



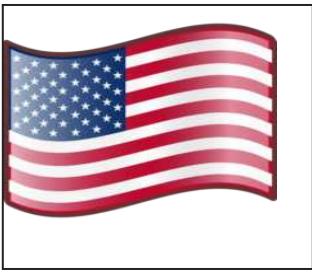
The Staghorn

**Rotonda Elks Lodge #2710
A Fraternal Organization**

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March 2023



EXALTED RULER



This final month, I wanted to share a little bit about the Exalted Ruler (ER) role. The Exalted Ruler is responsible for the performance of Lodge programs and reaching its goals and for properly administering all phases of its activities, including Lodge functions and club operations. Also, included are the following –

Appointing non-elected officers, the Presiding Justice of the Local Forum, and Local Lodge Mediator.

Presiding at all the Lodge meetings with appropriate attention to the agenda and initiatory rituals and the enforcement of proper decorum.

Attending all DD clinics and other required meetings of the Florida Elks State Association.

Preparing the official visit of the District Deputy.

Attending the Grand Lodge Session after installation and participation in Grand Lodge proceedings as the official representative of this Lodge.

Another element of the ER role is representing our Rotonda Elks Lodge and the organization in the community.

Congratulations to the following new officers for the 2023/2024 year, Exalted Ruler- Ed Toth, Leading Knight-Mike Potts, Loyal Knight-Doug Craig, Lecturing Knight – Wes Feduke, 5-year Trustee – Jeannie Karella, 3-year- Rae Lynn Stevenson, Secretary – Sherry Toth, and Treasurer – Gabi Dyer. Returning officers, Cathy Redman, 1-year Trustee, Ed Tanguay, 2-year Trustee, Jeff Smith, 4-year Trustee. Appointed officers are Lodge Esquire – Lee Hale, Inner Guard – Dean Ruger, Tiler – Gary Alesio, Chaplain – Al Losacano. The installation for new officers will be Sunday (4/2/23). Watch for details via Constant Contact.

Per the Florida Elks website: the families of Florida active-duty military personnel, military reservists, Coast Guard, National Guard and/or their dependents are eligible for benefits of Army of Hope. Active-duty members stationed in Florida with their dependents qualify as Florida residents.

Since its inception, the Army of Hope has raised \$620,208.29 and distributed \$508,591.35 for families of deployed military members. The help you give through the Florida Elks' Army of Hope allows the military members to safely concentrate on their duties without worrying about their families at home. The Army of Hope also assists returning veterans with costs to re-establish their civilian life after deployment.

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PAST EXALTED RULERS

Ray LeGoy (Deceased) 1986-88
Nicholas Andres PDDGER (Deceased) 1988-89
Ralph Benedict (Deceased) 1989-90
Ed Colgett 1990-91
Cliff Douglas (Deceased) 1991-92
Bud Prentiss (Deceased) 1992-93
Bill Bingley (Deceased) 1993-94
Donald Wheating 1994-95
Fred Lawton (Deceased) 1995-96
Robert A. Smith 1996-98
Wm. Art Rickard 1998-99
Carolyn Lawton (Deceased) 1999-00
George Roach (Deceased) 2000-01
William Pallman (Deceased) 2001-02
Parker Summerlin 2002-03
Ronald R. Bupp, PDDGER 2003-04
Carolyn Lawton (Deceased) 2004-05
Ray Eifert (Deceased) 2005-06
Larry Thomson (Deceased) 2006-07
Michael LaBar (Deceased) 2007-08
Larry Thomson (Deceased) 2009-10
Cathy Bedwell 2010-11
Tom Johnson 2011-12
Pat Johnson 2012-13
Pat Johnson 2013-14
Bob Humphreys 2014-15
Wayne Legris 2015-16
Bob Humphreys 2016-17
Al Willquette 2017-18
Phil Sommers 2018-19
Jean Humphreys 2019-20, 2021-22
Roger Redman 2020-21
Ed Toth 2022-23



PERS BY MEMBER AFFILIATION

Joel Townsend + 1953-54
Norman Craig + 1967-74
Mike Gifford + 1974-75
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
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. 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 2009-10
Ceasar Monzon 2009
Bonnie Mackenzie 2010-2011, 2015
Michael D Tirpak 2012-13
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From The Lodge Secretary's Desk



Sherry Blackwell Toth

Members All:

How can it be March already? The Lodge dues are coming in at a high rate of speed. I hope you have received your cards in a timely manner. Thank you Becky Kelly, JoAnne Langevin and Donna Hanna for your hard work in getting the cards out. If you have not paid your dues for last year, you still have time to get your payments in and to remain current.

I hope that you all have been to the events that have happened in February. What a great time of fun and fellowship. There are new events in March so watch your Constant Contact each Monday for all the news.

I want to thank the Line Dancers, Zumba Gals, Boogie Chair and the Card Players for their contributions to Kids Summer Camp and ENF. Line Dancing gave \$970, Zumba \$2384, Boogie Chair \$642 for Children's Camp and the Card Players contributed \$1310 this year to ENF. What great contributions to these wonderful causes. Thank you all!

It is time again to start writing grants. I will be starting them April 1st. If you have a good idea where you think we can best help our community give me a call or text.

Have a great month and I will see you around the Lodge.
Elks Care Elks Share

Sherry Blackwell-Toth
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The Army of Hope was hosted by the Estero / Bonita Springs Lodge #2753. This one-day event for the SSW District raised over \$24,000 for the Army of Hope, with donations still coming in. Lee Hale, our Lodge Esquire was the Master of Ceremonies for the second year in a row, great job Lee.

Dues statements have been sent. Remember, you have the ability to renew online. This is a great way to submit our renewals since we rarely have a checkbook on hand anymore. You are still able to make donations to different Elks programs by submitting your renewal notice by mail/in person.

On Sunday, February 12, 2023, a house fire destroyed a family's home in Englewood. Two adults and five children were left homeless. The Board of Directors approved a donation of \$1,000 for this family, 5-year Trustee Jeff Smith and myself presented the family with a donation check several days ago.

Fraternally,
Ed Toth – Exalted Ruler

From Our Volunteer Coordinator



Kathy Dardis

Since this will be my last article for our Staghorn as volunteer coordinator, I want to thank ALL of you who have stepped up and said YES when you were asked to help with any of the projects here at the Lodge... bussing, serving, cooking, cashiering, cleaning, ticket taking, planning events, contributing ideas for new functions, helping to keep our grounds beautiful, hostessing, serving as elected officers, serving in appointed positions... and so much more. The Elks are volunteers. Thanks for doing your part and please help the new Volunteer Coordinator by saying YES when you are asked to help!

Volunteer Coordinator is an appointed position so if you are willing to step-up, let Ed Toth our ER know ASAP. Become part of the new team.

Sincerely,
Kathy Dardis



Elkette's Corner

This is my last article as Elkette President. Thank you to Susan Rupprecht for stepping up to replace me.

Now listen to all you DMO'S. I know you see some of these people's names in the Staghorn every month, maybe you read it or maybe you don't just like my article, but I would like to give a shout out to the people who are non paid and under-appreciated.

First off I'd better mention my Elkette treasurer, Christine Horn. She's the manager of our Constant Contact, which is a wonderful way to keep up with the Lodge's news and activities.

Deb O'Shea - Staghorn Editor and manager of the website.

Without these two we would have to rely on Elk's rumor which is not always correct, RIGHT?

Who is Bill Beichler? If you want to meet him, come here every morning around 5-6am. He is the one who is keeping the bar going right now ordering and scheduling the bartenders, cleaning up etc. Vivian Beichler, his lovely bride, schedules the counters and counts all the loot.

Jeff Smith - He leaves us around May and comes back around October. Around July if anything needs to be done people start saying wait till Jeff gets back. That will tell you how much he does around here.

My wonderful yard crew, Dennis Durrant and Mike Potts. I always get thanked for the grounds but there is no way I could do it alone. Gus Karella my hubby, sometimes willing helper, sometimes not, but always comes through for the club.

Erin Cleveland- God bless her, she took on the responsibility of scheduling bands, staying on budget and listening to complaints.

Let's not forget the officers of the club. They have to sit through long, boring, repetitive meetings 2-3 times a month. Yes I said long, boring and repetitive.

I read somewhere that goldfish have a longer attention span than humans, so I will end by saying there are so many others contributing their time and talents to this club.

THANK YOU, Jeanne Karella



The **Southwest Florida Honor Flight** is a local Hub established in 2007. They have proudly flown over 2000 Veterans – free of charge to Washington DC to be honored at their memorials. also, to give them the welcome home they deserve. I proudly was accepted as a Guardian for the flight on May 2nd, 2023. I volunteered because I want to give back to another Veteran the experience I had on the Parade of Hero's. Our Lodge is sponsoring me from our charity account, and I am grateful and thankful for the support. The flight will need welcome home volunteers to meet the Veterans upon arrival at Punta Gorda Airport. Also they would like cards or letters of "Thanks" for the return flight to be given to the veterans at "Mail Call". To date they have 4 WW II Veterans, 12 Korean war Veterans, 35 Vietnam and 6 other cold war Veterans. If you are interested in being a volunteer for the welcome home, will write a message of thanks, or wish to make a donation, please contact me.

Lee Hale
Veterans Chair
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Breakfast Club Volunteers
Gerry Chesney, Tony Buda, Mike Potts, Bettie Greth,
Eddy, Seena, Babe Tanguay, Kathy Dardis (not pictured
John Stem)





March 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Show Me the Money 1-3pm Outdoor Bar Open 12-6pm	2 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7 Bar Bango 1-3pm Outdoor Bar Open 12-6pm	3 Boogie Chair 9-10am \$8 Outdoor Bar Open 1-6pm	4 Outdoor Bar Open 1-6pm
5 Outdoor Bar Open 1-6pm	6 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Outdoor Bar Open 1-6pm	7 Line Dancing 9:30-11:30am \$5 Outdoor Bar Open 1-6pm BOD 6pm Lodge Meeting	8 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Show Me the Money 1-3pm Outdoor Bar Open 12-6pm	9 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7 Bar Bango 1-3pm Outdoor Bar Open 12-6pm	10 Boogie Chair 9-10am \$8 Outdoor Bar Open 1-6pm	11 Outdoor Bar Open 1-6pm
12 Outdoor Bar Open 1-6pm	13 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Elkette Meeting 9am Outdoor Bar Open 1-6pm	14 Line Dancing 9:30-11:30am \$5 Outdoor Bar Open 1-6pm Orientation 7pm	15 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Show Me the Money 1-3pm Outdoor Bar Open 12-6pm	16 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7 Bar Bango 1-3pm Outdoor Bar Open 12-6pm	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> Boogie Chair 9-10am \$8 Outdoor Bar Open 1-6pm Burgers and Sausage and Peppers 1-3pm Show Me the Money 2-4pm	18 Outdoor Bar Open 1-6pm Burgers and Sausage and Peppers 1-3pm Show Me the Money 2-4pm
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