

Elks 990 Chronicles

Helping Hands- Changing Lives

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

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



The deck of dreams is exactly that.

Jan 3 2026

Members Charles Britt and Cathy Smith were married on the deck giving us all warm hearts knowing with our efforts we do make a difference in the lives we touch. They could have been married in Vegas but chose our home instead
Congrats to you both



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

Redonia Gilbert

Tina Greene

Michael Jackson

Gerald Turnquist

Michelle Vickers

Korinn Rivera

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!
Jan 7th at 7pm
Jan 21st at 7pm

House Committee

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

Trustees

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



Jan 2026

02 Tom Handley	14 Lisa Bryan	22 Craig Carter
02 Wanda Qualls	14 Buddy Senterfitt	22 Grady Jones
05 John Davis	16 John Bradswaw	22 Chester Lundy
06 Louis Yontz	16 William Greene	22 Charles Phillips
07 Stephen Cade	17 Gary Parker	22 John Weaver
07 Linda Califf	17 Bob Reper	23 Andy Bilaki
07 Julia Cespedes	17 Jason Ruppert	24 James Ghi
08 Susan Mooney	18 Chris Sanders	26 Lonnie Beck
08 DK Tomlinson	19 Robert Baumann	26 Sherry Fischer
09 Tom Brinkmann	19 Ethelwyn Kirkland	28 Jerry Cade
10 Ken Fort	19 Candy Tomlinson	28 Lisa Cruz
11 Dina Atalig	20 Gene Bush	28 James Kennedy
13 Eric Sullivan	21 Guido Guadagno	29 William Covey
		30 Keith Stiriz
		30 Chip Veley

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 or contact Bill Senterfitt bsenterfit@gmail.com to register today.

URGENT NEED FOR NEW INVOLVEMENT

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

bsenterfit@gmail.com

Events ahead for all members to attend around our district

*District Deputy Clinic on SAT , 10 JAN 2025 at St. Augustine Lodge #829 @ 10am; donuts @ 9:30am.

State President visitation in Orange Park is Friday Jan 30th and Saturday th 31st

*Also, don't forget the FSEA Quarterly at the FEYC on SAT, 7 FEB 2026 where our Grant Exalted Ruler will be in attendance.

The registration is on our FL Elks website. Please go online to register. www.FloridaElks.org

If you have any interest in going to these events and need details let us know and we will get the information for you

Our lodge – Our District – Our State – Our Nation

AS A MEMBER YOU ARE PART OF ALL AND CAN BECOME INVOLVED WHERE YOU SEE YOUR FIT.

FYI- National Convention is in Chicago this July.

Great time to go see our National Headquarters with great pricing discounts offered through the convention hotel rates

25 Team Max for this year

Register now as it is already over half full

Gainesville Elks Lodge #990 45th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Turkey Creek Golf course Gainesville

Sunday, Feb. 22nd, 2026

8:30am Shotgun Start

\$80.00 Per Person

Make your own foursomes or

We can help you form one.

Entry Deadline is 5pm Sunday.

Feb. 15, 2026

Individuals are welcome to register. Tournament committee will assist in making complete 4-man teams.

\$80.00 Entry Fee Includes: Greens Fees, Golf Cart, select beverages of choice and Soft Drinks on the course. After golf everyone is invited back to the lodge for Lunch and the awarding of prizes and raffle drawings.

For Questions or donation items for raffle contact

Bill Senterfitt @ (352)672-3428 or bsenterfit@gmail.com

Make checks payable to BPOE 990 and mail to BPOE 990 Attn: Golf Committee 2424 NW 23rd Blvd Gainesville, FL 32605 or drop off at the lodge



Charity Gaming and Grants in action in 2025



\$5000.00 donations to St Francis House and Bread of the mighty Food Bank

Just proves that our charity gaming is allowing 990 to do far more for our community than we ever could in the past.

We look forward to getting more and more involved in youth programs such as drug awareness, scholarships, sponsorships and more.

Present the programs and ideas and present them to the charity committee to obtain lodge approval.

The money is there to help those in need. It does not do anyone any good sitting in the bank.

Help us continue to stay on the rise.

If you need help to move forward with an idea contact Bill at bsenterfit@gmail.com and I help you with getting started.

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!



Thank you to everyone who supported the “The deck of dreams project”

You will find your plaque hanging at the main entrance just below the plaque for our lighting project

Stay tuned for our next renovations project that you can help come true

I strongly encourage every member that reads emails to get on our blast email list.

We send out food updates- member updates- event updates

Your missing out on a bunch of what 990 does if you are just waiting on the mailman

Round 1 of the all new Cash Bash is ready for action.

Tentative date for the event is Jan.21 from 5-7

(pending House Committee Approval to make sure there are no conflicting events)

Stay tuned because Round 2 will not be far behind

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 if you want entries and how many.

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



Seen above is Elroy Elk and ER Brent Reddy our NE District Hoop Shoot Coordinator
With 990's 10-11 girls NE District Champion
Addison McFall

We look forward to attending the North Regionals competition on Saturday Jan 17th at
Columbia High School in Lake City at 9am

Join for a great road trip to support Addison as she strives to advance to the State
competition next.

Gainesville Elk Riders had a very successful showing at the "Wreaths Across America"
as they took lead on most of the event supporting the true cause behind this annual
event. Kerstin Roberts did an exceptional on the spot interview with TV-20 after the
event.

Needed is sponsorship for more wreaths for next year because there was not enough
for every site.

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

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