

Sebring Elk of the Month November 2024

The Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 has selected Buddy Richards as the November Elk of the Month. Buddy has been a member of the Sebring Elks Lodge for the past 10 years. He has served as Leading Knight, Esquire, Lodge Chaplain and Bar Manager. He also leads the Lodge Maintenance Committee and serves as Lodge Historian. The best way to describe Buddy is to think of “MacGyver” in that he can pretty much fix anything. Whenever something needs fixing, it’s just call Buddy, and he is right on it. Every room at the lodge shows his handiwork as he has undertaken the interior painting project of the entire lodge. Most recently, he has been involved in the remodeling of the bathrooms and the installation of the handicapped bathroom.

Buddy was born in Michigan and his family relocated to Florida when he was nine years old. His father, who was a lifetime Elks Member, was involved in the development of two large mobile home parks in the Ft Lauderdale area. Buddy graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas High School in 1973 and in the early 1980’s he and his father moved to Sebring and started the Buddy Richards RV and Auto Sales Business. After that Buddy worked for the Highlands County School Board in the facilities department for 33 years. He has been married to his wife Brenda for 34 years. One might ask if he has any time for hobbies and interests outside the lodge. With all the work he does for the lodge, he does find time to support the Tampa Bay Rays. Buddy loves to vacation in North Carolina and plays golf weekly with other Elk members. The Sebring Lodge is so appreciative of all the hard work and time he has dedicated to making our lodge grow and shine. Thank you, Buddy, for what you have done and continue to do every day!

