

Vero Beach Elks Lodge #1774

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ELK'S TALE

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A Message from the Exalted Ruler

With the **El Schneider Memorial Fundraiser** launching this month it's a good time to share with you who El Schneider was and why was he important to our Lodge.



Elmer C. “El” Schneider
 May 29, 1921 - November 11, 2011

El was raised in Dormont, PA (a suburb of Pittsburgh). He made his way to Florida in the mid 1960's and lived with his wife, Dee, in the Pompano Beach area. In the early 1970's El and Dee moved to Vero Beach.

It was here in Vero that El became an Elk. This event changed not only El's life but also those of the many hundreds of Elks he came in contact with in the years that ensued. This “Life Member” in Lodge #1774 loved his Lodge, the Elks’ beliefs and his Sister and Brother Elks. There was nothing that the Lodge needed that El would not help out with if it was possible. Be it a financial need, a matter of volunteering his time or even a spiritual matter.

He truly loved the Elks and his Lodge.

In the late 1990's our Lodge was in very deep financial trouble. We were months behind in most of our monthly bills including utilities, mortgage and several other basic bills. Our building was up for sale with a buyer set to sign a Contract for Sale. Our Board of Trustees were truly at wits end but they made a decision not to go through with the sale. El offered to buy out the bank's mortgage and hold the mortgage personally.

The Board declined his offer. They understood that he would never foreclose on his beloved Lodge and they did not want him to be taken advantage of.

Within a month of the Board's declination of El's offer, a team consisting of a Trustee, the ER and the Lodge Secretary was dispatched to our bank, creditors and vendors to try to buy time to get our finances in order. Our

efforts went well. But to the shock and surprise of the Board and those closely involved, the people we met with began to call and tell us that our debts were paid off (except the mortgage which was made current) by someone who insisted on anonymity. The Lodge was now out of a very deep hole. Those who were close to the situation knew, without a doubt, who the anonymous person was. But as a result of his wish he was never properly thanked nor would he answer any questions concerning the matter.

In closing, El's great love for his Lodge was evidenced as well by his concern for the outward beauty of our building and our grounds. The windows in the Lodge, all the palm trees surrounding the building as well as those in the parking lot are some of the many examples of El's love for and generosity to his Lodge.

The "El Schneider Dinner" began in 2009 and thru 2011 and was the largest and most successful event in each of those three years for the Lodge. With El's gradual failing health and, likewise, his then life mate, Jane Rau, this great annual event "went by the wayside." On February 18, 2017 we will bring back this Great Event and combine it with a new Fundraiser which will honor and commemorate "The Great One"-- El Schneider.

All Dinner and Fundraiser profits will be placed in a special fund (The El Schneider Fund) which was set up after the first dinner in 2009. This fund is dedicated to the beautification and maintenance of our building and property.

This is our ONLY event held to benefit our Lodge. Please support this event. Details and ticket information will follow over the coming weeks and months.

We look forward to seeing you on the 18th of February 2017.

A Message from the Leading Knight – Paul Diaz, PER

Along with celebrating Oktoberfest at the Lodge on October 1st, we will also be kicking off **The El Schneider Memorial Fundraiser**. While we do many fundraisers for our charitable causes, this will be the **ONLY** fundraiser held to help the Lodge itself. It will allow us to move into the future and be able to maintain our building and property.

You will be able to sign out tickets that we hope you will sell, starting one hour before and during the first hour of the Event. Tickets will also be available during these times at future events at the Lodge. Any questions will be answered when you pick up your tickets. **The Bartenders will not have tickets to distribute**, except those they are personally selling. However, there will be a clipboard available to request tickets.

We look forward to your help and support.

From the Secretary's Desk

The following propositions for membership were read at the meeting on Tuesday, Sept 20, 2016. Judith Allen proposed Irene Nowak. Jack McClurken proposed Dan Simonelli, Ken Hill proposed Donna Schmidt, Ken Hill proposed Marilyn Mulhall, Leah Facto proposed John Kim, Anthony Davila proposed David Brown and Helen Brown. Dean Pfoutz requested to be reinstated.

We currently have 155 delinquent members. Please check the Secretary's bulletin board to see the member's names. If you proposed anyone on the list that has not paid their dues, please contact them and request that they fulfill their commitment.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Jackie McClurken, LM, PDDGER, Secretary

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Oktoberfest with Noel Kingston 6:00 pm
2 NFL Football Sunday 12:30 pm	3 Lite Grill Menu Available 5:00 pm Karaoke 7:00 pm Monday Night Games 7:00 pm	4 Board Of Directors Meeting 5:30 pm Regular Meeting 7:30 pm	5 Dinner 6:00 pm Karaoke & Name That Tune 7:00 pm	6 Bar BINGO 6:45 pm	7 Lasagna Dinner by Rose – Dance to The Dynamics	8 Vero Beach Elks Fall Charity Golf Tournament 7:00 am Lodge Meeting for Orientation and Initiation 11:00 am Music by Kent Taylor Brown 7:00 pm
9 NFL Football Sunday 12:30 pm	10 Pizza and Subs Night 5:00 pm Karaoke 7:00 pm Monday Night Games 7:00 pm	11	12 Dinner 6:00 pm Karaoke & Name That Tune 7:00 pm	13 Bar BINGO 6:45 pm	14	15 Country Night with the Cheyenne Band 5:30 pm
16 NFL Football Sunday 12:30 pm	17 Lite Grill Menu Available 5:00 pm Karaoke 7:00 pm Monday Night Games 7:00 pm	18 Board Of Directors Meeting 5:30 pm Regular Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm	19 Dinner 6:00 pm Karaoke & Name That Tune 7:00 pm	20 Cookies For Soldiers 9:00 am Bar BINGO 6:45 pm	21 Steak Dinner and Dance with the Coolers Band 6:30 pm	22 Lodge Town Meeting 10:30 am Music by Kent Taylor Brown 7:00 pm
23 NFL Football Sunday 12:30 pm	24 Italian Sub Night 5:00 pm Karaoke 7:00 pm Monday Night Games 7:00 pm	25	26 Dinner 6:00 pm Karaoke & Name That Tune 7:00 pm	27 Bar BINGO 6:45 pm	28	29 Halloween Party with Johnny Nick 5:30 pm
30 NFL Football Sunday 12:30 pm	31 Menu TBD 5:00 pm Karaoke 7:00 pm Monday Night Games 7:00 pm					Save the Dates 7 th Annual PER Lobster Fest – November 5 El Schneider Memorial Dinner - February 18, 2017



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

Saturday, October 8, 2016

7:00 a.m. Registration – 7:45 a.m. Shotgun Start
Sandridge Golf Club – Dunes Course

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

Prizes: There will be prizes in all Divisions for winning teams as well as Men & Ladies longest drive, Closest-to-the-pin, Skins Game, Putting contests and Raffle drawings for prizes.

Benefit: Proceeds will go to the Vero Beach Elks # 1774

Entry Fee: **\$65.00 Per Person**

Entry includes, Golf, Cart and Prizes.
Mulligans will also be sold for \$5.00 each (Maximum of 2 per person)
Luncheon Afterwards @ Vero Beach Lodge #1774

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

Entries: **Please make checks payable to Elks of Vero Beach, Fl. No. 1774 and drop off at the Lodge**

For More Info: Please call : Dennis Ryan (772) 360-6968 or
 Jack Houlihan (917) 501-4591

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(1) Men's Open (2) Women's Open (3)M/W Couples (4) Legends 70+

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Elk of the Month**Pat Diaz**

**For all her work in planning
and preparing for the El
Schneider Memorial
Fundraiser**

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Legal Notices**Resolution for Life Membership**

The following members have applied to the Secretary as candidates for Life Membership:

Joseph Bruzzi - Membership vote on 10/4/16 ~ **AL Mancini** - Membership vote on 10/4/16.

These names are qualified per Grand Lodge Statute 12.260 and Article III, Section 2 of the Vero Beach By-Laws. They have been read to the membership at our meetings and will be voted in as Life Members on the above membership meeting dates.

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