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Orlando Lodge No. 1079 B.P.O.E.

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The Faults of our Members We Write Upon the Sand
Their Virtues upon the Tablets of Love and Memory



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Message from the Exalted Ruler



Dear Members,
As the holiday season approaches, we are reminded of who we are, why we gather and what being an Elk means. We invest ourselves in our Elks obligation when we are initiated. Just in case any of us have forgotten, here it is:

“I, in the presence of God and this Lodge of Elks, do solemnly promise and swear that I will never reveal any of the confidential matters of this Order which have been, or may hereafter be, committed to my charge and keeping. I will support the Constitution, and obey the Statutes, rules and regulations of this Order, and the By-Laws of Orlando Lodge, No. 1079, and those of any other Lodge of which I may hereafter become a Member. I will uphold the Constitution and laws of the United States of America. I will propose no one for membership in this Order whom I do not sincerely believe to be worthy thereof. I will ballot for a worthy candidate and against an unworthy candidate when proposed by another. I will not permit any political, sectarian or personal prejudice to influence me in the slightest degree in the exercise of my right of franchise in the Order. I will obey any lawful summons sent me by any competent authority of the Order. I will never apply to the courts for redress in any matter concerning the Order, without first appealing to the councils of the Order. I will never reveal to anyone, not an Elk, the name of a Member asking or receiving aid or relief from the Order. I will not, directly or indirectly, use my membership in this Order, nor any emblem, insignia or sign thereof, for business or commercial purposes. I will never introduce into the Order anything of a political or sectarian character, nor in any way by my conduct bring reproach upon it. I will always protect our Members, their good names and their families; and I will always respect and defend the purity and sanctity of their homes and firesides. If I break this Obligation, may I wander through the world forsaken; may I be pointed out as a being bereft of decency, unfit to hold communion with true and upright Members. And may God help me, and keep me steadfast in this my

solemn and binding Obligation in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America. Amen.”

We are all bound to practice the Elks virtues of Brotherly Love, Justice, Charity and Fidelity, Sometimes they slip past us, so please accept this gentle reminder as our gift to you and yours this holiday season.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

Donna

Exalted Ruler



Elks of the Month

December 2022

Diane Politi

Diane Politi, the Editor of this newsletter, has been an Elk for just a few months. Before that she joined the Does and has helped them most recently with a very successful fundraiser for the Russell Home. She gathered dozens of items for baskets which helped considerably with gathering additional donations. In addition, Diane recently took on the role of Chair of the Veterans Services Committee, and lost no time in getting people together to plan forthcoming events including the Visually impaired Veterans’ luncheon on December on Dec. 13, writing greeting cards to veterans and preparing holiday gift packages. In Diane’s brief tenure, she has already distinguished herself as a willing volunteer and outstanding organizer. Congratulations, Diane. We greatly appreciate your efforts.

PAST ELK OF THE MONTH Winners for 2022

January	Dale Schmitt
February	Information not available at press time
March	Terry Schlichenmaier
April	Richard Hockenreiter
May	Pam Odom
June	Jeanette Dixon
July	The entire FSEA Visitation Planning Team
August	Richard Ballerino
September	Victor Berrios
October	Hal Hatmaker
November	Denise Johns & Maria Morales
December	Diane Politi

DOES CORNER

Hello all, this year is going by so quick. Christmas is only a few weeks away! Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving?

Thank you to everyone who attended our Russell Home Fundraiser. What a turnout! What a great cause. Hope you all had a great time. Big shout out to Tom our chef for the great food and Tony Valle for his wonderful entertainment! It was great to have all those who attended this event, showed their support and their generosity even those who couldn't make it found time to bring their donations by for the Russell home. Although final numbers for this event are not in yet we raised over \$2000 and counting! This was the Does first event like this and we hope to do it again soon! Job well done Ladies! Don't forget about the Elks and Does Christmas dinner December 10th hope to see you all there. Happy New Year!!!!

Kim Casey

Orlando Drove #66 2023 President

DECEMBER DOES' BIRTHDAYS

Let's give a shout out to the December birthday:

26 Pat Davies



Chaplain's Corner

Merry Christmas!

The upcoming holidays are an exemplary time to remember and utilize the Elks four cardinal virtues:

Charity, Justice, Fidelity, and Brotherly Love.

If we each vow to be living examples of these virtues we can do our part to make the world a better place.

Have a peaceful and love filled Christmas holiday.

Thank you to our active duty and veteran military members and first responders.

God bless the USA!

Pam Odom,
Chaplain



VETERAN'S COMMITTEE

Elks pledge to Veterans:

"So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

As Elks and staunch supporters of our Veterans, Orlando Elks Lodge 1079 is dedicated to continuing the many programs already underway at our lodge. Mike McClay, Pat Davies, Lisa Lieghty, Christina Atkinson, and many others have been doing this for years and their continued efforts are greatly appreciated.

As the new Chair for the Veterans Committee for Orlando Elks 1079, I have made a commitment to increase our activity and support to the Veterans in Central Florida. Donna Hoffman, Mike McClay, Pat Davies and Lisa Lieghty have all been helping me smoothly transition into this important role....I have a lot to learn, but I'm up for the challenge.

We have a couple of upcoming Veteran initiatives....one is a continuation of a tradition, and the others are NEW.

• Vision Impaired Veterans Holiday Luncheon

On Tuesday, December 13, 2022 Orlando Elks 1079 will host a holiday luncheon for Vision Impaired Veterans. We need of volunteers to help set-up, serve meals, and clean up afterwards. The Veterans will begin arriving at 11:30 a.m.; lunch to be served at 12 noon. We're asking volunteers to arrive at 10 a.m.

• Holiday Card-writing for Veterans at Lake Baldwin & Lake Nona

On Saturday 12/3/2022 from 2 pm – 4 pm (After Burgers & More) and on 12/14/2002 from 4 pm – 6 pm (before BOD Meeting) we need volunteers to help write holiday greetings inside of blank cards. The Holiday cards will be provided to us for free and will be distributed the week before Christmas to both the Lake Nona and Lake Baldwin VA facilities.

• Holiday Gift Bags

We will also be collecting items for the same Vets for Holiday gift bags. A Donation Box will be placed in the Orlando Elks lobby on November 21 through Dec. 15. Items we want to provide include the following:

- o Toothbrushes
- o Toothpaste
- o Alcohol-free mouth wash
- o Socks
- o Extra Large T Shirts
- o Individually wrapped candies
- o Model Cars and Boats
- o Uno cards and playing cards



While you're out shopping for the holidays, please remember our Veterans.

If you would like to be part of the Veteran's committee, or if you can volunteer for the luncheon or card-writing activities, please email Diane at dlpoliti@earthlink.net, or call her at (407)463-4136.

Diane Politi

Orlando Elks 1079 Veterans Committee Chair

DAVID DUB-YAH'S JUKEBOX LIVE

(Well, mostly live)



On the second Friday this month (December 9th), please join us in the pub about 5:30 for dance and listen to music as I once again sing for Tips and to celebrate living; God is good! My end time is when the lodge closes at nine, but I will go longer if the bar is making money so drink up! BTW, I gave up my first Friday this month so Monica could put on her Christmas show, so go support her if you can.

Carol will be serving Mexican food from 5:30 to 7 and I'm sure it will be tasty. If you're not hungry there IS plenty of drink available at the bar for a small rental fee (re Archie Bunker if you haven't yet figured this out).

Placards on the tables and bar list some of my songs and all are different. I will also have my song books available containing around 1500 titles from country to disco for your perusal so you can pick song selections from your past to hear me sing. If you don't want to pick songs to hear, I am perfectly capable of choosing them for you; I ain't proud. Additionally, I have many other songs not showing in my songbooks so if you have something else dear to mind, please ask me.

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

David Wiggs



SECRETARY POSITION

The position of Secretary is available as a result of Rose Mullen's resignation effective November 29, 2022. This is an elected position for which nominations will be accepted at the next two Lodge meetings. It is an officer position which carries with it a stipend of \$7,900 per annum, payable monthly (\$658 per month). It requires excellent record-keeping and organizational skills; the ability to multi-task; up-to-date office technology skills; knowledge of basic bookkeeping procedures; and, excellent interpersonal skills; familiarity with QuickBooks would be very helpful. Hours are mutually established; however, there are some standard times when the office is open to members. Please contact Donna Hoffman at dch3168@gmail.com or 617-538-1144 if you are interested in learning more about the position

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas!

Praying that all our members had a memorable Thanksgiving with family and friends. We had an adventurous November and now we are moving on to a fun December! Right about now is when we all ask, "hey, where did the year go?"

Start off the Christmas spirit enjoying the **Guys & Dolls dinner dance and entertainment on Friday Dec. 2nd**. Enjoy reading? **Paperback and hard cover books will be on sale Dec 2nd & 3rd** in the T-room. **Bar Bingo** is growing and growing! It will be on **Dec 3rd @ 5 pm**. Anybody notice all of this is happening the first weekend of December?

The **Elks & Does Holiday Dance** with music by **Steel** is on **Saturday Dec 10th**. **Menu:** Ginger Orange Teriyaki Salmon or Lemon Caper Piccata Chicken Breast; mashed potatoes; green beans; salad & roll. Only \$15 folks for dinner and dance! Ladies, a great opportunity to don your bling bling dresses; gentlemen, you will look ever so handsome in your coat and tie.

Sunday, Dec 11th brings us outdoors for the **Down Syndrome Christmas** event. Visit with **Mr. & Mrs. Claus** while watching a holiday movie on an outdoor screen. Delight in the children's faces as they open their gifts whilst munching on cookies and treats. It will be a magical evening!

Christmas Eve Dec 24th come by for a **Merry Drink in the Pub from 12 - 5pm**. I heard you can take a picture with Santa. Yes ladies, you may sit on his lap!

Elks pre-New Year's Eve party is in the Pub on Friday Dec 30th. Let's all bring a potluck to share.

Reminder that **Queen of Hearts** tickets are sold by our cheerful Bartenders when the Pub is open.

Thank you, members, for your participation in our activities and events. You are appreciated!

Adieu to 2022 - Hello 2023

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Jossie Havens, Loyal Knight
Volunteer #1079



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Monday Morning Boys (MMB)



We survived! Yes, Lodge #1079 has survived two hurricanes this year. This hearty group of Volunteers removed many truck loads of debris in addition to cutting up a major tree that fell. We certainly could use more hands. You do not have to be skilled, just able to hold a trash bag or pick up a twig. Did you know that we range in age from low 70's to 93? Yes, and that man was there to help cleanup the property.

You will like the group if you decide to come out and work with us for a couple of hours some Monday. Try it!! We really need a few extra hands.

Our team constantly sets up Bingo, trims and blows off the property, repair minor electrical and plumbing in addition to whatever turns up. Much like your home.

Wishing the team a great Holiday and New Year.

Schim

Elks Memorial Service on Sunday, December 4 at 1:30 PM. this is a celebration of life for Lodge members who passed on from last December to date. The celebration will be held at the Lodge and will be followed by refreshments in the pub.

December 3rd & 17th

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

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Elk's December Birthdays

03 Stone, Foy	20 Marshall, Cherry
06 Duffy, Georgia	21 Board, Prudy Taylor
06 Laudicina, Lorraine	21 Dunafon, Carol
07 Brown, Nancy	22 Scott, Valentina E
07 Moffitt, Janice A	22 Stewart, Gail
07 Woolgar, William	24 Crowder, Sharon
08 McCoy, William David	25 Dieffenderfer, James
09 Smyrock, Susan	25 Hoenstine, Debbie
10 Cheney Sr, John V	25 Kornbrust, Cynthia
10 Kane, Chris	25 Layland, Laverna
10 Ries, Brenda S	25 Phelps, Vickie Smith
10 Shasteen, Tawnya	25 Schyberg, Mary Lou
11 McJunkins, Melody L	26 Davies, Patricia P
12 Lucas, Thomas	26 Szabo, Nancy J
12 Slaughter, Logan Colby	27 Auditore, Irene C
13 Callan, Patrick	27 DeGusipe, Todd M
13 Nabors, Diana E	28 Tedrow, Steven Roy
15 Roth, Shirley Jean	31 Gazil, Raymond
18 Connor, Richard J	31 Ouellette, Bernard
19 Elias, Ernie E	



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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February 2022

Pat Davies, In Memory of William Davies

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DID YOU KNOW?

- She was born on December 26, 1935 in Roanoke Rapids, NC, a small mill town on the Roanoke River
- She graduated from PS Dupont High School and moved to Wilmington, Delaware with her Mother.
- She met and married her husband while living in Wilmington
- She was Office Manager for the Philadelphia baseball team for 15 years, and was there in October 1980 when the Phillies won the World Series (It was only \$20 for a ticket to the game at that time!!)
- She and her husband Bill later moved to Florida

If you haven't guessed already, "she" is our own remarkable Pat Davies! The years spent in Philadelphia were very special. In addition to playing a key role with the Phillies,

Pat made friends with many of the players. "We were friends with Phillies team members Pete Rose, Larry Boa, Mike Schmidt and Greg Luzinski. We often socialized with them and their wives," said Davies. Pat & Bill had two children, Sheryl and Wayne. Sheryl passed away 3 years ago unexpectedly from a heart attack. Wayne lives in Ft. Wayne, Indiana and is an accountant as well as a part time minister for his church. Pat has four grandchildren.

Pat first got involved with Orlando Elks #1079 when she and her husband, who was a World War 2 Veteran, relocated to Central Florida in 1981. Pat said, "after the Phillies were sold, it seemed like a perfect time to move to Florida." Pat has been a Doe for 20 years and an Elk for 18 years. "It was when my husband reached out to the VA that we first became involved with the Lodge, and he became an Elk. Because of their military service, Bill and Mike McClay became good buddies. Mike and I are still good friends". Pat has many hobbies and interests including baking (have you ever tasted her delicious pineapple upside-down cake?), gardening, dancing, playing cards, and the Elks and Veterans.

Pat's big passion these days is the Edgewood Children's Ranch, where she helps at risk youth and their families by fundraising for the Ranch. "The Ranch gets no federal funds, so we keep them going with local fundraising activities. I've been there with them for 40 years, and was there for their very first fundraising auction. In fact, if it hadn't been for COVID, 2022 would have been my 41st!" Pat is a real asset to our community and our Lodge. At the lodge she has held a variety of leadership positions and continues to make a difference at our Lodge every day.



Mrs. Ruth Elizabeth Opitz



Ruth E. Opitz, 87, of Springfield, TN, passed away on November 13, 2022. She was born to parents Jacob Dorn and Amelia Rogoski on August 4, 1935, in Lansing, MI.

She enjoyed trips to the beach, fishing of any kind, activities at the senior center, volunteering or as a participating member of Parents With-

out Partners, Orlando, FL; Elks Lodge 1097's Does Drove #66, Orlando, FL; The Robertson County Senior Center, Springfield, TN, active member; and Springfield First United Methodist Church, Springfield, TN, church member.

Ruth met John A. Opitz while participating in activities at Parents Without Partners. They were married in Orlando, FL. John brought nine children into the marriage, and Ruth added her four. He predeceased her in 2004

Ruth is also predeceased by her daughter, Christine Jackson; and survived by her brother, John Dorn (Pat), St. Joseph, MI, and her other three children: Cathy Burlile (Ron), Springfield TN; Carolyn Staup (Ed), Springfield, TN; and Carl Ferland, Apopka, FL. Also by her grandchildren: Robert Simon (parent, Cathy Burlile); Carrie Dean (parent, Carolyn Staup); Jennifer Ward (parent, Carolyn Ward); Collin Ferland, (parent, Carl Ferland); Cassie McDermond (parent, Christine Jackson); Corey Jackson (parent, Christine Jackson). As dearly loved by her were all of her great grandchildren; step-children, step-grandchildren, and step-great grandchildren.

The family has entrusted Loomis Funeral Home with the arrangements. A visitation is scheduled for November 21, 2022, from 10AM to 11 AM with services immediately following. Loomis Funeral Home located at 420 W Main St, Apopka, FL.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Does Drove #66, Primrose Avenue, Orlando, FL; The Robertson County Senior Center, 601 Locust St, Springfield, TN 37172; Springfield First United Methodist Church, 511 S Oak Street, Springfield, TN 37172 where donations can be made online on the church's webpage or Facebook page.



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James Diefenderer

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December

Happy Hanukkah

Merry Christmas

BURGERS 'N' MORE TEAM SCHEDULE		
DATE	TEAM COLOR	TEAM MEMBERS
December		
12/3/2022	White	Jossie Havens, Rob DeWitz, Trudy Harold
12/17/2022	Gold	Larry Lockwood, Phil Finlay, Bob Finlay

All teams are placed on a rotating basis. Team Captains are responsible for obtaining coverage if they have a scheduling conflict. Please contact Larry Lockwood with any questions or concerns. Cell 321-436-6128 FOP93@yahoo.com

MEETINGS

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