The 990 Chronicle

Gainesville Elks Lodge No. 990

Official Newsletter of Gainesville Elks Lodge 990

Proud home of Robert Grafton, PGER and the late C Valentine Bates PGER

"SO LONG AS THERE ARE VETERANS, THE BENELOVENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS WILL NEVER FORGET THEM "

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are reminded of the many blessings we share family, friends, good health, and the freedom to gather. Here at **Gainesville Elks Lodge 990**, we have one more very important reason to be thankful — the brave men and women who have served our country and protected the freedoms we enjoy every day.

The **Elks** have a proud tradition of supporting our veterans, not just on **Veterans Day**, but throughout the year. Through acts of kindness, charitable giving, and community service, we strive to show our veterans that their sacrifices are remembered and their service is appreciated. Sometimes, a simple thank-you, a friendly visit, or a helping hand can mean more than we realize.

Our own **Jerry Sartain** (USAR (R) is the Elks National Veterans Services Commission representative at the Malcolm Randall VA Hospital. He logs many hours monthly serving the hospitalized veterans.

Our **Kathy Yacovelli** Col. USAR Medical (R) heads our Welcome Home Kit purchasing for homeless Vets who have secured housing. These kits provide essentials for Veterans transitioning to housing.

Red Shirt Friday shows solidarity and support for our troops with dignity and respect. **ELKS Never Forget!** We wear **Red** on Fridays until they **ALL** come home.

Many of us have long history of veterans in our families. In my own family Jacob Heirs is recorded in the official roster of Capt. James Jones' Volunteer Salt Catcher Militia Company that was raised to defend the local community and respond to British threats during the Revolutionary War, 1775.

As **Veterans Day** approaches we thank our Lodge members who are **Veterans**. We thank their families who was separated from them from time to time and we **Remember** those who are **Standing Guard in Heaven.**

NEVER FORGET!

NOVEMBER 6TH OUR VETERAN MEMBERS WILL BE TREATED TO A PRIME RIB DINNER MEMORIAL TRIBUTE, AND A PROGRAM BY GAINESVILLE HARMONY SHOW CHORUS

Lodge News & Community

A LIFE WELL LIVED







A special Memorial Service was held for our nonagenarian member Lloyd Kosar who recently passed. He had recently celebrated his 96th birthday at the Lodge. Lloyd lived an extraordinary life. He was an umpire with the Gators and in 1993 he gave the thumbs up that launched Florida off on a 9-0 romp over Kentucky that salvaged the final game of their three-game SEC series. In 1965 he topped the Night Owl League at Palm Lanes with a 599 set. He brought flowers to the ladies at the Lodge. He would play a game of pool anytime someone was willing to play. He was a 32-year Member of the Lodge, A Navy Veteran and friend to all. **WELL, DONE LLOYD!**



Gainesville Elks Lodge 990 donated $1,040 to the United Church of Gainesville for their **food pantry.** Hunger is one of our primary support endeavors. No one should go hungry! **Elks Care – Elks Share**

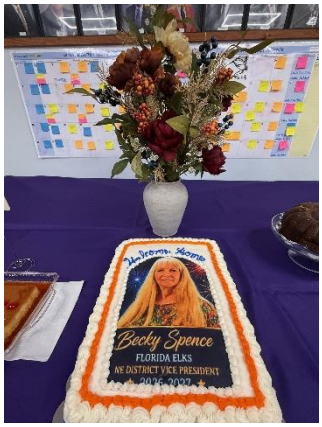


Gainesville Lodge 990 held the Elks Hoop Shoot October 24th at Westside Baptist Church for children ages 8 – 13.

For 50 years Elks have held the event. Contestants compete locally, district, regionally then nationally in Chicago.

Member volunteers Susan Senterfitt, Bill Senterfitt and Monty Williams with local winners.

Visitation – Homecoming for district Vice President Becky Spence





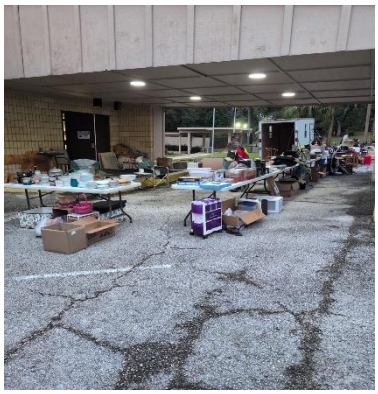


District Vice President Becky Spence welcomed the NE District Elks to Gainesville Lodge 990. Our chefs, kitchen crew and volunteers served an appetizing meal of baked ham, Rosa's potato salad, Tamara's mac n' cheese, Gary's ham and green beans, rolls and scrumptious desserts made by 990 members. PSP James Solano presented Jacksonville Lodge 221 with a photo of PSP James Hurst from lodge 221 to hang at their lodge .

VETERANS – ELKS RIDERS







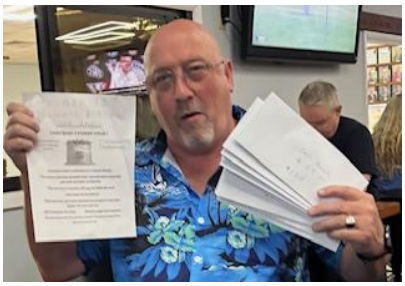
The Elks Riders began October with an Elks yard sale on a EARLY Saturday morning. They rented spaces to members, family and friends who had "treasures" to rehome! $502 was raised for their charitable endeavors. In addition, they joined with the Veterans Group Rolling Thunder to raise funds for the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall.

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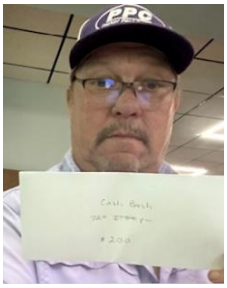
Your Veterans committee, led by Kathy Yacovelli (Col USAR Medical Ret) has shopped for and supplied forty-five Veterans with home essentials as they moved from homelessness! Her team of Susan Kelleher, Sara Walker. Meg Lynn, Mary Belmore and Bernie Porterfield (USN). These members are Hero's!

Lodge Happenings

Cash Bash – fundraiser raised $1000 for Lodge Improvements and made some **Happy** members



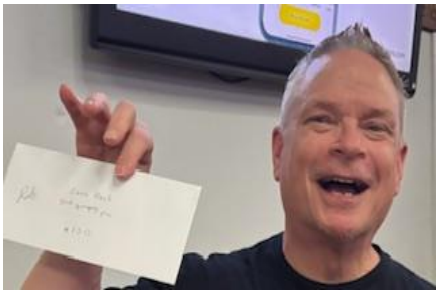




Above Bill and Susan Senterfitt spinning the wheel and passing out prizes!



Above: Gary Parker with his winning envelope.



Above: Karen Fox

Left: Robby Martyniak

Right: Bonnie Mott with Susan Senterfitt



Children's Halloween Extravaganza







More than twenty children of the Elks and friends had a spooktacular time at the Elks kid's event. Youth activity chair Debbie Owen-Pirkle and volunteers put together another Fabulous event for our families.

Lodge Leadership

Officers

Exalted Ruler — Max Danford, PER
- Leading Knight — Bill Senterfitt, PER
- Loyal Knight — Becky Spense
- Lecturing Knight — Bobby Andreu, PER

- Esquire — Susan Senterfitt, PER
- Chaplain — Farrah Tindall
- Inner Guard — Susan Beckett-Young
- Tiler — Betty J Sullivan
- Secretary — Terry Shelly
- Treasurer — Bonnie Mott

Trustees

- Tim Pohlman 1-Yr, Chair
- Louis Mallory 2-Yr
- Max Hicks 3-Yr
- Gary Parker 4-Yr
- Najwa Lipscomb 5-Yr

Lodge Advisor

- Glen Gardner, PDD

House Committee

- **Chairperson:** Cory Veley
- **Secretary:** Becky Criswell
- **Bar Manager:** DK Tomlinson
- **Kitchen Manager:** Becky Spence, PER

Members:

- Joe Mauro
- Kathy Yacovelli
- Traci Graham
- Bernie Porterfield
- Jerry Woodward
- Ken Fort
- Cathy Smith

Committees & Programs

- Auditing & Accounting — Bill Senterfitt, PER
- Americanism — Jason Hines
- Community Activities — Susan Senterfitt,PER
- Drug Awareness — Bill Senterfitt, PER
- Ecology & Grounds — Bill Senterfitt, PER
- Elks Memorial Service — Becky Spence, PER
- Flag Day — Susan Senterfitt, PER

- Government Relations — Jason Hines
- Harry-Anna Foundation — Bill Senterfitt, PER
- Elks National Foundation — Bill Senterfitt, PER
- National Veterans Service (NE District) - Jerry Sartain
- Veterans Service (Local Lodge) -Kathy Yacovelli
- Public Relations — Louis Mallory, PER
- Membership — Najwa Liscombe
- Youth Activities — Debbie Owen-Pirkle
- Hoop Shoot — Hoop Shoot

November Meetings

Lodge Meeting – 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 7pm
House Committee Meeting Mondays prior to Lodge Meeting 6pm
Trustee Meeting – Tuesdays prior to Lodge meeting 6pm
Grants Meeting – TBD
Elks Riders – 4th Saturday, 9am
Initiation – 4th Wednesday

Welcome to Gainesville Lodge 990

New Members

Mark Arrington
Richard Mulligan
Holly Parmenter
Walter Parmenter
Don Hobbs

Candidates for Membership

Deborah Lynn Baldwin
James Dees
Rachel McElroy
Doris Perron
Brandon Scott

Announcements

Veteran Appreciation Prime Rib Dinner and MEMORIAL TRIBUTE
November **6**
Email Kathy Yacovelli: kly.tcmoa@gmail.com
Let Kathy know you are attending.

Thanksgiving at the Lodge turkeys provided, bring a dish.

LINE DANCING –Every Tuesday afternoon in November. 2:30 – 4:00 pm in the Lodge room.

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

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