

Gainesville Elks 990

Standing behind what we are all about

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Susan Senterfitt Says...

The unprecedented events of the last few months have filled our days with covid19, the riots and the election coverages with constant debate. This has been a challenge to all members to say the least. It is comforting to know we will get through this as a family. I am proud to be part of BPOE 990 and able to say I am a member of the best fraternal organization around. Our beliefs are strong and are shown by the charity we strive to offer to our community. This is the lifeline of our lodge and the ability for it to grow strong for years to come. Our membership is the key to our success. We need to respect the cultural diversity of fellow members and who they are as individuals, as well as the guest we may attract to become new members. We each received a packet when we joined. In it included a book titled "What it means to be an Elk". This guidebook references on page 12 to enjoy your lodge facilities in meetings and in social quarters. Loud voices and harsh words are taboo. An atmosphere of consideration and good manners would be better found. Elk membership is highly treasured by the families who bring laughter and enthusiasm to the order. It is ours to respect, protect and defend our members and their families. This is what sets us apart from other fraternal organizations.



**Gainesville Elks 990 40th
annual golf tournament**

Sunday November 8th

**All the contributions
and sponsorships that
were made in March will
be valid for the
upcoming tournament
and all profits will still
be raised for the youth
and the ability to go to
Elks Florida Youth
Camp.**

**Goal is to generate 30
plus scholarships this
year. Time to shine.
Time to get our game
on. Let us know if you
want to help.**

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

**Lodge meeting will be on July 1st and
July 15th at 7pm**

Officers trustees and House Committee members

990 Lodge Officers and Ritual Team

Exalted Ruler	Susan Senterfitt
Est. Leading Knight	William V Senterfitt
Est. Loyal Knight	Najwa Liscombe
Est. Lecturing Knight	Betty J. Sullivan
Chaplain	Jack Sherrod
Esquire	Becky Spence
Inner Guard	Louis Mallory
Tiler	Ben Robinson
Treasurer	Bonnie Mott
Secretary	Linda Califf
Lodge Advisor	P.D.D. Dennis Squires

House Committee

Chairman	Cory Veley
Rick Eddie	Maryann Davis
Monty Williams	Becky Criswell
Kathy Yacavelli	Jerry Sartain
PER Liaison	Bill Senterfitt

Trustees

P.D.D. Glen Gardner
P.E.R. Dayna Miller
P.E.R. Mickey Boutwell
Sandy Boutwell
Mauri Stalker

“The only time to look back,
is to see how far you have
come”

Talent wins games, but
Teamwork wins championships

Class of 2020-2021

Knights of 990 on the Rise

A simple system. Donate \$20.00 to ENF or Harry-Anna online at www.floridaelks.org or www.enf.org. Or 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.

The Knights of 990 are looking for you.

PGER Robert Grafton

William V. Senterfitt PER Susan Senterfitt ER Dennis Squires PDD

Joe Caswell PER Larry Croy PDD Roy Rogalski PER

Dayna Miller PER Bob Franks PDD Becky Spence PER

William Covey III Linda Cooper Johnny Kelly

Bob Nielsen Cory Veley Tim Hay

Breed Jumpp Max Hicks Debbie Hicks

Chuck Taylor Brenda Taylor Sue Priola

Alan Henderson Mike Chism Bill Oxendine

Bryon McElroy Cindy Prabst Bud Jurgens

PER Breakfast
July 12th

Quick note on the PER Breakfast. The breakfast is made and served by Past Exalted Rulers for our members. Meals are offered from a menu. (attached in this newsletter) Proceeds used by the PER's for the better of the lodge toward charitable endeavors as we see the needs arise.



July 2020

02 Henry Sheats

20 Jason Mills

04 Mickey Boutwell

21 Kyle Califf

05 William Coffey

21 Ben Romanik

06 Stan Liscombe

22 Robert Freig

08 Jacob Sherrod

22 Mike Harper

10 Leland Willis

22 Mike Mausch

13 Michael Garcia

25 Andrew Moore

13 Joe Mauro

25 Dick Moss

14 Charles Bryan

26 David Hadley

15 Lloyd Koser

26 Hobie Tindall

16 Charlene Britt

27 Ernest Higbee

16 Alan Henderson

27 Robert Jones

18 Leonard Cohen

27 Kat Martin

18 Meloine Killebrew

27 Joey Sharkey

18 Jim Strawn

27 Thomas Sudduth

18 Michael Ward

27 Jeffrey Winans

19 Scott English

28 Deana Sullivan

19 Becky Spence

30 Jim Glicco

Together **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore

Come enjoy a great meal this Sunday 9 till 11:30



THE MENU - for your perusal and planning

TWO biscuits topped with sausage gravy, 2 eggs and hash browns or grits. **\$6.00** - Oo la lah THREE eggs any style, hashbrowns or grits, biscuit, and choice of bacon or sausage. **\$7.00!!!!!!!**

TWO eggs any style, hashbrowns or grits, biscuit, and choice of bacon or sausage. **\$6.00**

TWO Eggs, hashbrowns and biscuit **\$5.00**

Protein Breakfast - FOUR scrambled eggs with bacon AND sausage. **\$8.00** - Say What??

Pancake Breakfast - THREE pancakes, TWO eggs, bacon or sausage **\$6.00** - Now You're Speakin' My Language

Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit **\$4.00** - For the lighter diners amongst us

Breakfast meals served with choice of coffee, milk, orange juice, tea or water.

SIDE ITEMS

Biscuits, grits, or hash browns - **ONE BUCK**

Sausage - **TWO BUCKS CHUCK**

Bacon - **THIS ONE WILL SET YOU BACK THREE**

Coffee, milk, orange juice, tea or water **\$1.50** - HOW DO THEY DO IT?

The spring head is in better shape than it has been in years. Our volunteer team 990 members are taking our lodge to a new level



A special thanks to member Darrin Roberts and Kevin Gutierrez for the countless hours they have spent getting this restoration project started. They have recruited many more people to want to get involved in bringing are backyard back to a level that allows us to see the true magnificence in the spring and all its splendor.

Left picture is the where the spring flows into the first catch where in its day allowed you to drain the pool by sections if desired for cleaning.

Middle picture is the two and half foot deep section that has been cleaned to the bottom showing the original paint colors.

Right picture is the actual spring head that has been cleared of all wash in from over years and years. It is approximately 12 foot deep as a guess. Absolutely beautiful.

I look forward to this ongoing project having great success. Current status is to secure the perimeter to prevent further erosion and run off to come down the hill to the spring head. Need Team 990 volunteer day scheduled. Who is in?

Be a part of Volunteer 990 team...

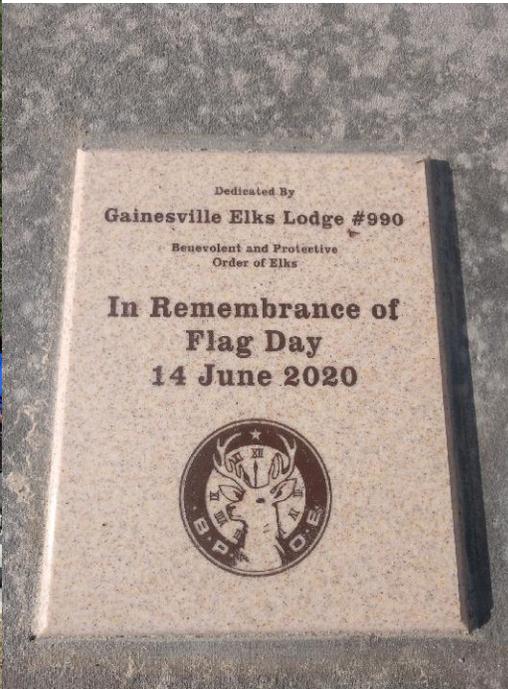
When "i" is replaced by "we"

Even "illness" becomes "wellness"

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Flag Day Ceremony by 990

Thank you to all our officers and members that attended this memorable ceremony.



The fabulous four of 990

A special thanks to our 4 members who truly exemplify the devotion a member has in being a part of the Benevolent and protective order of Elks and as a sustained member of Gainesville lodge 990

Why are you an Elk?

They need not express words. The membership says it all.

Robert Grafton is a 73 year member initiated by 990 in 1948

Billy Purvis is a 66 year member initiated by lodge 990 in 1955

George Boudreau is a 64 year member initiated by lodge 1364 in 1958 then affiliated to 990 in 2018

Bud Jurgens is a 64 year member initiated by lodge 990 in 1957

Thank you for showing members of new what the true reason is to be a member and maintain the growth of what we represent.

“Tough times don’t last. Tough teams do”

Take pride in being a member of team Elks 990



Left pin is the State Pin for a \$50.00 donation to Harry-Anna
WE ARE OFFERING 40 OF THEM FOR A \$25.00 DONATION.

Pin on the right is the Harry-Anna Sustaining Donor Pin. Sign up for \$19.00 a month and be a part of what you know is real. You can go to camp and see what your donations go to. Do not wait for the bells to ring on the sidewalks to reach out and give. Commit to the cause we see work every day.

Let us do our part in supporting the foundations and growth of our youth. We can and will make a difference in the lives of those that we will rely on in years ahead. We are Elks and we have the power to make a better world for all for years to come because we believe.

All upcoming events are set up to follow all COVID 19 guidelines that are set in place at that time

July 4th Chicken and ribs with coleslaw and beans for \$10.00

Optional to bring a special side dish or dessert to show off your seasonal surprise

Corn hole, trivia, food and prizes

July 19th Taco Sunday 1pm with duck race at 3pm

July 25th Saturday Elks 990 BBQ from 11am till 1pm

August 15th Northeast District Vice President visitation

November 8th Elks 990 Golf tournament

If you are not receiving email blast all you need to do is contact PER Bill Senterfitt via bsenterfit@gmail.com with your name and contact info.

A note from our secretary.

It's been a long three months fellow Brothers and Sisters. The virus has taken its toll on us, our families, our communities and our world. Hopefully the storm is behind us and we are starting to get back to some resemblance of a normal life. The lodge has reopened, within the confines of local orders, and we are once again starting to get back to work for our lodge and community.

With that said, Lodge dues were due and payable on April 1st for the Lodge year 2020-2021. We depend greatly on our members' support to accomplish our charitable work. If you have paid, thank you. If you have not paid, please stop by and pay at the bar (cash, check or charge) or drop your dues payment in the mail to the lodge (2424 NW 23rd Blvd, Gainesville, 32605).

Lodge dues are \$115.50 for regular membership; \$38.50 for life membership. Regular members have the option of semi annual dues -\$57.75 due now and \$57.75 due October 1st.

Please take this time to catch up on your dues. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me. I am here for you! Linda Califf, Secretary. 352-222-0337

It is our obligation and purpose to support and maintain the charitable task that may be presented to us at times.

You want proof that you are part of a fraternal order that looks at what they can do for our community.

Example:

Due to the efforts of Carolyn Winkle, Dayna Miller, PER and others we were able to form a relationship with the Alachua County School Board last year. This has increased the exposure to the youth in all the programs our fraternal order offers. We as members of 990 should be proud to say “we as Elks were instrumental in the following award recipients during the Elks State Convention:”

Valeria Zuluaga-Sanchez of Gainesville won a \$1000.00 a year for 4 years scholarship by entering in the Elks National Most Valuable Student Scholarship program

Zihn J. Ahn of Gainesville won the same and was also Top Female winner from Florida as well.

It was in our efforts to get involved and spread the word that gives to those that seek.

Two people from our area won in an Elks National Competition. Spread the word. We matter. Take pride and get people involved.

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How do we get membership while we are in COVID 19 guidelines.

It is simple. Get involved.

Tell prospect members you have known to review the websites on state and national level.

www.floridaelks.org

www.elks.org

Get them excited

Keep up on email blast to see what we are doing to help the community. Offer to help with your prospect member.

Come enjoy a great meal. Dining room is available more than ever before. Look over the calendar and come hungry

Now is the time for every lodge in the country to stand up and be seen. Show all those around that we are the place to be to help those in need.

Name of applicants to be read on the floor

Ronald Byard and Bryan McElroy

Awaiting interview John Kruczek

awaiting Initiation Vincent Perez

If you would like to place an ad in our bulletin this fiscal year please contact Bill Senterfitt. Business card size \$50.00 for the year. Help us offset the cost of our mailers.

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

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