

The 990 Chronicle

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Proud Home of Robert Grafton, PGER and the late C. Valentine PGER

Celebrating the Elks and America's 250th Birthday

As we look ahead to the celebration of America's 250th birthday, we have a unique opportunity to reflect on the values that have shaped our nation and the principles that guide our Order. For two and a half centuries, America has stood as a beacon of freedom, opportunity, and service. Likewise, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has dedicated itself to promoting patriotism, charity, and community service for more than 150 years. This historic anniversary invites us to honor the sacrifices and achievements of those who came before us while renewing our commitment to the ideals that make our country strong. As Elks, we proudly uphold the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity—values that mirror the spirit of American citizenship and community involvement.

Throughout the coming year, our Lodge will join communities across the nation in celebrating this milestone. We will recognize our veterans, support our youth, serve those in need, and continue strengthening the bonds that unite us as Americans and as Elks. These acts of service are more than traditions; they are living expressions of our gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy.

The 250th birthday of America is not only a time to celebrate our nation's past but also an opportunity to help shape its future. Each of us can make a difference through volunteerism, kindness, and active participation in our communities. Together we can ensure that the next generation inherits the same spirit of patriotism and service that has defined both our nation and our Order. Thank you for all you do for our Lodge and our community. Let us proudly celebrate America's 250th birthday by continuing to embody the values that make the Elks a vital force for good throughout our nation. God Bless America, and God Bless the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

As myself, my wife Jaina, PER and current Leading Knight Bill Senterfitt with his wife PER and current Esquire Susan Senterfitt attend the Elks National Convention in Chicago and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Elks National Memorial we wear the Pride of 990!

Lodge Highlights



Presenting the check is Exalted Ruler Max Danford and member BJ Sullivan

If you know of a non-profit or community program that can benefit from the Lodge Charity Funds – let an Officer know.

Our Lodge is proud to support the non-profit Xtraordinary JOY is dedicated to empowering families affected by rare developmental diagnoses through research, community and advocacy...

So no family ever feels alone

Elks Care – Elks Share

Lodge Happenings



Our very own Rosa and Jerry Woodward celebrated birthdays in June and surprised each other with a cake!

Rosa and Jerry are our salad bar Garde Manager extraordinaires! We love them!!



Flag Day was a Success

Shown above is a handful of the 52 who were present for our Flag Day ceremony at the Gainesville Women's Club. Their members were gracious and appreciative.

Special thanks is extended to Joey Sharkey for giving the Response, Bernie Porterfield for giving the history of the flags, Jason Hines for taking care of the audio, Kathy Yacovelli for performing Chaplain and 11 members of the Elks riders for presenting the flags during the presentation.



**The Grants Committee and our Elks Riders
are teaming Up for Veterans And they want
YOUR participation!!!!**



July is **Freedom Month** and As America celebrates 250 years of **freedom**, we are honoring those who served by providing a fresh start. Join the **Elks Riders** as we kick off a month of giving and community support all month long by donating new personal hygiene items for **veterans** at Honor House! **Freedom** is more than something to celebrate; it's something we can create. Help us honor the **veterans** who helped preserve it. Look for **Freedom Cards** with wish list items needed at the Lodge beginning July 3rd. We will also have a box to collect items donated. These items will be given, along with \$1000 from the **Freedom Grant** our Lodge has been awarded from the Elks National Foundation!

Leadership

Officers

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

- Esquire — Susan Senterfitt, PER
- Chaplain — Farah Tindall
- Inner Guard — Vacant
- Tiler — Susan Beckett Young
- Secretary — Terry Shelly
- Treasurer — Bonnie Mott

Lodge Advisor

- Glen Gardner, PDD

Trustees

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

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 — Jason Hines

Membership News

Welcome our New Members!!

Brandon Reeb
Delores Jones
Daryl Cummings
Kody Florence
Gary Bowden
Daniel Puglia

Candidates for Membership!!

Abel Cepeda	Stacey Exley
Aymee Ginard-Cepeda	Noelle Golden
Roberto Decespedes	
Hanna Smith	
Howard Seay	
James Busby	

July Meetings

Lodge Meeting – July 15, 7pm
House Committee - Meeting July 6 & 20, 6pm
Trustee Meeting – July 7, 6pm
Grants Meeting – July 21, 6:30pm
Elks Riders – July 25, 9am
Eco Meeting – July 14, 6:30pm

July Events

[Eco Day cleanup at the terrace](#)
Saturday July 18 – 9am till done!

\$\$ Cash Bash \$\$ Power Hour Event
Saturday July 25—5pm Bash at 5:30

Become a sustaining donor to Elks National Foundation and or our Florida Harry-Anna Trust Fund (supporting our Youth Camp and the Mobile Therapy Services) for as little as \$5.00 per month. Learn how by contacting Bill Senterfitt PER bsenterfit@gmail.com

July Birthdays

Date	Name(s)
01	Karen Fox; Frances Diven-Whalen
04	Mickey Boutwell
09	Tracey Konopa
10	Garrett Balanis; Shane Stubblefield
14	Brenda Banks
15	Jason Hines; Lloyd Koser; Adam Ricketson
16	Alan Henderson
18	Jim Strawn
19	Scott English; Becky Spence
20	Daquila Bernie
21	Kyle Califf; Amelia McKnight
22	Futch Mary Ellen; Michael Harper
23	Susan Kelleher; Debbie Mauro
24	Harry Pearce
25	Dick Moss
26	Bill Roland; Kathryn Thomas; Hobie Tindall
27	Ernie Higbee; Robert Jones; Donald Larsson; Joey Sharley; Thomas Sudduth; Jeffrey Winans
28	Amber Hertzog; Deana White
30	Jim Glicco; Anna Wendt
31	Susan Holloway; Ian Thompson

Happiest of Birthdays to our Members!

Be sure to stop into the Lodge for your Birthday soda or cocktail.

Celebrate our Nation's 250th birthday on Sat July 4th, 4-7PM.

Potluck dinner - Sign-up sheet in the Social Quarters.

Patriotic Dessert Contest - \$5 entry fee per Dessert. Voting tickets available for purchase. 6 for \$5. Arm's length (yours or the tallest person you can find), for \$20.

Entries accepted until 5:30 with winner announced at 6:30. Winner receives 1/2 of proceeds. See you there.

Americanism Chair, Jason Hines.

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

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