



## **Frequently Asked Questions and Answers**

**Who was El Schneider and why was he important to our Lodge?**

***Elmer C. "El" Schneider  
May 29, 1921 - November 11, 2011***

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

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.

### **What will the proceeds of the fundraiser go towards?**

The proceeds will go first to fund the prizes and expenses incurred in running the fundraiser. The profits from this fundraiser will go into the **EI Schneider Fund** which pays for the beautification and maintenance of lodge properties. This includes the grounds as well as the building.

### **How much do the tickets cost and who can I sell them to?**

The tickets will be sold for \$50 each. You can sell them to anyone: yourself, your friends, relatives, co-workers or another Lodge #1774 member who does not want to purchase a ticket on their own. Also, Elks from other lodges that may want to get into the game. You may also sell tickets to multiple persons that want to share the cost of a single ticket.

### **What are the prizes and what are the odds of winning?**

There will be a maximum of 2,000 tickets available.

The payouts will be 10 (ten) prizes ranging from \$5000 to \$250 each. In addition, there will also be a prize for the sellers of each winning ticket ranging from \$500 to \$25.

The odds of winning a prize would be 1 in 100 if all 2,000 tickets are sold. There may be additional prizes offered to attendees of the El Schneider Memorial Dinner Dance in February, depending on the number of tickets sold which will bring the odds of winning even lower.

### **Are there any conditions in which the prize money would be reduced?**

Yes, a minimum of 650 tickets need to be sold for full payouts. If less than 650 tickets are sold the prizes could be pro-rated at the Board of Directors' discretion.

## **What incentives are there for me to sell tickets?**

Aside from supporting your Lodge, the seller of a winning ticket will also be a winner. They would win monies in the amount of 10% of the winning amount of that ticket. In essence, there will be two winners for each ticket, unless you are the buyer as well as the seller, then you would win both amounts.

There will also be an incentive for any member who sells more than 10 tickets. For each 10 tickets sold by an individual member, they will receive their choice of a free ticket (with the Fundraising Committee as the ticket Seller) or a free ticket to the El Schneider Memorial Dinner Dance (value of up to \$55). This affair will be a fun night and will also offer more prizes to attendees.

***This is a Win-Win for all!***

## **How do I get tickets to sell?**

Tickets are available now. You can get them from Paul or Pat Diaz, (the Fundraising Committee chairs) or the Bartenders can provide you with tickets to sell. Remember, you don't pay for the tickets when you pick them up from the Committee or the Bartenders.

You can also request tickets by contacting Paul Diaz at his email address [pauldiaz1972@hotmail.com](mailto:pauldiaz1972@hotmail.com) or cell phone 772- 925-5014. You can also put in a request for tickets thru our Lodge Secretary, at [veroelks1774@hotmail.com](mailto:veroelks1774@hotmail.com) .

## **I don't go to the lodge often. Will you be sending any tickets in the mail to me?**

We will be mailing out 2 tickets to all members.

You can request additional tickets to be mailed to you by contacting Paul Diaz or our Lodge Secretary. Please let us know how many tickets you are requesting.

## **How do I turn in the money and stubs from the tickets I have sold and what is the deadline for them to be in? What do I do with any unsold tickets that I have?**

All money, stubs and unsold tickets should be placed in an envelope and returned to the Lodge Secretary's office. If you are mailing your sold tickets in, please **do not send cash through the mail**, you can write a check for the amount of cash you collected and mail in with the stubs to:

Vero Beach Elks Lodge #1774  
1350 26<sup>th</sup> Street  
Vero Beach, FL 32960  
Attn: Lodge Secretary

**All money, stubs and unsold tickets need to be received by the Lodge by 1 week prior to the El Schneider Memorial Dinner Dance in February.**

## **Do you have to be present at the Dinner to win?**

You do not have to be at the dinner to win, if your name is picked you will be contacted. Having said that, going to the dinner will have its advantages. Depending on the amount of tickets sold, there will be additional prizes and incentives offered to attendees of the El Schneider Memorial Dinner Dance, these will be announced at the Dinner. Plus, you are sure to have a good time with music, food and friends.