



TALLAHASSEE ELK LODGE #937
BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS



ANTLERS

August 2003

MESSAGE FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Comments from the ER . . . Chapter 5. August is on us again and its time for me to try and come up with more words of wisdom for this column. Easier said than done I assure you. Maybe I'd be better off if I was one of those ERs who foisted the job off on the Secretary or newsletter editor. I have a feeling though that neither Margie or Julia would be too thrilled if I tried that little trick.

July brought us some real highs and lows. On the plus side, we had a very successful lobster dinner and dance following, compliments of Lew, Ada, Rick, Denise, Jerry, Denny, Bobbi, and several other helpful volunteers. If you missed it, you missed a great meal and a good time. We plan to give it another go in October, so you'll have another chance then.

Work has begun in earnest on the Lodge beautification projects. A job VERY well done to those of you who have joined in so far. Your efforts are really beginning to show. A big thanks also to those of you who have signed up to help, but have not yet begun.

Lodge members recently voted to start work on the lounge renovation project. Plans are finalized, equipment has been ordered, and volunteers have been lined up. Work should be started and completed in August. Obviously, lounge users will experience some inconvenience for a few days, but we're convinced it will be worth it once the new bar is in place.

My last point could be a high or a low, depending on your point of view. As most of you are now aware, effective July 1, the entire Lodge became a non-smoking facility. I know there are some of you out there who think I'm the devil incarnate for putting this policy in place. There are also many of you who feel this decision was the best thing to come along since sliced bread. I was warned when I took office that before my year was over, half of you would hate me and half of you would think I did a decent job. Who knew it would only take three months for this to happen!

That about closes Chapter 5. I hope you'll stick around to see what exciting new trouble I can get into and report on in the September Antlers.

Paul Cornish
Exalted Ruler

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Greetings from the Secretary. The end of August is fast approaching and so is the return of the students and FOOTBALL. For all that have enjoyed the lesser traffic, get ready to leave earlier and be sure to take your blood pressure medication well in advance of departure time.

The Rest of the Story. Indeed, I did receive a phone call from an 83 year-old lady who called to say that she had seen the sign on Park Avenue that the Elks cleaned the Avenue. She called to report that there was a dead squirrel that she had placed on a retaining wall and could we please dispose of it. I thanked her for noticing that the Elks were civic-minded but that we (Tom Walden to be exact) removed the trash but that the City was responsible for removal of road kill but that I would be glad to report it for her. We only do road kill when it is Pig Roast time.

Put the date of August 5th on your calendar and plan to be here for Vice President Dave Nicholson's visit. Lew will surely be in the spotlight with fine groceries and we will be meeting at 7:30 rather than 7:00 PM. This allows a little more time for the Lake City Elks to get here in time. If you can help in the dining room, don't wait for Jerry to ask you, contact him and volunteer. His corner office is in the poolroom.

The efforts of those names on the "Chart" are really showing. Is your name there? Your help is needed.

See you at the Lodge.

Marjorie Harvey, Secretary

QUARTERLY MEETING IN UMATILLA AUGUST 8-9

At the Florida State Elks Association Headquarters, the August quarterly meetings will be held August 8-9. A copy of the agenda is posted on the bulletin board at the Lodge. These meetings are open to all Elks in Florida.



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| 1 | John J Hurst | 20 | Tracey A Austin |
| 3 | Linda B Powell | | William M Corley Jr |
| | Herbert J Seckel | | Charles G Hurst Jr |
| 5 | William Quayle | | B F Thomas |
| 6 | Thomas S Vlasak | 21 | Richard Diffenderfer |
| 7 | Phroncine Wright | | Frank Loney |
| 8 | Cecil O Lett Sr | | Sandra Nagy ← |
| 10 | Henry L Koenig | 22 | William Keith White |
| | John C Williams | 23 | Lacy Smith |
| 11 | Donald Magruder | | Hayward Walker |
| 12 | Kenneth Gay | 24 | Billy D Hatcher |
| | Walter P Godfrey | 25 | Tom Fahlbusch ← |
| 13 | B David Stanwick | | Gary L Smith |
| 14 | Jan Thorburn | 26 | Merle Manzi |
| 15 | Larry C Malone | | C Mark Robinton |
| 17 | Bobbie Cox | 27 | Keith Bosenberg |
| | Harry Roberts | | Claude Pepper Cash |
| 18 | Larry S Wolfe | 28 | B R Draughon |
| | Orville C Wright | 29 | Julian H Beane Jr |
| 19 | Timothy P Christie | 30 | William C Tiller |
| | Betty S Kemp | 31 | Ned D Campbell |
| 20 | Arthur S Adams | | Edward J Telander |



FRIDAY NIGHT DINING ROOM VOLUNTEERS

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| August 1 | Rod Stelter & Sue Greeley |
| August 8 | Blue & Gloria Whitaker |
| August 15 | Roy & Marjorie Harvey |
| August 22 | Art & Velma Stone |
| August 29 | Sandra Nagy & Tom Walden |



BINGO KITCHEN CREW

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| August 6 | Nawrocki Crew |
| August 13 | Symons Crew |
| August 20 | Ledig Crew |
| August 20 | Henley Crew |

DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT DAVID NICHOLSON VISITATION ON AUGUST 5TH

Don't forget that North District Vice President, David Nicholson, will be visiting the Tallahassee Lodge for our first meeting in August. The Lodge meeting will be moved from 7:00 PM till 7:30 PM on August 5th to allow us time to share some fellowship and dinner with our friends from the other North District Lodges before the regular meeting.

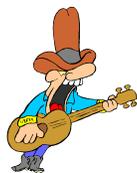
Please try to make a point to join us for a good \$5.00 dinner on Tuesday the 5th, then stick around for the meeting. Dave is a good speaker who does a good job of keeping his comments relative and brief. Spouses are welcome for dinner and for the portion of the meeting during which Dave speaks. Hope to see many of you there.



August Birthdays

Weekend Entertainment

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| August 1 | Ten Gallon Country |
| August 8 | BC Kelley |
| August 15 | Rita Bentley Karaoke |
| August 22 | Ten Gallon Country |
| August 29 | Rod Stelter – The Music Man |





CARIBBEAN NIGHT August 29

A Caribbean-themed buffet will be held in the Ballroom with special music provided by Rod Stelter. Dress as your favorite buccaneer, pirate, wench, etc., as a prize will be awarded to the person with the best costume. Flyers will be posted at the Lodge with additional information.



LEGACY AND MVS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Beginning August 1st, Legacy Scholarship applications will be available online at www.elks.org for completion by high school seniors who are children or grandchildren of Elks. Students must take the SAT or ACT test by December 2003. Florida has been assigned 22 \$1,000 Legacy Awards, so the chances are pretty good to receive one. The Lodge's scholarship chairman, Larry Malone, can also provide a copy of the application form if needed.

The Most Valuable Student Scholarship applications for all high school seniors (you do not have to be a child or grandchild of an Elk to apply) will be available in the Fall. Florida usually receives about 25 of these awards, ranging from \$1,000 to \$15,000. These scholarship awards are given to each winner for four years while the winner is in college.

These scholarships are funded from donations to the Elks National Foundation, and earnings from the Elks National Foundation Trust.

DO YOU HAVE AN ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION CERTIFICATE?

As you read in the above article, the scholarships awarded by the Elks National Foundation are funded by donations to the ENF Trust Fund. The majority of these donations are through the purchase of certificates and annual payments made on those certificates by Elks and other certificate holders. Certificates are available in denominations as low as \$100 – which is paid with a \$10 down payment, and an annual payment of \$10, billed every June. See Larry Malone, or any Lodge officer for an application for a certificate. If you cannot get by the Lodge to pick up an application, call the Lodge secretary and she will mail you one.

HARRY ANNA TRUST FUND

The therapy services provide in-home physical and occupational therapy and our youth camp is a beautiful facility providing outdoor and indoor recreation and camping experiences. Many special children depend on these services. The Harry Anna Trust Fund certificates help us continue these programs.

With your loving support, we can continue our commitment to the youth of Florida. We have the **TOOLS** to make things happen. I encourage all of you to open your heart and purchase a certificate.

Our children are the future. We **CAN** make a difference. If I can be of any assistance to you in your purchase, please call me. Thank you.

Peggy A. Henley, Chairman (224-5994)

SUNDAY BREAKFAST WITH THE ELKS

Scrambled Eggs	Eggs to Order	Sausage
Corn Beef	Bacon	Pancakes
Hash Browns	Sausage Gravy	Biscuits
Grits	Fruit	Coffee
Orange Juice		

Where: Elk's Lodge
When: Sundays
Time: 9:00 – 12:30 PM
Cost: \$4.95 per person + tax



SUNDAY BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

August 3	Rick Peckham
August 10	Tom Nawrocki
August 17	Tom Walden
August 24	Harry Symons
August 31	Volunteers Needed

Contact the Crew Chief (**bolded name**) if you are unable to work on date scheduled.



WISHING WELL COLLECTIONS

During this past month, donations were \$20.50 which have been sent to the Harry-Anna Trust Fund. Donations to the Wishing Well are always appreciated.

LODGE #937 CENTENNIAL

Tallahassee Lodge 937 was instituted, members initiated, officers elected, and installed November 2, 1904. The Grand Lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks granted our Charter July 13, 1905, during the Grand Lodge Session.

The 937 Centennial Committee has started planning our 100th Anniversary. If you have a suggestion or want to help, please contact the Committee by E-mail or leave a memo in the Centennial 2004 box in the Mail Room.

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ROAD CLEAN UP ON PARK AVENUE

The Elks continue to pick up trash once a month on Park Avenue, between Magnolia Drive and Franklin Boulevard. For this chore, the Lodge receives recognition in the form of a sign at each end of Park Avenue mentioned. Notice the signs the next time you are driving on this stretch of Park Avenue.

ELKETT CORNER

The dog days of summer have arrived along with the month of August. Let's all do our best to keep cool, but remain active with our Lodge and Elckett friends. Our August meeting will be on Thursday, August 7th, and our Board meeting will be Thursday, August 21st. We had quite a nice turnout for our July meeting, including a few faces we haven't seen in a while. We encourage all Elketts to make the effort to come out. If you need a ride, let someone know, so you can be picked up. Don't let that stop you from enjoying Lew's great cooking and Elckett friendships. Come on out and join us!

Pam Rocco officiated our July meeting while Betty was out visiting around the country and attending the National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. I'm sure Betty will update us with the news at our August meeting. Thanks for stepping up, Pam! Our prize winners were: Dinner – Margaret Palmer; Raffle Gift – Vivian Hammelman; and President's Gift – Julia Ferrell.

If you turned out for the Lobster Boil on July 12th, you really had a special treat! Many Elks, Elketts, and spouses/friends attended for fabulous food and up-beat music. Thanks to our own BJ Stoudt, Yayo Kahl, Julia Ferrell, Denise Peckham, Dolly Ledig, and others for the great beach theme decorations. We have a lot to look forward to when the Elk/Elckett show opens for the performance and music on February 28, 2004, as **A Day At the Beach**. Denise Mick, BJ Stoudt, and Julia Ferrell are co-chairs for this affair and asked for you to mark your calendar that on August 25th there will be a committee meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend this

meeting which will begin at 7:00 PM. If you have some ideas or want to participate in an act, please go to that meeting.

An update on the Relay for Life. Gloria Whitaker gave us an update that our Elketts and spouses/friends helped to raise over \$1,000 for cancer research. As many of us have family members or friends affected by this tragic disease, we are grateful for everyone's donations towards this worthy cause. Our members active in this event over the Mother's Day weekend were: Gloria & Blue Whitaker, Betty & Earl Irvin; Helen Thornton; Lou Wright; Pam and Rocky Rocco; Carol Bosenberg; Vivian Hammelman; and Sandy and Scott Nagy.

Happy August Birthday to the following Elketts:

August 1	Dolly Ledig
August 3	Nancy Rice
August 4	Sheila Wolfe
August 5	Chris Prescott
August 18	Joyce Dunaway & Debbie Yose
August 29	Joy Walker & Virginia Windham
August 30	Evelyn Mulvaney



Good news about the July 4th cake walk. Over \$130 was raised because everyone wanted to win one of the yummy cakes provided by Elketts and friends: Betty Irvin, Dolly Ledig, Doris Mathis, Marge Peters, Chris Prescott, Marilyn Tabanelli, and Lou Wright. Thanks to Marge Peters for coordinating this winning event, and to her helpers Marilyn Lund and Dolly Ledig.

It is not too late to make plans to attend the FLOE Conference in Daytona Beach (September 25-28). See Betty Irvin for details if you are interested.

Remember to look through your closets, attics, and garages for items to donate to the Garage Sale in October (date to be determined). More info next month.

Please drop your newsworthy notes or suggestions for this article in the Elckett box for future newsletter publication. Tell us what you want to see covered in future issues. This is your Elckett source of information.

Happy and Safe Vacationing to All!!

Marilyn Tabanelli, Corresponding Secretary



ENF STATE GRANTS

In June, the various State Elks associations received one of two grants from the Elks National Foundation. Special Project Grants allow the ENF to provide state associations with the resources to support National programs, expand their existing charitable projects, and explore new initiatives. Most states use the special project grants for scholarship programs or other projects that best extend the Elks' charitable and philanthropic outreach.

In addition, the state associations will receive a second charitable grant from the ENF in August called the State Charities Grant. These grants typically fund state major projects, such as aid for people with disabilities, cancer research, children's hospitals, youth camps and safe havens for abused families. Portions of these grants also fund state Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot and drug awareness programs, as well as other charitable activities.

The amount each state receives through the State Charities Grant program is directly related to the total contributed by donors from that state to the Foundation. Each year, the ENF reserves a lump-sum for this program, which is distributed to the states based on a formula. Each state receives a percentage of the total grant based on its percentage of total cumulative giving and total prior-year giving.

To learn more about these and other grants, visit <http://www.elks.org/env/ourgrants.cfm>.

LOUNGE RENOVATION

For those of you who weren't present at the last Lodge meeting, the Lodge voted to proceed with the Lounge Renovation Project. I am happy to report that work has already begun, materials and equipment have been ordered, and colors chosen. Rick Peckham is heading the project and I'm sure that he will welcome any volunteers that would like to participate in bringing the project to completion. All work will be completed in August. I feel confident that when you see the finished product, you will be proud of your new lounge. On behalf of the Lounge Renovation Committee, I would like to thank all of you who supported us in our effort to improve our Lodge.

Harry Symons



PULLING OUT ALL THE TAPS

Okay, sport's fans – we all know that the season is fast approaching for all of us to gather round the big screen and root for the 'Noles, the 'Canes, or the 'Crocs. We also know – that for now – summer is pulling us on vacations, outdoor excursions, and fun poolside. This is just a friendly reminder that on your way back from the pool (or the in-laws) you can always swing in to your favorite watering hole.

Saturday and Sunday we have golf, baseball, and NASCAR. (And, if Snowball is here, there is always a classic film on TV!) Also, once momentum picks up drink specials and food will return.

So now that summer is pulling you in one direction and baseball is pulling in another, remember the one person who doesn't take sides. Mr. Al Cohol – the one who needs your support year-round.

Kelley

ENTERTAINING STORY

Only a Cajun could think of this, from a south Louisiana parish where drunk driving is considered a sport, comes this true story.

Recently a routine police patrol parked outside a Lafayette Street tavern.

After last call the officer noticed a man leaving the bar so intoxicated that he could barely walk. The man stumbled around the street for a few minutes, with the officer quietly observing.

After what seemed an eternity and trying his keys on five vehicles, the man managed to find his car which he fell into. He was there for a few minutes as a number of other patrons left the bar and drove off.

Finally he started the car, switched the wipers on and off (it was a fine dry night), flicked the blinkers on, then off, honked the horn, and then switched on the lights.

He moved the vehicle forward a few inches, reversed a little and then remained still for a few more minutes as some more vehicles left. At last he pulled out of the parking lot and started to drive slowly down the road.

The police officer, having patiently waited all this time, now started up the patrol car, put on the flashing lights, promptly pulled the man over and carried out a breathalyzer test. To his amazement the breathalyzer indicated no evidence of the man having consumed alcohol at all! Dumbfounded, the officer said, "I'll have to ask you to accompany me to the police station. This breathalyzer equipment must be broken."

"I doubt it," said the man. "Tonight, I'm the designated decoy."