Beach	23
Julian	Long	04		Connie	Erickson	23
Robert	Hennessy	05		Edward	Pope	23
Carey	Crownover	06		James	Drumb	25
Robert	Knight, Jr.	06		Jacqueline	McLaughlin	25
William	Bell	09		Gilbert	Grant	26
Debi	Dunn	09		Phil	Smith	26
John	Gerhardt	09		David	Starr	26
Bruce	Morehouse	10		Robert	Travis	26
Richard	Small	10		Tony	Beaty	27
Carla	Mueller	12		Ryan	Maher	27
Diane	West-Criche	12		Louis	Paolini	28
Raines	Freeman	13		Johnny	Dixon	29
Lisa	Ball	14		Charlene	Heard	29
Ann	Lewis	15		James	Hess	30
Greg	Dasher	16		Billie Jo	Simoneau	31

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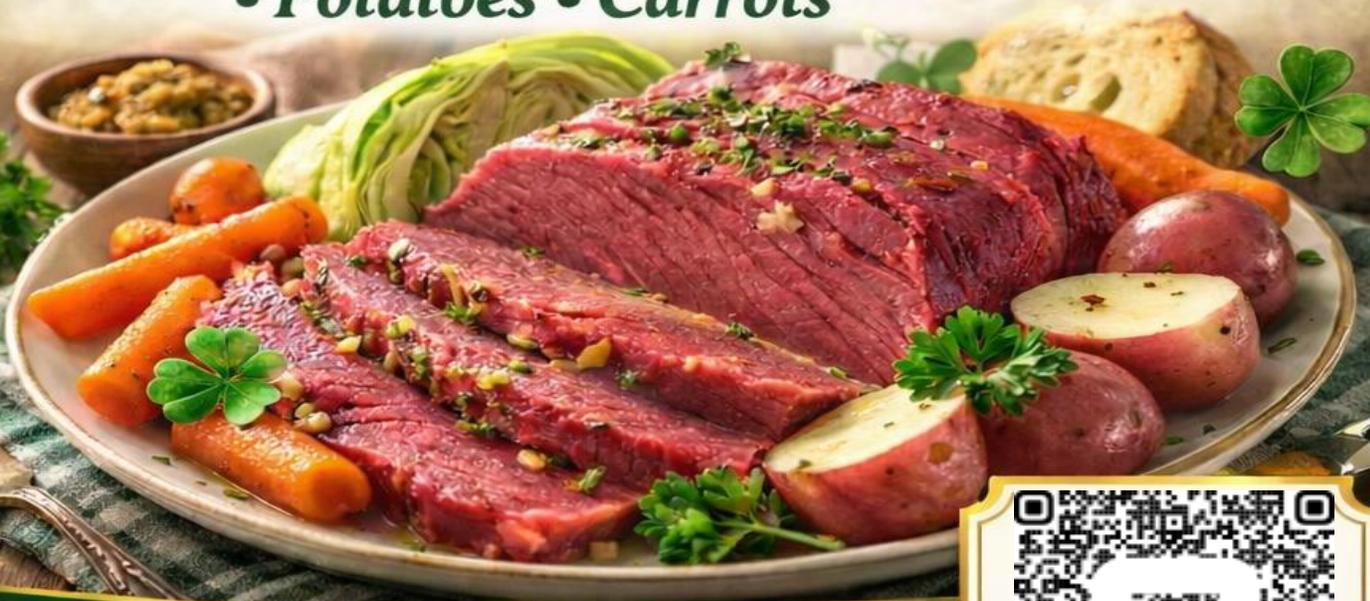


Bob and Donna's
ST. PAT'S DINNER

Corn Beef and Cabbage

\$15

*Tender Corn Beef • Fresh Cabbage
• Potatoes • Carrots*

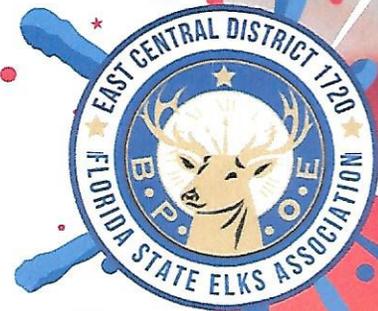


*Celebrate St. Patrick's Day
with a Hearty Homemade Meal!*

**Use QR Code To RSVP,
Pay Online, or
Pay Any Bartender!**

*Scan to
Order!*

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT



DISTRICT WIDE FUNDRAISER

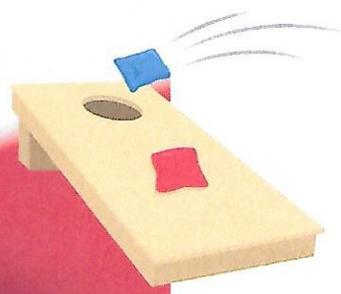
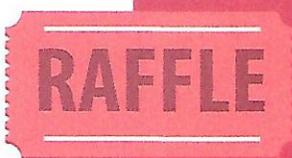
BBQ SLIDER SHOWDOWN

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
DESSERT AUCTION & RAFFLES

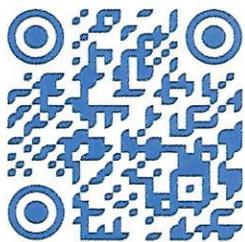
*** Vote for the Lodge with the best food ***

MARCH | 21ST | 11AM

BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS!



*Fundraiser
and Army
of Hope
Info!*



- EVENT TICKETS
- CORNHOLE ENTRY
- CORNHOLE SPONSOR
- DESSERT SIGN UP

*Will You
Donate A
Dessert?*

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HOSTED AT
SANFORD LODGE #1241
1006 E. 2ND STREET - SANFORD, FL 32771
CONTACT: BO LINDSTROM 407-435-0799



Members All,

You are cordially invited to The East Central District Army of Hope fundraiser for a day of fun, fellowship and competition as we enjoy great food, have a little competition, and auction off some of the East Central District's best baked goods, all to raise money to help the families of our service members and veterans.

This year's fundraiser will be held at Sanford Lodge 1241, located at 1006 E 2nd Street, Sanford, FL 32771, on March 21st, 2026, beginning at 11:00 AM.

I am asking all lodges to sponsor a team to prepare your lodge's signature slider for our fundraiser attendees. Whether it is mini hamburgers, buffalo chicken, or Philly cheesesteak, the possibilities are endless in this **BBQ Slider Showdown**.

Event attendees will enjoy all of the fantastic food options provided by our District Lodges and delicious sides prepared by Sanford Lodge. Tickets will be \$20 each and will include 3 votes for your absolute favorite slider, & three raffle entries.

The Winning Lodge will receive a trophy to display at your lodge and the knowledge that your team was best in the district.

In addition, for a little fun, there will be a cornhole tournament. Entry will be \$10 per team for the tournament and 50% of the tournament proceeds will go to the Army of Hope. The remaining 25% will go to the first place winner, 15% to second place, & 10% to third place. If you don't play, you can still participate! Cornhole sponsorships will also be available for \$25 to help offset the rental of the cornhole equipment. Each sponsor will receive a sign with your name and message for all to see.

To finish the day, there will be a cake / dessert auction featuring all the best desserts from our East Central District Members.

100% of all proceeds will be donated to the Army of Hope program to be divided between the 8 Lodges of the East Central District.

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Visit our site at ecdelks.square.site/aoh for event tickets, cornhole entry, and dessert sign up. We need the support of all 8 Lodges and the great Members of the East Central District to make our Army of Hope fundraiser a great success.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the event. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me at 407-435-0799 or lindstromjames4@gmail.com

Bo Lindstrom, PER

ECD Army of Hope Chairman

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 LODGE CLOSED	2 6:30pm - HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 7pm - SCOUTS	3 LODGE CLOSED	4 5pm - LODGE OPEN-RENAE 6pm - PER NIGHT-CHIP'S DUMPLING 6:30pm - CUB SCOUTS 6:30pm - PER MEETING	5 5pm - LODGE OPEN-RENAE 6pm - DINNER - Gary Hand - Burgers, Por 6:30pm - MEET & GREET/ORIENTATION	6 3pm - STATE PRESIDENT HOMECOMING 5pm - LODGE OPEN-KAYLA & GINA 6pm - STATE PRESIDENT DINNER AT 6pm - Wings -Keith 8pm - QUEEN OF HEARTS	7 5pm - LODGE OPEN-RENAE & ALLY & 6pm - STATE PRESIDENT DINNER AT 6:30pm - MUSIC BY CRAIG
8 Daylight Saving Time starts LODGE CLOSED STATE PRESIDENT HOMECOMING 4pm - LODGE RENTAL	9 6pm - TRUSTEE MEETING 6:30pm - LODGE MEETING 7pm - SCOUTS	10 LODGE CLOSED	11 5pm - LODGE OPEN-RENAE 6pm - PER NIGHT 6:30pm - CUB SCOUTS	12 5pm - LODGE OPEN-RENAE 6pm - DINNER - Ann Lewis - Mexican	13 OFFICER TRAINING 11am - SERVING LUNCH AT FIRST STEF 5pm - LODGE OPEN-GINA & KAYLA 6pm - The Salty Hook Food Truck 8pm - QUEEN OF HEARTS	14 LODGE CLOSED
15 LODGE CLOSED	16 LODGE CLOSED 7pm - SCOUTS	17 LODGE RENTAL-PARKING LOT ONLY St. Patrick's Day 5:30pm - ST. PATRICKS DAY DINNER	18 5pm - LODGE OPEN-RENAE 5pm - LODGE RENTAL-REPUBLICAN CL 6pm - PER NIGHT 6:30pm - CUB SCOUTS	19 5pm - LODGE OPEN-KAYLA 6pm - DINNER - Joan & Kaiden - TBD 6:30pm - INITIATION	20 5pm - LODGE OPEN-GINA & ALLY 6pm - DINNER 8pm - QUEEN OF HEARTS	21 LODGE CLOSED 11am - ARMY OF HOPE BBQ-SANFORD
22 LODGE CLOSED	23 LODGE CLOSED 7pm - SCOUTS	24 LODGE CLOSED	25 5pm - LODGE OPEN-RENAE 6pm - PER NIGHT 6:30pm - CUB SCOUTS	26 5pm - LODGE OPEN-RENAE 6pm - El Hombres Food Truck - Mexican	27 5pm - LODGE OPEN-GINA & ALLY 6pm - El Hombres Food Truck - Mexican 8pm - QUEEN OF HEARTS	28 5pm - OFFICER INSTALLATION-KAYLA
29 LODGE CLOSED	30 LODGE CLOSED 7pm - SCOUTS	31 LODGE CLOSED	1 5pm - LODGE OPEN 6pm - PER NIGHT 6:30pm - CUB SCOUTS 6:30pm - PER MEETING	2 5pm - LODGE OPEN 6pm - DINNER 6:30pm - MEET & GREET/ORIENTATION	3 GOOD FRIDAY 5pm - LODGE OPEN 6pm - DINNER 8pm - QUEEN OF HEARTS	4 LODGE CLOSED