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ELK'S TALE

2017 - 2018 Vero Beach Lodge #1774 Officers

Exalted Ruler – Paul Diaz, PER
Leading Knight - Sam Pollizi
Loyal Knight - Donnie Sumner
Lecturing Knight – Joe Palowich
Esquire – Nancy Seeley
Chaplain - James McFayden
Inner Guard – George Abell
Tiler – Steve Ogonoski
Secretary – Jack "Tex" McClurken, PDDGER, LM
Treasurer – Terry Ketcham

Trustees

5 Year - Dennis Ryan, PER
4 Year -- Donna Knerr, PER
3 Year – Les Owen, PDDGER, LM
2 Year – Jim Wilson
1 Year – Bill Schubert

Presiding Justice – Louis B. "Buck" Vocelle, Esq.
Lodge Advisor – Les Owen, PDDGER, LM
Parliamentarian – Bob Carroll, PDDGER, HLM
Alternate to GL Convention - Jack Houlihan, PDDGER

Exalted Ruler's Message

April has come and so has the new Lodge year. This month is special for me, I married my wonderful and beautiful wife on April 15th 45 years ago. I took my Oath of Obligation before the alter on April 24th, 1991 and I took the Oath of Office for Exalted Ruler for the first time in April 2006. I am honored to take the Oath once more to be your Exalted Ruler. The lodge Officers and I look forward to serving the membership and helping the Lodge advance into the future.

Last year under the leadership of our Exalted Ruler Dennis Ryan, we saw many projects come to fruition. The sprinkler system is installed and we have taken steps to set aside funds to pay back the notes issued to the Lodge for this project. We have finished the IRS audit and paid what was due. We have finished the waterproofing of the Lodge building, and we have started putting money aside in a Restricted Fund for future capital improvements. Not only was all this done, but the Lodge also finished the year with a profit. The membership and the Lodge Officers offer you our sincere thanks and gratitude for a job well done.

Now as for me, I moved to Vero Beach in 2010. I demitted to the Vero Beach Elks Lodge in August 2015. I was installed as your Leading Knight last April and I proceeded on a "Crash Course" to learn all I could about the Lodge operations. At the same time I tried to meet as many of you as I could. I have found your friendship and support heartfelt and I am looking forward to the coming year.

Membership is the lifeblood of every Elks Lodge. My goal, and I hope your goal, will be to bring the Lodge back to a plus in new members for the year. Just think, if everyone sponsored one new member, we would double our membership. I invite all members to attend an Orientation to refresh yourselves about why we became Elks. I know when I joined it was another item on my resume. Then, seventeen years ago, I was asked to become an Officer in my Lodge. I learned and experienced firsthand all the good things the Elks do. Sure it's a good place to have fun and socialize, but it allows us to do all our charitable work for the children and the veterans in our community. With the aide of all the Grants that our Lodge receives, we are able to succeed in our endeavors. But it's not only the grants, it is you the membership that continues to support these good causes when called upon.

I have one goal this year in addition to having a successful year, which I know will happen with your continued support. This year I would like to expand the Dictionary Project to include all schools in Vero Beach, and I know with your support, we can achieve this goal. Thank you once again for your confidence in me.

In closing, I want to thank my wife Pat for all her help and support, I could not do this without her.

Fraternally Yours
Paul Diaz, Exalted Ruler

From the Secretary's Desk

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the majority of our members who have submitted their dues payments prior to April 1st. Many of our members do not realize that on April 1st. Of each year we are required by Grand Lodge to pay our per capita dues. The amount is based on the number of members on our roles as of April 1st.

Also at this time we pay to the Elk's National Foundation, our per capita donation. This donation makes Vero Beach Lodge eligible for the Grand Lodge National Grants we receive each year. These Grants help our Veterans (Freedom Grant), the Vero Beach Elementary "Elks Love Kids of Character" program (Impact Grant), Wabasso School and Rosewood Dictionary Program (Gratitude Grant), "Cookies for Soldiers/Treats for Their Dogs" program (Beacon Grant) and SUNUP - ARC program (Promise Grant). As you can see our donation to the Elks National Foundation goes a long way. This year on every members card I placed a small RED 'I'm a Member sticker'. This sticker indicates that each and every member of Vero Beach Lodge contributed to the Elk's National Foundation.

If you know someone who has not paid their dues, please encourage them to do so. Until their dues are paid, they cannot partake in the many activities held at the Lodge. Also MEMBERSHIP is the Life Blood of our Order. Ask a friend to join.

It is important to remember "Why we are Members"

BECAUSE .. You can join with millions of fine noble American Elks who have helped better the destiny and way of life for countless generations in our country for more than 140 years. The generosity is without fanfare and often even without the recipient's knowledge of the benefactor's identity. You may even have been helped in the past. We have always been there, quietly providing help and encouragement. Now it's your turn to get involved, to join America's quiet humanitarians, and to give your life new purpose and fulfillment.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Jack McClurken, LM,

PDDGER, Secretary

Email: veroelks1774@hotmail.com

The 2017 purple entry card will be used beginning April 1, 2017. Members will receive this card upon paying their dues. The 2017 – 2018 dues notices were mailed February 8, 2017.

Lodge Committee Appointments

Auditing and Accounting: Guy J. Bacci, III - Chairman
Community Project & Activities - Joe Palowich
Hoop Shoot & Soccer Shoot - Christina Ferrari - Chairperson
Americanism - James McFayden - Chairman
Flag Day - Craig Waskow, PER - Chairman
Lodge Activities - Joe Palowich - Chairman
Accident Prevention - Donna Knerr, PER - Chairperson
Public Relations - Carol Palowich - Chairperson
Scholarship - Donna Knerr, PER - Chairperson
Drug Awareness - Nancy Seeley, Chairperson
Activities - Carol Palowich - Chairperson
Youth Activities - Donnie Sumner - Chairman
Fraternal Committee - Sam Pollizi
Elks National Foundation - Jack McClurken, PDDGER - Chairman
Elks Memorial Day - June Maher, PER - Chairperson
Veterans Service - Timothy Nightingale - Chairman
PER Association - June Maher, PER - Chairperson
Ritualistic Committee - Jack Houlihan, PDDGER - Chairman
State Major Projects - Robert Carroll - Chairman
Membership Committee - Jack McClurken, PDDGER and All Members and Officers

Communications - Joe Palowich, Jim Rannazzisi, Carol Palowich, Jack McClurken, Brenda Barrett

ELKS LODGE of VERO BEACH
and
VIETNAM VETERANS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

7TH ANNUAL

FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW

SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH, 2017 – 10 TO 2PM

Vero Beach Elks Lodge, 1350 26th Street

Good 'ole Rock & Roll - 50/50 & Raffle Drawings - Food - Awards

For Registration Information
Call Craig Waskow (772) 299-6225

$15.00 Pre-Registration – No Pre-Registration after June 7

On Site Registration 8:00 to 10:00 - $20
Goodie Bags to first 80 Registered
Lodge Open House

Proceeds Support Elks Charities and Veterans' Assistance Programs

Participants MUST SIGN this form releasing Elks Lodge and Vietnam Veterans from any and all loss.

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
E-MAIL: _____
VEHICLE MAKE: _____
MODEL: _____ YEAR: _____
SIGNATURE: _____

Checks Payable to BPOE #1774
Mail to: C. Waskow, 104 40th Ct., Vero Beach, FL 32968

The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Friday April 7th and 14th. Open to the Public. Serving 5 to 7 pm

Only $ 8.00

Members are then invited into the

Musical Entertainment for April

- Friday, April 7th. Marschell and Sally in the Lounge
- Saturday, April 15th. Reconing Band in the Lounge
- Friday, April 21st. Kent Taylor Brown in the Lounge
- Saturday, April 22nd. Steak Night with the Rebel Rowsers
- Friday, April 28th. Taco Night with Davy C. Country Music
- Saturday, April 29th. Papa Pete

Monday Night's Karaoke by Patty Hill

Wednesday Night's Karaoke with Jeff

Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

MICHAEL F. ZELLEN

Exalted Rulers, congratulations upon your election as the leader of your Lodge. Your Members have put their faith and trust in you because of your willingness to volunteer your time and effort. They believe in your leadership to assume the challenges that lie ahead. You must lead with impartiality and perform the duties with which you are charged.

You should set your goals and encourage every Member to become involved in your Lodge and Lodge-sponsored community activities. Local community service programs will stimulate a return to increasing your Lodge membership.

As the leader of your Lodge, you are charged with following the Constitution and Laws of the Order and Lodge Bylaws. Take advantage of the tools and manuals that are available to help you do so, including the Grand Lodge manuals posted at www.Elks.Org. These manuals will provide the guidance to ensure that you will have a successful year as the leader of your Lodge.

New Lodge Officers, thank you for accepting the challenge of helping lead the activities aimed at achieving your Lodge goals. You need to be proactive in seeking opportunities to be a vital contributor to the growth and success of your Lodge. As you participate in those activities, remember that your actions speak louder than words. Approach all of your Elks activities with a positive frame of mind, and earn the reputation as an energetic person.

Activities are vital to a successful Lodge. They should focus on family and community involvement when planning activities throughout the year. Involve new Members and encourage them to become active in Lodge and social functions. New ideas from new Members will have a positive influence on the future direction of the Lodge.

The pride and knowledge that you embrace – properly cultivated in the hearts of our Members, and keeping the membership informed and involved – are the solutions to our problems.

In closing, I wish you every success, and with hard work, determination and the support from your Members, your Lodge will prosper and grow.

And finally, thank you for being an Elk, and for Caring and Sharing and demonstrating that Elks are Leading the Way.

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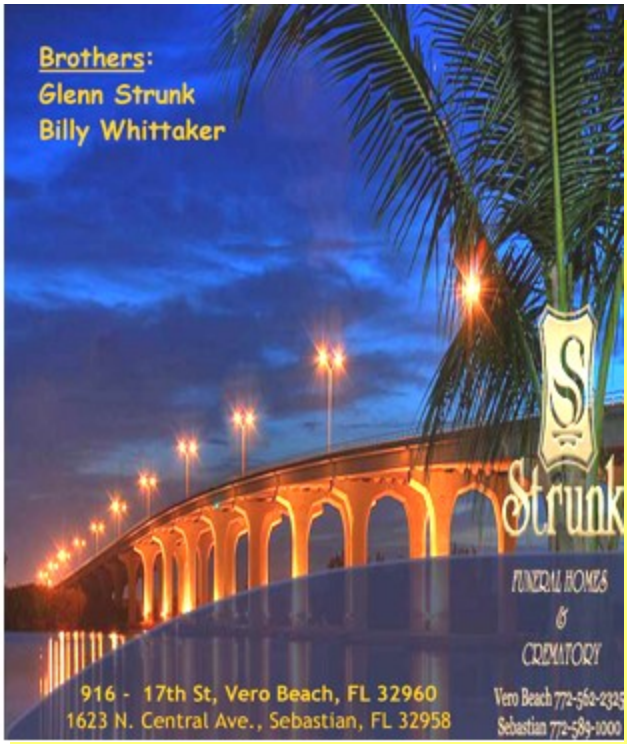

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Vero Beach Elk's Tale is printed Monthly and is Mailed or Emailed to our Membership. There are businesses and Florida State Elks Dignitaries as well as other Florida Elks Lodges who receive our bulletin total readership of over 1,000 people monthly. If you are interested, call the Lodge Secretary at 772-569-1774

Vero Beach Elks Lodge

Presents

Indian River

Texas Hold'em Championship

Saturday, May 6th. Begins at 9:00 am

First Deal 10:00 am - No one admitted to play if not in line to register by 9:50 am

To Benefit Florida Elks Youth Camp Transportation and other Elk Charities.

More Information to follow.

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			All Wed. Night Dinners are $ 11.00			1 Officers Installation and Roast Pork Dinner 6:30 pm Music Coolers Band 7 - 10 pm
2	3 Game Night Grill Rm. Menu Karaoke	4 Lodge Board meeting 6pm Lodge meeting 7:30 pm	5 Wed. Night Dinner Chicken Cacciatore side of Pasta Music Karaoke with Jeff	6 Bar Bingo with Grill Rm. Menu	7 Knights of Columbus Fish Fry 5 to 7 Music by Marschell and Sally	8
9	10 Game Night Grill Rm. Menu Karaoke	11	12 Wed. Night Dinner Open Faced Roast Beef, Pot and Veg. Music Karaoke with Jeff	13 Bar Bingo with Grill Rm. Menu	14 Good Friday Knights of Columbus Fish Fry 5 to 7 pm NO MUSIC	15 Reconing Band 7 to 10 pm
16 **EASTER** Lodge Closed	17 Game Night Grill Rm. Menu Karaoke	18 Lodge Board meeting 6pm Lodge meeting 7:30 pm	19 Wed. Night Dinner Swiss Steak Rice & Veg. Music Karaoke with Jeff	20 Bar Bingo with Grill Rm. Menu	21 Music by Kent Taylor Brown in the Lounge 7 to 10 pm	22 Steak Night Music by Rebel Rowsers 7 to 10 pm
23	24 Game Night Grill Rm. Menu Karaoke	25	26 Wed. Night Dinner Stuffed Peppers and Salad Music Karaoke with Jeff	27 Bar Bingo with Grill Rm. Menu	28 Taco Night served at 6:30 pm with music by Davy C. at 7 to 10 pm	29 Dinner 1/2 Baked Chicken Pot & Veg. Music by Papa Pete 7 to 10 pm $13.00
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For Reservations Call: 772-562-8450

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24 Hr. Event Information Line: 772-800-2900
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Office Phone: 772-569-1774 **Business Only Please**, No Reservations)
Banquet Email: vbelksbanquet@gmail.com

Elk of the Month

Faith Sapper

For her endless efforts to formulate a brochure for the purpose of bookings.

Thank You,
'Faith'

Check out our 24-hour Event Information Line

Call **772-800-2900** (must dial all 10 digits)

Every Monday there's a new announcement of events and happenings for the week

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