



# The Staghorn

Rotonda Elks Lodge #2710  
A Fraternal Organization

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ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE

January 2024

Members All,  
HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas and New Year Holiday, and you kept every service member who was not home with their loved ones in your thoughts and prayers. Volunteers are the backbone of our programs and serve a vital role in our organization, ensuring the success of our programs. Let's kick off this year by "Promoting Volunteering with Passion". So, what exactly does this mean? It means getting involved in "Your" Lodge's activities, be it community service, volunteering whenever you can, recruiting new members, reaching out to members in arrears and asking them to come back. They joined for one reason or another, let's see if we can rekindle that fire and bring them back on board.



This month I wanted to share information about the Appointed Officers. The appointed officers include the Chaplain, Esquire, Inner Guard, and Tiler. Each of these positions has a very important role. The Chaplain leads the prayers for the opening, closing, and initiatory rituals. The Chaplain may also provide an invocation and benediction at any of our events. The Chaplain sets the tone for our meetings and events. The role of Esquire is to ensure the Lodge is organized for meetings, prepping the candidates for initiation, examining, and introducing visiting members, overseeing the balloting process, and delivering messages during meetings. As you can see, this is a significant role in our organization. The Inner Guard is responsible for guarding the inner door of the Lodge and admitting only

those that have followed the process to enter. This is an important part of the initiation ritual. Our Tiler role oversees guarding the outer door of the Lodge.



For those members who haven't attended an initiation meeting since becoming a member, I urge you to attend the meeting on January 16. No person can remember what was said by the officers in charge while being initiated, because you are too worried you are not going to do something right. You will find a new appreciation in our order when you can listen and digest the words the officers say during the ceremony.

Next month (February) we have nominations and election of our officers for the 2024/2025. Every chair officer, secretary, treasurer, and five-year trustee is nominated and elected by the general membership. Any Lodge member in good standing may nominate and vote. Much like voting in government elections, your vote counts!

January is when the Lodge Secretary begins the daunting task of renewing memberships. These are sent out in January and must be paid before April 1 st, or you will NOT be admitted to the Lodge. This is also when we update all address changes so, please take care of your dues in a timely manner and update any changes in your contact information. In addition to your annual dues, please

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## **ELKETTE PRESIDENT**

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Elks Training - ER and PER's  
Elks National Foundation - Ed Toth, PER  
Government Relations -  
Harry-Anna Trust Fund - Ed Toth, PER  
Hoop Shoot Coordinator - Mark Hanna, Norman (Wes) Ness  
National Foundation Scholarship Certification - Maureen  
Rideout  
Orientation - Ed Toth, PER  
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Veterans Service - Lee Hale  
Youth Activities - Sherry Toth  
Queen of Hearts & 50/50 - Lee Hale

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 Wm. Art Rickard 1998-99  
 Carolyn Lawton (Deceased) 1999-00  
 George Roach (Deceased) 2000-01  
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 Carolyn Lawton (Deceased) 2004-05  
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 Larry Thomson (Deceased) 2006-07  
 Michael LaBar (Deceased) 2007-08  
 Larry Thomson (Deceased) 2009-10  
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 Pat Johnson 2012-13  
 Pat Johnson 2013-14  
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 Wayne Legris 2015-16  
 Bob Humphreys 2016-17  
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 Phil Sommers 2018-19  
 Jean Humphreys 2019-20, 2021-22  
 Roger Redman 2020-21  
 Ed Toth 2022-23



## PERS BY MEMBER AFFILIATION

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 R Carl Snyder + 1969-70, 1979-80  
 Wm O Lunvall 1969-70  
 Tony Ponn 1979-80  
 Michaelino Amico 1980-81  
 Gordon Araujo 1983-84  
 Edward Holmes 1984-85  
 Richard Linn 1986-87, 1990-91  
 John Fletcher 1987-88  
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 Wm S Cronin 1991-92  
 Dennis Durrant 1992-93  
 Michaelino Amico 1981-82, 1992-93  
 James F Hargove, Sr. (Deceased) 1992-93  
 Phil Sommers 1991-92 1993-94  
 Richard W Holmes 1993-94  
 Michael Holowiak 1995-96  
 Joseph Calafiore 1995-96  
 Richard McDonald 1996-98  
 Donald Warling 1996-99  
 Roger Hazen 1998-99  
 Ron Wittenberg 1989-90, 1999-00  
 Eddie Tanguay 2000-01  
 James McNally 2001-02  
 Carl Gerace PSP 2003-04  
 Thomas Geis 2006-07  
 Mark C Stevens 2006-07  
 Deb Hargrove PDDGER 2007-08  
 Donald Gordon (Deceased) 2009-10  
 Ceasar Monzon 2009  
 Bonnie Mackenzie 2010-2011, 2015  
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## INDOOR BAR HOURS

Monday, 2-10pm  
Tuesday, 12-8pm  
Wednesday, 12 noon - 8pm  
Thursday, 12 noon - 8pm  
Friday, 2-10pm  
Saturday, 2-8pm  
Sunday, noon - 8pm

## New Outdoor Patio Hours Beginning January 2, 2024

Fridays 3-7pm  
Saturdays 2-6pm

## Monthly Lodge Meetings

BOD meeting 6:00pm and Lodge Meeting 7:00pm  
-- 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month, except July,  
August and December are only the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday.

New member Orientation is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each  
month.

House Committee - TBD

## ELKETTE IMMOKALEE CASINO BUS TRIP



**January 21, 2024**



**\$40 P/P**

Beer, Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers Water &  
Snacks on the Bus, included in the ticket price!  
Bring dollar bills for games: Bingo, Show me the  
Money, 50/50, etc.

**BUS LEAVES LODGE AT 8 AM & RETURNS AT 5-5:30 PM**

**Cut-off date: Thursday, Jan.18th**

Tickets on sale: At the Bar or the Elkette Scratchboard  
on Monday and 50/50 person on Friday 5-8

**CASH OR CHECK ONLY PLEASE**



## Come Enjoy Bingo

Every other Thursday, January 11 and 25

Doors open at 5pm. Games begin at 6pm

Open to the Public

## PERs Meeting

**Wednesday, January 17, 2024**  
**To discuss officers for 2024-2025**

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consider including an extra \$10 for Elks National Foundation. The ENF helps the Lodge throughout the year with numerous grants and scholarships. Member dues for the 2024/2025 year are \$97.00. The chart below breaks down the dues structure.

| 2024 / 2025 Membership Dues |                                  |         |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| Grand Lodge                 | Grand Lodge Per Capita           | \$6.50  |
|                             | Insurance Assessment             | \$22.00 |
|                             | Elks Magazine                    | \$5.50  |
| GL Total                    |                                  | \$34.00 |
| Florida State Elks          | FSEA per Capita                  | \$3.00  |
| Lodge                       | Regular Lodge Dues (per By-Laws) | \$60.00 |
| Total Dues per Member       |                                  | \$97.00 |

Fraternally,  
Ed Toth, ER



## From The Lodge Secretary's Desk



**Sherry Blackwell Toth**

Members All,

Well, another year is in the books. I hope you were able to participate in all the activities that went on this Holiday season. The Lodge was really festive this year. I hate to take all the decorations down.

I want to personally thank the Golf Cart guys for heading up the committee for the Walgreen Toy Drive. They picked up toys at four Walgreen locations and delivered them to the Homeless Coalition.



**Mike Diroff, Mark Fraiser, Carl Nunez, Andy Duffy, Sam Guse with ER Ed Toth**

Dawn Rodgers received the Grand Lodge award for recruiting over eleven new members. I hope Dawn enjoys her new watch.



I would like to remind you as members that there are still 118 members who are delinquent. Over the last year I have reached out repeatedly by emails, texts, and phone calls. If you know an Elk who has moved, died or has just forgotten please remind them. These delinquent members will be dropped for nonpayment by March 1.

Have a good January. See you around the Lodge.

Fraternally,  
Sherry

## Eggnog Party Pictures



## Elkette's Corner



Staghorn January 2024

As President of the Elkette's and on behalf of all of the Board of Directors and members of the Auxiliary, we wish all of our readers a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year and we look forward to seeing all of you at the Elks Lodge 2710 in 2024.

The Elkette's welcome four new members in December: Muriel Leger, Rose Mary Richard, Deb Page, and Sue Fitzgerald and they will be sworn in at our January meeting slated for January 23, 2024, receiving their pins and membership cards at that time.

For those who are interested in joining the Auxiliary, you can find applications at the bar (UNDER THE BELL), new memberships are always welcomed.

The Wine Tasting was held on November 28, 2023 and a huge success, thanks to Cindy Bennett and Chris Horn who led the charge on this event. Both worked as a team, gathering door prizes, preparing charcutier boards, executing and hosting the event. This event was so well received, participants are asking when the next Wine Tasting will take place. Great job Chris and Cindy.



**Lynn, Chris, Dana and Cindy**



On December 13, 2023 a group of 40 enjoyed a night at Visani Italian Steakhouse and Comedy Club. It was a great time; the food was fabulous and the Comedian hilarious. Thanks, Nancy for getting this event off the ground and Chris Horn for getting the announcement out quickly for the fastest sell-out in 2023.

The Elkette Christmas luncheon was held on December 18, 2023, the members enjoyed some good food, fun and fellowship. This was also an opportunity to celebrate a successful 2023 with an estimated contribution to our local charities, our club, scholarships, etc. in the amount of \$22,000. It couldn't have happened without a TEAM mindset as; Together Everyone Achieves More. Thanks, Elkette's, Great Job.





**Jeanne, Barb, Jean, Nancy and Sue**



**Sue Rupprecht, President**

The Gratitude Event held on December 18, 2023 was well attended; our members and guest had such a wonderful time enjoying entertainment by Doreen and Bobby's Jukebox Dreams (Band) (courtesy of the Elkettes), playing the Queen and looking for a big win at the Elkettes' Instant Win Lottery Ticket Board. This event was the Elkettes' way of telling our members that we appreciate them sticking by us while we were in recovery mode after the COVID Pandemic and Hurricane Ian and to thank you for supporting our events; bus trips, dinner club participation, Monday Night Scratch-off Game, Sock Hop, etc., all of which helped us achieve our goals of giving. Thank You, Members.

Save the Date for upcoming Elkettes Events:

- a. Casino Trip – January 21, 2024
- b. Jimmy Mazzy Show – February 10, 2024
- c. Fashion Show – March 13, 2024
- d. Chuckle Hut – March 23, 2024

Details of these events will be provided in Constant Contacts.

C. Susan Rupprecht, President





# January 2024



| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY                      |
|--|---|---|---|---|--|-------------------------------|
| December 31<br><i>Happy New Year's Eve</i><br>New Year's Eve Party<br>Outdoor Bar opens at 3pm Mike Yeager 4-7pm | 1 <i>New Year's Day</i><br><i>Lodge Closed</i><br><i>Happy New Year</i>                                   | 2<br>Line Dancing 9:30-11:30am \$5<br>Bar Mania 1pm<br>BOD 6pm<br>Lodge Meeting 7pm             | 3<br>Show Me the Money 1-3pm  | 4<br>Bar Bango 1-3pm  | 5<br>Boogie Chair 9am \$8<br>Outdoor Patio Bar 3-7pm<br>Dinner Served 5-7:30pm<br>Band: Tat2               | 6<br>Outdoor Patio Bar 2-6pm  |
| 7<br>Broasted Chicken 1-4pm  | 8<br>Zumba 9:30am \$7<br>Queen of Hearts 50/50<br>Wings: 5-7pm  | 9<br>Line Dancing 9:30-11:30am \$5<br>Bar Mania 1pm<br>New Member Orientation 7pm               | 10<br>Zumba 9:30am \$7<br>Show Me the Money 1-3pm                     | 11<br>Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7<br>Bar Bango 1-3pm<br>Bingo - doors open at 5pm, games start at 6pm | 12<br>Boogie Chair 9am \$8<br>Outdoor Patio Bar 3-7pm<br>Dinner Served 5-7:30pm<br>Band: Jay Smith         | 13<br>Outdoor Patio Bar 2-6pm |
| 14<br>Broasted Chicken 1-4pm   | 15<br>Zumba 9:30am \$7<br>Elkettes Bd. of Directors' Meeting 3pm<br>Queen of Hearts 50/50<br>Wings: 5-7pm | 16<br>Line Dancing 9:30-11:30am \$5<br>Bar Mania 1pm<br>BOD 6pm<br>Lodge Meeting and Ritual 7pm | 17<br>Zumba 9:30am \$7<br>Show Me the Money 1-3pm<br>PERs Meeting 6pm | 18<br>Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7<br>Bar Bango 1-3pm  | 19<br>Boogie Chair 9am \$8<br>Outdoor Patio Bar 3-7pm<br>Dinner Served 5-7:30pm<br>Band: Robert and Wolfie | 20<br>Outdoor Patio Bar 2-6pm |
| 21<br>Broasted Chicken 1-4pm<br>Elkettes Casino Trip   | 22<br>Zumba 9:30am \$7<br>Queen of Hearts 50/50<br>Wings: 5-7pm   | 23<br>Line Dancing 9:30-11:30am \$5<br>Bar Mania 1pm  | 24<br>Zumba 9:30am \$7<br>Show Me the Money 1-3pm                     | 25<br>Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7<br>Bar Bango 1-3pm<br>Bingo - doors open at 5pm, games start at 6pm | 26<br>Boogie Chair 9am \$8<br>Outdoor Patio Bar 3-7pm<br>Dinner Served 5-7:30pm<br>Band: Soundwavez        | 27<br>Outdoor Patio Bar 2-6pm |
| 28<br>Broasted Chicken 1-4pm   | 29<br>Zumba 9:30am \$7<br>Queen of Hearts 50/50<br>Wings: 5-7pm   | 30<br>Line Dancing 9:30-11:30am \$5<br>Bar Mania 1pm  | 31<br>Zumba 9:30am \$7<br>Show Me the Money 1-3pm                     |   |  |                               |

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 Petrulo, Steve (IMO) 6/24

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