



COCOA ELKS NEWS

APRIL 2009

COCOA ELKS LODGE #1532

Exalted Rulers Message

Welcome to a New Lodge Year. I would like to recognize the hard work that the 2008 – 2009 officers, committee members and volunteers have done to meet our charitable goals, keep the lodge open and to allow us all to have the opportunity to enjoy ourselves with a lot of different activities or parties.

I am honored to have been elected as the 2009 – 2010 Cocoa Lodge ER. I became a member as most, not really knowing what the Elks actually stand for. I thought it was for me to play softball and drink a beer with my friends. That is a privilege not a purpose. Over the past few years I have tried to become more involved by volunteering for different activities and have really began to appreciate what Elkdom is. The drinks and social gatherings are privileges from the hard work of a few. The purpose of the Elks is to help others, should that help be through our Youth Camp, Harry Anna or the VA, our purpose is to help and we benefit by having a great lodge to socialize or to have parties.

I believe if our lodge will take on a new outlook or motto we will make a difference. That motto is simple “**TEAM** me” Big **TEAM** little me. If we all join in as a team with the same goals in mind we will exceed our goals and be able to help more and have a great time doing it.

The membership helps keep the doors open. The activities this lodge hosts helps us to achieve our charitable goals. We can not have these activities without the hard work of volunteers. We always see the same volunteers. I don’t believe the reason is because no one else wants to help, I believe it is like everything else, TIME. We all have families and other commitments but if someone gives up an hour of there time to volunteer, that is one less hour that someone else will have to give. As my mother always said and I didn’t appreciate until I got older “Many hands makes light work”.

I would like to challenge all members to bring in one new member. We all know someone that would love to help others. If we let people know what the Elks are I am sure we would have to bar the doors because we would have too many people wanting to become a member. The misconception is that the Elks Lodge is bunch of alcoholics sitting around a smoke filled bar whining about what we can’t change. This could not be further from the truth. The Elks change lives and make a positive impact on a lot of people, who would not want to be a part of that.

Please look at our officers; you will see some new names along with our pillars of the lodge. This is what it will take to continue doing the work of the Fraternal Order of Elks. Passing the torch and lighting the fire in our new members that they will want to make a change.

Last but not least, check out our committees and see where you might be able to help in achieving our goals.

Lets all have great year. “**TEAM** me”
ER Billy Nobles

STATE ELKS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

DELAND

APRIL 24th, 25th and 26th

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

KENTUCKY DERBY

Annual Run for the Roses from Churchill Downs

May 2nd Saturday

Noon until Closing

All the usual events

Elks Horse Races

The real Horses run around 6PM

Mint Juleps Specials

COMING EVENTS

CANCER POKER RUN—Ends at 1532 — Apr 5th

MEALS-ON-WHEELS CHARITY DINNER—APR 15th

STATE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT—APRIL 24-26th

KENTUCKY DERBY DAY —MAY 2nd Saturday

CINCO DE MAYO

MOTHER'S DAY—MAY 10th Sunday

STATE CONVENTION — MAY 20th-23rd Disney's
Coronado Springs Resort, Lake Buena Vista, FL

POKER RUN

POKER RUN RELAY FOR LIFE TO FIGHT CANCER

SUNDAY APRIL 5, 2009



8:30 am Registration time at
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\$20.00 Hand includes Chili 🍲

Each Additional Poker Hand: \$10.00

Purchase tickets in advance at Malibu's

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WIN - WIN

50 - 50
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For more information: 321-633-1456

Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society

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AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

Celebrate.

Remember.

Fight Back.

APRIL 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		PER mtg 7PM Singles Dance 7PM	1 Regular Meeting 7:30PM	2 Regular Meeting 7:30PM	3	4
5 Cancer Poker Run**	6 Dart Night	7 Singles Dance 7PM	8 Bingo 6:45 pm Jim	9 Holding Corp 7:30PM	10	11
12	13 Dart Night	14 Singles Dance 7PM	15 Bingo 6:45 pm Jim Mealson-Wheels Dinner**	16 Regular Meeting 7:30PM	17	18
19	20 Dart Night	21 Singles Dance 7PM	22 Bingo 6:45 pm Jim	23 House Committee 7:00PM	24 State Softball** Deland	25 State Softball** Deland
26 State Softball** Deland	27 Dart Night	28 Singles Dance 7PM	29 Bingo 6:45 PM Jim	30	MAY 1	MAY 2 Kentucky Derby**
MAY 3	MAY 4	MAY 5 Singles Dance 7:00PM Cinco de Mayo	MAY 6 Bingo 6:45 pm Jim	MAY 7 Regular Meeting 7:30PM	MAY 8	MAY 9

** see Page 2 for details

SECRETARY'S CORNER

The office is trying hard to have the new cards in the mail as soon as possible. Bear with us, in the trying time and transfer from one regime to another.

If you have not paid your dues or have not received your dues statement contact the lodge @ 631-1434.

We still have a few members from last year's roles that have not paid their dues, if you have not paid last year's dues and would like to catch up, time is running out.

The ELKS is a wonderful organization of talented, hardworking people, please volunteer to help us during this new year of charitable functions and works.

Lodge Secretary

COCOA ELKS WEBSITE

We're back ON-LINE

Haven't received your bulletin yet! Don't fret!

All the info is on the website

www.cocoaelks.com

COCOA 2009-2010 OFFICERS

EXALTED RULER	BILLY NOBLES
LEADING KNIGHT	RUSSELL BAILEY
LOYAL KNIGHT	MICHAEL SCHODLBAUER
LECTURING KNIGHT	BLAKE POSTON
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CHAPLAIN	ART WHITE
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TRUSTEE	KEVIN FLAUTT
TRUSTEE	HAL ENGLAND
TRUSTEE	DAVE PEMBERTON
TRUSTEE	TIM JUREK

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR OFFICERS
IN THE CHALLENGING ELK'S YEAR

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
RAINEY L BARRENTINE JR	1920
JOSEPH KOWALSKI	1918
JACKIE MCGUINNESS	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 Walter*

Sickness & Distress

Troy Yancey's father (David) is doing poorly with cancer

Jackie Nobles grandfather (Graham Epps) passed away

Our prayers are with you and your families.

To Our Absent Members....

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO

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(*) 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.

BAR HOURS

Regular Bar Hours

MON., TUES., WED.	3-10PM
THURS., FRI.	3-11PM
SAT	12-10PM
SUN	12-6PM

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

Special Events times will be posted in the bulletin.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Still working in conjunction with the holding corporation
towards a porch remodel and new roof over the dining
room. Come down to see the efforts thus far, and express
your ideas and concerns.

There will be a DART league has started. The Lodge
has sponsored a team and will host a number of other
local sponsored teams throughout the spring season for
'Dart Monday' nights.

The renovation committee is also holding raffles every
month to collect money for a women's bathroom renova-
tion. Come support a worthy cause.

Lastly, the house committee for next year is being se-
lected, if your interested in becoming involved with the
business of the lodge, feel free to apply/volunteer. Even if
your not interested in sitting on the panel, come to some of
the meetings to express your opinion or concerns.

The House

The Shadow Knows....

Well friends its time for the chocolate bunnies, dying
the eggs, and having friends in for barbeque ribs,
and burgers, and last but not least to welcome our
new Exalted Ruler and his wife and officers. Billy
and Jackie Nobles is our new ER. Please give him
and his officers your support.

Last month was a busy one we had some private
parties, we had Mickey and rosemary's famous ribs.
We had great music, good company. St. Patrick's
Day party was a WOW event the corn beef and
cabbage and the stew was the best I've ever eaten.
Pat Edwards, Martha Jurek, and Donna Stamatakis
did the decorating, Lee fink, Dave McGuinness,
Mike Spencer did the cooking of the corn beef and
Donna did the stew, Linda Adriansen, Polly Matlock,
and Donna made desserts, and Betty Roy and
Jackie Nobles served thanks folks for all your help
and you folks that came for making this such a suc-
cess. folks the music was super we had Show time
entertainment again. and the night went on and on
and on. Whew am I tired.

We had the installation dinner. Stuffed pork loins
and the fixings was served and some great music to
dance to.

Thanks to Scott Jackman for fixing our sign out front
and making restroom signs. Martin Penix for every-
thing he does can't name it all. Martha Jurek and
Donna Stamatakis for making the baskets we sell
tickets on.

One of our members is having a birthday the first
April weekend and folks she does celebrate please
come and tell TINA BALL happy birthday. she will
celebrate all weekend. Me, I want to forget my
birthdays.—you go girl.

Folks we are working on the membership cards
PLEASE be patient with us.

Friends when you see an event on the calendar
please come by and support the lodge. WE HAVE A
BLAST.

See you at the lodge
The Shadow

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Highlighted Names Will be Dropped Next Month If Not Paid!

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 New

NAME _____
 Member/Wife Name

Send to Lodge #1532

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Florida State Elks Youth Camp

It's that time of year again to sign up your children and grandchildren for the greatest youth camp in the United States! Our camp is for Elk-sponsored boys and girls ages 9 to 13 and is held annually for six one week sessions at our State Headquarters in Umatilla. Registrations will be following a first come, first serve format of completed applications so get yours filled out today. The camp must receive applications no later than May 20, 2009. Session 1 begins June 14 and the 6th and final session begins July 19th. All sessions begin on a Sunday and the kids are picked up on the following Saturday. The following is a list of some of the activities the kids are able to participate in during the week:

Physical Activities: Football, Softball, Soccer, Kickball, Tag games, Basketball, Volleyball, Swimming in Olympic size pool, Canoeing or Paddle boating in a lake (no swimming is allowed in the lake), Archery, Ropes course (this involves climbing, but is not a mandatory activity), Slip-N-slide, Water bombardment (played with foam balls soaked in water), Water Volley-ball (played with water balloons and tossed by towels).

Non-physical activities: Tie-Dye, Coloring shirts (using t-shirt markers), Leather work (leather, leather tools, permanent markers), Lanyards (using lanyard string) and watching camp wide movies.

We look forward to sponsoring your kids so get them signed up today. The camp will fill up fast this year.

Applications are available at the lodge or by contacting Kevin Flautt at 321-243-8015.

Florida State Elks Association MOTTO

No man stands so tall as he who stoops to help a child.

ERA

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Auditing-----
 Community Activities----- Kevin Flautt
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House Committee

HOUSE COMMITTEE:

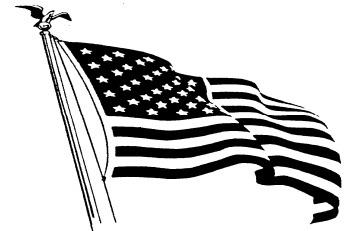
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