

# Gainesville Elks 990

Making Florida Elks Shine by reaching out to help

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Elks Hoop Shoot Regionals is Jan 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am at

Santa Fe High School Gym. Next level is State Finals.

Reece Taliman shot 20 out of 25 free throws to advance. He is focused on Nationals this year. His State record so far is 24 of 25. Come support on the 18<sup>th</sup>. It is amazing



Dustin Klein ended as runner up in his division. The past 3 years he has been matched against State Champions of past but does not back down. He represents our lodge with the True Grit that this program is all about. "You cannot win if you do not try. So, trying makes you a winner within"



**Elks 990 Growth Chart Applications in process  
Christopher Larsson**

**Robert Baumann**

**Margaret Foster**

**William Koofer**

**Dwayne Hicks**

**We need your membership renewals if you have not yet. The list is currently 42 members who have not renewed. Our pace is 6 members shy of a positive gain to close the year. We have gained every year for over a decade now. Help us to continue to grow. Renew your membership and be a part of all that we do for our Veterans, Children and local community.**

**Membership is not all about visiting the lodge, but rather being the fuel to our success in touching lives in need.**

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

## 990 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	Bobby Andreu
Est. Leading Knight	Dan Fiebelkorn PER
Est. Loyal Knight	Lynne Meyers
Est. Lecturing Knight	Dina Atalig
Chaplain	vacant
Esquire	Jeanette Sexton
Inner Guard	Susan Beckett Young
Tiler	vacant
Treasurer year 2023-24)	Bonnie Mott (Officer of the
Secretary	Terry Shelley
Lodge Advisor	Glen Gardner PDD

## Lodge meeting!

Jan 1st Dispensation no meeting

Jan 15th at 7pm

## House Committee

Cory Veley	Chairman
Becky Criswell	Secretary
DK Tomlinson	Bar manager
Butch Ford	Cathy Smith
Kathy Yacovelli	Joe Lentz
Max Danford	PER
Becky Spence	PER
Bernie Porterfield	(Elk of the Year 2023-24)

## Trustees

Tim Pohlman	5yr
Bill Senterfitt	4yr
Najwa Liscombe	3yr
Kevin Gutierrez	2yr
Louis Mallory	PER 1yr

**Mission Statement** I believe "To spread the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members." Our Lodge exists because of the hardworking members and their charitable contributions and time and effort. They support our state's major projects and that in turn allows us to have a Lodge and social quarters to have a friendly place to gather.

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On Tuesday, December 17, The Gainesville Elks Lodge utilized the Welcome Home Kit Program to shop for 4 veterans who moved into independent living all on the same day. The Lodge quickly shopped and contacted veterans for delivery within the next few days, hoping to get their items to them before Christmas day. This shopping trip immediately followed a shopping excursion just done the previous day for 4 other veterans.

The local Honor Center through HUDVASH is keeping our lodge extremely busy. The Honor Center assists the veterans with housing the homeless veterans and getting them settled into their new lifestyles. The Lodge quickly responds to the social workers' requests for assistance in providing the veterans with their immediate needs; all accomplished through the Elks National Veterans Services Commission Welcome Home Kit Program. This shopping trip concludes with kit number 36. Since 2021, the Gainesville Elks Lodge has assisted over 120 veterans transitioning from homelessness to independent living through the Welcome Home Kit Program and their Veterans Activity Charity Account and previous Freedom Grants.

Linda Califf, Veteran Chair (left) and Elk volunteer and bartender Lori Salmons (right) get everything loaded for delivery. Also assisting with shopping and packing was Lori's husband, TJ Salmons (not picture/photographer). Everything fits in a FIT. This vehicle held 5 full shopping carts full of goodies.

Submitted by Linda Califf, Veteran Chair  
Gainesville Elks Lodge #990



The kids' Christmas Workshop was unbelievably magical for all.  
Over 30 children registered to make gingerbread houses and meet Santa.

February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting is nominations and elections for 2025-2026 officers

If anyone is interested in being an officer, it is time to make it known.

Here are some of the elected positions

Secretary

Treasurer

Exalted Ruler

Leading Knight

Loyal Knight

Lecturing Knight

Trustees

Committee positions will be established by the new ER.

If you have interest in getting on the committees, make it known and get involved today.



Quilts of Valor presentation was given to George Spence and Lloyd Koser

For the time served during the Korean War.

If you know a Veteran that qualifies let us know



# Jan. 2025

02 Thomas Handley

02 Wanda Qualls

04 Larry Antich

05 John Davis

06 Louis Yontz

07 Steven Cade

07 Linda Califf

07 Julia Cespedes

08 DK Tomlinson

09 Tom Brinkman

10 Ken Fort

10 Patti McCall-Junkin

11 Dina Atalig

11 Lucille Detoma

12 Aileen Grant

13 Eric Sullivan

14 Lisa Bryan

14 William P Senterfitt

16 John Bradshaw

17 Gary Parker

17 Bob Reper

17 Jason Ruppert

18 Chris Sanders

19 Ethewyn Kirkland

19 Candy Tomlinson

20 Gene Bush

21 Guido Guadagno

22 Craig Carter

22 Grady Jones

22 Charles E Phillips

22 John Weaver

23 Andy Bilaki

24 James Ghi

25 Pete Wade

26 Lonnie Beck

26 Sherry Fischer

28 Jerry Cade

28 Lisa Cruz

28 James Kennedy

29 Crocket Covy

30 Chip Veley

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Flag Day	Susan Senterfitt, PER
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Harry-anna	Dan Fiebelkorn PER
Hoop Shoot	Bill Senterfitt PER
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Investigation	Najwa Liscombe
Membership	Najwa Liscombe
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