



COCOA ELKS NEWS

July 2011

84 Years in Service to ELKDOM



COCOA ELKS LODGE #1532

ESTABLISHED IN 1927

Exalted Ruler's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

June turned out to be a good month due to increased participation and private parties. If you know of anyone that needs a good facility to hold their social events, let them know we're open for business. Contact the lodge for applications and costs or visit us on the web.

I attended the state convention last month where Frank D. Hayes was elected as our new State President. Business was conducted with emphasis on supporting our Elks Children's Therapy services, Harry-Anna Trust Fund and Youth Camp.

Things are rolling along great at the state level. However, membership was addressed on the importance of increasing our numbers. As you know, membership is my number one priority this year. Thanks again to Dave McGuiness, Nancy Walker-Seemer, Dave Pemberton and Mike Spencer for helping out at the district hospitality room.

Theresa and I will be attending the National Convention which will be held July 17-21 in Phoenix, Arizona. I look forward to attending several meetings and voting on some important issues affecting Elkdom. Report to follow in August.

The Southeast Central District Vice President will be speaking at our neighboring lodge in Viera on July 9th. You don't have far to go for this one, so please plan on attending so to show a significant representation from "Florida's Friendliest Lodge."

Thanks to Doug and Beth Scarborough for putting on a successful Flag Day ceremony. Also, I'd like to thank our local Boy Scout troop for presenting the colors. We had a good turnout of visitors to learn about the history of our flag and to enjoy a delicious meatloaf dinner. Thanks to Dave McGuiness and Carol Trent for all the hard work in the kitchen and everyone else who helped with honored event.

Our \$1,000 drawing is returning! The next drawing which is tentatively scheduled for Steak Night this month— check the calendar for the date. This is usually an event that is well attended. Tickets are limited, buy yours now at only \$10 each.

We're having a membership drive!! Did you read in the last two bulletins that we have booked **The Saddle Band** for the first Friday of every month? If you haven't had an opportunity to attend this event, please mark your calendar and come on down. TGIF starts at 6:30 PM and the band starts at 8:00 PM. I am asking all members to bring in a prospective member to the Lodge, enjoy a cool drink and tour our facilities. There is no cover charge for this event and the drink prices are very reasonable! This is your chance to take an active role in increasing the membership of our Lodge. I need everyone's help! If participation in this event does not pick up, we may have to cancel future bookings.

Welcome to our new members! We will be publishing the names of our new members in the bulletin each month. Please show your hospitality by welcoming them to our Benevolent and Charitable Organization.

Our ladies bathroom needs some refurbishing. To anyone interested in helping to paint and spruce up things, please contact my wife, Theresa.

Thanks again to everyone that has helped to make June a very successful month.

Fraternally yours,

Russell Bailey



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Important Events

- **TGIF— Every Friday, 6 PM**
- **July 9th— SEC District VP, to speak at Viera Lodge**
- **STEAK NIGHT— 6:00 PM Saturday, the 30th, followed by STEAK SHOOT and the \$1,000 drawing (if tickets have been sold out)**
- **GL National Convention July 17—21, Phoenix, AZ**

A Little Humor...

Four old retired guys are walking down a street in Yuma , Arizona ...

They turned a corner and see a sign that says, 'Old Timers Bar - ALL drinks 10 cents'.

They look at each other, and then go in, thinking this is too good to be true.

The old bartender says in a voice that carries across the room, "Come on in and let me pour one for you!

What will it be, Gentlemen?"

There seemed to be a fully-stocked bar, so each of the men ordered a martini.

In short order, the bartender serves up four iced martinis...shaken, not stirred, and says,

"That will be 10 cents each, please."

The four men stare at the bartender for a moment. Then look at each other.

They can't believe their good luck. They pay the 40 cents, finish their martinis, and order another round.

Again, four excellent martinis are produced with the bartender again saying, "That's 40 cents, please."

They pay the 40 cents, but their curiosity is more than they can stand. They have each had two martinis and so far they have spent less than a dollar..

Finally one of the men says, "How can you afford to serve martinis as good as these for a dime a piece?"

"I'm a retired tailor from Phoenix ," the bartender said, and I always wanted to own a bar. Last year I hit the Lottery jackpot for \$125 million and decided to open this place.

Every drink costs a dime...wine, liquor, beer, it's all the same.."

"Wow!!!! That's quite a story," says one of the men.

The four of them sipped at their martinis and couldn't help but notice seven other people at the end of the bar who didn't have drinks in front of them, and hadn't ordered anything the whole time they were there.

One man gestures at the seven at the end of the bar without drinks and asks the bartender, "What's with them?"

The bartender says, "Oh, they're all old retired farts from Florida. They're waiting for Happy Hour when drinks are half price."

TGIF
Is Back
EVERY Friday
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Per Person

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JULY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30	TGIF 1 Music by Saddle Band	2
3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7 Regular Meeting 7:30PM	TGIF 8	9 SEC Dist. VP to Speak at Viera Lodge
10	11	12	13	14 Holding Corp 7:30PM	TGIF 15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Regular Meeting 7:30PM	TGIF 22	23 STEAK NIGHT 6:00 PM STEAK SHOOT 7:00 PM
24	25	26	27	28 House Committee 7:00PM	TGIF 29 National Lasagna Day	30 Steak Night 6:00 PM Steak Shoot & \$1,000 Drawing To Follow
31	August 1	August 2	August 3	August 4 Regular Meeting 7:30PM	August 5 TGIF	August 6

SECRETARY'S CORNER

A big thanks to our great members for getting their membership dues in this month. Your dues go to many worthy causes nationwide, supporting your Lodge and our own community. We are in the process of applying for two grants from the Elks National Foundation in the amounts of up to \$1,000.00 and \$2,000.00. If you have any pictures or announcements that were for the Meals on Wheels, Volunteer Dinner or our Flag Day ceremony please bring them to the Lodge or send them to our email address at the Lodge. cocaelks@cfl.rr.com.

On a secretarial social note; there are some interesting people at the horseshoe shaped leaning device just outside the office. I learned a lot from Hilda Holland by asking her about her jewelry. If you catch her at the right time she may share those life stories with you too! Hilda, you rock with those ROCKS!

Thank you all,

Ken Poole

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Gerald Brooks - Continues to hang in there, as he recovers from surgery in Texas.

**Our prayers are with
you and your families.**

To Our Absent Members....

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

<u>DAY</u>	<u>NAME</u>
6	Hal Abercrombie
7	Harvey Baker
9	Robert Hicks
15	James Oliverius
16	Alvin Hardy
19	Russell Bailey
22	Robert Anderson Robert Tucker
23	Forest Rittmanic
26	Kenneth Rac
27	John Colton
28	Donald Miller
30	William Brannen
31	Michael Schodlbauer



Happy
Birthday!

SPORTS SUNDAYS

REMEMBER!!!!

Sports Sunday with NASCAR, Golf, Baseball, Basket Ball, Tennis, Bowling---Whatever! Lodge is open at 12 Noon and watch your favorite team play.

Enjoy time with friends and enjoy an adult beverage and sample the fine food that members bring to share.

So come on down and bring a snack
or dish to share

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NATIONAL ELK NEWS

**Benevolent and Protective Order of
Elks of the United States of America
Grand Lodge/National Convention *
July 17 – 21, 2011 * Phoenix, Arizona**

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Get more news.
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Lodge Membership

In the next three quarters of this Elk year we would like to fill this column with the names of new members.

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.

We have four new members so far for this year please help fill this column. Please welcome them!

Chip Brock
Lisa Perry
Justin Moates
Chris Hazel
and
Ronald Morgan
has been reinstated

GER's Message

A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler
Hon. Michael F. Smith

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

As the National Convention in Phoenix approaches, we welcome the new leaders with open hearts and minds. There is work to be done to improve our Order, and there are many opportunities for everyone. I am confident under the new leadership we will move forward and continue to *"Promote Elks Passion."*

Sandra and I can't put into words the gratitude we have for the opportunity that the year provided. The thousands of people we have the pleasure of calling friends will remain with us forever. The various Major Projects, as well as local programs we had the privilege of witnessing, make me PROUD to be a member of the B.P.O.E. of the United States of America. We thank each of you for allowing us to serve as your National President/Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady. We look forward to the future, the challenges and the positive results.

Our Order will continue to encounter the need for change and the ability to adapt. Without exception we must eliminate the declining membership trends. The fact that other civic groups and fraternal organizations are experiencing a decline offers us the chance to show our resilience like never before. (Resilience as demonstrated by your ENF donations – a record year!)

We must focus on our Members. We know many of our Members do not attend Lodge meetings; then how will they ever know who is initiated? How will our Members make the new Members feel welcome?

I have written of the success some Lodges are having by asking new Members to wear name badges until they feel comfortable at their home Lodges. This allows our existing Members to recognize and welcome them. Have a new Member "meet and greet" every quarter. We MUST quit losing members for non-payment of dues. Statistics support the fact that we are initiating enough new Members to generate a positive growth.

Most of us know printing a list or sending a letter is not the solution. Make these new Members your friends. We need to pay attention, have fun and share it.

BE PROUD...BE LOUD... BE VISIBLE... and may God bless us all.

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Dropped Next Month If Not Re-
newed! Please continue
your support!**

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THE SHADOW

Well the year is half over already. What happened? Where did the time go?

We would like to thank all the volunteers who have done the meals for TGIF. Our Friday night group is slowly growing. The volunteers have done an excellent job everything has been yummy. This helps our lodge raise a little money and helps you so you don't have to cook or spend big bucks elsewhere. Please if you don't want to offer your services to cook or buy something, please come down and purchase a meal to eat in or takeout! We would really appreciate it.

Our Flag Day Celebration went so well thanks to Beth and Doug Scarbough and, Ken and Carol Pool who were in charge of the ceremony. Dave McGuinness and Carol Trent did a great meal. Thanks to all of you for helping in this venture and you folks whom came down for the meal and celebration.

Sept 17th we are having a New York/New York Dance with *Show Time Entertainment*. So start asking about tickets in a few weeks as this will be an early sell out.

Don't forget **Steak Night** is the last Saturday of each Month.

See you for TGIF.

If anyone has an idea for a dance/Party/fund raiser please speak up! Get your suggestions to Donna or Russell. If it can be done they will do it.

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Taco Soup

Easy and Tasty- This recipe is from a college student who has little time or money. I have tasted it and it is pretty good. Not sure of the actual origin.

Ingredients:

1 Pound Ground Beef –browned and drained
1/2 Onion
1 Pint Chicken Broth

1 Can Diced Tomatoes
1 Can Rotelle Tomatoes
1 Can Pinto Beans (drained)
1 Can Navy Beans (drained)
1 Can Black Beans (drained)
1 Can Corn
1 Package Taco Seasoning
1 Package Ranch Dressing Seasoning



\$1,000.00 Drawing
Tickets can be
purchased from the
bartenders for
\$10.00 per ticket.
Drawing July 30th

Lodge Officers

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Russell Bailey

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House Committee

HOUSE COMMITTEE:

Lee Fink(Chair)
Donna Stamatakis
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Chris Fafard
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**Don't miss our Steak Night and
Steak Shoot at the Lodge!
Saturday, *July 30th*
Join us for Dinner at 6:00 PM,
Steak Shoot and \$1,000 Drawing follow.**

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