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#### North Central District Will Have The Next State President













Since the organization of the Florida State Elks Association in 1904, Ocala Lodge 286 and the lodges of North Central District have been proud to sponsor six of the Association's State Presidents. At the second state convention held in Ocala in 1905, Herbert A Ford was the first Ocala Lodge member elected to serve as the State President. Fast forward 53 years – Willis V. McCall, Sheriff of Lake County and a PER from Eustis Lodge 1578, was elected to serve the 1958-1959 term. At the 1981 State Convention, Ocala Lodge 286 not only won the State Ritual contest, but it was also the home lodge of the newly elected state president, Richard Shashy. Ten years later, Ocala won the State Ritual contest again and Ben S. Brown, Jr. of Eustis Lodge was elected as SP. Ben Brown is well-remembered for his service as the Florida Elks Children's Hospital Administrator and its successor program, Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services. In 1996, Winston Needham became the third Ocala Lodge 286 member to serve as the State President. The most recent North Central District member to serve as State President was Charles Trinowski from Winter Park Lodge 1830 during the 2006-2007 term.



The current Vice President at Large (VPAL) for the State is Russel J. Smith PDDGER

from South Lake Lodge 1848. He is expected to be elected as our next State President in 2024. Each VPAL and State President has a busy travel schedule attending State, Area 3, and National events. While a portion of the costs to travel is covered by the State Association budget and by local districts fundraising to

pay for their SP visit, additional costs must be covered by the officer. To assist in that

cost, the lodges in their home district may hold fundraisers to show their love and support. At the recent DD Clinic held at Eustis Lodge, Russ shared that he has a goal of \$15,000. Please let your lodge officers know if you have any ideas for a fundraiser sponsored by our lodge. Russ is willing to come to any event if his travel schedule is open.





Photos from South Lake's "Sock Hop" fundraiser

Let's show some awesome support for our next State President, Russ Smith!



## **LODGE 286 NEWS**



Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Happy September. We are moving into the time of the year when things start picking up. College football is back. We pick up the District Deputy Visits. We currently have the attendance trophy and are looking forward to keeping it. To do that we need as many members as possible to attend the visits throughout the district. The visits start on September 10, 2023, in Apopka. The next one will be on September 17, 2023, in Inverness. Please try to attend one or both of them.

Please try to attend as many lodge functions as possible. We need as much support as possible.

Our membership still sits at 628 with 77 delinquents. This is genuinely concerning, and I encourage every member to strive to get this membership up. Invite family and guests to visit the lodge and see what the Elks are all about.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our Elk of the Month for September, Pat Gilbert. Pat is on the House committee and helps out doing employee payroll and is always helping out with the cleanup in the lounge. She continues to be available for any help I need regarding the Lodge. Thank you, Pat, and congratulations.

Remember my fellow Brothers and Sisters "Elks Care, Elks Share".

Fraternally yours,

Michael Miller Exalted Ruler



#### **VETERANS**



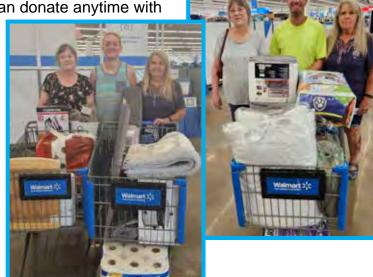
We are almost into Fall and cooler weather hopefully. It's time to start thinking about the Wreaths Across America. We are only at 53 wreaths so far this year.

Deadline is November 17th and placement is December 16, 2023. The wreaths are \$ 17.00 each this year and you can donate anytime with

myself, Sarah or Bobbie in the secretary's office.

Let me know if you would like to help with placement.

We had two Veterans exit homelessness into a new to them home this month. First was Brian B. (Army), a nice young man that has a family with 2 young boys. The boys were his priority and their bedding and needs were taken care of first. Next Karen Severs and I took Jacob M. (Army). His main needs were kitchen items and a rug for the living room. The Welcome Home Kit program is rewarding to all involved because not only do they get



much needed items, but we are happy to be able to help them. The next we take will benefit from the Spotlight Grant, with items we brought to help stretch their dollars.

Karen Severs and I did the monthly pantry shopping recently. Every month the Lodge members supports this endeavor by bringing in can goods and hygiene products. This is really appreciated, as we all know our dollars don't go as far as they once did. Thanks to all that support the Veterans!

Remember the Elk's Pledge, "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

Pam Kinard Veterans Service Chairperson





### FLORIDA ELKS CHILDREN THERAPY SERVICES





This month I wanted to highlight Molly who has been working so hard in OT these last few months! Molly has Autism and has been working on improving her fine motor skills and independence with daily activities. We

work each week on a variety of activities including teeth brushing, learning how to tie shoe laces, handwriting, hand strengthening, and other

fun fine motor and motor planning activities. Molly's mother as well as her school teacher report that they have seen a big improvement in Molly's handwriting skills, as well as her willingness to engage in activities of daily living such as brushing her teeth. Here are just a few pictures of Molly working hard! Thank you for your continued support of FECTS!

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### **HELPING ELKS BUILD STRONGER COMMUNITIES**



# Ocala Elks #286 Spotlight Grant Welcome Home Initiative:



On August 9th, a group from Ocala Elks #286 split into two teams and went shopping at two Walmart stores for items to purchase to make Welcome Home Kits for veterans in our community. An Elks National Foundation Spotlight Grant is funding the initiative.

Our lodge partners with Volunteers of America, HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing social workers and other community partners to reach our intended audience.

Members of our lodge will make basic welcome home kits, and work with each veteran case-by-case, depending on the individual's circumstance. The

welcome home kits will allow our lodge to address a pressing need in our community, which is to help homeless veterans settle into their new home. This allows them to become self-sufficient, have pride in their new home, and ultimately leads to increasing their self-esteem.

I thank all the Ocala Elks who volunteered to go shopping. We will have another shopping day for the Spotlight Grant project and other volunteer opportunities in the future. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me or Pam Kinard. Our contact information is at the bottom of this article. Cheers,

David Clayton – Leading Knight To volunteer, please call:

David Clayton: 404 409 9785 Pam Kinard: 352 875 5445

### **ENF & STATE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Emergency Educational Grants







## **HARRY ANNA TRUST**



There is a state challenge that every lodge have at least 6% of their members signed up as sustaining donors. That would be 38 members for Ocala 286. At one time we had 41 members who signed up as sustaining donors. We currently at 15 sustaining donors. there are also points for sustaining donors that would help us win the State Presidents Grant.

We have been there before: let's get back to focusing on sustaining donors and ENF Fidelity. We received \$2,500 from ENF just for making our goal for 2022-2023. We receive back more than we give.

Emery Shepard. Lodge Harry Anna and ENF Chairman

#### **OLEO**



Greetings,

Looking at holidays in September the main one is Labor Day which symbolizes the end of summer and is celebrated with cookouts, parties, and athletic events. Spend your time with family and friends with the all-traditional hot dogs and hamburgers.

Saturday, September 9 we are having Bunco. You need to purchase your ticket by the 3rd. See the attached flyer for all the information.

Our Florida Ladies of Elks Conference is at Daytona Beach Shores September 21-24. We have approximately 22 members attending. We look forward to exchanging ideas with all the other groups during the workshops

Saturday, October 7 is our Fall Fashion Show. Make sure you read the attached flyer as we will feature a Brunch this year and the time schedule has changed.

In October we are planning to attend the Elks Youth Camp. If you are interested in visiting the camp and seeing what your donations go towards, we invite you to join us. Please contact me so that I can add you to our list.

Again, this year we are going to raffle off 3 decorated Christmas trees with gifts. One is an "Old

Fashion Christmas," one is an "Elegant" and one is a "Liquor." These will go on display in the Lodge on Monday, November 6. The tickets are \$10 each and the drawing will be the night of our Christmas Dinner Dance on Saturday, December 16. Put this date on your calendar.

We are planning on making the Lodge into a "Winter Wonderland" on Monday, November 13.

All the main rooms will have a beautiful tree in them for all to enjoy and to get you in the holiday spirit.

In keeping with our purpose, the OLEOS recently donated \$1,000 to the Elks Club. We know they will use the money wisely for their needs.



Happy birthday to our September members; Susan Hale (7th), Judy Harriss (8th), Betty Lee (20th), Becky Bunn (22nd), Brenda Cornelius (25th) and Booster Rusty Gilmore (5th).

Sincerely, Sandra Harton, President

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

# Welcome our new members Michael Kash & Patrica Johnson





2023-2024
Distict Deputy
Visitation Dates
Starts at 3:30 PM
with social hour

DD Visits North Central District		
Sunday	9/10/2023	Apopka #2422
Sunday	9/17/2023	Inverness #2522
Sunday	9/24/2023	Winter Park #1830
Saturday	10/7/2023	Eustis # 1578
Sunday	10/29/2023	Ocala #286
Sunday	11/5/2023	Winter Garden #2165
Sunday	11/19/2023	South Lake #1848

#### WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE LODGE







Free Hotdogs and Free Burgers

Just bring your favorite dish to share and join us for fun and socializing

\$10 Donation Requested





"An Evening of Bunco"

Saturday, September 9, 2023 Ocala Elks Lodge

> 5:00 PM Doors Open 5:45 PM Dice Roll

S30.00 Per Person
Appetizers, Dessert,
Tea and Coffee Included
Cash Bar
Limited Number of Tickets Available
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Raffle, Loito Tree, 50/50 Drawing, Door Prizes Great Pay Outs for Winners and Biggest Loser

For Tickets Call or Text;
Sundra Harton @ 352-895-3042
Email: sandraharton @yaboo.com
Tickets will also be available at the Elks Lodge.
See Rusty or any OLEO

# Saturday, September 16 Ocala Elks Lodge

702 NE 25<sup>th</sup> Ave, Ocala FL Doors open at 5:00, Music at 6:30



Come to an exciting disco themed party
Theme dress is encouraged but optional
Food appetizers, entrees and beverages
from a full bar available for purchase.

**Great Music by Tim Hargis** 



September 21-23 Daytona Beach, FL

#### WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE LODGE



# October 7th

Blackjack Sporting Clays Click here to register For more information Call Ken Davis: 352-816-5781 Emery Shepard: 352-207-3323



The Ocala Ladies of the Elks

Present

**Annual Fall** 

Fashion Show and Brunch

Fashions by Accessories & More of Sarasota

Saturday, October 7, 2023

MODIFIED SCHEDULE

9 AM Shopping

10 AM Fashion Show

11 AM BRUNCH

**Shopping After Brunch Till 3 PM** 

\$35 Per Person

Tickets may be purchased from any OLEO

Member or by calling Gail DeVilling at 352-895-0747

Tickets must be purchased by Saturday, September 30.

No tickets sold after that date.

There will be door prizes, raffle baskets, and great food.

# Saturday October 14, 2023 **Blues Brothers Tribute**

plus music by Lisa Hannah Coan Ocala Elks Lodge, 702 NE 25th Ave, Ocala



A delicious selection of foods and desserts will

be available for purchase

Beverages and drinks will be available for purchase from a full bar.

Delicious food and beverages will be available for sale starting at 5:00 PM. The show will be held in the Ocala Elks Lounge. Enjoy open dancing before and after the show to music by Lisa Hannah Coan.



November 9-11 St. Petersburg, FL All members are invited

## "THE LODGE, YOUR SECOND HOME"

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Lodge Auditor	Need	

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Catering	352-732-7091 Ext 3
Treasurer	352-239-0711

OCALA 286	2023-2024
ENF	\$1,067.00
Harry Anna	\$8,835.00
Harry-Anna Sustaining	15 members \$1,204.00,

#### Click here to sign up now for Harry-Anna

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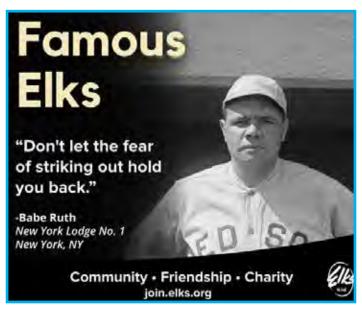
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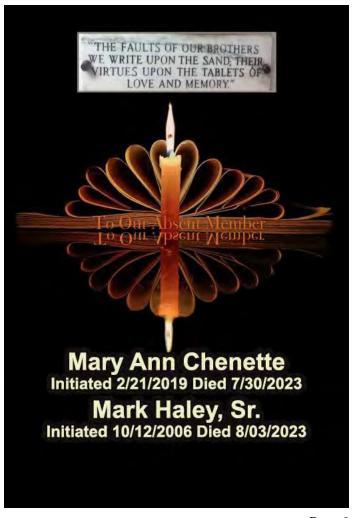
#### OCALA ELKS WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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Secretary	Monday-Friday	1:00-5:00PM
Catering Office	Monday-Friday 8:00AM-1:00I	
Monday	Closed	
Tuesday	Lounge Open Dining Room	4:00-9:00PM 5:00-8:00PM
BINGO	In the Lounge	5:30-8:00PM
Wednesday Trivia & Queen of Hearts	Lounge Open Dining Menu Dining Room	4:00-9:00PM 5:00-8:00PM <i>Closed</i>
2nd & 4th Thursday	Meeting Nights Lounge Open	5:30-7:00PM and after the meeting
Friday	Lounge Open Dining Room	4:00-11:00PM 5:00-8:00PM
Saturday	Lounge Dining Room	4:00-10:00PM 5:00-8:00PM
BINGO	In the Lounge	6:00PM
Sunday	Closed	
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Happy Hour 4:00 - 6:00PM







# **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Robert G. Salat	01
David Renau	04
Charles M. Gilmore, PER	05
Drew Patrick Carroll	06
Richard M.Kinne	06
Kathy Lammers	07
William F. Bowen, Jr.	08
Harry Burns	08
Chris L. Richardson	09
Dennis R, Seese	09
Barbara Fisher	10
Darryl C. Hampy	10
Benjamin P. Rich	10
Carroll E. Lewis	11
James Munsil	11
John A. Pauls, Jr.	11
Charles Rich	11
Michael F. Sherouse	11

William H. Tuck, Sr.	12
Robert Michael De Conna	13
Terry E. Hoskins	13
Edwin G. Mobley	13
Chris Slack	13
Donald J. Williams	13
Shawn Appleby	14
Keith Frank Fencl	14
Jason Sims	14
Ronnie Carter	15
Michael J. McGinnis	15
Ronald L. Kessel	16
Kenneth Scott Sarsony	16
Larry Luttrell	17
Gary C. Lyles	17
Murray Glen Sims	17
Marvin H. Jobes	18
Walter H. Fourakre	19

Milton Mandell	19
David Francis Sokol	19
Tom Gimeli	20
Jason McMillan	20
Deloris L. Boltinghouse	23
Braxton V. Jones	23
William A. Scaringe	23
Janet S. Alphonso	25
Brenda S. Cornelius	25
Carl S. Holmer, III	25
Carl I. Thomas	25
Curt Waller	26
Denise M. Denick	27
Michael Marks Demartino	27
Howard S. Leary, II	28
John F. Welch	29

It Pays to Attend Lodge Meetings				
Date Drawings Amount Member/Winner		Vinner		
8/24/2023	Previous Meeting	\$50.00	Pat Gilbert	Present
8/24/2023	50/50	\$82.00	Mike Kuminka	
8/10/2023	20/20 1st Drawing	\$150.00	Alvis Summer	
8/10/2023	20/20 2nd Drawing	\$100.00	Kenneth Backofen	
8/24/2023	20/20 1st Drawing	\$150.00	Mike Saxe	
8/24/2023	20/20 2nd Drawing	\$100.00	Pat Gilbert	



	MEMBERSHIP UPDATE	
Total Members	Delinquent Members	Percentage Delinquent
632	76	12



The Elks year ending 2022-2023 was the second year a row that the Elks saw a membership gain. Grand Exalter Ruler, Randy P. Shook wants to make it three years in a row and has challenged all lodges to focus on membership growth.

Florida finished 3rd behind New Jersey and California.



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### PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September		
Saturday	2nd	Labor Day Pot Luck
Thursday	7th	Board Meeting 6:00PM
Thursday	14th	Lodge Meeting 7:00PM
Saturday	16th	Disco Inferno
Thursday	28th	Lodge Meeting 7:00PM

DD Visits North Central District				
Sunday	9/10/2023	Apopka #2422		
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Sunday	11/19/2023	South Lake #1848		

October		
Thursday	5th	Board of Directors Meeting 6:00PM
Saturday	7th	Sporting Clays
Thursday	12th	Lodge Meeting 7:00PM
Saturday	14th	Blues Brothers Review
Thursday	26th	Lodge Meeting 7:00PM

OLEO Calendar		
Bunco	9/09/2023	
Fall Fashion Show	10/07/2023	

FLOE Calendar		
Annual Ladies Retreat FEYC	9/08-10/2023	
Conference - Daytona Beach	9/21-23/2023	

Florida State Elks Association	
Midyear Conference	11/9-11/2023

September Entertainment				
Friday 1st	Rocky & Michelle	Variety dance duo, music ranging from the 50's to current,		
Friday 8th	Mike Kohn	Doo Wop, Oldies, Motown, Disco, Rock & Roll,		
Friday 15th	Lonnie	Songs from the 50s 60s 70s 80s		
Friday 29th	John Dixon Band	Top notch classic, danceable,upbeat country music		

