

Gainesville Elks 990

Standing behind what we are all about

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Thoughts from your ER...

Sometimes thoughts need more space. See mine in the pages within this newsletter.



Elks 990 is going to cruise right along in
2021-2022

Come on aboard and bring your friends.
Let us make this a year that will be talked about
for many to come.

We are the best kept secret in Gainesville.
It is time to get the word out



Elks 990 Growth Chart

Applications in process for the
month of May

Brad Caron

Sara Caron

Wesley Demott

Joy Hunton

Robert Kish

Barbara Luckhardt

Katelin Borden

Sylvia Daple

Sandra Kimball

Thomas Kimball

Robert Martniak

Valerie Sherrod

Audy Spell

Home of Robert Grafton PGER and the late C. Valentine Bates PGER

**Lodge meeting will be on May 5th and
May 19th at 7pm**

Officers trustees and House Committee members

990 Lodge Officers and Ritual Team

Exalted Ruler	Susan Senterfitt
Est. Leading Knight	Lynne Meyers
Est. Loyal Knight	Betty J Sullivan
Est. Lecturing Knight	Najwa Liscombe
Chaplain	Louis Mallory
Esquire	Bill Senterfitt PER
Inner Guard	Becky Spence PER
Tiler	Michael Grant
Treasurer	Bonnie Mott
Secretary	Linda Califf
Lodge Advisor	Dennis Squires PDD

House Committee

Chairman	Cory Veley
Monty Williams	Maryann Davis
Diantha Dame	Becky Criswell
Mauri Stalker	Jerry Sartain
Bill Senterfitt PER	Laison

Trustees

Glen Gardner PDD
Max Danford PER
Debbie Owen-Pirkle
Joe Mauro
Debbie Mauro

“You always pass failure on the way
to success.” Mickey Rooney actor

Class of 2021-2022

Knights of 990 on the Rise

Donate \$20.00 to ENF or Harry-Anna online at www.floridaelks.org or www.enf.org. You can make a donation of just \$20.00 or more to the lodge in support of any of our programs and become a KNIGHT. Knighthood is open to everyone. Elk or not.

PGER Robert Grafton	PER Max Danford	PER Bill Senterfitt
PDD Larry Croy	PER Susan Senterfitt	PER Dayna Miller
PER Roy Rogalski	PDD Bob Franks	PER Becky Spence
Glenda Dobbs	Buzz Maclean	Becky Criswell
Betty J Sullivan	Steve Smith	Chuck Taylor
Gary Parker	Max Hicks	Dean Wiesjahn
Crocket Covey	Hobie Tindal	Debbie Owens-Pirkle
Brenda Taylor	Debbie Hicks	Linda Califf
Bill Oxendine	Mike Chism	Elizabeth Carden (nm)
Bob Nielsen	Terrie Nielsen	Lynne Meyers
Max Dame	Dianthe Dame	Najwa Liscomb
Kevin Gutierrez		

It is not our goal to get you to give money all the time.

It is our responsibility to keep you informed of the many opportunities we see available that give you the choice to support and be a part of making the difference for those in need. Or the choice to help us in the continued growth of our facility and lodge. Your membership is what counts. The rest is special.



01 William B Califf

03 Mary Abramson

04 Susan Senterfitt

05 Ronald Byard

06 Louis Mallory

06 Dustin Schneider

07 Steve Linton

09 Mary Hutchens

10 Becky Hamilton

11 Larry Croy

11 Donald Smith

12 Todd Senterf

13 Debbie Hicks

14 Robert Espenship

16 Sandy Stoiber

17 Albert Daniels

19 Mack Kelly

May. 2021

20 William Calliff III

21 Ed Exley

23 Patricia Ellis

23 Curtis Myers

25 Joel Norred

25 Wilbur Wood Jr

27 Patricia Flewelling

27 Ed McEachron

27 Johna Rutherford

28 Jana Kowitz

29 Roger Hutton

29 Clay Morgan

29 Jerry Sartain

29 Rosa Woodward

30 Jon Swanson

31 Brent Fullenwider

“A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery while on a detour.”

PER BREAKFAST CREW WILL BE IN ACTION

SUNDAY May 9th for Mothers Day Brunch

10:00am till 1:00pm

Offering a great selection of special items for you to choose from and start your special day off right.

Taco Sunday will be Sunday May 16th at 1pm.

Enjoy a great feast of foods prepared by

Louise Grimm

Come join us for a duck race at 2pm

\$5 duck sponsorships available

“Positive anything is better than
negative nothing.”

Elbert Hubbard writer



2020-2021 Hoop Shoot Squad in Waldo

2021-2022 is our year to give the kids a chance to shine with our events such as the National Elks Hoop Shoot and Soccer Shoot. Talks are at the round table about Jr's Golf Day, Fishing day for the kids. And more...

If you are not receiving our mail blast you are missing out on all current events that may arise.

Contact bsenterfit@gmail.com to be added to the list

“The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts.”

Marcus Aurelius Roman Emperor

We are the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the
United States of America.
We care we share



The Mighty Northeast District lodges coordinated to donate 480 pairs of Unicorn slippers to Wolfson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville. Spreading warmth and joy to those in need.

In what year was the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks founded?

Thoughts from the ER

April showers brings May flowers and as the flowers blossom so does the rise of Elks 990! The first week of May is our Elks National Youth week. This is the time to invest in our youth. They are our future. We have many youth programs out there to share with our youth. We also have Mother's Day and there are so many women that have had a big positive influence over all of us. God made woman from one of Adam's ribs she was named Eve. Women are the nurturers and glue in the family, standing side by side with man. Take this month to honor your mom and the women in your life. We are a gift from God! The end of May is Memorial Day. We as Americans love to have picnics with family and friends. On this holiday we also need to reflect on those who have defended and died for our Country. Freedom is not cheap and comes with a huge price. Please keep our military and families in your prayers. They have sacrificed so we can live in the best Country in the world, America. Land of the free and home of the brave.

The last weekend in May is also our State convention. It is my honor along with the ritual team to represent the best Lodge in Florida, Gainesville Lodge #990. We are 1 out of 94 Lodges and by the way we are the only ritual team that is competing at Nationals from Florida. Our officers are like a life line of our Lodge. Without their dedication to perform ritual we would not have new members.

Our kitchen cooks remain our superheroes and they have donated countless hours and money to the Lodge. Thank you for listening to our request for more volunteers in the kitchen. If you do not ask you don't receive. We have different superheroes cooking the kitchen in May. Please take a moment to thank your kitchen superheroes We would not be as successful in our endeavors if it wasn't for their dedication.

Come join our Elk Family at the Lodge, bring family or friends or both. Stay well and be safe and remember you are representing the Elks. We are the best people on earth. Warm, activate and friendly.

Fraternally and forever grateful,

Susan Senterfitt, PER 2021-2022

In what year was the Gainesville Elks Lodge 990 founded?

Garage Sale

Coming this June 7am Saturday

Date to be determined

Parking spots are up for rent to the public for \$20.00

And for lodge members \$10.00

Lodge will have a set up at the kitchen entrance to sell on behalf of the lodge. If you have good item's you wish to donate for us to sell just let us know.

All items left over at end of garage sale will be donated to charity.

Come set up your own booth

Come donate or come and just do some shopping.

Contact us by 9th if you want your own spot. Limited space available.

How many Lodges are in the state of Florida?

PER Dayna Miller has accepted the responsibility as the State chairman for the Harry-Anna Trust Fund

PER Bill Senterfitt has accepted the responsibility as Northeast District Chairman

We had an outstanding year last year in our efforts to grow as sustaining donors.

We need 10 more people this year to sign up as sustaining donors to exceed the goal set by the state for our lodge.

For only \$19.00 a month you will be supporting our Youth Camp and Mobile Therapy Services for the state of Florida

Take a moment and think about how you can impact the lives of so many children in our state.

Go to www.floridaelks.org and watch the videos of the camp and our therapist.

Become part of the fuel that drives the happiness to the hearts of children who would otherwise may not be offered a chance to do better.

If you want to see our bulletins in full color just request to be added to the email list.
Contact Bill Senterfitt at bsenterfit@gmail.com

Or

Effective May 2021 we will have our bulletin linked into the national website.

www.Elks.org

Just click search lodge to find us by zip code and read away.

No one needs to miss the true color of what all is growing for our lodge.

Become a fidelity donor for ENF. Your monthly donation of as little as \$10.00 a month can be assigned to any specific program that the National campaign offers. Veterans, Army of Hope, Children support etc. Just visit www.elks.org and go to ENF programs tab to see what you can do to help.

Seeking 20 new fidelity members this year. Learn what is available and see what you might want to a part of today



Easter Spring fling hosted by Margie Baumann was a huge success and enjoyed by all. A visit from the Easter bunny gave all the kids a chance to find hidden eggs all over.

Great job Margie.

Looking forward to the next event for the kids

She has so many pictures we will need to learn how to do a slideshow link.

Coming soon

Do you know how many lodges are in the United states?



Gary Parker and Hobie Tindall went all out with the BBQ to go dinners.

Serving almost 100 meals of full rack of ribs or a whole boston butt



Special thanks to Mike Hill of Hills BBQ for the use of the cookers and prep.

Happy Mothers Day to all the moms in our family of Elks. May your day be special and warm. Thanks



10 members of the Elks 990 Riders traveled west on April 24 for a relaxing ride. While in Crystal River some found the Harley Davidson store was hosting the “traveling Vietnam Veterans wall”

Ride loud... Ride proud...

Looking forward to more tales of your travels as Riders of 990

“The Pessimist Sees Difficulty In Every Opportunity. The Optimist Sees Opportunity In Every Difficulty.” – Winston Churchill



240 Cinder blocks delivered April 23rd. John Schiffli, Bill Senterfitt, Kevin Gutierrez, Joe Mauro and (not Shown) Rob (non member) better known now as the machine, moved all of them downstairs to prepare for the wall to eliminate the concern of erosion from up the hill to the spring head.



Joe realized only 230 to go. Great work

“If You Are Working On Something That You Really Care About, You Don’t Have To Be Pushed. The Vision Pulls You.” – Steve Jobs



The start of Eco Team project “protect the spring head” is well underway. A wall has been set temporarily to prevent any more erosion from up the hill to come into the spring area. As the pool cleaning process has been set in motion we look forward to more volunteers that can offer an hour or so a week to help skim the top of the pool at the 3 foot section or vacuum the bottom.

Other task available.

Clear debris from walkways to spring.

Keep drains free of debris.

Maintain weed growth by ac units

And the list goes on.

Meeting will be on 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 to discuss strategy and progress, as well as address ideas on how to generate donations or events to help fund this on going project

“Knowing Is Not Enough; We Must Apply. Wishing Is Not Enough; We Must Do.” – Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe



“25 for 20”

25 donations of \$20 to drawing

One winner gets \$250.00 worth of scratch offs.

Drawing is held once 25 donations are made and is followed by a new round instantly.

First round winner won \$90.00 on scratch off's

Second round winner won \$100 worth

You could be next.

If you would like a chance to be drawn contact me via email or drop by the lodge. bsenterfit@gmail.com



The city of Daytona found spring breakers from Elks 990 in full force

Seen above is the newly named “Wild Elks of 990”

Taking over the town on the local bike rentals.

On your mark. Get set. Go

Back to front: Veleys, Hendersons, Plants, Younts, and Tanners

Fun times

What would we do in life without friends?

DISTRICT LEADERS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO US ALL IF WE NEED THEM

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