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Umatilla, Florida



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HERNANDO HERD - State Awards: 1st Place 5 years & 2nd place 1 year. National Awards: 1st Place 1 year & 2nd place 1 year & 3rd place 2 years.



Exalted Ruler's Message - April 2013

Members,

I want to thank everyone who voted to support me in the recent election. I am looking forward to being your Exalted Ruler for the coming year.

Please continue to support our ENF and Harry Anna Charities and most of all continue to get involved, remember it is "Your" Lodge.

Fraternally Yours,
Michael Minotti, Exalted Ruler

PET ADOPTION SPONSORED BY ELKS

On February 16th the Humane Society of the Nature Coast and the Hernando County Animal Control teamed up with the Elks.



The Elks gave an incentive of reduced fees to anyone adopting a pet from either agency, (\$25.00 towards dogs and \$20.00 towards cats.) Pictured are: David De Camilla, his son Drew and their new puppy "Jack".

According to Elks Treasurer Paul Stark PER anyone upon proof of spay or neutering would receive the discount, which came from a \$2,000 Gratitude Grant from our Elks National Foundation.

Animals on hand were dogs varying in size, greyhounds to puppies, cats, skunks etc. Thirteen animals were adopted.

Joanne Schoch, Humane Society Director stated that whenever the county can lower the cost of pet adoptions, more animals are safe from euthanasia and that she was grateful to the Elks.

Other organizations involved were: Kathy's K-nine, ASAP Animal Center and Greyhound Pets of America.

WELCOME NEW ELKS

Five American Citizens were initiated into Elks Lodge 2582 at the February 25th meeting.

Pictured: L to R: Seated: Gerald Therrien, Leona Hall and Michael Russilo.



L to R: Standing: Anthony "Tony" Scorza and Gregory Quiroga.

We hope you come to enjoy some of our events. And maybe volunteer at some event also.

HARRY ANNA DONATION

Bob and Judie Peter gave a \$140.00 donation to Harry Anna, thanks to the friends who came to their cocktail party recently.

Pictured: Paul Stark PER, Judie Peter & Richard Ferguson PDD. Taken at Feb. 25th meeting.



Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services



"Elk Stands So Tall As One Who Stoops To Help A Child"!

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

The first step in being considered for admission to the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services Program is to complete the application and return it to the therapist serving the area where the patient lives.

To obtain an application, contact the Elks Lodge in your community or call the program administrator @ 1.800.523.1673 and request an application.

As soon as the application is received, it will be reviewed in order to determine if the therapy program is appropriate for the patients needs. The patients family will be advised whether or not the patient is accepted into the program.

(Series #7 and last about FSEA main projects, portions from projects folder).



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Office Hours for Lodge #2582:
9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday,
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.



Change of address or phone number or not getting the Herd or Elk's magazine contact: Secretary @ 352-596-2582.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DRINK:

If your BIRTHDAY is in the current month, please go in the office, to see Juliette Dunham, Secretary or Paul Stark PER, Treasurer, for obtaining your "coupon".

BROOKSVILLE ELKS LODGE #2582

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2013-2014 ELECTED OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Michael Minotti	277-8802
Leading Knight	Joseph Morrow DD	688-3754
Loyal Knight	Juanita Klein	346-7917
Lecturing Knight	Dennis Hellin	263-2803
Secretary	Juliette E. Dunham	596-2582
Treasurer	Paul Stark PER	799-1769
Tiler	Robert Bestercy	232-2431

2012-2013 TRUSTEES

Anthony Arboritanza	5 Year	232-2536
Unknown	4 Year	
Unknown	3 Year	
Unknown	2 Year	
Unknown	1 Year	

2013-2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Four Elected Chair Officers and Five Elected Trustees

2013-2014 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Esquire	Richard Ferguson PDD	666-4479
Chaplain	Darleen Keck	688-5353
Inner Guard	Melville Haines	684-4787
Organist	Vacant	

2013-2014 P.E.R. ASSOCIATION

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Gerald A. Hite PER	592-1293
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Anthony Arboritanza PER	232-2538



To Be Balloted On

Name	Address	Sponsor	Occupation
Richard V. Coelho	Hernando Beach	Brad Dunham	Retired
Virginia Specht	Spring Hill	Brad Dunham	Retired

LODGE OF SORROW



Dearest Lord, in your infinite wisdom you have called these members of our lodge home. Grant them eternal rest and give comfort to their families. Amen.

CARMEN J. DONATO

Born: January 31, 1916
Initiated: January 22, 1979
Died: February 12, 2013



*We shall meet but we shall miss him,
 There will be the vacant chair.
 But though we no more possess him,
 Still our hearts his memory bear.*

Portion of letter received from Elks National Home, 2. 13. 2013. 931 Ashland Ave., Bedford, Virginia 24523

To Kathy L. Minotti, Secretary:

We regret to inform you of the death of your member, Carmen J. Donato, on February 12, 2013, at 9:45 pm. There will be a memorial service, however, it has not yet been scheduled.

If you wish to contact the family, his son is James Donato, 202 Shelly Lane, Deptford, NJ. 08096. We were certainly sorry to lose Brother Donato. He was a very fine gentleman and his many friends here will miss him.

Sincerely, Pamala M. Mutter, Executive Director

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS



Please remember our members with a prayer, card, visit or phone call during their time of sickness or distress. This small act of kindness means alot.

Walter Coles returned home recently from Ohio after Surgery and is doing well.

EVELYN "BOBBIE" HAENSLER

Bobbie passed away March 11, 2013. She was the wife of Elk Jerry Haensler. No service will be held. Send cards to his home.

BROOKSVILLE ELKS 2582 E-MAIL ADDRESS



Strictly for important Elk business ONLY
Thank you members for your co-operation.

elks2582@tampabay.rr.com

(Wireless Internet is available at the Lodge) (Subject to change)

2013-2014 PAST EXALTED RULERS DIMITED

William Volzer PVP	From Potsdam NY #2074
Frank Boffi PER	From Hollywood W. FL.#2365
Lawrence C. Edington PDD	From Largo, FL #2159



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2012-2013 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

AUDIT & ACCOUNTING	Vacant	
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	Carol Burgess	686-2871
Flag Day	Officers	596-2582
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Memorial Service (Dec)	Officers	596-2582
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	Earle Jackson	584-0147
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Investigation	Peter Meier	596-8213
Lapsation	Vacant	
State Activities		
Harry Anna Trust Fund	Vacant	
Florida Youth Camp	Vacant	
Florida Therapy Program	Vacant	
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE		
Lodge Activities	House Committee	596-2582
Entertainment	House Committee	596-2582
Anniversary Ball	Juanita Klein	346-7917
Fourth of July	House Committee	596-2582
Labor Day	House Committee	596-2582
Memorial Day (May)	House Committee	596-2582
Mother's Day	Darlene Keck	688-5353
New Year's Eve	Joseph Morrow DD	688-3764
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Bulletin & E-mail	Vacant	
Hall Bookings	Kathy Minotti	340-7982
Cyber Assistant	Vacant	
Youth Activities	Vacant	
Hoop Shoot Program	Vacant	
Boy & Cub Scout 459	Vacant	
CONTACTS		
Accident Prevention	Trustees	596-2582
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Bar Inventory	Vacant	
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Bowling Machine League	Norma McQuillan	556-4111
By-Law	Richard Ferguson PDD	666-4479
Cook	Anthony Scorza	596-2582
Shuffle League M.+ Th.	Rose Eastman	686-8831
Elk Merchandise	Vacant	596-2582
Presiding Justice	Matthew A Forman, Esquire	683-3011

HOUSE COMMITTEE 2013-2014

	Dennis Hellin	263-2803
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	Suzanne Ferguson	666-4479
	Shelly Wareham	398-2467
	Lillian Bohnhoff	860-617-2518
Ex-officio Member	Michael Minotti	277-8802



Booster's "Thanks To All Who Donate"



Join the BOOSTERS and help support our lodge Herd. Your name will be included below for a year with a donation of \$10. Date signifies date to renew again. See Lodge Secretary.

January 2027 Thomas Woods	November 2013 Peter Meier
February 2020 Robert Burch	October 2013 Richard Ferguson PDD Suzanne Ferguson PLP Al Shaffer Ray and Carolyn Jones
April 2016 Lawrence Edington PDD	September 2013 Gene & JoAnn Gardner Jerry Haensler & in Memory of Bobbie Haensler Harriett Woick & Memory of Harold
June 2015 Phyllis Kovach	July 2013 Deborah Magill & Memory of Duane
May 2015 Mike Lewis	June 2013 Bob and Hazel Grover & In Memory of Jane Hennessey Memory of Ed Goba ER Lodge 1124 Norwood, MA by John O'Connor Norma McQuillan & Memory of John
February 2015 Rose & Dick Crow	May 2013 Joseph & Ilene Orrio Shelly Wareham Joseph Zuyus
January 2015 Mark & Sandra Barber in Mem- ory of Henry Peterson & Edith Peterson PLP	April 2013 Bob & Judie Peter
September 2014 Mary Jane Rhodes PLP	TIME TO RENEW
June 2014 Vic & Rose Ludnick	March 2013 Bill & Sam Lidlow in Memory of John Lidlow John & Julie Wall
April 2014 Andreas & Gerda Fritsch *Lyle & Ellie Short	February 2013 Vern H. Graham N. Port Richey
March 2014 Jack Gibbons Bob & Rose Fitzpatrick Tom & Marie Domek	December 2012 Donna Shearer *Renewed this printing
January 2014 Bud & Darlene Johnson Lew & Rose Eastman Maurice Demers	
March 2014 John & Charlene St. Amand Leon James	
December 2013 Ted & Agnes Van Ells Joe Morrow PER-DD and Mary Kay Morrow Cyril J. & Carol A. Powel-Smith Ron PDD & Dottie PLP Galloway Mike and Peggy Schofield	

YES I would like to be a Booster in the Hernando Herd.

Please add my name (s) as printed to the Booster List. \$10.00 donation per year. Drop in Secretary's office or mail to Lodge.

NAME _____ DATE _____



VISITING OTHER ELKS LODGES AROUND THE USA

Punta Gorda Elks Lodge #2606

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Punta Gorda, FL, 33951-1598
Club Phone: 941-639-8180
Secretary Phone: 941-637-2606
Fax: 941-637-4769
The Bulletin is: "Elks Tales"



Co Editors of the Elks Tales are Julie Avers, Ray Patterson and Bob Townsend PER.
Meetings: Lodge: 1st & 3rd Tues. at 7 pm. Lodge Directors: 1st & 3rd Tues. at 6 pm. Club Directors: 1st Thurs. after 2nd Tues. at 5:30 pm. PER Association: 1st Thurs. 7 pm and Elkettes: 4th Tues. 7:30 pm.

Greg Czarnecki, new ER reminds members the lodge dues are due on April 1st, cost \$77.00.

Some of the March events are: Blood Drive on Mar. 14, members who donated blood received a \$10.00 dinner coupon at the Lodge; Mar. 24 the Lodge held a Steak Roast with Music by "Tat2"; Mar. 8-9-10 was The Big Band Weekend with, "American Made" on the 8th; Jim Morris Big Bamboo Band on the 9th and The Boogiemen on the 10th. A good time was had by all attending all events.

In February the Memories & Dreams VII, Musical Variety Show was presented. Bob Hahn PER thanked all Elks associated with the show for Florida Children Charities. The Show will be coming back next year on Feb. 6,7,8, 2014.

Breakfast is 2nd & 4th Sunday 8am to Noon, with Tiki Bar opening at 1 pm. Lunches are Mon-Fri 11 am., to 2 pm. Bingo is Thursdays at 6:30 pm., on the porch.
Queen of Hearts is drawn on Saturdays at 6 pm. Paul and Sylvia Stark visited this Lodge in January. (Last in a series of 53).
Thank you all for giving me newsletters and notes. Hazel Grover, Editor

BOOKSVILLE ELK'S HALL RENTALS

Are you planning a special event? Do you have a friend Or relative that needs a location for a party? Our facility is spectacular! Small and Large groups welcome. *Come take a look and book your event.*

**Weddings - Receptions -Anniversaries - Birthdays
Banquets - Holiday Parties - Business Meetings
Office Luncheons- Dinners-Seminars - Barbecues
Fund Raisers - Brunches - Breakfasts - No Party Is Too Big.**

Contact: Kathy Minotti at 352-340-7982.

VETERANS COMMITTEE

The group is still working on a special event for the Veterans. "A Salute To Our Veterans" will honor our military. There will be a "Wall Of Honor" and Special Entertainment. The committee is looking for more help to present this event. If you are a Veteran or entertainer or just an Elk who would like to help out call below. The Veterans committee assisted with the St. Patrick's Day Event on March 15th. Thank you all for coming.

Carol Burgess @ 352-686-2871

GOODIE BOX FOR THE TROOPS

To those who donated items for the Troops, we thank you very much. This is not a one time thing, whatever you can keep bringing in would be wonderful. We are going to keep this going, as long as we can. The box is located in the foyer near the double doors.

Here are some of the items that can be used:
Gum, Mints, Life Savers, Cornstarch Powder, Foot Powder, Room Spray, Foggers, Off Spray, Sunscreen, Chap Stick with Sunscreen, Small bottles of Hand Sanitizer, Odor Eaters, Blister Pads, Athletes Foot Powder or Cream, Soap, Razors, Fly Strips, Small Sized Shampoo, Medicated Bandaids, Pocket Packs Kleenex.
Call: Carol Burgess 686-2817 for information.

FOOD BOX FOR NEEDY

Members don't forget to keep filling the food box up for the needy. Any canned, dry goods, of any kind. Box is located in the Lodge foyer by the double doors. For more info call Lodge 596-2582.

CHANGES IN HERD DEADLINES & MAILINGS - 10 MONTHS

HERD DEADLINES 2013-2014

2ND MONDAY
2013
FEB. 11 FOR MARCH HERD
MARCH 11 FOR APRIL HERD
APRIL 08 FOR MAY HERD
MAY 13 FOR JUNE /JULY HERD
JUNE NONE
JULY 10 FOR AUG / SEPT HERD
AUGUST NONE
SEPT. 11 FOR OCT. HERD
OCT. 14 FOR NOV. HERD
NOV. 11 FOR DEC. HERD

2014
DEC. 09 FOR JAN. HERD
JAN. 13 FOR FEB. HERD
FEB. 10 FOR MAR. HERD

HERD MAILINGS 2013 - 2014

LAST OR 4TH TUESDAY
2013
FEB. 26 FOR MARCH HERD
MARCH 26 FOR APRIL HERD
APRIL 23 FOR MAY HERD (EARLY)
MAY 28 FOR JUNE /JULY HERD
JUNE NONE
JULY 23 FOR AUG / SEPT HERD
AUGUST NONE
SEPT. 24 FOR OCTOBER HERD
OCT. 29 FOR NOV. HERD
NOV. 26 FOR DEC. HERD

2014
DEC. 24 or 26 FOR JAN. HERD
JAN. 28 FOR FEB. HERD
FEB. 25 FOR MAR. HERD

NEWSLETTER NOTICE !!

The Lodge would like to know if there are anymore Elks out there with computers? So we could e-mail you the Herd. As new postal regulations will cost us more to send Herd by postal mailings. Give us your opinion on only e-mailing. And picking up the Herd at the Lodge. Other Lodges are also considering this option.

Call Lodge 352-596-2582.
Thank You Members.

HAZEL GROVER RESIGNS AS NEWSLETTER EDITOR

April will be the last "Hernando Herd" with me as your editor, I am resigning after I get the April Newsletter finished. For the most part, it has been a "great" pleasure to serve the members of this Lodge, since 2004. I am leaving the Lodge with 10 Herd awards. Thanks to all who helped me get the Elks news in "The Hernando Herd".

God Bless Our Members, Hazel Grover



COMING EVENTS

May Lunches - Tuesdays. Noon to 3pm
 May 03-10-17-24-31-Friday Dinner: Call for hours.
 May 04 - Steak Shoot & Spaghetti 3-5 +5-6 pm
 May 13 + 27 Elk Meetings 7pm
 May 19- Sunday Breakfast 8-11am

April 2013

BROOKSVILLE ELKS LODGE #2582

2013 RENTAL EVENTS

Apr. 03 & May 1- Corvette Club 4 pm in Middle Room
 May 11 - Mixed Nuts Bowling Lunch 12 to 4pm. In Middle Room
 May 18 - Train Show & Sell Lunch - In Main Hall

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<u>1</u> House Committee Meeting 3:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting 6 pm	<u>2</u> Lunch in Lounge Noon to 3:00 pm Karaoke in Lounge 2 to 5 pm	<u>3</u> Boy Scouts Meet 7-8:30pm . Girl Scouts 6-7pm	<u>4</u> Miss Dynamite-Bill Castner Main Hall 5pm, Pub Menu	<u>5</u> Friday Dinner 5pm Elvis Show with Ken Grube 6-9PM	<u>6</u> Steak Shoot 3-5pm & Spaghetti 5-6 pm
<u>7</u> Bowling Machine Games & Covered Dish 2 pm	<u>8</u> Elks Meeting 7 pm	<u>9</u> Lunch in Lounge Noon to 3:00 pm Karaoke in Lounge 2 to 5 pm	<u>10</u> Boy Scouts Meet 7-8:30pm . Girl Scouts 6-7pm	<u>11</u> Miss Dynamite-Bill Castner Main Hall 5pm, Pub Menu	<u>12</u> Friday Dinner 5pm Clay & Sheila Kirk Country DJ's 6-9PM	<u>13</u> Karaoke With Tony 6 pm Kitchen will be open
<u>14</u> Bowling Machine Games & Covered Dish 2 pm	<u>15</u> House Committee Meeting 3:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting 6 pm	<u>16</u> Lunch in Lounge Noon to 3:00 pm Karaoke in Lounge 2 to 5 pm	<u>17</u> Boy Scouts Meet 7-8:30pm . Girl Scouts 6-7pm	<u>18</u> Miss Dynamite-Bill Castner Main Hall 5pm, Pub Menu	<u>19</u> Friday Dinners 5pm Just Us Duo Dance Music 6-9PM	<u>20</u>
<u>21</u> Bowling Machine Games & Covered Dish 2 pm Sunday Breakfast 8-11am	<u>22</u> Elks Meeting 7 pm	<u>23</u> Lunch in Lounge Noon to 3:00 pm Karaoke in Lounge 2 to 5 pm	<u>24</u> Boy Scouts Meet 7-8:30pm . Girl Scouts 6-7pm	<u>25</u> Miss Dynamite-Bill Castner Main Hall 5pm, Pub Menu	<u>26</u> Friday Dinners 5pm Nancy & Barry Dance Music 6-9PM	<u>27</u> Apr. 27 - Classic Car Show 9 to 6:30 pm
<u>28</u> Bowling Machine Games & Covered Dish 2 pm	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> Lunch in Lounge Noon to 3:00 pm Karaoke in Lounge 2 to 5 pm	LOUNGE HOURS : Phone: 352-596-2582 Sun: 12 - 7 pm + Mon - Wed 12 - 10pm + Thurs. - Sat. 12 pm to 12 am. Snacks Available: Hot Pretzels, Microwave Popcorn & Potato Chips		REMINDER TO MEMBERS TRASH does NOT belong in the Blue Box by double doors. It is for Food for the needy. Next to it is the Box for Veterans & Troops.	

INTERESTED IN SENDING A CHILD TO CAMP: DOWNLOAD & COMPLETE AN APPLICATION On FSEA website: www.floridaelks.org

STEAK SHOOT
SATURDAY - APRIL 06, 2013.
3 to 5 pm. Win a fresh steak, regular and bonus games. \$8.00 for whole game for one set. \$1.00 ea., for extra sets.

LUNCHES TUESDAYS
In Lounge. Noon to 3 pm. Various prices. A variety of foods are on the menu. Enjoy.

GRAND LODGE CONVENTION
The 2013 Grand Lodge Convention will be held in Reno, Nevada, July 14-18, 2013. Florida delegation hotel is the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino, 2707 South Virginia St., Reno, NV 89502.
All attendees are responsible for making their own travel arrangements, to be made directly to the hotel. You may do this by phone or online at the FSEA website www.floridaelks.org. The room rate is \$123.72 per night (includes taxes).
Reservations by phone: 866.821.9996-**MUST mention group code ELK13FL.**

SPAGETTI DINNER
SAT. - APRIL 06, 2013. 5 to 6 pm.
Tickets \$6.00. Menu: Spaghetti - Meat Balls, Garlic Bread & Salad.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST
SUNDAY - APRIL 21, 2013. 8 to 11 am.
In Middle Room. Eggs, Pancakes, Bacon, sausage and more. Prices: \$4.00 to \$5.25

TUESDAY KARAOKE
CLAY & SHELIA KIRK 2-5 pm. In the Lounge. Bring your requests and sing. Come early have lunch & get a seat.



**TO ALL DISTRICT DEPUTIES, EXALTED RULERS,
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS:**

**SPRING RENEWS PUSH TO GET
MEMBERS INVOLVED**

Welcome to all of the new Officers and Lodge and district Committee Chairs as we begin our 2013-14 fraternal year.

Spring is a time of renewal, and the markers of our accomplishments have all been re-set to zero. Our ENF and State Major Project per capita goals begin anew. Our membership drives are starting, and we look for new and stimulating ways to get our Members involved in the Lodge.

As we know, some Members originally joined the Lodge solely for the fraternal aspect of our order. They enjoy coming to Lodge, knowing it is a good place to bring the family out for dinner or a swim. They often meet with their friends for a drink or to participate in the special events. These Members make a significant contribution to the success of our Lodges.

It is essential that we provide the activities that meet their needs in our Lodges. Don't be afraid to try new things. Just because "We tried that (20 years ago) and it didn't work!" doesn't mean it won't work now. You might be stunned what that event will do this year!

However, your Lodge will not succeed if it focuses on the fraternal side alone. Our charitable work is the heart of what we do and what we are. This is the time when we Officers should look at how to engage our Local Lodges more in our communities, whether through the schools, veterans' services or a project that can serve a need.

Many tools are available to help you to find and fund valuable projects. Your newsletter is a prime communication tool. Let your Member know you are looking for project ideas and for their contributions. Brainstorm with your Officers and Per Association to find where your Lodge should focus its attention. Invite in local community leaders for their ideas. Then set your priorities and work on those projects that have merit and can make a significant impact in your community. As you are Out in the community, be sure to invite the media to cover your event. Person contact cannot be overdone. Let our "Beacon of Hope" shine on all involved.

Thank you all for continuing your leadership in our Order. It's an extraordinary experience to be a Lodge Officer and one you should cherish. Take pleasure from the year and enjoy yourself.

Thomas S. Brazier Grand Exalted Ruler
(Taken from online GER Message For April 2013)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS - FLORIDA STATE NEWS
(E-mail from Greg Weis of FSEA)**

FSEA Annual Meeting & State Convention:

May 23-26, 2013 is 107th Annual Florida State Elks Association State Convention at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista. See FSEA Website: www.floridaelks.org

State Softball Tournament:

20th annual tournament to be held April 26-28, 2013 in Deland, FL. To date this tournament has donated \$134,628 to FL Elks Youth Camp.

State Golf Tournament:

33rd annual tournament to be held April 6-7, 2013 at Spring Lake Golf Resort in Sebring. For all Elks & their guests. Format to be Four person scramble. See www.floridaelks.org for more info.

Camper & Military Applications Available on line:

Military week for summer camp is July 28 through Aug. 3, 2013. For the special week helping military children, ages 9 to 15. Interested in sending a child to camp check www.floridaelks.org

FLORIDA STATE ELKS & GRAND LODGE DATES 2013

May 22-26, 2013 FSEA Convention Disney Coronado Spg
July 14-19, 2013 Grand Lodge Conv. Reno, NV
Nov 08-10, 2013 Mid-Year Convention

**CENTRAL DISTRICT #1700
DDGER AND VICE PRESIDENT**

Joseph Morrow PER, DDGER, 1133 Overland Dr.
Spring Hill, FL, 34608-7473. From Brooksville Lodge
2582. Joemorrow1@netzero.net

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From West Citrus Lodge 2693.

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CENTRAL DISTRICT VISITATION SCHEDULE

District Deputy Clinics

April 13, 2013

West Citrus # 2693

"HERNANDO HERD" WINS FIRST PLACE AGAIN

Brooksville Lodge #2582

1 Feb. 2013

Attn: Exalted Ruler Tony Arboritanza

Thank you and the Member of Lodge for participating in the Florida State Elks Association Lodge Bulletin Contest. Twenty-two Lodges sent entries this year. Your bulletins truly exemplified the message of Elkdom through its well organized and informative articles, content, photographs and design. The grading criteria were based on: (design, timeliness, quality of articles and overall message portrayed).

Judges hailed from the NW District from Lodges that did not participate in the contest. PDD Hap Hayes, VP Kevin Clemons & Secretary Margaret Somogyi had the daunting task of selecting winners in each division. Each judge expressed how well each bulletin entry looked an assured me it was very competitive.

Division I (Under 301 Members)

1. Mandarin/St Johns Lodge #2866
2. Orange Park Lodge #2605
3. Crestview Lodge #2624

Division II (301-500 Members)

1. Lakewood Ranch-Sarasota #2855
2. Jupiter Lodge #2469
3. Florida Keys Lodge #1872

Division III (501-700 Members)

1. Brooksville Lodge #2582
2. West Palm Beach Lodge #1352

Division IV (701-1100 Members)

1. Bradenton Lodge #1511
2. Palm Coast Lodge #2709
3. Port Orange Lodge #2723

Division V (1101-1500 Members)

1. Cape Coral Lodge #2596
2. Fort Pierce Lodge #1520

Division VI (Over 1500 Members)

1. Englewood Lodge #2378

On behalf of State President Sean Maguire and Vice President Brian Burns, congratulations on a job well done! **Your Lodge will be presented with a plaque at the State Convention, May 23-25, 2013.** I will e-mail you the presentation guidance (date-time-meeting room for entering stage) when the convention draws nearer. Please stop by the Lodge Activity Booth to pick up your bulletin entry NLT 24 May 2013. Thank you again for supporting FSEA-Lodge Bulletin Contest. I encourage your Lodge to participate in this worthy contest again next year.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Rick J. Lemke PER

FSEA-State Chairman, Lodge Activities Committee-Fraternal



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