

COCOA ELKS NEWS

APRIL 2008

COCOA ELKS LODGE #1532

Exalted Rulers Message

A new Lodge Year is upon us. First we must acknowledge the past year as one of great success, some fun and the addition of some 30 new members. We thank the many members who worked so hard to bring the level of success we are thankful for and ask that they continue to help build a stronger organization in the coming year.

I am humbled by the trustworthiness you have bestowed on me as your new ER. I am committed to doing my best to live up to your expectations. We all must know, however, that no one person can do it all and no one person can be expected to make the difference. We must all renew our commitment to doing the good and hard work that we all know needs to be done.

I was reminded recently that the Elks is a Fraternal Order of Lodges and that the number one mission is raising money for the kids and a close second is providing some support for our veterans. As well, there are a number of local charities we support. In pursuit of these missions, we conduct activities intending to raise monies for these worthy goals. A major part of the fund raising is the club, or bar. It must be remembered, though, that the CLUB (or Bar) is a BENEFIT of being a GOOD and LOYAL member of the LODGE and one TOOL in the fund raising effort. Not the reason we joined.

I would like to establish a few goals for the coming year. First and foremost I would like to pursue a program intended to increase our membership this year by a net gain of 100 people. This may sound like a lot but I believe it can be done. We must make an effort to bring new people into the Lodge or we face the real possibility of loosing our capability to raise the funds necessary to maintain the Lodge and our charitable obligations. I will have more on this later.

Second. I would like, with the assistance of the Trustees, to set a fund raising goal for the year. With the economy in the doldrums we should expect less participation and revenue generated in our usual scheduled activities such as the golf & softball tournaments. We need to develop more fundraising ideas. I am open for suggestions.

Third. We desperately need more people to step up to the task of making the first two happen. I am placing a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for various positions that people can sign up to help with. Please help.

During this time of challenge & remodel, it is important that we acknowledge the hard work of the Bartenders. They have stepped up to the challenge and made the best of a difficult situation. Ricki has been outstanding and we should remember her and the others with kindness and generosity.

Again, a huge THANK YOU to the out going Officers and committee people for all their hard work this past year and another huge THANK YOU to the returning Officers and committee people for continuing the good work we do. We always need more help so please, if I don't ask you – please ask me how you can help.

Just a quick last note to say we miss you Petey. Please hurry back.

Mike Spencer
Exalted Ruler

Nominated Officers

The following members have been nominated for election this month. Please come to the meetings and the lodge to support your new officers throughout the Elks year.

| | |
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| Exalted Ruler | Mike Spencer |
| Leading Knight | Russell Bailey |
| Loyal Knight | Billy Nobles |
| Lecturing Knight | Dave Pemberton |
| Tiler | Michael Schodlbauer |
| Treasurer | Lee Fink |
| Secretary | Beth Davis |
| Trustees | Tom Norwood Bob McKinney Vacancy Vacancy Vacancy |

INITIATION OF OFFICERS

**INITIATION OF OFFICERS
DINNER**

SATURDAY APRIL 5th

APPETIZERS 6:00

Dinner 6:30

Pork Loin with all the trimmings

Welcome our new fleet of officers for the
2008-2009 Elks year

HOUSE COMMITTEE

The Bar area is under construction, if you haven't been down lately to see the progress you're missing out. The area is shaping up nicely and will be an asset for years to come.

**WELCOME to the NEW BARTENDER
"Jean"**

Any Member who has been issued a key card and doesn't use his key card to gain entry will be charged \$1 each and every time that he rings the bell to gain entry. A charitable box will be on the bar to collect your donation. If a member loses their card then a new card will be issued upon payment of \$5.00.

All monies collected will go to Elk's Charities!

EVENTS—April

INITIATION OF OFFICERS AND DINNER - April 5th

MEALS ON WHEELS APRECIATION DINNER—April 9th

**STATE ELKS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT
DELAND—April 25th, 26th and 27th**

MEALS on WHEELS Charitable Dinner

**MEALS ON WHEELS APRECIATION DINNER
Wednesday April 9th
6:00pm**

Every year we share our appreciation for the good flks who deliver meals all year long to the underprivileged of Brevard County.

We could use some help—please call 631-1434 to volunteer for this great event

Cocoa Elks Calendar

APRIL 2008

Highlights!

Singles Dance

Tuesdays

Regular Meeting
1st & 3rd Thurs-
days

House Committee
4th Thurs

Holding Corp
2nd Thurs

Bingo every
Wednesday

Queen Of Dia-
monds Drawing
Every Saturday

** SEE PAGE 2
FOR DETAILS

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-------|---|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| | | 1 Singles Dance 7:00PM | 2 Bingo 6:45 pm Need Caller | 3 Regular Meeting 7:30PM | 4 | 5 Initiation of Officers Queen of Diamonds |
| 6 Open 12-6 | 7 | 8 Singles Dance 7:00PM | 9 MEALS on WHEELS Bingo 6:45 pm Bonnie | 10 Holding Corp 7:30PM | 11 | 12 Queen of Diamonds 8PM |
| 13 Open 12-6 | 14 | 15 Singles Dance 7:00PM TAX DAY | 16 Bingo 6:45 pm Need Caller | 17 Regular Meeting 7:30PM | 18 | 19 Queen of Diamonds 8PM |
| 20 Open 12-6 | 21 | 22 Singles Dance 7:00PM | 23 Bingo 6:45 PM Mike Spencer | 24 House Com- mittee 7:30PM | 25 State Softball Tourney | 26 Queen of Diamonds 8PM State Softball Tourney |
| 27 Open 12-6 State Softball Tourney | 28 | 29 Singles Dance 7:00PM | 30 Bingo 6:45 pm Need Caller | MAY 1 Regular Meeting 7:30PM | MAY 2 | MAY 3 Kentucky Derby Day Queen of Diamonds 8PM |
| MAY 4 Open 12-6 | MAY 5 | MAY 6 Singles Dance 7:00PM | MAY 7 Bingo 6:45 pm Bonnie | MAY 8 Holding Corp 7:30PM | MAY 9 | MAY 10 Queen of Diamonds 8PM |

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Dues letters are in the mail. Please be prompt in returning your dues and the lodge will be prompt in issuing the new Lodge membership cards. All entry card readers will be changed over by the second week in April. Please read the House Committee notes on Page 2 for more reasons for having an up-to-date key card.

We still have many members on the delinquent list. If you do not want to be dropped from the rolls, update your dues immediately.

thanks
Lodge Secretary's office

FUTURE EVENTS

Kentucky Derby Day—May 3rd Saturday

Sickness & Distress

Our prayers are with you and your families.

Member Steve Kazmirski is still in rehab.

Member Patricia McCain is in the hospital.

To Our Absent Members....

Member Jim Drake passed away

*Our deepest sympathy to your family and friends.
He will be missed by all.*

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|------------------------|------|
| KENNETH GREENWOOD | 1920 |
| DONNIE WALDEN | 1961 |
| ROBERT L. BACKUS | 1939 |
| THOMAS E NORWOOD | 1937 |
| JAMES C JOHNSON | 1926 |
| GERALD A BROOKS | 1932 |
| FREDDY KILLAM | 1960 |
| ROGER NAUMANN | 1966 |
| WALTER E MELVIN SR | 1919 |
| WALTER L FERGUSON | 1940 |
| RAYMOND J KOSIBA | 1931 |
| KENNETH J WHALEN | 1968 |
| RAINEY L BARRENTINE JR | 1920 |
| JOSEPH KOWALSKI | 1918 |
| JACKIE MCGUINESS | 1952 |
| WILIAM C BUBBERS | 1934 |
| R. ALLAN VOORHIS | 1945 |
| BOBBY A ENNIS | 1941 |
| TOM T WEST | 1935 |
| JAMES L COLLINS | 1933 |
| MILTON B GREEN JR | 1932 |
| JAMES W MCCULLOUGH | 1939 |
| HENDRICKS W WELLS | 1926 |
| ROSS H MITCHELL | 1919 |
| KELLY J ROGERS | 1961 |
| FRANK L BERGER | 1923 |

*Can you find this month's eldest member
Congrat's JOE*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO

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PLAY WILL BE FOR A MINIMUM OF 10 GAMES, WITH THE LAST GAME BEING THE **JACKPOT*!**
(* MUST PLAY ALL GAMES FROM THE 7TH GAME ON TO QUALIFY FOR THE JACKPOT GAME!
STARTING AROUND 6:30-6:45PM IN THE BAR AREA.

STATE ELKS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

DELAND
APRIL 25th, 26th and 27th

Friday events
Golf Scramble
Home Run Derby Contest
Gold Sponsor Reception

Saturday Events
Team registration and pictures
Steak Dinner at Deland Lodge
Auction

Sunday Events
Breakfast at the fields
Lunch at Deland Lodge
Awards Presentation

Cocoa is planning on sending at least one team if you would like to participate in the event whether it is playing or supporting. Please contact the lodge

BAR HOURS

Regular Bar Hours

MON., TUES., WED. 3-10PM
THURS., FRI., SAT 3-11PM
SUN Noon-6PM

Bartenders will have some flexibility at closing time, not before closing time.

Special Events times will be posted in the bulletin.

GER April message

To all district deputies, exalted rulers, officers and members:

Let me begin this message with my most heartfelt congratulations to the new exalted rulers and officers of the lodges around this great nation. You have been selected by the members of your lodge to lead them through the upcoming lodge year. It is an honor and position of trust that you have been chosen for. Take the charge you have been given seriously for you must guide your lodge and its membership through the uncharted waters that lay ahead over the new lodge year. I would hope that for each of you that those uncharted waters will be calm and uneventful. However, we must always be prepared for an uncertain storm. When that occurs, the lodge and its officers should seek the guidance of the past exalted rulers, the district deputy and Grand Lodge.

The resources of the entire Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks stand ready to assist you in making the lodge year successful. Review the manuals. These books provide answers to help the entire leadership and committees of your lodge be successful.

There is one manual I especially want you to look at. That would be the book on the Rituals of the Order. Memorize your part and work with the other officers in your lodge to ensure they memorize their parts. A quality rendition of the Ritual of Initiation will show new members the pride we all share in our Order. That good first impression will make that new member proud that he or she joined.

Spring is a time of rebirth and renewal. It is my dream that each and every lodge of our Order prospers this lodge year. I hope your lodge has set goals for participation in the Elks National Foundation and for working with our veterans. It is through our charitable works that we show our neighbors that “*Care – Share.*”

Cocoa Elks Bulletin Boosters

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 New

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 Member/Wife Name

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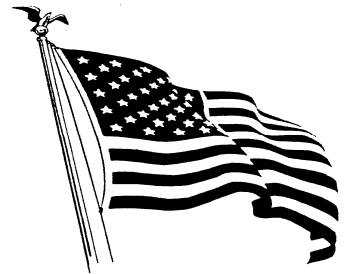
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