



**TALLAHASSEE ELKS LODGE #937
BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS**



ANTLERS

FEBRUARY 2010

FROM THE ER'S DESK

I was not able to report on the Children's Christmas Party or the Egnog Social in the January Antlers due to the deadline for Antler articles. The Children's Christmas Party was a huge success! BJ Stoudt coordinated this event and I don't know who had more fun – the kids or the adults. There were fun craft tables, Christmas goodie bags, and all sorts of cookies. But, the highlight of the party had to be Coo-Coo the Clown. It was amazing to see Coo-Coo do his magic tricks and the children were absolutely mesmerized. Our webmaster, Bob Thorburn, has posted some really great photographs of this event on our local web site. The Egnog Social was enjoyed by the adults who were in attendance. Thank you to everyone who brought the tasty delights to enjoy with our eggnog, and thank you to all of the officers who helped serve. There are also several nice photographs of this event on our web site.

January was a fun month at the Lodge. It all began with our New Year's Eve party. The Free Wheelin' Band provided wonderful dance music. There was a ton of food and I would like to thank Keith White for all of his hard work preparing the hors-d'oeuvres and the midnight breakfast buffet. New Year's was followed up the next weekend with the Maxine/Max fashion and variety show. For those of you who were in attendance, you must admit that some of our members have a wonderful sense of creativity and humor. It was great to see a show where the Elks and Elketts came together for the entertainment of our members and guests.

Please remember that our first Lodge meeting in February is PER night and 2010 – 2011 officer nominations. It's always entertaining to come to PER night and listen to their stories of years past. You never know what you might hear!

Your ritual team will be preparing and serving a romantic Valentine Dinner in the dining room on Saturday, February 13th. Tickets for this event will be available in the lounge beginning February 1st.
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SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

The lodge covers many items of business this month. Nominations for officers for the next fiscal year are taken at the first meeting in February. Election of officers will occur on February 16th.

Letters are sent to members whose dues are delinquent encouraging those members to keep their membership current. Dues notices to all members should be mailed around the 20th of the month. Contact me if there is anything you need from the Lodge Secretary.

Tom Walden
Secretary

PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

For Membership by Initiation:

Kenneth L. Carlton, proposed by Kenneth A. Carlton, PDDGER (member of Canandaigua NY Lodge #1844)

Richard Vracar, proposed by Ron Brown, PDDGER

- February 2 Balloting**
- February 9 House Committee Meeting**
- February 16 Initiation**
- February 22 PER Meeting**
- February 23 Trustee Meeting**

FRIDAY NIGHT DINING ROOM VOLUNTEERS

- February 5 Bob & Jan Thorburn & Tracey Austin**
- February 12 Tom Walden & Karla Jones**
- February 19 Helen & Bryce Thornton**
- February 26 Lee & Linda Fish**



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 01 Salis, Jr., Raymond P. | 13 Broome, Robert M. |
| Valente, Dennis | 15 Benedix, Courtney R. |
| 03 Browning, Susan B. | 16 Boyett, James E. |
| Hewett, Charles W. | 17 Liles, Bob E. |
| 04 Doss, Dale W. | 18 Doan, Robert H. |
| 06 Bennett, Jr., Philip S. | Tune, Catherine A. |
| 07 Kessler, Townsend D. | Williams, Mary D. |
| 08 Robinson, Bryan | |

The Secretary apologizes for the omission of three birthdays from the January list last month: Harry Symons & Lou Langnehs had a birthday on January 24th and Anthony Viola had a birthday on January 28th. Happy belated birthday, Harry, Lou and Tony!!



BREAKFAST BUFFET ON SUNDAYS

The lodge continues to prepare Sunday breakfast with its reliable groups of volunteer teams. Breakfast is only \$6.50 plus tax, and is a sumptuous buffet with all of your favorite foods. The price includes all the breakfast you want, coffee, milk, and orange juice. Hot tea is available for the asking. There is always adequate seating in the dining room. With the hours from 9:00 a.m. until noon, you can stop on your way to church, or if you catch the early service, cruise in for a late breakfast on your way home. If you are bringing a crowd of eight or more, please call the lodge and alert the kitchen so we can be ready to serve your family and friends when you arrive.

TALLAHASSEE 937 PATRONS

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| Tom Bliss | Joe Ferrara |
| Charles Johnson, Jr. | Jack Shoemaker |
| Juanita Smith | Anonymous |
| Wayne & Cindy Allen | Carol Bosenberg |
| Preston & Georgia Davis | Chuck & Mary Anna Mohr |
| Edith Perrella | Clarence & Eleanor Smith |
| Bryce & Helen Thornton | Laura & Sue Tully |
| Arnie Weand | Bonnie & Keith White |
| Art & Deanne Adams | Kermit & Bernice Daywalt |
| Miriam Roberts | Earl & Betty Irvin |
| Paul & Marilyn Tabanelli | Virginia Singleton |
| Lee & Linda Fish | Annette Lee |

If you would like to be a patron and help offset the cost of the newsletter, it is only \$20.00 for the entire lodge year. See Tom Walden for patron donations.

WISHING WELL DONATIONS

Wishing Well donations to the Harry-Anna Trust Fund for December totaled \$588.50. This is the largest collection in any month and we thanked the Bingo players in January for being so generous. Of course, other donations are made by lodge members and it all totaled up to the nice tidy sum or nearly \$600. The lodge is pleased to make a monthly donation to the Trust Fund and help provide revenue to make Florida's major projects the best in the nation.



ELK HAPPENINGS

News from the Lounge:

Hello everyone. Hope everyone is settling into 2010. It seems like the older I get the faster years go by. Not too much to report from the lounge—kind'a easing into this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members who help make the lounge a success from the Exalted Ruler, our great team of officers, all the bartenders, club manager, patrons, and volunteers who take the time to come in and do anything from cook burgers, heat up lunches on [Saturday](#), change kegs for us, make popcorn, and the most important thing of all to make us laugh and appreciate working for you!!

I would like to welcome our new bartender - Eva. She works on Fridays so please come by and say hello and introduce yourself to her. Just a reminder that Mondays (except for the first one) that we have our burger special night - burger, fries and a beer for ONLY \$5.00. If anyone would like to volunteer one [Monday](#) to cook and serve the burgers the Club would greatly appreciate your help. Please let me know if you are interested in donating some of your valuable time for the Club. The pool tournaments are a great success on Thursdays and the gameroom looks terrific - thanks everyone!! Happy Hour is on Thursdays from 4-8 and on [Friday](#) from 4-9.

Happy Valentine's Day to all and to all a good night!!

Karla Jones
Lounge Manager

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Refuge House

Please remember to only donate those items requested below. All other items you wish to donate should be taken directly to the Thrift Store.

Items requested for January Theme: By The Pound

sugar, flour, peanut butter, rice, pasta, nuts, grits, coffee, chips and snacks, butter, detergent, meat, fruits & vegetables

Valentine Treats

Fraternally,
Linda Fish

**Elks Care - Elks Share
"Together we can make a Difference"**

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There are only 60 tickets available. Please see the separate article in these Antlers for all of the details of the evening.

Finally, I would like to thank the Elketts and Sue Tully for their generous donations to help defray the cost of the new carpet in the dining room and the Children's Christmas Party.

Fraternally yours and at your service,

Jan Thorburn
Exalted Ruler



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RITUAL TEAM!

Our Lodge was judged on the initiation ritual on January 9th. Other lodges in our district did not compete this year; however, Warrington lodge was in the same position in their district and accepted our invitation to come to Tallahassee. The previous three years, our team has traveled outside of our district. In order for a ritual team to move on to the state competition it is mandatory that the team receive a score on the district level. The state contest will be held in May at the state convention at the Disney Coronado Resort.

PER NIGHT IN FEBRUARY

On Tuesday, February 2, 2010, the Past Exalted Rulers will sit in the chairs to conduct our regular Lodge meeting. Everyone looks forward to this evening as many of the PERs relate a story of what happened during their year. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Following the meeting, there will be a reception in the lounge with hors-d'oeuvres provided by the PER Association.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2010-2011

Officer nominations for the fiscal year 2010-2011 will be accepted during the Lodge meeting on February 2nd. Additional nominations will be accepted during the Lodge meeting on February 16th, BUT ONLY FOR THOSE CHAIRS WHERE NO NOMINATIONS WERE MADE ON FEBRUARY 2 (OR IF THE NOMINEE HAS WITHDRAWN). See Section 3.080, Grand Lodge Statutes.

MAKE PLANS FOR YOUR ROMANTIC VALENTINE DINNER

Tickets will be available to purchase on February 1, 2010, for a romantic Valentine Dinner which will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2010, in the dining room. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. for seating and cocktails. Dinner service will begin at 6:30 p.m. All tickets are \$15.00 and will be pre-sold in the lounge. There will be no tickets sold after Thursday, February 11, 2010. There will be tables for 4 or 6 and **only 60 tickets will be sold.**

Wine will be available – either house wine by the glass, or you can arrange to purchase a bottle of wine that night before dinner. The lounge stocks a variety of wines which you can order for dinner including chardonnay, cabernet, and white zinfandel. Bottles of Champaign will be available for purchase, as well. If you want a special wine, please check with our lounge manager, Karla Jones, ASAP, to see if it is a regular stock item, or if we can order it from our suppliers. Wine is ordered once a week, and there are restrictions (minimum order size, only certain brands, etc.) on the order.

Courses are served one at a time, and dinner takes about 1½ hours. The menu is:

**Italian Wedding Soup
Divine Salad with Love Knot Dinner Rolls
Heavenly Chicken Marsala
Exquisite Rosemary Roasted Potatoes
Stuffed Zucchini Love Boats
Luscious Strawberry Shortcake**

SPORTS ROOM NEWS

The Sports Room is really looking good. We have some work left to do. It is a work in progress.

The winners for December and January Pool Tournament are:

12/03/09 Hogie & Bobbie
12/10/09 Chuck & Patty
12/17/09 Lou & Denny

01/07/10 Denny & Charlie B.
01/14/10 Ralph & Charlie B.
01/21/10 Denise & Danny

Who plays golf? We would like to form a scramble each week either Monday or Thursday. We could play at Heldamen which is close to the Lodge or wherever most of you would like to play. Contact Jeff or Hogie so we can make plans.

Thanks to all of you for your participation in the Sports Room.

Chuck, Bobbie & Jeff

LODGE MEMBERS DEPLOYED

Tallahassee Lodge members 1SG Robert Ponder, SSG Bill Yates, SPC John McDonald and associate member SSG Tim Dolan of Panama Canal Lodge 1414 deployed with C Troop, 1st Squadron, 153rd Cavalry, Florida National Guard January 5th. A send off ceremony was conducted at the McMillan National Guard Armory in Tallahassee. Many members of our lodge were present to wish these National Guardsmen well as they deploy and head for Kuwait and Iraq. In addition to these Florida Guardsmen, Lodge member SFC Bobby Broom is presently deployed in Iraq with the Florida National Guard's 779th Engineer Battalion. Keep these five members of Lodge 937 in your thoughts and prayers as they go into harm's way to protect our freedom.

NOTE

937 MEMORABILIA Night is postponed until a date to be determined.

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ELKETT CORNER

Elkett Reunion: The Elkett Reunion was a great success. Here is a little history: On Thursday, February 27, 1958, sixty-three (63) wives of members of Tallahassee Elks Lodge #937 met at Cox Furniture to discuss the forming of a Ladies organization. The purpose of the ladies organization was to assist Elks in their projects and social activities. Charter Membership was closed on April 25, 1958, with one hundred forty-two (142) members. The first officers of the Elketts were installed on May 1, 1958. It was so nice to see everyone and renew acquaintances. Charter member Ethel Ramsey was present and will celebrate her 98th birthday this month. Our thoughts were with our other Charter Member, Margaret Palmer, who fractured her clavicle and was unable to attend. Thanks to everyone for a wonderful evening.

February Is Upon Us: A Nominating Committee was appointed to recommend new officers and directors for 2009-2010. The Nominating Committee consists of Gloria Whitaker, Helen Thornton, Linda Fish, Lou Wright, and Faye McKenna. The Committee will make their report to the membership at our next meeting on February 4. The new officers will be voted on in March and installed along with the new Elk officers in March.

Membership: Helen Thornton recognized our newest Life Member, Carina Beaudoin-Tate, and presented her with her Life Membership pin.

February Birthday Greetings to:

February 3 rd	Yayo Kahl
February 12 th	Cecile Joyner
February 13 th	Kathleen Talantis
February 22 nd	Martha Carrin
February 26 th	Gloria Whitaker
February 27 th	Lou Wright
February 28 th	Bonnie White
February 28 th	Barbara Nettles

Dates to Remember:

Thursday, February 4th – Cookie Exchange - General Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 18th – Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 4 – General Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Election of Officers

Submitted by: Barbara Nettles, Secretary

**QUARTERLY MEETING IN UMATILLA AND
INAUGURAL FLORIDA ELKS STATE BBQ
FESTIVAL
AND PORK RIB COOK-OFF!**

The third quarterly meeting of this Elk year will be held at the Florida Elks Youth Camp in Umatilla on February 5 and 6, 2010. All Elks are invited to attend. There are several board meetings open to all members (FSEA Board, HATF Investment Board, Youth Camp Board, and Therapy Services Board) in addition to other committee meetings. It's an opportunity to meet other Elks in the state and to learn more about how the FSEA organization operates.

The highlight of this weekend is the inaugural Florida Elks State BBQ Festival and Pork Rib Cook-Off. The fun begins Saturday afternoon and has been perfectly timed to take place after the conclusion of the February Quarterly. The festival is being sponsored by Eustis Lodge No. 1578 and all proceeds will be donated to the FSEA charities. The festival opens at 10:00 a.m. and will continue until 5:30 p.m. Elks' Grand Exalted Ruler and his entourage are scheduled to visit in the late afternoon.

**Friday Night Dinner by Chef Rick Peckham
February 26th**

This evening's dinner will be by order only -- no buffet on line and your selections will be as follows:

Ultimate Salad Bar

Main Course Choices:

Roast Beef with Hollandaise Sauce
or
Chicken Imperial

Side Choices:

Jambalaya Soup
Mint Peas and Glazed Carrots
Steamed Broccoli with Cheese
Cajun Style Twice Baked Potato

Dinner Roll

Dessert:

Cherry Cheese Cake

Valentine's Day

When we think of Valentine's Day, we often think of red roses, candy in heart-shaped boxes, mushy valentines, and winged cherubs flying about shooting starry-eyed lovers with arrows. But did you know that the origin of Valentine's Day, or Saint Valentine's Day, comes from the life and death of a Christian martyr? According to author Martha Zimmerman, the date traditionally celebrated as St. Valentine's Day finds

its origin in the Roman festival of romance called Lupercalia, when the gods Juno and Pan were honored. It was a fertility festival or a lover's holiday looking forward to the return of Spring. In the fifth century, in an attempt to abolish the pagan festival, Pope Gelasius changed Lupercalia and its February 15 date to February 14 and called it Saint Valentine's Day. Even though the names and the date were changed, the emphasis continued to be on loved. Who was the real Valentine, and why did he have a day named after him?

Some authorities credit Geoffrey Chaucer with originating the custom of linking Valentine's Day with lovers. No link between the day and lovers exists before the time of Chaucer, thus leading some to conclude that it was this famous English author who connected the day with lovers. The fullest and earliest description of the tradition occurs in Chaucer's "Parliament of Fowls" composed around 1380. Since that time it has been traditional to connect St. Valentine's Day with love.

But who was the real Saint Valentine? St. Valentine was a Roman Christian who, according to tradition, was martyred during the persecution of Christians in the third century by Emperor Claudius II. The only thing certain about the day we remember as St. Valentine's Day is that it commemorates a martyrdom. Claudius II declared all Christians illegal citizens. By his definition, they were guilty of treason because Roman citizens were required by law to worship the Emperor by declaring publicly, "Caesar is Lord!" Of course, this no Christian could do.

The real Valentine was a Roman Christian martyred during the third century A.D. by the Emperor Claudius II. Prior to his death, Valentine continued to minister in prison by witnessing to his prison guards. One of the guards was a good man who had adopted a blind girl. He asked Valentine if his God could help his daughter. Valentine prayed and the girl was given her sight. The guard and his whole family, 46 people, believed in Jesus and were baptized. When the Emperor heard about this he was furious that Valentine was still making converts even in prison, so he sentenced Valentine to death.

Just before being led out to his execution, the young Christian wrote a note to the jailer's daughter, signing it, "From your Valentine." The first valentine was really a Christian witness. Growing out of this story we participate in a custom of sending cards to people we love. Given that the tradition of sending love notes grows out of a letter written by St. Valentine to his jailer's daughter on the eve of Valentine's execution, it's ironic that the card we send has received the emphasis, instead of remembering the content of the original Valentine's card: a message of unconditional devotion to Christ, even upon pain of death. Over time the word "Saint" has been dropped from St. Valentine's Day, further obscuring the origins of this holiday. Instead of a negative reaction to some of the pagan origins of the day, why not celebrate the true love that compelled young Valentine to give up his life? Remember that the day we know as St. Valentine's Day actually commemorates the death of an early Christian martyr, Valentine, who was put to death for refusing to renounce his faith in Christ.

Taken from an article entitled "The Heart of Valentine's Day".

February, 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Lounge Open 4:00 – 10:00 No Monday Night Burger Deal	2 Lounge Open 4:00 – 11:00 Elk Meeting Balloting & Nominat ions PER's sit in chairs 7:00 pm	3 Lounge Open 4:00 – 10:00 Bingo Cooks Foltz's Crew	4 Lounge Open 4:00 – 10:00 Thursday Lunch Elkett General Meeting & Cookie Exchange 6:00 pm	5 Lounge Open 4:00 – 12:00 Friday Night Buffet	6 Lounge Open 11:00 – 8:00 Saturday Lunch
7 Lounge Open 1:00 – 7:00 Elk Breakfast Volunteers Needed 9:00 – 12:00	8 Lounge Open 4:00 – 10:00 Monday Night Burger Deal	9 Lounge Open 4:00 – 10:00 House Committee Meeting 6:00 pm	10 Lounge Open 4:00 – 10:00 Bingo Cooks Cook's Crew	11 Lounge Open 4:00 – 10:00 Thursday Lunch	12 Lounge Open 4:00 – 12:00 Friday Night Buffet Indoctrination	13 Lounge Open 11:00 – 8:00 Saturday Lunch Valentine's Dinner 7:00 pm
14 Lounge Open 1:00 – 7:00 Elk Breakfast Dan McWilliams 9:00 – 12:00	15 Lounge Open 4:00 – 10:00 Monday Night Burger Deal	16 Lounge Open 4:00 – 11:00 Elk Meeting Initiation 7:00 pm	17 Lounge Open 4:00 – 10:00 Bingo Cooks Volunteers Needed	18 Lounge Open 4:00 – 10:00 Thursday Lunch Elkett Board Meeting 6:00 pm	19 Lounge Open 4:00 – 12:00 Friday Night Buffet	20 Lounge Open 11:00 – 8:00 Saturday Lunch
21 Lounge Open 1:00 – 7:00 Elk Breakfast Tom Walden 9:00 – 12:00	22 Lounge Open 4:00 – 10:00 Monday Night Burger Deal PER Meeting 6:00 pm	23 Lounge Open 4:00 – 10:00 Trustee Meeting 6:00 pm	24 Lounge Open 4:00 – 10:00 Bingo Cooks Henley's Crew	25 Lounge Open 4:00 – 10:00 Thursday Lunch	26 Lounge Open 4:00 – 12:00 Friday Night Dinner - by Chef Rick Peckham	27 Lounge Open 11:00 – 8:00 Saturday Lunch
28 Lounge Open 1:00 – 7:00 Elk Breakfast Keith White 9:00 – 12:00						

Tallahassee Elks Lodge 937 Officers

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