



COCOA ELKS NEWS

December 2011

84 Years in Service to ELKDOM



COCOA ELKS LODGE #1532

ESTABLISHED IN 1927

Exalted Ruler's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

The holidays are here. I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving with their family and friends. I'd like to thank all the people that helped during November with TGIF's and steak night while Donna and Lee were out cruising. We had the hall booked for several events. I appreciate everyone who helped to support the functions.



We are always in need of volunteers so please call to volunteer and become involved. You'll be surprised what a great time you can have! If you are unable to help, please consider coming and participating.

The upcoming events for December are the Hoop Shoot on Dec 10th at Edgewood Jr./Sr. High. Please contact me if you would like to help. This is a very worthwhile function that Cocoa Elks put on every year. Saturday evening the 10th is Steak night. The Egnog party is on the 16th with the \$1,000 drawing for front porch renovations. We always have a great turn out for this social evening. See you there!!!

The Children's Christmas party follows on the 18th. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring our children and grandchildren to enjoy treats, games and Santa!! We will try to hold stag night on the 15th if we have enough people to attend. Christmas Eve falls on a Saturday this year. The lodge will be open because most of the NFL games will be played. We welcome you to come down to enjoy the games and a cold beverage.

We are planning to have a pot luck on New Year's Eve. No charge, just bring a covered dish! We will have a champagne toast at midnight. I sincerely hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a happy and safe New Year's Eve with their family and friends.

A special Thank you to Earl for his participation in the Buddy Walk charity. Our lodge got a lot exposure from this event. That is what Elkdom is all about, working for our community. Thanks again Earl, great job!

Again, your help is needed to continue the success of our functions. Get involved, volunteer and support our lodge. We need you!

Fraternally yours,

Russell Bailey

**Another Big Month Full of Lots of Activities!
Every Friday is TGIF SUPPORT YOUR LODGE**

Every Tuesday—6 PM Singles Dance

Dec 10th—Steak Night

Dec 15th— Stag Night

Dec 16th—Holiday Potluck with Dale Cox's Egnog/\$1,000 drawing

Dec 18th— Children's Christmas Party

Dec 31st— New Year's Pot Luck

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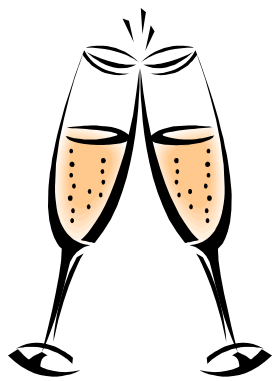
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Our Annual Egg
Nog Party is
December 16th!

Dale Cox will
prepare his
delicious Eggnog
for all.

**Join in on the Holiday fun!
Bring your favorite
dish to share.
Entertainment will be on hand!**



Join us on ..

New Year's Eve

**Pot Luck and complementary Champagne
toast at Midnight!**

**Come share your favorite dish and ring in the new year
with your Elk Brothers & Sisters!**

**TGIF
Is Back
EVERY Friday
\$8 or Less
Per Person**

Presidential Memorial Certificate

WAS YOUR DEPARTED A VETERAN?

FORT PIERCE ELKS LODGE #1520 WANTS YOU TO KNOW THAT IF YOUR LOVED ONE WAS IN THE U.S. MILITARY, YOU CAN ORDER AN ENGRAVED PAPER PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE. IT IS **FREE** AND THEY CAN GIVE YOU THE INFORMATION NEEDED TO REQUEST THE CERTIFICATE.

December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov 27	Nov 28 Dart League	Nov 29 Singles Dance 6:00 PM	30 CLOSED	1 Regular Meeting 7:30PM	2 TGIF	3
4	5 Dart League	6	7 CLOSED	8	9 TGIF	10 Steak Night Hoop Shoot
11	12 Dart League	13 Singles Dance 6:00 PM	14 CLOSED	15 Regular Meeting 7:30PM Stag Night	16 TGIF Egnog Party See Page 2 for details also \$1,000 Drawing	17
18 Children's Christmas Party	19 Dart League	20 Singles Dance 6:00 PM	21 CLOSED	22 House Committee 7:00PM	23 TGIF	24 NFL Day wear your Team Colors
25	26 Dart League	27 Singles Dance 6:00 PM	28 CLOSED	29	30 TGIF	31 New Year's Pot Luck
January 1	January 2	January 3 Singles Dance 6:00 PM	January 4 CLOSED	January 5 Regular Meeting 7:30PM	January 6 TGIF	January 7

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Hello all,

There was a slew of activities this month. The Cocoa Elks (that's us) with Earl Johnson, Roger Naumann, Mike Spencer and brother, with three members from St. Marks Episcopal Church raised \$38,000.00 for the Step Up for Down Syndrome of Brevard. I heard they had a hot dog of a time. A steady flow of new members and Lodge activities have stimulated the coffers and have made much more appreciated secretarial record keeping. Yahoo! Have a great Christmas and stop in for some unforgettably chicken fortified eggnog.

Ken

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Our prayers are with our troops and their families as they continue to make sacrifices to keep us safe.

To Our Absent Members....

Kay Kelly, passed November 14, 2011 a celebration of her life will be held in December TBA.

Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>DAY</u>	<u>NAME</u>
1	AUSTIN MANBERRY
3	SYLVIA FALLEN
4	A B MORSE
7	RICHARD CONNORS
10	CAROL POOLE
11	THERESA BAILEY
15	ROBERT BAMINI
	WESLEY HOUSER, JR
17	ARTHUR BROCK
	DANIEL BRYAN
	CHARLES REED
21	LINDA ANDRIANSEN
22	ARLAN ROPP
31	DEBRA PAYNE
	Bill ROBINSON



*Happy Birthday
To All!*

SPORTS SUNDAYS

REMEMBER!!!!

NFL Ticket is at the Lodge.
Your favorite team is always on TV, so come on down and join the fun. **NASCAR, MLB, NHL, NBA, PGA** and **college sports** too. Enjoy the games with friends, cool drinks and tasty eats. So come on down and bring a snack or dish to share.

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Lodge Membership

We swore in two new members last month.
Please welcome them:

Debbie Burger
Patricia Rota

Bring a neighbor, friend or acquaintance to a
Cocoa Elks event and help your Lodge grow
again.

If you are a widow and would like to become a
member with full voting rights give Russell a
call. Spouses, you are also eligible for
membership, become involved.

**Our Lodge is what our
membership makes it.**



**\$1,000 Drawing
December 16th
Proceeds go to the front
porch renovations.
Tickets \$10.00 each
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Grand Lodge ER Message

'Tis the season for 'Giving from the Heart'
A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler
Hon. David R. Carrby

**To All District Deputies, Exalted Rulers,
Officers and Members:**

During the holiday season, Elks Members nationwide support Lodge Christmas Charities programs that assist citizens who are alone and lonely or need a helping hand. Many Lodges hold a free dinner for these citizens. Others contribute to the Toys for Tots Program as well as to local food pantries. Thanks to "Giving from the Heart" at Christmas time throughout America, Elks bring cheer to many children and adults as well as to veterans in VA Hospitals and Nursing Homes who sincerely appreciate our assistance.

A simple Christmas card can bring a smile to a lonely veteran. Sending veterans Lodge Christmas cards that have been signed by several Members reinforces our commitment, "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

As Elks, we have a very special opportunity to give a gift that will make a difference for years to come. One gift to the Elks National Foundation will offer care and comfort to veterans, help deserving students attend college, and provide healthy activities for youth, now and in the future. And this gift has tax benefits!

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If you ring the bell
to enter the Lodge... It will cost
you \$1.00 all monies collected will
go toward the Lodge's Annual
donation to
Elks National Foundation!

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**Highlighted Names Will be Dropped
 Next Month If Not Renewed!
 Please continue your support!**

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Renewal **New**

NAME _____
 Member/Spouse Name

Send to Lodge #1532, 315 Florida Ave., Cocoa FL 32922

SPONSORSHIPS: SILVER \$15/Yr, GOLD \$25/Yr, PLATINUM \$50/yr

THE SHADOW

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Now it is count down to the New Year!

Thank you to all that helped with our November TGIF dinners.

Don't miss the great events planned for this month:

- Hoop shoot is Dec 10th at Edgewood Jr./Sr. High, Volunteers are needed call Russell to volunteer.
- On the 10th we have Steak Night and the Steak Shoot.
- The Eggnog party on the 16th, come share your favorite dish and Dale's great Nog. And get your tickets for the \$1,000 drawing that evening as well.
- Then on the 18th we have the Children's Christmas Party. Whether your are planning on bring the kids or just want to help with the party give the Lodge a call so we can get a count.
- On the 31st we will have our Annual New Year's Party. This year there will be no charge! Just bring a covered dish and join us for a champagne toast at midnight.

We are still running a membership campaign– if you have a friend, neighbor or even spouse have them join our fine organization and serve the community we live in.

Have you made your New Year's resolution yet? How about making one to support your Local Elk's Lodge by volunteering your time or your dollars. Volunteer to provide food for one of the TGIF's or help in the kitchen at one of the Steak Nights or another events; buy tickets for events or make a donation. Your support will make our Lodge strong.

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The year 2011 is coming to a close, but first we are obliged to ensure all tax-deductible donations for 2011 are applied to this calendar year. The ENF must receive donations in their office on or before December 31, 2011, in order to count the donations toward your 2011 taxes. You can donate online until midnight, December 31.

I hope you will "*Give from the Heart*" this holiday season by contributing what you can in support of your Lodge's efforts to bring Christmas cheer to others less fortunate as well as by contributing to the Elks National Foundation, if you have not already done so.

Thank you for "Giving from the Heart" and proving once again that "*Elks Care - Elks Share.*"

Happy holidays!

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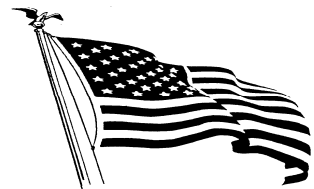
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- Bruce Catherwood
- Chris Fafard



Don't miss the action...
TGIF Each Friday—6 PM
Dec 10th—Steak Night and Hoop Shoot
Dec 15th— Stag Night
Dec 16th— Nog Party
Dec 18th—Children's Christmas Party
Dec 31st—New Year's Party—Pot Luck—No Charge