



# Cocoa Elks Newsletter

## December 2010



*83 Years of Service to Elkdom*  
B.P.O.E. Elks Lodge #1532 established in 1927

### Elks Memorial Service Ceremony

The annual B.P.O.E. Memorial Service will be held this year at the Cocoa Lodge on Sunday December 5th. Please come down and support the recognition of our fellow lodge members that have passed on this year.

The event will take place at 3:30 p.m.. Those who will be honored this year are:

Bob Steele, Hank DiMicco, Steve Karzmarski, Bud Bell, J.T. Robertson P.E.R.

Recently, on the Lodge floor, a motion was made, seconded and the motion carried to purchase a "BRICK" at the Youth Camp in Umatilla. It will be inscribed:

"In Memory of" and the name of the fallen Cocoa Elk

Recently we have lost three Elk Brothers for which a Brick has been or is in the process of being purchased. Please visit the [FLELKS.ORG](http://FLELKS.ORG) to find out more about the "BRICK" program or to purchase a "BRICK" in a loved one's name.



## Coming Events for the Month of December

### Cocoa Elks #1532 Annual Egg Nog Party

Saturday December 17th

DO NOT MISS THIS ANNUAL EVENT

This has proven to be one of the biggest social events of the year. Everyone brings a covered dish to share and cocktails start around 5:30 p.m. Many raffles and fun are guaranteed for all.

Come renew your friendships and make new ones, all while enjoying the wonderful and exhilarating EGG NOG prepared by our own Dale Cox.

### The Annual Children's Christmas Party

will be held on Sunday December 19th from 12:00 until 2:00 p.m.

The Children and Grandchildren of members in "good standing" are to be treated to a fun filled afternoon. Surprises including an appearance of Santa Claus.



Hurry !!!!!

**Please register** your little ones by filling out the registration form at the lodge and drop it in the canister provided as we want to make sure Santa keeps track of all the children.



**“No Man Stands So Tall As He Who Stoops To Help A Child”**

Exalted Rulers Message December 2010

Tis The Season.....The time for Joy and Giving. Let us take the time to be thankful for all the many blessings we have received this year. Take the time to be kind and generous in everything we do and to everyone we come in contact with.

This is also the time to have fun and enjoy each others company. As you will see in this news letter there are a number of opportunities to do this. Not just for the adult type activities but also for the entire family. A lot of effort is being put in by a great group of volunteers to put together some outstanding activities this month and I encourage everyone to please show your support and gratitude by attending/participating in these activities. In this time of giving I would like to remind you that, while we always do these activities to foster camaraderie amongst our members, we also try to raise some money for our charities.

These activities also offer an opportunity to show prospective members what we are about and how much fun we have doing it. I don't know a better way to introduce a prospective new member to our order than to bring them to one of our activities.

I would like to use some space here to address our members who have not yet paid their dues for this lodge year. While we understand there are a number of reasons for not doing this I would like to say that I am open to discussing any reason and working to find a solution that would help bring you up to date.

Additionally, this news letter is being sent to a group of Elks known as “Stray Elks”. We would like to invite all of you to come down to the Lodge and see why we are known as “Florida’s Friendliest”.

Last but not least, Betty and I would like to thank all of the great people who have helped us out this year, invite those who have not yet had the pleasure to participate and wish everyone Happy and Safe Holliday’s.

Remember; if you travel this month please be safe.

**“Stand Tall”**

Mike Spencer, PER

Exalted Ruler

**Secretary’s Corner**

It is time to think about next year.

I am not going to be able to continue as Secretary in the 2011– 2012 year. The new year begins in April 2011. I Would like to work with my replacement for several months to show them the ropes. So do not be shy— please step up now and lets work together. The job is not difficult now that everything is computerized and automated. Thanks so very much,  
Jan

We would like to keep everyone abreast of what is going on in the Lodge and emails are a quick and inexpensive way to do so REMEMBER: This bulletin is now on our website [www.cocoaelks.com](http://www.cocoaelks.com)

House Committee Report

The economy has effected us all and it is no secret that prices have risen across the board for everything from gasoline to electricity and to food and services of all kind.

It is for this reason that at a recent House Committee meeting of the lodge, we had no alternative but to increase the price of drinks at the bar across the board by a quarter.

This decision does not come easily. Much discussion ensued as a result of the research that was warranted by the group making the financial decisions. Many factors such as daily receipts and hours of operation have been examined for awhile now.

We now have a volunteer bartender three days a week. This is seen as a cost reduction solution. We hope that the members accept this decision and honor the result. The Lodge hours are the same for now and hopefully membership will increase ( with all our help ) and support of the lodge by it’s members will increase in the new year.

Bring in your friends and family and support your lodge in any way that you can.

Thank you, Sincerely,

The House Committee

The Elk's Hoop Shoot has served to highlight the Elk's National commitment to youth. It is now in it's 39th year and from the millions of children who participate only six champions are named. One boy and one girl in each of three categories; ages 8-9; 10-11; and 12-13. Each winner gets a trophy and the National winners go on to compete at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

The Contest was held at Edgewood Jr./Sr. High school on Saturday November 13th with registration starting at 8:30 a.m.

I would like to thank the volunteers for assisting to make the 2010+2011 Hoop Shoot a success.



Jim Davidson, Chris Fafard, Kevin Flautt, Farrell and Donna Jensen, Tim and Martha Jurek, Jan McCarter and Mike Schodlbauer

We had 24 participants this year !!!!

|                                   |             |                |            |                |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------------|------------|----------------|
| Winners in their categories were: | 8-9 Girls   | Cassandra Ryan | 8-9 Boys   | Deandre Burkey |
|                                   | 10-11 Girls | Kaci Cox       | 10-11 Boys | Brian Thomas   |
|                                   | 12-13 Girls | Christina Winn | 12-13 Boys | Matthew Hogan  |

Winners were presented with a trophy and a Certificate of Achievement

The Winners move on to the **District Hoop Shoot** on January 8, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. at Johnson Middle School in Melbourne Fla.

Special thanks to Dr. Ken Winn, Principal of Edgewood Jr/Sr. High School for allowing us the use of his facility and his assistance during the Hoop Shoot Competition.

Dave McGuiness, PER

Hoop Shoot Chairman—2010-2011



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Please renew your sponsorship or begin a new one by sending your annual sponsorship fee to the Lodge Secretary. Choose one of the three levels listed above : Platinum, Gold or Silver.

Member/Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Send to: Cocoa Elks 315 Florida Avenue Cocoa, Florida 32922

Attn: Lodge Secretary



# December 2010



| Sun                       | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu                       | Fri  | Sat  |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------|--|--|
|                           |     |     | 1   | 2 <i>Regular Meeting</i>  | 3  | 4  |
| 5                         | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9 <i>House Committee</i>  | 10   | 11 <b>Registration Deadline for Chil-</b>  |
| 12                        | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16 <i>Regular Meeting</i> | 17 <b>EGG Nog Party</b>  | 18   |
| 19 <b>Children's Xmas</b> | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23                        | 24  | 25  |
| 26                        | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30                        | 31   |  |

## December Jewelry Raffle



*The Shadow*  
*The Shadow*

Your Lodge is having a Silpada Jewelry Raffle  
 The Value of the .925 jewelry is over \$100.00 the raffle will be held  
 on Egg Nog Night December 17th

Come down and see the Bartender on duty and get your chance to win !!!  
 \$5.00 a chance



The Proceeds will benefit the Lodge and repairs that are needed.

Thank You for your support

Hi There,

The seasons are upon us already! It's Gotten to be a contest on how much weight we will gain over the next two months, between the parties and the family dinners, I'm sure we will pack on the pounds. I just tell everyone, it's my winter coat.

We had a super Halloween dinner and dance. The tickets were sold out !!! The meal was great, the entertainment ( Showtime ) was awesome and the costumes were amazing. I could not believe how many costumes we had, practically everyone wore one. We had John Edwards classmates' from West Virginia and his wife Pat's sobriety group joined us. WE also celebrated Pat's Birthday that night. Thank you to all who joined us, you made the night a huge success.

Lee Fink, Dennis and Vicki Pacillio, Betty Spencer and Mike and Mary Schodlbauer cooked and helped in the kitchen. Clay Dixon and Cheyenne Puckett and Ginny Deer helped serve and clean up. All of you did a great job. Thank You.

Mickey and Rosemary won the Halloween Basket which was donated by Linda and Jim Adriansen. It was awesome. Football Sundays have been great and the food brought in by our friends and members has really been yummmmmmmmmmy. Come join us, bring a chip and dip or covered dish or what ever to share. There is a donation jar for those of you who cannot bring something but want to help defray costs. It helps buy roasts, burgers etc. for the following Sunday. Ya'll, it's too cold for the beach, so come on down.

Kerry Early had a surprise Birthday Party for Norman. Yes he was 39 AGAIN. So many friends and family joined him to celebrate. We had a blast!! Our Dining Room is a perfect Place to Party !!!!

Don't Forget we have a lot of events coming up ! Keep an eye on the Calendar !

With Christmas coming up a Membership to our lodge would make a great gift you know!!

Our snowbirds are starting to arrive. Please make them feel welcome, introduce yourself to them, after all we are the friendliest lodge around.

A note to think about when filling out an application where the part says PERSON TO CALL IN CASE OF EMERGENCY I suggest you put DOCTOR What's your mother going to do ???

"Remember being young is beautiful, But being old is Comfortable"

ENJOY LIFE and WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE EGG NOG PARTY ON DECEMBER 17th

The Shadow  
The Shadow

## **Work on Your Lodge and show your pride**

We have put together a "Honey Do List" for the lodge. If you have the time and some talent in the repair or maintenance field and would like to save us some money, please take a look at the list and see what areas that you can help us with. Thank you in advance.

Men's room door needs to be fixed. Light bulbs that need replacement. Electrical labeling of lights and coordination. Painting and sprucing up of some rooms. There are some major repairs that need to be done and will be addressed as the year goes on.



# December Birthdays

Day

- |                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Masburry, Austin    | 22 Dubose, Robert C. |
| 3 Fallen, Sylvia D    | Ropp, Arlan          |
| 4 Morse, (DR.) A.B.   |                      |
| 7 Connors, Richard W. | 27 Jurek, David      |
| 9 Smith, John D.      |                      |
| 10 Poole, Carol       | 31 Ferrell, Dana     |
| 15 Barnini, Robert J. | Payne, Debra         |
| Houser, Jr. Wesley H. |                      |
| 17 Bryan, Daniel W.   |                      |
| Provost, Charles B.   |                      |
| Reed, Charles E.      |                      |
| 19 Fisher, Jean       |                      |
| 21 Adriansen, Linda   |                      |

*Happy Birthday to ALL !!!*

Banquet Facilities Dear Members — Remember !!!!

**Let's face it, there is no shortage of places on the Space Coast to host your next special event, but we have a beautiful dining facility at your disposal.**

**Are you having a function coming up?**

Retirement?, Birthday?, Anniversary?, Business Lunches & Dinners, Bar Mitzvahs, Going Away Sendoff?, Wedding?, Shower?, Reunion?, Sweet Sixteen?, Graduation, Christmas Party?, Office Party?,

Whatever the Occasion **Think of your Elks Lodge.**

Information is online at [www.cocoaelks.com](http://www.cocoaelks.com)



**Living or Dead, an Elk is never Forgotten, never forsaken**

## Sickness & Distress

Keep these people  
in your in your thoughts and prayers,

Anne Mickey, Daryl Roth, Ed Christensen,

## Important Volunteer Information

On Saturday October 23rd The Cocoa Elk's Lodge along with members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church cooked and served over 750 hot dogs for the Buddy Walk for FEDS, a local group that supports Children with Down's Syndrome. E.R. Mike Spencer was joined by Treasurer Earl Johnson and Roger Naumann along with St. Mark's volunteers: John Bisbey and David Treffer. The Cocoa Elk's also donated \$100.00 to this cause. A big Thank You to all who attended ..

## Upcoming News

State Soccer Shoot  
January 9th Umatilla

Army of Hope Picnic  
April 11,2011 @ Ft. Walton Lodge 1795

Presidential Memorial Certificates  
Available

FSEA Cookbook "Cool Summer Fun"

Log onto [Flelks.org](http://Flelks.org) for more information

If you would like to volunteer for these events or any current events that we have please call the lodge and leave a message, someone will get back to you a.s.a.p.

Check out the websites



# Florida State Elks Association

## State President's Message

Florida State Elks Association

State President's Message for December, 2010



### Bar Food Menu

The Cocoa Elks has a new Bar Food Menu, you can eat while you are enjoying a cocktail at the bar. Members who have partaken in the scrumptious fare have raved about the quality and the prices.

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| French Fries        | \$1.50           |
| Angus Cheeseburger  | \$2.50           |
| With French fries   | \$3.50           |
| White Castle Burger | \$1.50 ( 2 pack) |
| With French Fries   | \$2.50           |
| hilly Cheese Steak  | \$3.00           |
| With French fries   | \$4.00           |
| Rib Sandwich        | \$3.00           |
| With French fries   | \$4.00           |
| Pizza               | \$2.50           |
| Deep Dish & Regular |                  |

My Fellow Elks,

Julia and I have just returned from the Mid-Year Convention which was very productive and informative. It is always a privilege and encouraging when gathering with so many dedicated Elks who traditionally attend this event. In addition to having a considerable number of meetings that dealt with our fund raising efforts, Major Projects, other programs, and state issues, we heard the numerous reports from all our state wide committees. Of particular interest we had more than one session concerning our plans to reverse the membership decline as well as the results of a series of meetings in each of the 14 state districts hosted by State Secretary Carl Seibert and State Membership Chairman Don Moon that addressed the same issue. This was topped by two excellent speakers who shared with us strategies and ideas relative to attracting new lodge members and techniques for interaction among people.

I continue to be encouraged by the progress with our Harry-Anna Trust Fund raising efforts and we appear to be on track for a substantial amount of donations for that annual campaign. I wish to thank all Florida Elks who are giving of their time, skills, and contributions in order for us to meet our fund raising goal. Please consider making a pledge toward the 24 hour endurance run that PER Jim Larsen from the Manasota Lodge 2734 will conduct on behalf of Harry-Anna, this coming New Year's Eve and Day. Pledges may be made on the FSEA Website. Jim's great generosity will definitely help us attain our goal this year.

Julia and I naturally wish and pray that all Florida Elks and your families have a most pleasant and safe Christmas Season. We will be traveling to the Elks National Home in Bedford, Virginia for their annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony as well as some other functions. It will be our privilege and pride to represent all Florida Elks and our State Association. Others will be joining us as we distribute some gifts to the residents and enjoy their hospitality. Please keep us in your prayers also as we continue our visitations to the remaining state districts in addition to other events.

May God shine his face upon you, and give you great joy and happiness this coming Holiday Season.

Fraternally,

*James E. Hurst*

FSEA State President

#### websites of interest to our members

[www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org) or [www.flelks.org](http://www.flelks.org) or [www.cocoaelks.com](http://www.cocoaelks.com)

**These sites are full of interesting information. We encourage our members to familiarize themselves with their organization and search out the items of interest to them**

Remember our Sports On Sunday

We have all the games and hope you can come down and enjoy them with friends. Why not bring a dish to share and have a good time.

Cheer on your team and  
Hopefully they will win.!!!



Please email the lodge at [cocoaelks@cfl.rr.com](mailto:cocoaelks@cfl.rr.com)

#### Lodge Officers

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Exalted Ruler    | Michael Spencer    |
| Leading Knight   | Mike Schodlbauer   |
| Loyal Knight     | Timothy Jurek      |
| Lecturing Knight | Ralph Morrison     |
| Tiler            | Greg Beuer         |
| Treasurer        | Earl Johnson       |
| Secretary        | Jan McCarter       |
| Esquire          | Christopher Fafard |
| Inner Guard      |                    |
| Chaplin          | Art White          |
| Lodge Advisor    | Ed Christensen     |

If you are finished reading your Bulletin, why not share it with others or drop it at your doctor's waiting room for others to enjoy.

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*"Our Lodge is one of our Best Assets  
that we have . We should all  
support it"*

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