

# 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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#### A MESSAGE FROM THE EXALTED RULER



In a treatise titled "The Crisis" and published in 1776, Thomas Paine wrote that "These are the time that try men's souls".

Our Lodge and its membership now find themselves having to adjust to very trying times and changed realities in the way that we have always led our lives or conducted our business that would have been

unimaginable a few short months ago.

The first reality is that the fight against Covid-19 has not yet been won and is apparently far from over. More people are becoming infected, more are being hospitalized, and more people continue to die each and every day of the week. By way of example, Florida cases have risen five-fold in the past two weeks alone.

The second reality is that the very existence of the virus and the lack of any foreseeable end to the threat which it poses has left a good many of our members concerned, shaken and frightened. These folks are understandably unwilling to risk becoming infected with the virus by visiting our lodge, or any other place of business open to the public with the possible exception of their doctors and grocers. Ironically, many of those who choose to venture out in public still resist the use of face masks and ignore social distancing requirements.

The third reality is that many Elks lodges and other fraternal organizations throughout the country are on the verge of economic collapse. Unemployment is at an all-time high and household budgets are in chaos. Many businesses are failing, and many others are on the brink of going under. I don't think we may expect any real change insofar as this particular reality is concerned until and unless a vaccine for the virus has been developed and made available to the public.

As anyone of our members who has either visited our Lodge or attended a board or committee meetings over the past several months already knows, our Lodge has not remained untouched by these realities. We were unable to open at all between March 15 and June 1, and

while we did open both the pub and restaurant on a limited basis in early June, bar patronage is but a fraction of what it once was and member turnout when we've offered Friday night meals has also been very poor. Attendance at our public bingo games on Monday nights, an activity which has historically been of significant financial benefit to the Lodge and the charities which it supports, has been low, and the cost of the supplies which are consumed when bingo is played has gobbled up a good portion of the little profit that would have otherwise been realized.

As anyone who has ever attempted to run a business knows only all too well, the absence of patronage means the absence of income. The absence of income means the inability to pay our bills. And, at the end of the day, the inability to pay ones bills ultimately means insolvency.

Over the past several months, we have found that it actually costs less in the way of overhead expense to keep the Lodge closed that it does to open it up. That basically means that we are like to run out of money more rapidly if we remain open during those conditions that currently prevail than we will by closing up shop until such time as those conditions improve.

At the present time, our Lodge has sufficient cash reserves to make it through the remainder of the fiscal year without having to tap into its restricted savings accounts, a process which would require us to obtain advance approval from the Grand Lodge. At the same time, simple common sense dictates that we conserve those funds to the maximum extent possible against the possibility that the crisis with which we are trying to deal does not come to and end as soon as we might like.

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Please Congratulate
Elk of the Month
LARRY LOCKWOOD

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A Message from the Exalted Ruler

Accordingly, your board of directors has determined that it is in the best interest of the Lodge as well as its members to close both our bar and restaurant during the two-month period commencing on July 1, 2020 and ending on August 31, 2020. We will remain open for public bingo on Monday and for Burgers & More on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

Hopefully, my next message to you all will contain better news!

John V. Baum
Exalted Ruler

#### BURGERS MORE - JULY 2020 TO DECEMBER 2020

| MONTH     | TEAM COLOR | TEAM MEMBERS                            |
|-----------|------------|---|
|           |            |   |
| July      | TEAM       |   |
| 7/4/20    | Red        | Roger Bristol & Jodi Richards           |
| 07/18/20  | Grey       | Steve & Anne Coffin                     |
|           |            |   |
| August    | TEAM       |   |
| 08/01/20  | Gold       | Larry Lockwood, Phil Finlay, Bob Finlay |
| 08/15/20  | Purple     | Richard Ballerino & Richard Hochreiter  |
|           |            |   |
| September | TEAM       |   |
| 09/05/20  | White      | John Baum, Josie Havens                 |
| 09/19/20  | Red        | Roger Bristol & Jodi Richards           |
|           |            | - C                                     |
| October   | TEAM       |   |
| 10/03/20  | Gold       | Larry Lockwood, Phil Finlay, Bob Finlay |
| 10/17/20  | Grey       | Steve & Anne Coffin                     |
|           | •          |   |
| November  | TEAM       |   |
| 11/07/20  | Purple     | Richard Ballerino & Richard Hochreiter  |
| 11/21/20  | White      | John Baum, Josie Havens                 |
|           |            |   |
| January   | TEAM       |   |
| 12/05/20  | Red        | Roger Bristol & Jodi Richards           |
| 12/19/20  | Grey       | Steve & Anne Coffin                     |
|           |            |   |
|           |            |   |

All Teams are scheduled 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

### **DOES CORNER**

We are sad to announce Doe Beverly Gerken passed away on June 11th. She was a dedicated Doe for about thirty-nine years. She served as Doe Treasurer for five years and also composed the Doe Corner for several years. Beverly was a compassionate, loving and dedicated Doe who will be missed immensely. Her humble smile spoke vol-umes to all who knew her. Funeral services are scheduled for June 25th(location not known at time of this writing). May Beverly Rest in Peace. Prayers go out to her husband Hank and all her family.

Beverly Hallstrom had a stroke and is at Palm Gardens SNF for rehabilitation. She is coming along nicely. Cards may be sent to her home. Our prayers are with her.

An informal Does meeting was held June 2nd in the Elks Pub. The Does approved two checks for charities: Edgewood Children's Ranch and the Russell Home. Our next meeting will be held July 7th from 1-3 P.M. in the Elks Pub according to availability, with social distancing and Covid-19 compliance.

We miss everyone and hope you are all happy and safe. God bless you all.

### Sally Schlichenmaier

### **July Birthdays:**

Nora Piepho 7/2 Kimberly Casey 7/2 Johnina Colman 7/7 Paulette Carter 7/8 Takaki Fahey 7/9 Deborah Golman 7/11 Lillian Velez 7/14 Betty Basila 7/16 Helen Lippert 7/16 Jo Blair 7/19 Linda McKinnon 7/23 Doris Bee 7/25 Madge Hicks 7/25 Rita Husmann 7/26 Gloria Krasovec 7/31





## Elk of the Month

## LARRY LOCKWOOD

This month's Elk of the Month is the only member of our Lodge whom I am aware of who plays the bagpipe! If you are unacquainted with the bagpipe or unfamiliar with the sound it produces, see below:





The gentleman to whom I refer, of course, would be Larry Lockwood, a Trustee and Member of our Board of Directors who is also a Past President of the Orange County Sheriff's Chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police, and a Pipe Major for the Orange County Sheriff's Pipes & Drum Corps. Larry has also chaired our House Committee in years past and currently oversees the operation of our Burgers & More teams. He is generous to a fault and will be more than happy to play his pipes for you for the modest sum of \$5.00. (He will be even happier to stop playing them for an additional \$100.00). I have been told by his wife Barbara that Larry is also an even-tempered man of good judgment. I can say without reservation from my own per-sonal knowledge that he is also a valued member of our Board of Directors, and it has been my good privilege to work with him on Lodge matters for a very long time. Larry, thanks for all that you have done for the Lodge over the years!







| VE LOVE OUR BOOSTERS! O: ANTLER BULLETIN BOOSTER CLUB | \$20 per year, effective<br>Jan. 2013 per name or<br>couple's names.     |  |
|---|--|--|
| MOUNT:  | Make check payable<br>to Orlando Elks Lodge                              |  |
| Tame:   | Please drop check or cash in Secretary's Office (or door slot if closed) |  |

## **Antler Boosters**

Sept. 2019
Helen Lippert
Oct. 2019
Carmen Acevedo
Pat Davies
Don Simon
Beth Ankney in memory
of Jim Ankney

Nov. 2019

Mike & Sue LeBruno

Dec. 2019

Coleman and Pat Grant

Feb. 2020

Betty Ann Cheek in memory of Johnny Cheek

March 2020

Coleman & Pat Grant Josephine Blair in memory of Dwight Blair

## Gift Baskets by Pat "A basket for every occasion!"



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## Monday Morning Boys MMB's

The MMB's are back on the job. Most of the crew anyway. This rain keeps the lawn green...but also requires cutting.

We can always use an extra hand. Many small paint jobs, plumbing, light electrical jobs await us. You never know what pops up each week...but be assured we will find something for you.

Oh, did I mention that this is a great group of guys? Getting together is the best part...Yes, social distancing is in order.

Come any Monday....around 9 AM... stay as long as you like..

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## **July Birthdays**

- Steven Michael Ted Rider Donald Simon
- 2 Kimberly Anne Casey
- 3 Danielle Norato
- Jody RichardsKim D. Dummey
- 6 Mary Kuhne
- 7 Marion Leonard James E. Story
- 8 Christina Whitfield
  Atkinson
  Charles Burton
  Dave Droescher
  Barbara Miller
- 12 Alice M. Williams
- 13 Harold R. Hill

- 14 Rudolph J. Fatutta
- 16 Charles S. Jakulewicz
- 18 William Bryant Terry Jay Wickam
- 19 Annie K. Coffin George L. Pouliot
- 20 George Stein
- 21 Michael J. Berg Dale Gillham
- 23 Jeffrey Kohl Lou Ann Powell
- 24 Bette Dealey
- 25 Joseph T. Straub
- 26 Robert Finlay
- 28 David Nicholson
- 29 Barney J. Jenkins



## **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 |  |



Care and Concern
Beverly Halstrom

#### **LODGE OFFICERS – 2020-2021**

Exalted Ruler John Baum Esteemed Leading Knight Ralph Bemos Esteemed Loyal Knight Virginia Akin Esteemed Lecturing Knight Pat Davies Secretary Maria Motes Treasurer Gil Dhennin Esquire Roger Bristol Chaplain Jossie Havens Inner Guard Donna Bemos Tiler Thila Gerber Larry Lockwood Trustee (1 Yr) Trustee (2 Yr) Don Simon Trustee (3 Yr) Jody Richards Turdy Harold Trustee (4 Yr) Trustee (5 Yr) Aubie Dingwell

#### LADIES ASSOCIATION DOES DROVE #66

President Lillian Velez
First Counselor Glorida Krasovec
Senior Counselor Sally Schlichenmaier
Junior Counselor Kimberly Casey
Secretary Beverly Hallstrom
Treasurer Maria Morales
Chaplin Betty Garcia

#### PAST EXALTED RULER ASSOCIATION

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

LODGE ADVISOR: Jody Richards
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
Sheldon Brook

#### **ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

Aubie Dingwell, Chairman, Trudy Harold, Secretary Jossie Havens

#### DECORATING COMMITTEE

Trudy Harold, Chairman, Pat Strickland Patricia Davies, Monica Woolgar

#### BAND COMMITTEE

Jody Richards, Ralph Bemos

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS

**COMMITTEE** Carmen Acevedo

#### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Mike McClay

#### **VETERANS COMMITTEE**

Lisa Leighty, Pat Davies, Don Simon

#### FACILITIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Robert Schimmelpfennig, Chairman, Richard Hochreiter

#### EVENT COORDINATOR

Carmen Acedvedo

#### **AUDITING & ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE**

Billie Hutson, Chairman, Gail Kent. Tom McGovern

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

William M. Smith, Michael R. McClay, Dale Schmitt

#### **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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#### **PUB AND DINING ROOM HOURS**

(Check Center Calendar for Dinner Times Entertainment and Other Special Events)

|       | PUB                 | DINING ROOM         |
|-------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 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   | Special events only | Special events only |

PLEASE RESPECT THE BARTENDER'S REQUEST TO VERIFY YOUR ELIGIBILITY TO PURCHASE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, AS WE WILL FOLLOW THE RULES

Secretary's Office Hours: Closed Sat., Sun. Open 10:30 a.m. Mon.—Fri.

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