



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



ANTLERS



MARCH 2010

FROM THE ER'S DESK

The time has come that I write my 12th and final column as the Exalted Ruler of Tallahassee Lodge No. 937. I have been honored to serve Elkdom in this capacity and extremely blessed by all of the support I received from our members, all of the officers, committee chairs, and the Elketts. I am extremely grateful to my husband, Bob, for his unwavering encouragement, continual hard work, and unbelievable patience. These accolades also apply to my best gal-pal and current Leading Knight, Tracey Austin. Most Exalted Rulers have regrets at this point in time and would do some things differently if given the chance to go back. That's just part of being human; none of us is perfect. All we can ask of anyone is just do the best that you can do! Please continue your support of our lodge, and our local, state and Grand Lodge projects. As we begin our new year, may you always keep in mind that ***"Elks Care and Elks Share"***.

Congratulations to our new slate of elected officers. Tracey Austin is our Exalted Ruler elect and I wish her and all the officers much success for the upcoming year. I am also very pleased that Past Exalted Ruler Keith White has chosen the path as a Trustee of our lodge by accepting a 5-year term in that position. I hope that all of our members will help and support the officers during this next term. It is a tremendous responsibility and they need all of the assistance that we can offer.

Congratulations also go out to Past Exalted Ruler Carl Ledig. He is the endorsed Vice President of the North District and will be installed at the FSEA Convention, which will be held in May at the Disney Coronado Springs Resort. Being District Vice President is an awesome task. It takes an incredible amount of time and dedication. This position will also require the active participation of the members of our lodge, including the State President's visit to Tallahassee early next year.

Welcome to our new members John R. White, Norman E. Carpenter, and Kenneth A. Carlton. I hope that you will visit your lodge often and enjoy
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SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Some members received a reminder notice to pay their dues for the current fiscal year before March 31. We certainly do not want to lose any members because of delinquent dues. Dues notices to all members for the year April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011 have been mailed.

The lodge appreciates your membership and your support of the activities that we do. Should you have a suggestion on other activities that interest you, please let me know. Meanwhile, if there is anything you need from the Lodge Secretary, feel free to contact me.

Tom Walden, Secretary

Propositions for Membership

Membership by Initiation:

Ralph C. Ferrell, Jr. proposed by Ralph C. Ferrell, Sr. PER

- March 2 Balloting**
- March 9 House Committee Meeting**
- March 12 Indoctrination**
- March 16 Initiation**
- March 23 Trustee Meeting**
- March 29 PER Meeting**

IN MEMORIAM

**Kenneth Ayers
Joseph J. Ferrara
Leslie L. Williamson**



BIRTHDAY PARTY!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 03 Cook, Michael D. | 17 McKinnon, Robert P. |
| 05 Miller, William Robert | Perrella, Jean Edith |
| Peck, Bruce A. | 21 Moore, Chris |
| 06 Burdette, Sr., Paul T. | Wright, Thomas G. |
| Walden, Thomas J. | 23 Coxen, Forrest R. |
| 07 Hays, IV, Stokely D. | 24 Cumbie, Benjamin T. |
| 08 Hiatt, Robert E. | 25 Ledig, Carl R. |
| Montague, Winston D. | 27 Farris, Jerry |
| 10 Dubinsky, Frank T. | 28 Kimball, Johnny E. |
| 12 Rosa, Margaret M. | 29 Hartness, Marshall |
| 13 Smoke, Billy Joe | 30 Strickland, Durwood |
| 14 Bosman, Harry C. | 31 Higginbotham, |
| Winn, Stephen R. | Constance |
| 15 Ferrell, Carl E. | Stoudt, Sr., Gene R. |

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 and Cindy Allen | Carol Bosenberg |
| Preston and Georgia Davis | Chuck and Mary Anna Mohr |
| Edith Perrella | Clarence and Eleanor Smith |
| Bryce and Helen Thornton | Laura and Sue Tully |
| Arnie and Helon Weand | Bonnie and Keith White |
| Art and Deanne Adams | Kermit and Bernice Daywalt |
| Miriam Roberts | Earl and 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 January totaled \$456. Donations to the Wishing Well continue to exceed our expectations. 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:

Hi everyone. Thank you all for your continued support of our lounge and bartenders. We all appreciate it. Look for a St. Patricks Day Poster in the lounge in **March** - we will have some specials on **Wed**. March 17th to celebrate the luck of the Irish.

Please remember our **Monday** burger deal with burger, fries and a beer for ONLY \$5.00 from 6-8 in the lounge-(EXCEPT THE 1ST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH). Also, please mark your calendars for Saturday March 27 for the installation of new Elk and Elkett officers. The lounge will stay open late that evening to help kick off Tracey and Marilyn's year as Exalted Ruler and Elkett President. Good luck and God Bless!!

Karla Jones
Lounge Manager

EASTER FESTIVITES

Please bring your children, grandchildren, etc. to the Easter Children's festivities which will be held on April 3rd. Refer to the April Antler's and the posters that will be located in the Lodge.

Betty Irvin, 2010-2011 Lodge Activities Chair

FRIDAY NIGHT DINING ROOM VOLUNTEERS

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| March 5 | Bobby & Jan Thorburn & Tracey Austin |
| March 12 | Tom Walden & Karla Jones |
| March 19 | Helen & Bryce Thornton |
| March 26 | Lee & Linda Fish |

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 March

Theme: Spring Cleaning

cleansers, cleaning products, bleach, scrubbing powders, rubber gloves, magic erasers, mops, buckets, brooms, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, dish detergent (liquid and powder)

Umbrellas

Fraternally,
Linda Fish

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

CANDLELIGHT DINNER

The next Candlelight Dinner is set for April 3rd with the following menu:

Butternut Squash Soup
Green Salad with a Warm Savory Blue
Cheesecake
London Broil with Burgundy Mushroom Sauce
French Onion Strata
Red Bliss Potato with Parsley Butter
English Peas
Brownie Peanut Butter Pie

Tickets are \$15 per person and will go on sale March 13th in the lounge, and remain on sale till March 31st or when sold out, if that occurs first. If you are interested in attending, put the event on your calendar. Find some folks who would like to join you, and put together your own table for four or more persons.

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all that it has to offer. We pride ourselves in being one of the friendliest lodges in the country and we are glad that you have become united with us!

Thank you to all who purchased tickets and attended the Valentine Dinner. It was a delicious meal and everyone had a great time. Thank you, also, to all of the officers who helped serve the dinner, to Earl Irvin for taking the tickets at the door, to Betty Irvin for helping set up the dining room and serve beverages, and to Dorothy Brown for helping reset the dining room for Sunday breakfast. A great big special thank you goes to Carina Beaudoin-Tate and Bob Thorburn for their hard work in the preparation of the meal.

In closing, I would like to quote Past Exalted Ruler Carl Ledig from his final column as Exalted Ruler: "A great lesson to me has been that because we are a great organization, our challenges seem complex. It will always be this way. As long as we remember our cardinal principles – Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity - and believe in ourselves, the future will be ours." These are great ideals and we can realize wonderful things if we continue to work together.

God bless you, our Order, our troops, and the United States of America!

Fraternally and always at your service,

Jan Thorburn
Signing off as your Exalted Ruler
"Goodnight, Mrs. Calabash, wherever you are!"



OFFICER INSTALLATION AND PARTY !!!!!!!

You are cordially invited to the 5th annual Elk/Elkett Installation of the 2010-2011 Officers. The Service and Awards Program will be held in the Elks' Lodge Room on **Saturday**, March 27th, at 5:30 p.m. This is a beautiful ceremony and your family and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend. There will be food, drink, music and FUN in the ballroom following the ceremony. The entire program should last less than an hour. Please join us in wishing the new Officers all the luck and celebrating with the retiring Officers (it is really their party).

OUR DEPLOYED MEMBERS

In last month's issue of The Antlers, we included a feature on members of our lodge that had been deployed. At the lodge meeting on February 16th, the lodge voted to remit the dues of our lodge's members who are on active duty during a period of war in which the United States is engaged (Section 13.410, Grand Lodge statutes). This is a tradition at our lodge and once again we are proud to do this to help our military members.

SPORTS NEWS

Pool Tournament winners for January & February are:

01/21 Denise & Danny
01/28 Harry & Roy
02/04 Denny & Charlie
02/11 Charlie B. & Kenney
02/18 Roy & Charlie B.

A special tournament was held on 02/07/10. The winners were Snowball & Charlie B. All funds went to the players.

The games have been well attended and fun.

The Lodge has been holding a raffle for a shotgun plus other related items. Only 300 tickets were dispersed and they have been sold. The drawing will be held in the Lounge on 03/02/10 after the regular Lodge meeting. Happy hour prices will be in effect after the Lodge meeting (per Jim & Karla's permission).

We want to thank Harry Symons for the donated shotgun and related items and Carl Ledig for the posters and ticket printing. Those who sold tickets are Bobby Thorburn, Harry, Andy, Ralph, Ron Foltz, Denise, Don & Kim Coker, Ron & Dorothy Brown, Karla and the Bartenders. All of the proceeds go to the operation of your Lodge. This could not have happened without everyone's support and super effort. We are still collecting pennies for the Scouts.

Should anyone have suggestions for the Sports Room, please let us know.

Chuck, Bobbie & Jeff

PER NIGHT WAS FEBRUARY 2

It was a great evening for a lodge meeting with all the chairs filled with PERs. Bob Greenberg (ER 1962-63) filled the Chaplain's chair and wins the recognition for being the most senior PER for the night. Other PERs were Harry Symons (ER 2005-06): Exalted Ruler; Earl Irvin (ER 1970-71 in Lake City): Leading Knight; Larry Wolfe (ER 1978-79): Loyal Knight; Ron Brown (ER 1998-99): Lecturing Knight; Larry Henley (ER 1977-78): Esquire; Carl Ledig (ER 2006-07): Inner Guard; Ralph Ferrel (ER 1984-85): Treasurer; Tom Walden (ER 1994-95): Secretary.

ELKETT CORNER

Time for Changes: March ushers in the report of the Nominating Committee and election of Elkett Officers for 2010-2011. At the February 4, 2010. Meeting, the following slate of Officers and Directors were accepted unanimously:

President:	Marilyn Tabanelli
Vice President:	Gloria Whitaker
Secretary:	Joyce Dunaway
Treasurer:	Regina Balding
Director, 2 years:	Linda Fish
Directors, 1 year:	Annette Hurst Bonnie White
Past President:	Ann Marie Viola

We are pleased to have President Elect Marilyn Tabanelli lead us this next year. Marilyn has many ideas and great energy, so with everyone's help she will be an asset to the Elketts and the Elks organizations. Marilyn has pledged to work closely with incoming Exalted Ruler Elect Tracey Austin to reach mutual goals and help the Elks whenever called upon.

The new Officer Installation will be held on Saturday, March 27th at 5:30 p.m. All Officers and Directors are requested to be present for photographs prior to the installation. A reception will follow immediately after the installation. Also, we are honored to have Carl Ledig, PER, install our Officers and Directors. Please come out and enjoy the fellowship with your new Elkett and Elk Officers and Board members.

March Birthday Greetings to:

March 8 th	Linda Tiller
March 13 th	Doris Mathis
March 17 th	Carol Bosenberg
March 25 th	Carl Ledig
March 26 th	Ruth Bellflower
March 30 th	Diana Swegman

Dates to Remember:

Thursday, March 4th - General Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 18th - Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 27th - Officer Installation - 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Barbara Nettles, Secretary

THE BATTLE OF NATURAL BRIDGE REENACTMENT

On Saturday and Sunday, March 6th and 7th, our lodge will be the only food vendor for the Natural Bridge Historical Society's reenactment of the Battle of Natural Bridge. This is our first year in participating in the reenactment and we are really excited about the income potential for our lodge. We suffered a great loss of revenue when Springtime Tallahassee made the decision to contract with other entities for their Breakfast in the Park. Natural Bridge should more than make up for that deficit. Nanci Longman is the volunteer coordinator for this event. She is in the process of scheduling several crews so that no one person will have to work until he or she keels over! Food service will be from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. If you would like to help out your lodge and become a part of this fantastic opportunity, please contact Nanci at 850-508-6666 to volunteer a little of your time. She will schedule you based on your availability. Below is the schedule of events for the weekend.

Saturday, March 6, 2010 9:00 a.m. Military & Civilian Encampments Open to the Public; 10:00 a.m. Hamburgers & Hotdogs - Sutler Area and Military Demonstration – Breastworks; 11:00 a.m. Ladies Tea - Sutler Area; Presentations by the: Ladies Soldiers Friends Sewing Society; 1:00 p.m. Infantry Demonstration – Breastworks; 2:00 p.m. Artillery Demonstration – Breastworks; 2:30 p.m. Skirmish – Battlefield; Immediately Following; Battleground Medical Treatment of the 1860's; 4:00 p.m. Civilian Activities - Sutler Area Ladies Soldiers Friends Sewing Society; 4:30 p.m. Military Camps Closed to the Public; 6:00 p.m. Annual CSO Meeting: Natural Bridge Historical Society, Inc. Citizen Support Organization; 8:00 p.m. Civil War Dance - Sutler Area Open to the Public, period dress requested, but not required

Sunday, March 7, 2010 9:00 a.m. Military & Civilian Encampment Open to the Public; 10:00 a.m. Period Church Services - Sutler Area, Public Welcomed; Hamburgers & Hot Dogs - Sutler Area; 1:00 p.m. 144th Anniversary Memorial Service - by the Anna Jackson Chapter 224 United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) Public Welcome; 2:30 p.m. 32nd Annual Reenactment of the BATTLE OF NATURAL BRIDGE Battlefield; 3:30 p.m. Conclusion and Salute - Battlefield Civilian Encampment Activities throughout both days include children's games and demonstrations of period; Sewing, spinning, knitting, needlework, candle making, and other Soldier Aid Society activities Civilian and Military camps will close at 2:30 pm on Sunday.

Press Release – Tallahassee, FL –
04/17/10

Public Invited to Tallahassee Elks Lodge for Army of Hope Picnic to Benefit Military Families

On Saturday, April 17, 2010, the Tallahassee Elks Lodge #937 will host an Army of Hope Picnic to benefit the Army of Hope, one of the charitable programs of Florida Elks Charities. The mission of the Army of Hope is to provide aid assistance to the families of deceased, disabled, and deployed members of the military of Florida.

Examples of aid are car, utility, and insurance payments; major appliance repairs (A/C, water heaters, washers/dryers, etc.); minor home repairs (plumbing, painting, etc.); auto repairs or transportation; school lunches; babysitting; medical/dental emergencies not covered by insurance; lawn mowing, landscaping, and sprinkler repairs; phone cards; clothing and shoes; groceries; gas; and medical travel.

This program also funds a week of summer camp at the Florida Elks Youth Camp located in Umatilla, Florida, for children who have deceased, disabled, or deployed military family members. This special week is August 1-7, 2010, and is available for children ages 9-16.

Admission for the picnic is \$20.00 for adults and includes food, draft beer, water, soda, music, and entertainment. Children to age 10 will be admitted free. The event is open to the public. All proceeds will benefit the Army of Hope.

The picnic is being held at the Tallahassee Elks Lodge at 276 North Magnolia Street, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301 across the street from the Tallahassee Democrat from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Throughout the day there will be games for adults and children, a cake walk, and various Elks booths and military displays. In the afternoon, a ceremony will be held and the names of Florida deceased military personnel from the past year will be read. Guest speakers will include a past State Elks President and a representative from the National Guard, and a recipient of the Army of Hope funding.



About the Army of Hope

Funds raised since the program's inception in July 2007 total \$84,247.00. Individual aid requests may be made by submitting a completed request form (found online at www.flElks.org) to you local Elks Lodge. The families of Florida active duty military personnel, military reservists, the Coast Guard, the National Guard, and/or their dependents are eligible to apply. An active duty member stationed in Florida with his/her dependents would qualify as a Florida resident.

Contact:

Ralph C. Ferrell, Sr., Past Exalted Ruler
North District Chairman, Army of Hope
276 North Magnolia Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
Lodge Telephone: 850-877-1652

March, 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 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 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
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 St. Patrick's Day  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	23 Lounge Open 4:00 – 10:00 Trustees 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 Buffet	27 Lounge Open 11:00 – ? Saturday Lunch  Elk/Elkett Officer Installation 5:30 p.m.
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