



# 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 acting Exalted Ruler.

I am writing this message as acting Exalted Ruler following the resignation of our elected Exalted Ruler, William Smith and our Esteemed Leading Knight, William Woolgar. I only hope that I can do justice to this position of honor during the transition to fill those positions. The elections should be completed by the second lodge meeting in August.



First of all, I want to express the lodge's appreciation for the efforts of William Smith while he was ER. Some on the board didn't always agree with Bill, but he was tireless in trying to do what he thought best for the lodge. He was instrumental in getting the lodge kitchen facilities cleaned. He obtained reliable janitorial services that now keep the lodge and its bathrooms in notably cleaner and fresher conditions. It was also his efforts that brought us to the threshold of obtaining a caterer for the lodge. His "thinking outside of the box" led us to contract negotiations that sought to provide a monthly kitchen rental income instead of a percent of sales. He also did much to clean out several areas of clutter in the lodge. Bill deserves credit and thanks for his efforts. I truly hope that he continues to be an active member in the lodge.

I should also add that his wife, Jocelyn took over the maintenance of our website during Bill's reign and she continues to do this work for the lodge. Thank you, Jocelyn.

Our lodge is suffering from a lack of active members which in turn causes few charity fund raising and community involvement, and veteran and member appreciation events. I try to put my finger on the cause of this lack of involvement. Of course we have many "older" members, but it's more than that that's causing this situation. When my wife, Donna and I travel to other areas in Florida on mini vacation trips we always try to visit the local Elks lodge to see how they are doing and to take advantage of reduced prices for food and entertainment. We have seen several lodges that are doing very well and are packed with members. What are they doing that we are not

doing? Well, for one, they have kitchens that offer good food at reasonable prices on a regular schedule. Some staff their kitchens with volunteers and others use employee chefs. Thanks to Bill's efforts we are on our way to doing the same. These lodges also use people that have a requirement to do community service. That's an area we should look into.

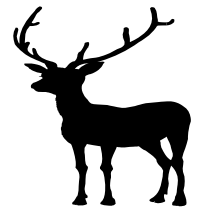
Successful lodges make visitors feel at home. This is an area that we could do better. When you see a new face greet them and make them feel welcomed. Did you know that the ER has the right to offer visiting Elks a second drink on the house? It's paid from his ER account. I still have a "second drink card" from the New Port Richey lodge on my dresser at home. When people feel welcomed they come back. When new members meet friendly Elks members they tend to become more active in the lodge. Some people may only spend more time at the lodge, but that means more money. Others may evolve into active volunteers.

So let me close with this message. A successful lodge is a happy lodge. Let's make our lodge a happy one.

Sincerely,

*Ralph W Bemis*

Acting Exalted Ruler



How do you get  
new members?

**ASK!**



*Please Congratulate*  
**DONNA HOFFMAN**  
**Elk of the Month**

## Doe's Corner

Hello Sister Does,

Hope all is well. Just a reminder that we go back to 2 meetings a month starting in September. I would also like to remind everyone of volunteers needed for burgers and more and opportunity table. Friday desserts - bakers let us know what you can do.

### September Birthdays

Anne Tallman 4th  
Jo Ann Hill 4th  
Helen Hicks 5th  
Regina Lyons 15th  
Diane Lait 17th  
Maria Morales 19th



Beth Ankney 21st  
Mary Waites 23rd  
Anne Townsend 24th  
Peggy Chase 24th  
Bettyejo Graham 25th

Happy Birthday to all!

Any questions or comments I can be reached at [mmorales9480@yahoo.com](mailto:mmorales9480@yahoo.com)

Thank you,

*Maria Morales*

*BE HUMBLE AND KIND*



## Elk of the Month

September 2019

**Donna Hoffman**

It is my distinct pleasure to name Donna Hoffman Elk of the Month for September 2019. Donna has been tireless in her efforts to organize events to recognize Elks members who are veterans, and volunteers, and to initiate "Meet and Greet" events to follow up with members who recently joined the lodge. Thank you, Donna. The lodge is truly blessed to have your membership.

## DAVID DUB-YAH'S JUKEBOX

On Saturday evening, September 7th, 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.



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 beach music; 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

Pat & Joe Straub in memory  
of Pete Waldo

### Sept. 2019

Helen Lippert

## Monday Morning Boys MMB's

### Thinking back.....way back, did you know?

- We have painted every single room in the Lodge
- We have removed wall paper from the lodge meeting room and entry way?
- We removed all the lattice from ball room
- Many of the lights have been changed to LED
- Installed drywall at entry way to clean up the old dark paneling
- Obtained old photos of the early events of our lodge and framed for the entryway
- Moved many pictures and memories to the lodge room, built rails to show all the past ER's
- Took down the "smoking filters" in the Pub
- Painted every single room
- Painted the parking lot stripes and handicap areas
- Assembled two lawn buildings
- Installed under counter lights at bar and fixed covers for locking the liquor
- Put down several hundred bags of mulch through out the years
- Maintained the Scout building, cutting, new lights, painting, kitchen and more
- Cut the grass at lodge for several years, and RAKE!
- Replaced many screens on back patio along with painting
- Cleaned storage area behind stage and bingo office, for use.
- Installed all the Bingo monitors and TV's in the pub
- Painted and cleaned the kitchen a couple of times
- shampoo the carpet
- hung many ceiling fans
- Set up bingo every week
- computer work
- Fixed faucets, toilets and unclogged drains
- gone through 9 clipboards

The list could go on and on... and through this 14 plus years we have had many volunteers... as you can see, the list includes jobs, big and small.... You too can join the fun...

and thanks to Dale who was there on the first week... and continues weekly, Jack came soon after as well as David, and of course Hicks. Now regulars for a long time are New Richard, Terry, Buddy and Stan... and quite a few that come when they are able...

So ..why not join the fun, We can always use an extra hand..*Schim*



## Volunteer Appreciation Party

Orlando Lodge 1079 greatly appreciates its volunteers.

All volunteers are cordially invited to come to the Lodge for a casual, labor-free celebration on

**Sunday, September 1, 2019**

**From 3:30 – 5:00 PM**

Spouses and significant others are most welcome. Refreshments will be served, and each volunteer will be given two complimentary beverage tickets.

All Lodge members are welcome to join in the fun.

Please RSVP to Donna Hoffman:

[dch3168@gmail.com](mailto:dch3168@gmail.com)

or 617-538-1144



## Soldiers Angels



We finally made the over 200 number!!! On Friday, August 16, the Orlando Elks in conjunction with the Soldiers Angels Volunteer Group distributed food to 210 deserving Veterans. This is an amazing feat that happens on a monthly basis at the lodge for pre-approved Veterans in need of assistance. The semi truck of food arrives at 8:30 and all food is sorted into about 6 distribution points. Frozen meats, canned goods, fruits and vegetables, breads, cake and cookies, you name it, it gets handed out. A long line of cars roll thru the parking lot starting at 11 and usually by 1:00 all food has been distributed. A very heart warming day for the volunteers. Consider helping out this month. Watch the calendar for dates and you can preregister on line or on the day of in front of the lodge. Most monthly dates planned are the third Friday of the month.

Six of the MMB's showed up on Wednesday August 21 and built a donated shed for the monthly events. Several shade tents, traffic cones and numerous distribution items will be stored and not have to be loaded and unloaded each month and driven to the lodge. Thanks to Schim and the MMB's

*Stan Recob*

Soldiers Angels Liaison



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Chris Smith  
Dale Schmidt

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

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**September Birthdays**

- |                        |                             |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 3 RA Franklin          | 19 Sylvia Bender            |
| Trudy C. Harold        | Maria Morales               |
| 4 Charlotte A. Carroll | 21 Carmen Acevedo           |
| 5 William M. Bibb      | Donna M. Schaffer           |
| Mark J. Hendryx        | William E. Townsend         |
| 6 Clifton M. Borzych   | 22 Bernard Hearl            |
| 7 Scott N. Catledge    | Roger F. McGough            |
| Jane S. Haskett        | William R. Rauscher         |
| 8 Larry W. Smith       | Jack Sexton                 |
| 9 Havard Wiggins       | 23 Thila VanDulken Gerber   |
| 10 Carol Jaster        | 24 Margaret C. Hendrix      |
| 12 William Hoffman     | Eva Stefanszky              |
| Ernesto Romano         | 27 Ronald E. Delgado, PER   |
| Glenn M. Willard       | Donna L. Julius             |
| 14 Dennis Cunningham   | Gail Olga Kent              |
| 15 Joey Busque         | Arleen Varan                |
| Billy J. Enfinger      | 28 Alfred La Peter, Jr.     |
| Robert A. Grove        | 29 Owen C. Julius, III, PER |
| 16 Philip M. McDermott |                             |



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Monday Night Bingo .....Denise 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

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

## PUB PIANO BAR

2<sup>ND</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> 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

## LODGE OFFICERS – 2019-2020

Exalted Ruler William Smith  
Esteemed Leading Knight William Woolgar  
Esteemed Loyal Knight Ralph Bemos  
Esteemed Lecturing Knight Pat Davies  
Secretary Virginia Akin  
Treasurer William Hoffman  
Esquire Roger Bristol  
Chaplain Tom McGovern  
Inner Guard Monica Woolgar  
Tiler Thila Gerber  
Trustee (1 Yr) Janice Moffitt  
Trustee (2 Yr) Larry Lockwood  
Trustee (3 Yr) Don Simon  
Trustee (4 Yr) Jody Richards  
Trustee (5 Yr) Trudy Harold

### **LADIES ASSOCIATION DOES DROVE #66**

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Junior Counselor Lillian Valez  
Secretary Beverly Halstrom  
Treasurer Maria Morales  
Chaplin Betty Garcia

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President George Erwin  
Vice President Jody Richards  
Secretary Bill Woolgar  
Treasurer Roger Bristol  
Carol Jaster

**LODGE ADVISOR:** Jody Richards

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Donna Hoffman, Chairman

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Janice Moffitt, Chairman, Secretary, Tom McGovern,  
Pam Fryermuth, Susan Shardt, Bill Rauscher, Monica Woolgar

### **DECORATING COMMITTEE**

Trudy Harold, Chairman, Pat Strickland  
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### **BAND COMMITTEE**

Ray Narusko

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

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Mike McClay

### **VETERANS COMMITTEE**

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### **EVENTS COORDINATOR**

Pam Fryermuth

### **AUDITING & ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE**

John Baum, Chairman, Gail Kent, Tom McGovern

### **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

### **PHONE NUMBERS**

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Mon	4:00 pm—10:00 pm	Public Bingo
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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