



Antler Bulletin

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

A Fraternal Organization / Lodge Founded in 1907
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 we look back at 2022, it has been something of a challenging year for our Lodge, and still we have had many wonderful accomplishments. Here are a few:

- Added more than thirty new members
- Resumed a full activities schedule
- Raised funds for and hosted events for Downs Syndrome Association, the Russell Home for Atypical Children, Primrose Center, Soldier's Angels, Visually Impaired Veterans, Edgewood Children's Ranch, Girl Scout Troop 1015, scholarships for Florida Elks Youth Camp in Umatilla, and others
- Hosted the incoming officers of the Florida State Elks Association and representatives of the five other lodges in our district and others
- Trustee Carmen Rivera was named 2022 Elk of Year for the District
- Our lodge achieved second place in charitable work in the district
- Continued to improve our lodge by replacing carpeting in the ballroom, offices, and pub.
- Received donations for a new kitchen grill, music entertainment and charitable organizations
- Hired a cook
- Improved the wages of our staff and adjusted to minimum wage requirements
- Reimplemented pub bingo and the Queen of Hearts game
- Opened our doors to residents and patrons of the Milk District
- Implemented a kitchen inventory process and coordinated purchasing system
- Held a town meeting of our members and conducted a survey
- Improved WiFi and computer operations
- Secured Grants for veterans' projects

Yet, with all these positive efforts, we are still coming up short on needed operating funds, largely due to economic

inflation and huge hikes in our electrical bill as well as a drop off in event attendance and the lingering effects of the pandemic.

Our cash reserves remain strong but are nearly all restricted funds. Patronage is steadily increasing; however, to assure a stable future, we are planning some modest changes in operations - a slight increase in drink prices, elimination of free refills; availability of snacks for purchase in the bar, and, for the remainder of this fiscal year, all event fundraisers will benefit Lodge. We appreciate generous donations from several of our Lodge members and encourage you to make donations whenever you can. Please visit the Lodge often and enjoy the company of our wonderful members. A relatively new member recently said, "The best thing I did all year was join this Lodge."

We are deeply grateful to the many volunteers who carry out the work of the Lodge and to those who steadfastly support Lodge activities. We look forward to seeing you often in the new year - at dinners and dances, karaoke, fundraisers, burgers and more, Saturday game day, special events, and just relaxing in the Pub.

May God bless you and keep you safe, happy, and healthy in the coming year.

Best regards,

Your Officers and Trustees

Donna Hoffman, Larry Lockwood, Jossie Havens, Pom Moonguakleng, Christina Atkinson, Maria Motes (Secretary pro tem), Roger Bristol, Georgia Duffy, Pam Odom, Sarita Schuck, Richard Ballerino, Victor Berrios, Rob Dewitz, Jody Richards, Carmen Rivera

Welcome New Members



DOES CORNER

Goodbye 2022 and Welcome 2023. Congratulations to our 2023 Officers, Kim Casey President, Maria Morales Treasurer/ Secretary, Junior Counselor Beth Ankney, Senior Counselor Diane Politi, First Counselor Gloria Krasovec, Betty Garcia Chaplin, Inner Guard Helen Lipert and Sue Lebruno as flag bearer. Installation of officers will be January 16th at 1pm. The Does Adopted 2 kindergarten classes for Christmas a total of 40 students. Each student received a Christmas gift bag with a pair of PJ's, a toy and a coloring book and crayons. What a great way to end the 2022 year! Great Job Ladies. Make it a great year! Remember community, charity, patriotism, loyalty, and love.

Your Orlando
Drove #66 2023 President

Kim Casey



JANUARY DOES' BIRTHDAYS

1/16 Linda Begley
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1/23 Maxine Drozda



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VETERAN'S COMMITTEE

VIST

On Tuesday, December 13, we hosted 71 Veterans and Caregivers for the annual Vision Impaired Veterans Luncheon. The outpouring of Elk volunteer support for this event was awe-inspiring! Many thanks to them all. Pat Davies and Amy Story were the smiling faces to greet each attendee. Don Simon, Thila Gerber, Lisa Leighty and Tony Schiappa arranged the room to accommodate wheelchairs and seeing-eye dogs; they also helped to plate and serve meals along with Victor Berrios, Jody Richards, Tom Lucas and Gail Stewart. Donna Hoffman and Terry Snyder served the iced tea and made sure water glasses stayed full. A big thank you to Carol Adams for preparing the delicious meal and providing the desserts!

Mike McClay emceed the event along with Donna Hoffman and introduced members of the VA Visual Impairment Services Team (VIST), Monica Santana and Dylan Buhain. (Dylan's 10-year-old son and a friend of his help set the tables, and later handed out Christmas stockings they had made themselves.) Mike was awarded a beautiful wooden flag, made by Elk Hal Hatmaker, for his years Chairing the annual event. Lisa Leighty was also given a gift to thank her for her continued one-on-one support to the men of the VA CLC at Lake Nona.

David Wiggs was on hand and provided Christmas carols, patriotic songs, and dance music as only David can do – dressed as Santa.

And, of course, Betty Mosier tended bar for us all!

We raffled off 10 special items donated by AARP and the lodge provided Christmas stockings to all. The VA provided guests with blankets and t-shirts. Monica Santana

said, "We have really enjoyed today and appreciate all that your lodge has done and continues to do for our VIST veterans....you have no idea how much it means to them to be here today."



Lake Baldwin & Lake Nona CLC's

We had two card-writing sessions at the lodge December 3 and December 14. Thank you to our volunteers: Amy Story, David Wiggs, Aubie Dingwell, Trudy Harold, Jossie Havens, Carmen Rivera, Victor Berrios and Tom Lucas. Thanks to their efforts, 300 isolated veterans at the Lake Baldwin CLC received a beautiful Christmas card.

Our lodge collected games, socks, t-shirts, toothpaste, shampoo and other personal items, and Lisa Leighty took them to the Lake Nona CLC. Lisa was able to visit the veterans there and took them Little Debbie Christmas Cakes and Peppermint ice cream.

Diane Politi

Orlando Elks 1079 Veterans Committee Chair

DAVID DUB-YAH'S JUKEBOX LIVE

(Well, mostly live)



HAPPY NEW YEAR! WAHOO! OK, OK, that's enough of that! On the first Friday this month, please join us in the pub about 5:30 for dance and listening 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!

I have no idea what food will be available from 5:30 to 7 but 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. Do remember to take care of our bartender who works really, REALLY hard to keep us happy.

David Wiggs

Chaplain's Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR! The future is your story to write....make 2023 the best one yet.

Wishing you a Happy New Year and blessed year ahead. May God's light guide your way in 2023.

"May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed."-- Psalm 20:4

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

God Bless the USA!!

Pam Odom,
Chaplain



ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

♪♪ And A Happy New Year! 🎉

January is a good time for reflections on last year's good deeds, and the repetitive "this year I will lose weight" resolution. The weight comes, the weight goes, but being socially active, and volunteering once a month with our friends at the Lodge is perfect (just what the doctor ordered) for our mental health.

Let's get right into our January events

- **JANUARY 2023** is \$1.00 Membership Application Fee month. Please invite your friends and family by giving them a tour of Lodge1079.
- **January 24th Tuesday and January 25th Wednesday** is the Law Enforcement Brotherhood Drive. Volunteering? Please contact Larry Lockwood or Carmen Rivera to sign up.
- **Dance to TONY VALLE Friday January 27th 7 - 10 pm**, after the 6 pm steak/chicken dinner.

The Activities/Events Committee is always open to your ideas. Please feel free to communicate them to our committee volunteers listed on the back of our monthly Antler.

Please visit our website www.orlandoelks.com, then click on the information.Calendar for the weekly activities. Remember to click on the event and you will see a drop-down menu with further information.

Jossie Havens

Volunteer #1079

Monday Morning Boys (MMB)



Hey, it is a new year! We are all excited to see what this year brings to us. You too can join the fun and help the MMB's as we start another year. We meet every Monday morning around 9 AM or earlier for some, come when the time is right for you.

Last year, we:

Cut down a few dead trees, trimmed a lot of trees, raked a ton of leaves, cut the grass regularly, fixed a few lights, worked on plumbing issues, set up bingo weekly, hung the Christmas decorations, shampooed the carpet, cleaned out some storage areas, painted a little, ALWAYS, had time to gather around the pub table discussing current events!

Come join us . . .

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Elks of the Month

January 2023

Visually Impaired Veterans Holiday Luncheon Volunteers

This month we celebrate the work of all the Elks who volunteered to help at the Holiday Luncheon for Visually Impaired Veterans. This lovely event was held in the Lodge dining room on December 13th. Nearly 60 veterans and their caregivers including canine companions enjoyed a wonderful lunch prepared by chef Carol Adams. Diane Politi chaired the event ably assisted by Mike McClay, Lisa Leighty, Pat Davies and others. David Wiggs provided music and entertainment. Pat Davies and Amy Story greeted the guests as they arrived. Christina Atkinson, Thila Gerber, Donna Hoffman, Tony Schiappa, Victor Berrios, Gail Stewart, Jody Richards and others helped to serve and clear. The veterans received gifts from the VA and from our Lodge. This heartwarming event was deeply appreciated by all who attended. Many thanks to Diane and our cadre of Elks who made it possible.

ELK OF THE MONTH 2023

January Visually Impaired Veterans Holiday Luncheon
Volunteers

Elk's January Birthdays

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 01 Janet E. Brewer | 16 Millicent Dewitz |
| 02 Imar Dacunha | 16 Lambros Theodoredis |
| 04 Bertha S. VanZant | 16 Lily A. Turchon |
| 05 Bonnie Belford | 17 James Robertson |
| 05 Guillermo Navarro | 18 Robert Long |
| 06 Michael J. Miller | 19 Roberte Francis |
| 07 Laura Busque | 19 Betty Lombardi |
| 08 Richard Ballerino | 22 Constine Jenkins |
| 08 Jeanne M. Kropf | 23 Maxine Drozda |
| 08 Rigo Rodriguez | 23 Mary Ann Salerno |
| 09 Sara Hazzard | 25 Roland Funes |
| 10 Dale E. Magee | 26 Rose (Roxy) Santiago |
| 10 Anthony R. Nosse | 27 Marc Davis |
| 12 Martha Isabel Cadavid | 27 Eugene Pauldine |
| 12 Richard Hoover | 27 Jacob J. Story |
| 15 David Adams | 29 Alberto Sanchez Defuentes |
| 15 Victor M. Berrios | 30 Michael Cohn |
| 15 Jane Davis | 31 Joanne G. Jones |
| 15 Aubie W. Dingwell | |



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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Name: _____

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Antler Boosters

February 2022

Pat Davies, In Memory of William Davies

January 7th & 21st

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Today's Date _____

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State _____

Lodge Number _____

Lodge Membership Number _____

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January - June 2023		
<u>DATE</u>	<u>TEAM COLOR</u>	<u>TEAM MEMBERS</u>
January		
1/7/2023	Purple	Richard Ballerino, Richard Hochreiter.
1/21/2023	Blue	Dave & Karen Staub, Jody Richards
February		
2/4/2023	Red	Roger Bristol, Pat Davies, Bob Doane
2/18/2023	White	Jossie Havens, Rob DeWitz, Trudy Harold
March		
3/4/2023	Gold	Larry Lockwood, Phil Finlay, Bob Finlay
3/18/2023	Purple	Richard Ballerino, Richard Hochreiter.
April		
4/1/2023	Blue	Dave & Karen Staub, Jody Richards
4/15/2023	Red	Roger Bristol, Pat Davies, Bob Doane
May		
5/6/2023	White	Jossie Havens, Rob DeWitz, Trudy Harold
5/20/2023	Gold	Larry Lockwood, Phil Finlay, Bob Finlay
June		
6/3/2023	Purple	Richard Ballerino, Richard Hochreiter.
6/17/2023	Blue	Dave & Karen Staub, Jody Richards



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

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Esteemed Leading Knight
Esteemed Loyal Knight
Esteemed Lecturing Knight
Secretary
Treasurer
Esquire
Chaplain
Inner Guard
Tiler
Trustee (1 Yr)
Trustee (2 Yr)
Trustee (3 Yr)
Trustee (4 Yr)
Trustee (5 Yr)
Presiding Justice
Mediator
Organist

Donna Hoffman
Larry Lockwood
Jossie Havens
Pom Pom Moonguaklang
Rose Mullen
Christina Atkinson
Roger Bristol
Pam Odom
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Georgia Duffy
Jody Richards
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Victor Berrios
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Rob Dewitz
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Steven Michael
Vacant

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Gloria Krasovec
Diane Politi
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Helen Lippert
Sue Lebruno

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LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

(Includes the former Activities, Decorating, and Band committees)
Diane Callen, Rob Dewitz, Aubie Dingwell, Trudy Harold, Jossie Havens,
Cheryl Melvin, Pam Odom, Jody Richards, Denise Russell,
Amy Story, Diane Politi

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Pam Odom, Larry Lockwood, Amy Story

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Carmen Rivera

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Donna Hoffman



MEETINGS

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

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