



# The Staghorn

Rotonda Elks Lodge #2710  
A Fraternal Organization

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September 2023



**EXALTED RULER - ED TOTH**

Members All . . .

Fall is upon us! Another summer has flown by and September brings back Sunday Football and broasted chicken - all members are welcome to attend and root for your favorite team. We are switching technology to Starlink Internet to televise the games. September 3rd is the first Sunday for broasted chicken.

Monday, Labor Day the PERs have a free hamburger or hotdog for anyone attending and we continue with wings and the Queen drawing later in the evening.

August also saw us initiate 11 new members. To all of you members who have, or are sponsoring these new members, Thank You, and keep up the good work.

On Saturday September 30th, we will be hosting the State President dinner with a pig roast, please; watch for Constant Contact regarding further details.

Regarding our continual need for volunteers – kitchen support, Veteran Service; Hoop Shoot or any community outreach programs, projects/fund raisers at the Lodge; and on and on - hope you will consider participating as a supportive Elk Member. You might well be surprised at how much enjoyment you will have in doing so!

Remember, your Officers and Trustees are here to help keep the Lodge up and running as smoothly as possible. They must make decisions and as fellow Elks; we should abide by those decisions (whatever they are). I have said it before and I will continue to say it, if you want to make changes in the Lodge, you need to attend the regularly scheduled meetings to have your voice/opinion heard. Or you can take an active part in the operation of the Lodge by becoming an Officer or Trustee. The bar is not the place to discuss Lodge business. And, as always, if you have an idea for a fun event or fundraiser, please share them with the House Committee.

Thank you to all our members for continuing to support our Lodge and thank you SO MUCH to the many volunteers that make everything possible!

Fraternally,  
Ed Toth, Exalted Ruler

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 Norman Craig + 1967-74  
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 Michaelino Amico 1980-81  
 Gordon Araujo 1983-84  
 Edward Holmes 1984-85  
 Richard Linn 1986-87, 1990-91  
 John Fletcher 1987-88  
 Jack Garrabrant 1981-82, 1991-92  
 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  
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 James McNally 2001-02  
 Carl Gerace PSP 2003-04  
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 Deb Hargrove PDDGER 2007-08  
 Donald Gordon (Deceased) 2009-10  
 Ceasar Monzon 2009  
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## **An Open Letter To All Rotonda Elks Members**

There is a line in the Elks Mission statement that says, "To promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members". It doesn't say anything about perpetual financial loss and how it's acceptable. We are a "not-for-profit", and while very similar to "non-profit", we are still a business with costs, overhead, maintenance, and future-proofing, all of which burn through any "profit" you may think is made. The more we spend to operate on a daily basis, with the biggest cost being "labor", the less we have left to give to charity which, by the way, is the reason for our existence. Hence the reason for this appeal.... "We Need You"!

So now the "ask", and it's simple, can you share some of your valuable time helping us make this Lodge successful both fraternally and financially? Whatever you can comfortably find some enjoyment in sharing will be far more than nothing and enable us to, and again my focus, perform food services of high quality and value all with the common goal of supporting the Lodge and its Mission.

I've heard all the horror stories from those who "used" to volunteer or once considered volunteering but got fed up for one reason or another, but THAT WAS THE PAST. It's time to start again with a fresh attitude and a fresh new look to the future of the lodge many profess they love and care about.

We need help in the kitchen! If it's high quality food you want, HELP US.

If you want faster food service, HELP US.

If you want lunches restarted, HELP US.

If you'd like to see the outdoor bar area made more comfortable and accommodating, HELP US.

As of this writing the most important volunteer, the Volunteer Coordinator is open and during the interim I guess I'm the guy to reach out to for anyone that has a desire to help out "in the kitchen". If the Volunteer Coordinator, or any other volunteer position is to your liking, reach out to me or Sherry! The list of volunteer positions is "fluid" and "living" so if you are not sure about something just ask maybe it has never been recognized or fell to the wayside.

Thanks for your time,  
Doug Craig, Loyal Knight

### **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**

**Food and drinks can be taken outside to the bar but you must order from the inside bar.**

### **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**



Rotonda Elks #2710

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Men & Women



**\$40.00 Entry \* Blind Draw \* Double Elimination**

Each entry includes 1 bratwurst, 1 bag of chips and 1 draft beer

Check-In at 11:30 a.m. / Team Draw at 12:30 p.m. / Tourney Start at 1:00 p.m.

\*\*\* Prize Money Depends on Number of Entries \*\*\*



Register at : [elkscornhole2023@gmail.com](mailto:elkscornhole2023@gmail.com)



## BROASTED CHICKEN IS BACK!

Starting Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> serving from 1 to 4pm.

½ Chicken \* Potato Wedges \* Cole Slaw

\$13.95



## From Our Lanscape Coordinator

**Jeanne Karellas**

I would like to extend a big thank you to the 2 new members of the Landscape committee, Jim Newkirk and Tony Vogt. They have been a godsend to Dennis Durrant and myself. Please thank them the next time you see them. It has been a very long hot summer.

## Picnic on the Patio Courtesy of Your Lodge's Past Exalted Rulers



Labor Day,  
Monday,  
Sept. 4th  
12 - 2 Music  
by: Big Time  
Entertainment

FREE  
Hot dog or  
Hamburger &  
Bag of Chips  
12 oz. cup of  
Beer: 50 cents

Regular Monday night fare with the Queen of Hearts at 7



## From The Lodge Secretary's Desk



**Sherry Blackwell Toth**

Happy September members all. If we were in our northern homes we would be looking forward to the leaves turning and college football. But here in paradise it is weather broadcasts and hurricanes. Let's keep our thoughts positive and our fingers crossed that we will be lucky this year.

I'd like to talk to you all about membership and lapsation. Membership is so important to keeping our Lodge alive and prosperous. At this writing we have 1656 members and of those members 270 have not paid their dues. That puts Rotonda at a 16.63% lapsation rate. I realize we have had a couple of bad years starting with Covid and then Ian. If you know a member who has moved and has not thought to reach out to the office and change their address or has passed away and their loved ones have not notified me, let me know so I can take care of this. Let's get our members back in the fold, reach out, be a good Elk. See you around the Lodge.

Fraternally,

Sherry  
219-309-1424

**A huge thank you from Bobby Avena, Volunteer Extraordinaire, to everyone who kept him in their prayers, for the gifts he received, and for all the caring get well cards. He is forever grateful.**



## New Members of the Lodge



**Left to Right**

**Front Row: Heidi Hoover**

**Second Row: Norman Havens, Stephen Wallitch, Glenn Kerr**

**Third Row: Dustin Sayre, Dennis Toomey, Carlos Lopez, Keith Hall, Brandon Mocanu**

**Bettie Greth, Francie Brown, Kathy Dardis delivered the school supplies donated by Rotonda Elks 2710 to Jacqueline Bachnik, principal of Vineland Elementary School and student representatives.**



## Elkette's Corner



Staghorn September 2023

We are excited to welcome a new member Cheryl Culpan who was sworn in during our meeting on August 22nd at 4:00.



We also welcome and are happy that Ginny Perry will be our point person for moving forward with our membership in the Florida Ladies of Elks (FLOE).

Upcoming events that we hope to participate in this year are the Women's Retreat September 8-10, 2023 and the 60th Annual F.L.O.E Conference September 22 – 24, 2023 (If Interested See Below Details). Thank you, Ginny, for taking this under your guidance.

FLOE luncheons are also planned for 2024 at our Elks Lodge 2710, more details will be provided in future Staghorn articles and Constant Contact.



Our Scratch-Offs game is doing well; however, we are in need of volunteers to sell tickets on Monday nights. There are two times 5:00 to 6:00 and 6:00 to 7:00, anyone who has an hour available would appreciate your support, see any Elkette member for details.

Save the Date - Upcoming events:

- a. Trip to Mt. Dora, October 21st – 22 nd 2023 (tickets still available);
- b. Yearly Garage Sale – October 14, 2023;
- c. Holiday Bazaar, November 4, 2023, Chaired by Nancy Craig;
- d. Sock Hop, November 11, 2023 Chaired by Nancy Craig and Susan Rupprecht; and
- e. Wine Tasting, November 28, 2023 is back by popular demand and chaired by Cindy Bennett and Chris Horn.

Details of these events will be provided in more detail in the upcoming Constant Contacts and thank you goes out to all of our volunteers for their support.

The Elkette's (Jean Humphreys, Cindy Bennett, and Marsha Budday) are still working on the edit of the Elkette's Handbook and brochure.

In closing the next meetings of the Elkette's:

Elkette General Meeting - September 19, 2023 at 4pm

Ways & Means Committee will meet - September 19, 2023 at 3pm.

All meetings will be held at the Rotonda Elks Lodge 2710.

C. Susan Rupprecht, President







# September 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Boogie Chair 9am \$8  Dinner Served 5-7:30pm  Band: Sons of the 60's	2
3 Broasted Chicken 1-4pm \$13.95	4 Zumba 9:30am \$7  <b>Labor Day Picnic            12-2pm</b>  Queen of Hearts 50/50  Wings: 5-7pm	5 Line Dancing 9:30-11:30am \$5  Bar Mania 1pm  BOD 6-m Lodge Meeting 7pm	6 Zumba 9:30am \$7  Show Me the Money 1-3pm	7 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7  Bar Bango 1-3pm	8 Boogie Chair 9am \$8  Dinner Served 5-7:30pm  Band: Lisa Ridings Duo	9
10 Broasted Chicken 1-4pm \$13.95	11 Zumba 9:30am \$7  Queen of Hearts 50/50  Wings: 5-7pm	12 Line Dancing 9:30-11:30am \$5  Bar Mania 1pm  New Member Orientation 7pm	13 Zumba 9:30am \$7  Show Me the Money 1-3pm	14 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7  Bar Bango 1-3pm	15 Boogie Chair 9am \$8  Dinner Served 5-7:30pm  Band: Tat2	16
17 Broasted Chicken 1-4pm \$13.95	18 Zumba 9:30am \$7  Queen of Hearts 50/50  Wings: 5-7pm	19 Line Dancing 9:30-11:30am \$5  Bar Mania 1pm  Elkette Ways and Means 3pm Elkette General Meeting 4pm  Lodge Meeting and Ritual 7pm	20 Zumba 9:30am \$7  Show Me the Money 1-3pm	21 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7  Bar Bango 1-3pm	22 Boogie Chair 9am \$8  Dinner Served 5-7:30pm  Band: Beat Street Band	23
24 Broasted Chicken 1-4pm \$13.95	25 Zumba 9:30am \$7  Queen of Hearts 50/50  Wings: 5-7pm	26 Line Dancing 9:30-11:30am \$5  Bar Mania 1pm	27 Zumba 9:30am \$7  Show Me the Money 1-3pm	28 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7  Bar Bango 1-3pm	29 Boogie Chair 9am \$8  Dinner Served 5-7:30pm  Band: Lacey Jane Band	30

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