



Antler Bulletin

Orlando B.P.O.E. Lodge 1079

A Fraternal Organization / Lodge Founded in 1907
Faults of our Members We Write Upon the Sand
Their Virtues upon the Tablets of Love and Memory



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Message from Your Exalted Ruler

There are times when it is difficult to be positive and now is one of those times. I refer to business, of course, and both the lack of participation in Lodge revenue producing activities as well as a individual volunteerism.



Food and beverage sales, membership dues, and Bingo revenue are all down and below budget. These various points of sales are all loosing money. Obviously this condition cannot continue without consequences. For years I have warned that a time will come, if member participation does not increase, to affect corrective action and that usually translates to reducing and or eliminating services. There is no other alternative.

Recently, I met with senior Elk management and they wanted to know, specifically, what actions was I going to undertake to reverse current loses. I, of course, do not have a magic wand nor am I a magician. The situation is up to you, you either increase patronage or we will trim or eliminate services. Please be advised that a Lodge is not required to maintain food and beverage activities to meet its core mission objectives.

But, a Lodge must, it is absolutely mandatory, maintain a viable charitable community program. Our reason for existing is to help those in need and we, as a membership body, are not meeting that objective. The Lodge does donate thousands of dollars annually to local and national causes but those funds come primarily from Bingo revenues which, by a vast majority, are publicly supported and receive membership participation only by way of volunteer labor. Which is becoming increasing more difficult to obtain. It usually boils down to the same members volunteering each and every week. Gets tiring after awhile.....with no help or relief in sight.

In short, the way I see it, you all are not supporting the Lodge and its mission. Something has got to give. In that regard and before taking drastic action I will call for a general membership meeting. This will be a decision making meeting. No baloney or puffery. I want an action plan

that you will support by increasing your participation immediately or the Board of Directors and I will be left with little recourse.

On a lighter note, I do believe there is a strong possibility that our kitchen with new caterer will be operational in the first part of August.

It is time to fish or cut bait.

Sincerely,

William M. Smith,
Exalted Ruler



Please Congratulate
PAT DAVIES
Elk of the Month

Attention Members

The Antler publications and mailings are very costly!! Please choose to go online and print your Antler or have it emailed to you. Just click on the link in the Flash email that comes out every Monday.

You will also get a synopsis of upcoming events!
www.orlandoelks.com
password: memberprimrose

Doe's Corner

Hello Sister Does,

Hope everyone had a great 4th of July!

Since I have no news to report, just want to remind everyone of the hurricane season upon us. Please prepare yourself with extra water, canned goods, batteries, flashlights, and cash just in case the power is down!

Please, if you need help, reach out to your sister Does who will be more than happy to help out.

Any questions or suggestions you can contact me mmorales9480@yahoo.com

Thanks you,

Maria Morales

August Birthday's

Sue LeBruno 8th
Beverly Halstrom 12th
Patricia Straub 10th
Ethel Foshee 21st



Lodge Secretary Position Open

When I made my announcement that I will be leaving the office of Secretary of our Lodge, apparently my leaving date was unclear to some. I intend to stay through our fiscal year which ends on March 31, 2020. I apologize for not being clearer. However, because of all the facets of the position it will take a few weeks of training to step into this job. Anyone interested please contact me.

Virginia Kehoe Akin

Secretary

VOLUNTEER



PLEASE HELP

Volunteers needed to cook on Monday Nights. Just a little of your time doing good deeds for the Lodge.

All you need to know is how to take orders, use the George Forman, or drop fries and onion rings into the baby deep fryer. We need four or five people each Monday. 4-7:30 P.M.

The only compensation is the Tip Jar! But you will feel rewarded mostly by the "Brotherly Love."

Please call or email Trudy.....407-325-5991
tharold@mindspring.com

DAVID DUB-YAH'S JUKEBOX

On Saturday evening, August 3rd, from 6:00 to 9:00PM I will once again be performing in the Pub to provide dance and listening music for your indulgence and entertainment. If only for no other reason, you could come to witness the singing fool wearing his purple shag shirt and purple socks and silver shoes.



As always, I will have my song books available containing a mess of titles for your perusal so YOU can pick song selections from your past to hear ME sing. You pick a duet, you sing with me. If you don't want to pick songs to hear, I am perfectly capable of choosing them for you; I ain't proud.

Come dance for me: you want to shag, I got Carolina shag songs; you want to two-step or line dance, I got country; you want to rock, I got rock; you want to wobble, I got slow stuff.

I know some of you may get tired of reading this somewhat modified blurb every month, but it's really for our new members and guests who have no clue to what my show is about. I'm not spinning records, I'm singing memories, so come remember with me, if you remember to. I'll even have a guest singer to give you a break from me.

So, if you find yourself desperate for entertainment, come out and have some fun at my expense. Drink, shake your booty on the dance floor, and/or sit back, listen, and reminisce. I'll have a tip jar available so you can contribute to my poor old sick mother and her 19 cats. Oh yeah, and the more you drink, the better I sound. And please remember to take care of our bartender who works really, really, really hard to keep us happy.

David Wiggs

WE LOVE OUR BOOSTERS!

TO: ANTLER BULLETIN BOOSTER CLUB

AMOUNT: _____

Name: _____

\$20 per year, effective Jan. 2013 per name or couple's names.
Make check payable to Orlando Elks Lodge 1079
Please drop check or cash in Secretary's Office (or door slot if closed)

Antler Boosters

March 2019

Gloria Krasovec in memory
of Dominik Krasovec
Coleman and Pat Grant

June 2019

Helen Lippert
Pat & Joe Straub in memory
of Pete Waldo

Monday Morning Boys

Back to School?? Yes, it is August and many kids will be going back to school.... well the MMB's are all out of school...But in honesty many of them use their previous education/experience to perform miracles at the Lodge... each Monday at 9 AM for a couple of hours.



Open enrollment!! yes, we can always accept you as a volunteer...you don't need knowledge or experience...We have a job you can help with. Many of our jobs are light work and yet some are complex... We will find a fit for you. No worries if you are limited...Come by for a few minutes...you'll like the guys...err boys!

Be part of saving your lodge money (we are free) and making it look better.

Schim



Orientation/Indoctrination

Due to a variety of reasons, Orientation or Indoctrination, however you wish to call it, is being moved to the third Saturday of the month except for the months of November and December when it will be the first Saturday. This month it will be held on July 20th and will be from 11AM to 12:30PM followed by "Burgers and More". The program is to teach the new members and their families about the order and how it operates but it is also open to current members who may have forgotten the purpose of the Elks, what we do and how we operate. It also provides an opportunity for members to take a look at areas where we may need help and to volunteer their services. So if you are sitting on the fence, come for a refresher. Following "Burgers and More" about 1:30PM there will be a meet and greet with the Lodge officers in an informal setting. Maybe you might want to find out about your suggestion at the town hall meeting.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

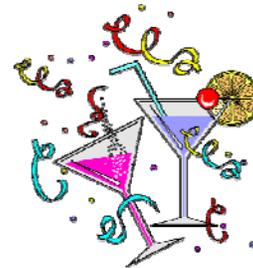
Monday Night BingoDenise Johns 407-267-7657
Veteran's Bingo Assistance.....Pat Davies 407-217-7505
Burgers & More Larry Lockwood 321-436-6128
Monday Morning Boys... Bob Schimmelpfennig 407-493-7131

Elk of the Month

August 2019

Pat Davies

Pat Davies' style of volunteering is "outreach". She takes her team, plus props and travels to those she intends to up-lift, to engage, to brighten their day. It isn't always easy. Despite the challenges and in full game mode, she provides the service. Be it playing bingo, making burgers, reading and telling stories or just plain listening and enjoying the moment. Being a friend and providing friendship, is why she is there. And there, is the VA Hospital at Lake Nona. Her audience are the wounded. They have fought in battle for us and they have paid a price. Pat recognizes that and they recognize that she recognizes. Sometimes it is not easy. Sometimes family and friends are there and they all join in to enjoy the moment. It takes a special kind of grit mixed with softness that few of us possess and that is why I recognize **Pat Davies** as **Elk of the Month**.



Birthday Drink Coupon

Any current Elk or Does Member may present this coupon at the bar and receive a free well drink, domestic beer or glass of house wine anytime during your birthday month compliments of Lodge 1079.

Member's Name _____

Birth Month & Day _____

Elk or Does Card Number _____

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August Birthdays

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 David Cochran | 14 Alba MacKain |
| Walter Robinson, Jr. | 19 Pamela Freyermuth |
| Earl H. Turner | Russell V. Hughes |
| 4 Larry Lockwood | 20 Cheryl A. Knapp |
| 5 Aon Aleshire | 21 Peter P. Spudich |
| David Wiggs | 22 Roger H. Bristol |
| 6 Richard Risser | Mary Sue Kennington |
| Clara-Susan Sweeney | 23 Denise Johns |
| Schardt | Ken Maben |
| 10 Donna Hoffman | Joseph T. Straub |
| 11 Henry Gerken, III | 24 Matthew Schlichenmaier |
| Debbie Hearn | 27 Ender Averbuch |
| Chester A. Murphy III | 28 Jasper B. Dowling, Jr. |
| James J. Russell | Scott Kent |
| 13 Philip M. Finlay | Lisa Ann Leighty |
| Barbara Lockwood | |



Soldiers Angels

Soldiers' Angels is a non-profit organization that provides food for veterans whose income is 85% or more below the national poverty level. Once a month about 30 volunteers meet at the Lodge and bag food for aver 200 veterans. The work requires lots of hands because the food is delivered in bulk by the Second Hand Harvest Food Bank and we have to break it down to manageable portions.



We could use a lot more help as it is a people intensive operation. If you are interested, watch for the next distribution date and show up at 8:30 and sign up. We are usually done by 1:30 but you do not have to stay the whole time. Once the food is sorted, we can operate with a smaller staff and just have a couple of volunteers at each station.

AUGUST 1

Orlando Elk's: 12 N. Primrose
9:00am - 2:00pm

ADVANTAGE FAIR
& FLEA MARKET 1st Saturdays
Vendors \$20, Tables \$5 for rent
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2ND AND 4TH SATURDAYS

Jerry Idle on Keyboard
from "Soft Touch Band"
"Sing Along"
or "Sit in with Jerry"
requests welcome

6 P.M.- 9 P.M.

No Cover

Tips always appreciated



If you can or
cannot sing . . .
Come on out and
do your thing!



It's
Karaoke
at the Elks
Every
Thursday
6:30-10:00

**Attention Members:
Proposed Improvements**

The board of directors and members of our lodge met last month to seek a positive vote to repave the parking lot. The meeting met with objections in that the members did not understand our reasoning to spend money on the outside parking lot and not address the other interior needs of the lodge.

This article will hopefully clarify the reasons behind our hard working Boards request to vote favorably for the funding.

Your Board had appointed a parking lot review committee last year to examine the condition of the blacktop after years of complaints from members about the potholes and uneven surfaces, and so after discussions the committee concluded that we would be negligent to ignore the dangers of tripping and other foreseeable injuries. That made repaving it our highest Lodge priority in the vote we sought to gain last month.

Also, last year the Florida Elks management convened at our lodge to discuss our declining membership and the future of 1079 and with that fact as background they also mentioned similar declining membership issues facing other lodges. It's no longer a secret that because of financial strains on the smaller lodges the Elks organization will have to consolidate the smaller lodges and transfer membership to the more prominent lodges. We were encouraged by them to have our lodge infrastructure assessed by an independent professional real estate expert to predict it's relative life expectancy. I suspect something good or bad is about to happen in our district and directly involves 1079.

Anyway, the recommended assessment was completed and it suggested other than minor repairs that one major upgrade was needed, namely to resurface the parking lot.

The board committee solicited three bids from paving contractors and after interviewing and examining credentials, the low bidder was chosen. His price currently stands for the complete job at \$70,000.00.

The carpeted flooring has been long overdue to be replaced with a laminate. The board voted to spend approximately \$43,000.00 to remove the carpet in the pub, entrance hall and ballroom.

We will include both of these two projects together in our petition to the Grand Lodge to enable the scout money to enhance and improve our infrastructure.

Use it or lose it. Spend money to make money.

Let us vote favorably to fund these infrastructure upgrades.

Donald Simon, M.A., J.D.
donsimonlaw7@gmail.com

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Pam Fryermuth

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MEETINGS

Lodge: Wednesday, 2nd & 4th week - 7:00 pm
Board of Directors: Wednesday, 1st & 3rd week - 6:30 pm
DOES: Tuesday, 1st & 3rd week—7:00 pm
PERS: Wednesday, 2nd week—6:00 pm

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Tues	4:00 pm—10:00 pm	Special events only
Wed	4:00 pm—10:00 pm	Special events only
Thurs	4:00 pm—10:00 pm	Special events only
Fri	12:00 pm— 6:00 pm	5:30 —11:00 pm Dinner & Dance
Sat	10:30 am— 9:30 pm	Special events only
Sun	12:30 pm— 6:30 pm	Special events only

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