

# Elks 990 Chronicles

Helping Hands- Changing Lives

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**December 2025**

"It is the unity of our membership that keeps us strong"

Come visit and enjoy times with friends and family at 990"



Elk Riders of 990 invite you to join them during the "Wreaths Across America" ceremony at the Hawthorne Memorial Gardens. Wreath placement starts at 9am. Arrive early. It is an honor to our fallen to place a wreath on their site and say their name aloud.  
December 13, 2025



Elks 990 Growth Chart Apps in process

We all know someone that has shown Interest in joining our order. Ask them today to sign and turn in an application

Gilbert Redonia

Allen Abbott

Amelia McKnight

Chester Lundy

Daniel Baker

Freddie Davis

William Greene

Michael Jackson

Gregory Kidney

Gerald Turnquist

Home to  
Robert Grafton PGER  
and the late  
C. Valentine Bates PGER

### 990 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	Max Danford PER
Est. Leading Knight	Lynne Meyers
Est. Loyal Knight	Becky Spence PER
Est. Lecturing Knight	Dina Atalig
Chaplain	Bobby Andreu
Esquire	Jeanette Sexton
Inner Guard	Susan Beckett Young
Tiler	Betty J Sullivan
Treasurer	Bonnie Mott
Secretary	Terry Shelley
Lodge Advisor	Glen Gardner PDD

Lodge meeting!

Dec 3rd at 7pm

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

### House Committee

Cory Veley	Chairman
Becky Criswell	Secretary
DK Tomlinson	Bar manager
Butch Ford	Cathy Smith
Kathy Yacovelli	Ken Fort
Becky Spence PER	
Traci Graham	
Bernie Porterfield	
Joe Mauro	

### Trustees

Gary Parker	5yr
Max Hicks	4yr
Louis Mallory	3yr
Tim Pohlman	2yr
Najwa Liscombe	1yr



## Dec 2025

02 Rick Luckhardt	18 Sam Wright
03 Alice Roark	21 JC Anderson
03 Ben Robinson	21 Andrew Kaufman
04 Frank Davis	24 Ken Clements
06 Kevin Porterfield	24 Bill Oxendine
08 Thomas Larkin	27 Angie Smith
08 Chuck Taylor	27 Monty Williams
09 Marlene Holman	28 Jiana Danford
10 Susan Floyd	28 James Quirk
11 Inez Linton	29 Keith Chapman
11 Tracey Tanner	29 Lowell Garrett
12 Susan Shannon-Sapp	29 Tom Hankamp
17 Jim Thomas	30 Crawford Price
	31 Mike Hill Sr

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Support our youth camp and Children's Mobile Therapy Services by becoming a sustaining donor for as little as \$5 per month. Your donation as a donor will help take the financial responsibility off the lodge so we can continue to improve and grow. Visit [www.floridaelks.org](http://www.floridaelks.org) or contact Bill Senterfitt [bsenterfit@gmail.com](mailto:bsenterfit@gmail.com) to register today.

## Officers and committees

Are you interested in becoming an officer of our lodge in 2026-2027. NOW is the time to reach out and show your interest. Nominations and elections will be in February which will be here faster than you know it.

As seen on the last page of our newsletter we list all the committees that you can be a part of or lead. We want fresh views and eager attitudes to help continue to build our lodge bigger and stronger in all we do.

Step up to the excitement of being a part of the foundation of Elk Lodges. Our committees and chair officers each play a very important role in the continued success of our lodge. You will not just hold a title but rather a responsibility which will come with the excitement of learning all new things and accomplishments that you can excel in.

We are here to hear from you!!!

See an officer or PER for more information or contact Bill

[bsenterfitt@gmail.com](mailto:bsenterfitt@gmail.com)

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Sir Parker was the master of ceremonies and had a very successful fund raiser during the nerf turkey shoot.

Bill Senterfitt retired from the event after completing 21 out of 25 successful turkey take downs. But lost three rounds from other 5 and 5 shooters. It was a blast for sure

## Grants in action in 2025

**Gratitude grant of \$4500.00-requested for** “Humane's Society not only rescues animals, they also help those in the community who have pets and are in need of assistance to continue care for their furry family member(s) due to financial restraints. Some community members also help foster the animals if the shelter gets over crowded and in turn, the Humane Society helps with providing needs to keep the animal(s) safe, healthy and comfortable. Using the funds, our lodge will help purchase items on the wish list from the Humane Society to lend a hand to those in need.

Grand lodge accepted proposal, and our lodge made it happen.

**Freedom grant of \$1000.00- requested for** “Gainesville Elks Lodge 990 would like to request \$1,000 Freedom Grant funds to present to the VA HONOR Center. The HONOR Center serves as a transitional facility for homeless veterans moving into independent living housing. Currently, the HONOR Center houses 46 military women and men veterans. The HONOR Center is a facility that provides programs to veterans with counseling, therapy, job skills training and other services to help make the transition from homeless into independent living.

Most veterans arrive at the HONOR Center with only the items they possess while living in a homeless situation. Allowing Gainesville Elks Lodge 990 to donate the check to the HONOR Center will help provide clothing, personal hygiene products and a wide array of other needs for our veterans. Foods and medical attention is provided from the funding of the VA and the HONOR Center.

Grand lodge accepted proposal, and our lodge made it happen.

**Beacon grant of \$4000.00- requested for** “As the holidays approach, finances become more of a burden. By providing food during the holidays to those in need, it helps give relief to the individuals and their families. Gainesville Elks Lodge 990 will be helping foster families through One More Child, veterans through the Malcom Randall Veterans Affairs Medical Center & The Honor Center, the small town of Waldo that still continues to struggle and whomever seeks out aid through our lodge. Members of Gainesville Elks 990 will be involved by 1. shopping for food items 2. dedicating time to help distribute 3. delivering to places that signed up.

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## **The Spotlight Grant application is in process \$2000.**

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### **Other ways we serve others**

The Welcome kit program supported by Grand lodge allows our team at Gainesville Lodge 990 to help obtain items for veterans who are moving into their new residents of their own. We submit purchases for reimbursement from the Veteran program. Just recently members went above and beyond to help veterans before the holidays. We were able to provide 4 Veterans at the VA HUDvash Program with Welcome Home Kits this week. This will enable them to set up their new apartments just in time for Thanksgiving. Member Meg Lynn and Kathy Yacovelli did the shopping, and all items were delivered to the Honor Center on Monday and on Tuesday. Mike Yacovelli also helped with the urgent request late on Tuesday to ensure these veterans enjoyed a true ELKS HAPPY THANKSGIVING”

Stay tuned for next issue when I share all the great things we are doing with our gaming charity funds.

As well as what we have accomplished for the lodge in our improvement donations.

I am speechless in what we as a family accomplished in the past years. On the Rise!



GAINESVILLE ELKS 990 PRESENTS

## CASH BASH!

Potentially a once A  
Month Drawing!!



Only 150 Tickets Sold!!!!  
Don't Miss Your Chance!

**DRAWING EVERY 10 MINUTES IN A 2-HOUR PERIOD**

**YOU COULD WIN \$100.00 EVERY FIRST AND SECOND 10  
MINUTES AND \$200.00 EVERY HALF HOUR FOR FIRST HOUR AND  
A HALF.**

**The last two 10 minutes will pay out \$200.00 each**

**LAST DRAW IS FOR \$400.00**

**Think about the cash bash next time you are about to buy lotto  
tickets. We need help too.**

**\$20.00 Donation Per Ticket**

**Benefits Lodge Improvements**

After each drawing, ticket will be put back in the Pot! You could win multiple Times!

Need not be present to win.

Email [bsenterfit@gmail.com](mailto:bsenterfit@gmail.com) if you want entries and how many.

Support our Elks National Foundation for as little as \$5 per month. Visit [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org) or contact Bill Senterfitt [bsenterfit@gmail.com](mailto:bsenterfit@gmail.com). Our contributions to ENF are what earn us access to over \$20,000 worth of grants every year.

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

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Flag Day	Susan Senterfitt, PER
Gov Relation	Dayna Williams, PDD
Harry-anna	Bill Senterfitt PER
Hoop Shoot	Bill Senterfitt PER
Indoctrination	Lynne Meyers
Investigation	Lynne Meyers
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