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Elk's Tale



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Elks Care - Elks Share

February, 2015

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A Message from the Exalted Ruler

by Craig Waskow, Exalted Ruler

Dear Friends and Members,

Time moves on. Here we are in February facing much Lodge activity. Check the calendar and especially note the Harry Anna Valentines Ball on the 14th. Don't forget your sweetie! In January we re-introduced Steak Night, held Taco Night and began our St Patrick's fundraiser events, all great for the Lodge. Bingo is growing and Karaoke continues its popularity on Monday and Wednesday nights

Our operations are improving as we have installed a new POS system for food and beverage sales accountability. Some work was necessary on our main A/C system which is ongoing at this time. We have been notified by the Fire Department that we must install a fire protections system (sprinklers) for the safety of the Lodge and guests. Early in the process, as the mandated requirement has just been passed to us, we will be reporting progress as we move forward. We are current with respect to our payables and the attendance and growth of activities

is encouraging. Membership is also growing and we have met our annual objective of 120 new members. This achievement should place us in a recognized position with the State and Grand Lodge.

I sent an electronic communication in mid-January referencing Officer and Director needs for the coming year. It is replicated in this edition of the 'Tale for your review. It takes many volunteers and a Board to function. We appeal for your support. A slate is to be presented this month for membership vote to follow. Please consider stepping up and being a part – no one can do it alone and, remember, it is your and our Lodge. Please contact myself or any Officer for any question or to indicate your intentions.

See you around the Lodge.

Respectfully,

Craig Waskow



Quote of the Month...

*"The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity.
 The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."*

- Sir Winston Churchill, British Prime Minister



ONGOING LODGE ACTIVITIES

Meetings

First & Third Tuesdays - 7:30 PM
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Happy Hour

Fridays & Saturdays - 5-7 PM
Bar Specials



Beer Night

Monday Nights - \$1 Beers

Karaoke

Every Monday & Wednesday
7-10 PM



Dinner (WED. ONLY): 5:30-7:00 PM, \$12/Person



Bingo

Thursdays: 7 PM
Contact: Leah Facto

Monday Night Games

Bridge, Poker, Pool & Shuffle Board
Bridge - Contact Guy and Ang Bacci

772-5524; E-mail: guyandang@bellsouth.net

General Questions: Tom Maher - 772/794-9812



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PER ASSOCIATION



The Past Exalted Ruler's invite all prospective candidates for office for the up-coming fiscal year to contact any PER with any questions or concerns about the various offices in the Lodge. We are happy to talk with you and answer your questions about the office and the duties associated with it.

Contact any of the following: Bob Barrett, Bob Carroll, Jack Houlihan, June Maher, Jim Meade, Tom Nolan, Dennis Ryan.

Next meeting to be announced.

June Maher, PER - President

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The Vero Beach Past Exalted Rulers Association meets on an "As Needed" basis and meetings are announced in advance. All Lodge Past Exalted Rulers and members are invited to attend.

Please Call June Maher if you have questions
(772/794-9812)

Secretary's Corner

by Flo Synenko, Secretary



We made our goal. Florida State required 120 new members be initiated by March 31, 2015. On February 3rd we will meet and surpass our goal. We have to thank each of you for proposing the new members.

Well, it's that time of year again. Busy, busy, busy. Preparing, printing, and stuffing envelopes with our 2015/2016 billing statements. The dues remain the same as last year at \$77.00. Your statement should be arriving early February.

Soon I will have to remove 54 delinquent members from our rolls. If you know any of them, I would appreciate your assistance in bringing them back to us. A Delinquent List is posted on the Secretary/Treasurer Bulletin Board next to the pull tab machine.

I believe we have an exciting year ahead. Nominations for Officers in February, Irish Parade events, Harry Anna Ball, etc. Please come out to the February 3rd and 17th meetings. This is "your" Lodge and "you" should vote for the officers.

Calling all new members.

Since your initiation, you have gone missing.

WHERE ARE YOU??

Come socialize with us. Hope to see you soon.

If you need me, just call or email.

772/569-1774 or

Elkssecretary1774@gmail.com

Flo Synenko



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From the Board Chair...



We are in the midst of our "busy" season and this also means a lot to do and a lot of work. I know you have seen pleas for volunteers before, but the more help we have the more activities you will have to enjoy. You may say to yourself, "I don't know how to cook, etc."; but even the smallest effort is very much appreciated. The side benefit is you make new friends.

We, of the Board of Directors, are looking for more creative ideas to generate money to run the lodge. If anyone has any productive ideas, please approach one of us. We welcome any suggestions. It takes

a lot of money to run a facility of this size and any assistance would be appreciated

Last, but not least, we need to work together for a common goal. You may not agree with everyone's ideas but we need to respect them. After all, we should all have a common interest for the good of the lodge and we need to work together towards that end.

I am looking forward to this busy time of year and hope to see you all at the lodge.

Donna Knerr



HOUSE COMMITTEE
June Maher, PER - Chair

February, 2015 will be a busy month.

- * **February 1st is SUPER BOWL.** Dinner of Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Mac & Cheese & Baked Chicken Breast & Thighs. Served at 5:00PM
- * **Wednesday nights, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18 & 2/25** - dinners with Karaoke.
- * **February 14,** will be the HARRY ANNA VALENTINE'S BALL. A dressy event that is everyone's favorite. Entertainment will be by "Johnny Nick," also a Lodge favorite. Dinner will be by Rose Tufano & Ray Foley. A full baked Lasagna dinner with antipasti and cream puffs for dessert. Get your tickets early.
- * **February 18th** is Ash Wednesday & Vic will prepare a suitable dinner. Menu to be announced.
- * **February 21st** is Steak & fish night. Al Klager is cooking, "The Groovin' Groundhogs" will be the entertainment for the evening.
- * **February 27th** Vic will be cooking, menu to be announced. "Dick & Lucy Kessler" will be the entertainment.

The next House Committee meeting is scheduled for **February 9th at 5:30PM.**

Please contact me if I can help or respond to your questions.

June Maher at 772/794 9812 or 772/321 8107.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Elks Year 2015-2016



February 17 Meeting



YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE!

LOOK FOR THE HELMET ON THE BAR!



COOKIES FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Please help Rose Tufano package cookies for our soldiers every third Thursday at the Lodge!

Bake or buy cookies to ship to our heroes & bring to the lodge at 9 AM. Donations for shipping costs are appreciated.

Are You Game? Come play with us...



MONDAY NIGHT GAMES



Shuffle Board - We've had a fun season with good teams. We need more players.

Pool League - Interested? Fun for Beginners or Sharks.

Texas Hold'Em Poker - Join the "Back Room" crowd!

Bridge - Need more information about our Monday night Bridge Game? **Contact: Guy and Ang Bacci;** 772-567-5524; E-mail; guyandang@bellsouth.net

Bingo - Bring your friends & family; every **Thursday**. Who knows... You might win! And you will definitely have fun! Proceeds benefit our children activities -- Youth Camp, etc. Questions? **Contact: Leah Facto.**

If interested call Tom Maher - 772/794-9812

Have Furniture You Don't Use? Our Veteran Families Need Them!

Our Veterans are always in need of any furniture that you may no longer want. We can put it to good use as we continue to create housing for veterans in need. Your donation will always be welcome.

Contact Vic Diaz or Craig Waskow.





A Special Message from the Exalted Ruler

January 12, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

On behalf of myself and your Board of Directors and Officers, we compassionately wish you the very best for the New Year. Much will be happening in and around the Lodge in the coming months. We have planned events and dining opportunities and, of course, general fellowship around the lounge will be had.

Our membership is over 900 strong and continues to grow. It soon will be the time in our Elks year that will involve much participation. Nominations for many positions will be upon us in February. Our Treasurer, Bob McCabe, will continue until year end and the position will have to be filled. His administrative competence has been very welcomed. Our Secretary, Flo Synenko, attacks her duties with sincere effort and keeps records in order. Her position will continue by election. As of this point in time, I have elected to move on and we will look forward to new leadership as ER.

The PER's are great filters regarding Lodge activity and offer their experienced guidance and advice when called upon. They can answer many questions about Lodge operations as well. As many key positions will become available, I appeal to you. Our Banquet Managers, Francie and Al Glatz, will also step down after a remarkable and true dedicated time to rental activities. A new Director for the Board will be needed and possibly the position of Leading Knight. The House Chair, a major position, is also to be filled which coordinates and plans Elks club events.

Our needs continue with the filling of many committee chairs. A major concern is that of Editor of the "Elks Tale." Elsa Erice has done an exemplary job and raised the bar. The document is first class, reads like a newsy journal and has accomplished a goal of mine this year -- producing a great, creative piece of communication. She will gladly work with the successor going forward. Joe and Carol Palowich will continue with publicity in getting the word out to the community, and appreciate assistance. Jim Rannazzisi has engineered the electronic communication, the web site -- also another goal accomplished. Jim Wilson and Ken Roberts keep weekly E-Mail communication moving. Both these areas will welcome assistance.

Review the Mast Head in the "Elks Tale," (which is also on line in our web site), to view all the Committees of our operation. "Many hands make light the load" as we have heard often. As one of the fastest growing Lodges in Florida and possibly the US, you can be proud. We call upon you for your time and talent. Make new friends and assist the Lodge to grow and prosper. We cannot exist without participation.

I ask that you call myself, Flo Synenko, or any Officer or PER, to answer questions you may have and to indicate your selection of participation and leadership. There are many opportunities and many members to assist you. Our structure provides guidelines and overviews of each Committee. The tools are in place -- all we need is YOU!

God Bless for a safe, healthy and prosperous year, both personally and for our great Lodge.

Fraternally,

Craig

Craig L. Waskow,
Exalted Ruler



Member Birthdays

February



Elk of the Month

February



Day Member

- 01 Coyle, Leo J
Lardani, Frank
Swink, Richard S
- 02 Gaudet, Robert R
Lovejoy, Gerald
Mucher, Mark
Parisi, Joe
Santangelo, Mark
- 03 Arnone, Philip A
Lawson, Michael R
- 05 Kiesel, Michele
- 06 Clower, H Blaine
Girard, Judith
Klager, Michele
Stephen, Mavis
- 07 Biedenbarn, Joseph
Gackowski, Albert W
Zirkel, Edward J
- 08 DeMeere, John F
- 09 Hearndon, Margaret
Synenko, Florence
- 10 Sasaki, Valerie Marie
York, Fred R
Zymroz, Joyce
- 11 Harmody, Thomas
Mc Kown, David R
- 12 Bradley, Thomas G
Nordquist, Alvin
- 13 Davenport, Lynn
Wilbur, Debra
Zickert, Martin J
- 14 Cappelen, Beth
Dodson, Karen
Labriola, Frank
Lawson, Kay M

Day Member

- 14 Turner, James
- 15 Crowley, David D
- 16 Babines, Raymond L
- 17 Bottomley, Alan J
Celano, Vincent
Christie, Phyllis
Vanacore, James
- 18 Glatz, Alfred F
Ryan, Dennis J
- 19 Baker, Bill
Davis, Sandra L
- 20 Casey, Jeremiah P
Lowe, Robert L
Merchant, Richard J
- 21 Blackman, Carolyn L
Bryant, Jeanne
Liden, Edwin A
- 24 Harris, Dwight P
Kozel, John J
Pfeifer, Timothy L
- 25 Giudice, John
- 26 Egan, William J
Jacoby, Casper J
Matthews, John
Rinchack, Joseph
Thomas, William P
- 27 Chavis, Fred
Harris, James D
Waite, John J
Welling, Herbert
Worsham, John E
- 28 Lawson, William
Neiman, Dean P
Saucier, Donna
Zdrok, Joseph Z

Franci Glatz

Franci has done a marvelous job as Lodge Greeter and Ballroom Coordinator and has been very successful in booking events for the back room and keeping rental coming in.

Thank you, Franci!



March 7, 2015- Saturday
IRC 6th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade
AND
Post Parade Open House Party at Elks Lodge

March 17, 2015- Saturday
St. Patrick's Day Celebration
Dinner Dance



March 28, 2015- Saturday
Installation of Officers

April 11, 2015- Saturday
Country Western Night



April 18, 2015 - Saturday
Annual Charity Golf Tournament

May 10, 2015- Sunday
Mother's Day Breakfast



May 25, 2015- Monday
Memorial Day Ceremony

June 14, 2015- Sunday
Flag Day Ceremony



June 21, 2015- Sunday
Father's Day Antique Car Show

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For Additional Information Contact:

Leonard J. Smallacombe, PDD

FSEA "Presidential Memorial Certificate Program" State Coordinator

Email: lenbar85@aol.com

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The 2014-15 Elk Year is coming to an end on March 31st and with it the end of service terms for all our leaders. On **February 3rd nominations** of potential officer candidates will be proposed and on **February 17th the membership will elect** those officers who will serve our lodge for the Elk Year 2015-16. The new ER will in turn appoint other leadership positions. Newly elected officers will be **installed on Saturday, March 28, 2015** and celebrated with a dinner/dance.

Leading an Elks Lodge is an honor and a very educational and rewarding experience. We urge you to consider running for office or taking a chairmanship and help make a difference in our lodge.

If you are interested in running for office or in another leadership position, please contact:

Secretary Flo Synenko: 772/569-1774 or elkssecretary1774@gmail.com
ER Craig Waskow: 772/559-5666 or at clwplw@bellsouth.net

Nominations will be accepted from the floor on February 3rd.

BE A LEADER!

"A leader is a dealer in hope." - Napoleon Bonaparte

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**Fundraiser for Sponsorship of the
6th Annual Vero Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade**



THREE PRIZES!

- 1st Prize \$1,000**
- 2nd Prize \$500**
- 3rd Prize \$250**

Tickets have been mailed to members. Stubs and checks should be mailed or brought to the Lodge. Tickets also available at the Lodge.

DRAWING ON MARCH 17, 2015 - 6 PM
During the St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance

Part of the proceeds benefit Elks Charities.

A Warm Welcome to our New Members

Membership in our Order is a privilege that we learn to value highly as we develop in Elkdome. As Elks, we enjoy everything that we stand for and wish to share it with friends and family. Thus, we proudly and warmly welcome those friends and family members who have just joined our wonderful Order.

January - 20 New Members
(In alphabetical order)

Judith Allan, Rita E. Brigerman, Jack Davis, Sandra Davis, Ronald Eisenberg, Tom Floyd Fite, Mildred Gummerson, Ed Hall, Raelyn Hall, James Huber, Harry Kates, David Kearney, Edward J. Klimczak, Patricia Lofgren, George Maldonado, Joseph Mauz, Joseph C. Orio, Alan Richardson, Kenneth W. Schultz, William Small



The Meaning of Membership

An Elk is an American citizen who guides his/her course in life by the cardinal principles of our order:
Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity!

Our programs recognize a belief in God; help children grow up healthy and drug-free; quicken the spirit of American patriotism; honor the service and sacrifice of our veterans; address unmet needs; serve our communities through benevolent programs; and cultivate good fellowship..

Elks Care - Elks Share

February, 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Indoctrination - 2 PM  Super Bowl Party - 5 PM	2 Lunch 12-2PM Monday Night Games  Karaoke-7-10 PM	3 Lunch 12-2PM 7:30 PM - Membership Mtg. & Initiation 2015 Officer Nominations	4 Lunch 12-2PM Karaoke Dinner by Vic 5-7 PM \$12/person Karaoke: 7-10 PM	5 Lunch 12-2PM 7 PM - Bingo	6 Lunch 12-2PM <i>Annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance</i> Dinner: 6:30 PM <i>"Jim McPhail"</i> HAPPY HOUR - 5-7 pm	7 HAPPY HOUR 5-7 pm
8	9 Lunch 12-2PM House Comm. Mtg - 5:30 PM Monday Night Games  Karaoke-7-10 PM	10 Lunch 12-2PM	11 Lunch 12-2PM Karaoke Dinner: 5-7 PM 5-7 PM \$12/person Karaoke: 7-10 PM	12 Lunch 12-2PM 7 PM - Bingo	13 Lunch 12-2PM Taco Night 6:30 PM HAPPY HOUR - 5-7 pm	14 <i>Harvy-Anna Valentines Ball</i> Lasagna by Rose & Ray Dinner: 6:30 PM <i>"Johnny Nick"</i> HAPPY HOUR 5-7 pm
15	16 Lunch 12-2PM Monday Night Games  Karaoke-7-10 PM	17 Lunch 12-2PM 7:30 PM - Membership Mtg. 2015 Officer Elections	18 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Lunch 12-2PM Karaoke Dinner by Vic 5-7 PM \$12/person Karaoke: 7-10 PM	19 <i>Cookies for Soldiers-9 AM</i> Lunch 12-2PM 7 PM - Bingo	20 Lunch 12-2PM <i>Derek Warfield & The Young Wolfe Tones</i> An Irish Concert 7 PM HAPPY HOUR - 5-7 pm	21 "Steak Your Way or Fish" Dinner by Al 6:30 PM <i>"The Groovin' Groundhogs"</i> HAPPY HOUR - 5-7 pm
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American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

LOOKING FOR MOTHERS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD WHILE IN MILITARY SERVICE

American Gold Star Mothers, Inc would like to start a Chapter in Indian River County and is looking for mothers who qualify for membership. Eligibility criteria are:

- Natural mother, adoptive mother, or stepmother who assumed responsibility of a child under the age of fifteen & reared him/her;
- US Citizen or legal resident of the US or of US Territories and Possessions.
- Child (son or daughter) became missing in action, died while on active duty, or died as a result of such service;
- Husbands, Children & Grandparents may join as Associate Members and pay no dues, hold no office & may not vote;
- Mothers who were not US citizens when their sons/daughters were inducted may be Honorary Members and pay no dues, hold no office & may not vote.



FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

Michelle Dale - 570/885-2811 or
Joann Maitland - 772/215-1330



Recent Events

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA - December 31, 2014/January 1, 2015

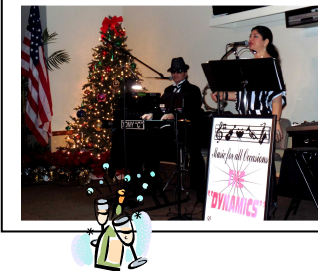
"Oh, What a Night" - Ladies in sparkly dresses, gents in tuxedos and suits, elegant decorations, fun hats and noisemakers, and a totally festive atmosphere were enjoyed by a crowd of over 300 members and guests to welcome the New Year 2015.

Attendees enjoyed shrimp cocktail, salad, a delicious roast beef dinner prepared by our own **SEC District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Jack Houlihan** and his lovely wife **Kandy**, and a scrumptious dessert, all with the help of a number of members.



At the stroke of midnight all raised champagne glasses and toasted good health, happiness, and cheer to the sounds of "The Dynamics" who played a variety of music

Throughout the evening. There was a record number of dancers on the floor, all having a grand time!



A tired "Chef" **Jack Houlihan** sheds his shoes but continues to dance! That's the spirit, Jack!



A touching moment occurred when **James Michael Lofgren**, a Veteran and a member of our Lodge, won the evening's 50/50 drawing of \$300 and immediately donated half of it (\$150) to the Army of Hope, a program of the Florida State Elks Association established in 2007 to provide assistance to the families of deceased, disabled, and deployed members of the military. We commend James Michael for his generosity.



A sell out crowd of over 280 partiers, many decked out in green, attended the St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser dinner-dance at the Lodge on Saturday, Jan 24.

ST PATRICK'S SEASON KICK-OFF DINNER-DANCE - January 24, 2015

The event was the first of several organized by the Irish Events Committee. Get your tickets now for future Irish events. They are selling fast. No tickets sold at the door.



They dined on a very flavorful Irish Loin of Pork with Jameson (Irish Whiskey) Gravy prepared by the kitchen crew of **George Horan, Dave Crowley Sr, Dave Crowley Jr, Jack Mead, Ray Foley and Ken Jay**.



Music was provided by the talented **Noel Kingston** who played, not only traditional Irish music, but also a wide variety of American and patriotic songs that were loved by all and kept the dance floor full all evening.



The 50/50 and basket of cheer raised over \$1,000. JJ, Patsy, Annie and Pat Steltz did a stellar job in raising those funds by ticket sales.

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Twin Sisters A Story of Valor & Gratitude

Approximately seven years ago the Vero Beach Elks Lodge started shipping cookies to US Military personnel stationed overseas in an effort to let them know we thought about them and appreciated their sacrifices. **Rose Tufano** was then and is to this day the leader of that worthwhile effort, with help from a dedicated group of members.

Through the years, shipments have been made to many servicemen and women, and a large number have expressed their gratitude; however, approximately two years ago, Rose started shipping cookies to a pair of twin sisters -- Kathryn and Stephanie. These sisters were so appreciative of our lodge that they started regular communications with Rose via letter or email. Their expressions were so thankful and down to earth that Rose was deeply touched and became totally immersed in a

strong friendship which continues to this day.



The sisters not only wrote but also visited the lodge. In 2013 Kathryn, a Navy Lt. Commander, came home on

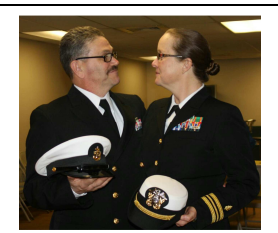
leave and visited the lodge, which held a party in her honor. She was re-stationed to Norfolk, VA. Her sister Stephanie, An Army Colonel, was deployed to Afghanistan in July 2014 as Bagram Garrison Commander, where she still serves.

In 2014, Kathryn decided to retire from Navy service and on January 7, 2015 the Navy held a Retirement Ceremony in her honor at Base Little-Creek Fort in Norfolk, VA. Rose was personally invited along with

a lodge delegation. **Rose Tufano, Jim Meade, Peggy Bradley and June Vitti** drove to Norfolk, VA and attended the ceremony.

Many testimonials were given of how Kathryn helped injured soldiers and saved lives. Her sister Stephanie came in from Afghanistan and spoke lovingly of her sister and her accomplishments. Both sisters highly praised and thanked the Vero Beach Elks Lodge for keeping the feeling of home in their hearts and have promised to visit the lodge in the future.

We wish Kathryn a Wonderful life in retirement with her loving husband; to Stephanie a safe return home; to Rose and her group, a hearty thanks!





The Vero Beach Elks Lodge continues its tradition of sponsoring the *Indian River County St. Patrick's Day Parade*. The events listed below will help raise the funds needed to hold the parade

Keeping the Tradition Alive!

February 6, 2015 - Friday
Annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance
 Entertainment by Ireland's Own "Jim McPhail"
 Presentation of Grand Marshall Sash to Father John Morrissey, Pastor of St. Sebastian Catholic Church
 Menu: Corned Beef & Cabbage
 Cocktails: 5:30 PM - Dinner: 6:30 PM
 Tickets \$20/person (NO tickets sold at the door)
 Table reservation available with purchase of 8 tickets

February 20, 2015 - Friday
An Evening with "Derek Warfield & The Young Wolfe Tones"
 An Irish Concert
 7 PM
 Food will be available before the show.
 Tickets \$20/person (NO tickets sold at the door)
 Table reservation available with purchase of 8 tickets

March 7, 2015 - Saturday
IRC 6th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade
 1 PM - Downtown Vero Beach (14th Avenue)
 AND
 Post Parade Open House Party at Elks Lodge
 2 PM - Food & Refreshments Available
 Entertainment by "Rowan the Wanderer" & Parade Bands

March 17, 2015 - Tuesday
St. Patrick's Day Celebration
 Dinner Dance
 Entertainment by "Bill Delaney" - Star of Syracuse Irish Festival
 "Pot of Gold" Drawings at 6 PM
 3-7 PM - Menu & Ticket Price TBD




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 1350 - 26th Street
 Vero Beach, FL 32960
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Annual Valentines Ball

Saturday,
 February 14, 2015



Featuring our Famous Lasagna Dinner
 by Rose & Ray



Live Music by "Johnny Nick"
 \$20/Person
Pre-Sold Tickets Only

Part of the Proceeds Benefit the Harry-Anna Trust Fund

ANNUAL LODGE CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sandridge Golf Club
 Vero Beach, FL



Saturday, April 18, 2015
 7 AM Registration
 7:45 AM Shotgun Start

Three Divisions
 Prizes in all Divisions!



Entry Fees:
 \$60/person
 (Includes Range Balls, Golf Cart & Prizes)
 Mulligans sold for \$5 each (max. 2/person)

First-Come/First-Served entries limited to the first 36 teams

For a \$50 tax-deductible donation we will display a sign advertising your sponsorship.
 To sponsor a hole or to volunteer to help, call:
 Bob Carroll - 772/532-2217

Entry Form & Sponsorship Form are included with this newsletter.



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Members & Guests ONLY!

Bring a guest with you and get one **FREE** sheet for the Coverall game.

Proceeds benefit Elks Children's Charities.

Sales: 6:30 PM - Play: 7 PM
GREAT FUN EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT!
 For Information Contact Leah Facto



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Annual Vero Beach Elks No. 1774 **CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**



Saturday, April 18, 2015
7:00 AM Registration - 7:45 AM Shotgun Start
Sandridge Golf Club - Dunes Course

Format: 4-Person Scramble
THREE DIVISIONS:
(1) Men's Open (2) Legends (Players 70+) (3) Couples

Prizes: There will be prizes in all divisions for winning teams as well as longest drive, closest-to-the-pin, Skins Game, putting contests & raffle drawings for prizes

Benefit: Proceeds will go to the charities supported by Elks Vero Beach Lodge No. 1774.

Entry Fees: \$60/Person
NOTE: Entry includes Range Balls, Golf Cart & Prizes.
Mulligans will also be sold for \$5 each (Max. 2/Person)
Luncheon after Tournament at Vero Beach Elks Lodge:
1350 - 26th Street - Vero Beach, FL32960 (772/562-8450)

Deadline: The entry deadline is First-come/First-served. Entries will be limited to the first 36 teams.

Entries: Please make checks payable to Vero Beach Elks #1774 and mail with Entry Form to: Bob Carroll
463 - 23rd Street, SE
Vero Beach, FL 32962
OR Drop off at the Lodge

For Additional Information: Please call Bob Carroll (772/532-2217)

Please Circle One: (1) Men's Open (2) Legends (Players 70+) (3) Couples (4) Ladies
Captain: _____ Phone #: _____
Name: _____ Phone #: _____
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Annual Vero Beach Elks No. 1774 **CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**



Saturday, April 18, 2015
Sandridge Golf Club - Dunes Course

[Hole/Tee-box Sponsorship Form](#)

Vero Beach Elks Lodge No. 1774 is requesting your help in sponsoring our Annual Charity Tournament by being a Tee-box or Hole Sponsor.

For your donation of \$50, we will display a sign advertising your sponsorship.

Your sponsorship will:

- > *Help us provide needed services to physically-challenged youth and veterans.*
- > *Give visibility to your business/organization before a considerable audience.*
- > *Be considered a tax-deductible contribution.*

Sponsor Name: _____

Sponsor Phone(s): _____

Sign Text: _____

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Check out our brand new website!

<http://veroelks.com/>

NOTE: Members can now access, look at, and/or print the monthly lodge events table tents from our website.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ELK'S TALE INPUT: Wednesday, February 18, 2015



**THE BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS
CARDINAL VIRTUES**



The fraternal order of Elks was founded "To promote and practice the four cardinal virtues of **Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity**; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American Patriotism; and to cultivate good fellowship."

This article is the fourth and last of a series which describes and defines each of the four virtues, based on the charge assigned by the Grand Lodge to each of the various lodge officers and recited during formal initiation. In this issue, we will address...

"Fidelity"

Fidelity is the motto of the **Exalted Ruler**, and the emblem of that station is the **Star which shines above the Altar**.

"...Fidelity implies strict adherence to our Obligation and faithfulness in the discharge of our duty as members of society.

As time runs on, in sun and shade, may you bear with you ever in life's changing course the sense of obligation and of wrong, and in your heart the rapture of a high resolve.

Life's story has been often told, yet all must solve anew its problems for themselves.

Our time upon the stage of action is but brief, yet in the drama each must play a part. The character is left for each to choose; a villain if we will, or person of honor, holding high above all things -- high as Hope's great throbbing star above the darkness of the dead -- respect for virtue, and love of family and home and friend.

'Mid swiftly changing scenes that mark the action of the play, we by each other oft may be aided in our part, or from each other catch inspiration for a high resolve; and to this end exists the Brotherhood of Elks.

The Order of Elks is distinctively American. Linking the destiny of our Order with the destiny of our country we have made its Flag the symbol of the crowning virtue.

As this emblem is first in our hearts as loyal Americans, so is it close to our Altar as loyal Elks. The gentle breezes with lingering caress kiss the folds of no flag which can compare with it in beauty. There is no such red in budding rose, in falling leaf or sparkling wine; no such white in April blossom, in crescent moon or mountain snow; no such blue in woman's eye, in ocean's depth or heaven's dome; and no such pageantry of clustering stars and streaming light in all the spectrum of the sea and sky.

This is Fidelity."