



GREATER PINE ISLAND ELKS #2781
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THE ELKHORN

EXALTED RULER

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1 Year —Ben Madey



Hello Elks!

It's the dog days of summer. And I hope that we don't see as many blistering hot days this month as we did in July. Whew... Let's hope for better in August.

July, is also the month when the Exalted Ruler (me) is required to attend the Elks National Convention, which was held in Minneapolis over July 2-5. One of the requirements of the ER is to report back to the Lodge about anything pertinent to the

Lodge. And I have a couple of items of interest. First of all is the voting results on the proposed resolutions. There were 18 in all, but most had to do with clarifying some of the statutes. Three of them (2023-04, 05 & 06) had to do with making clear that the District Deputy has the sole authority to grant dispensation for a required officer not to attend a DD Clinic. They passed. One (2023-12) would have required Grand Lodge to provide a per-capita credit to local lodges for dropped members. That one failed. Too bad. There were also a couple that would allow a PER Assoc to form a sub-corporation for charitable purposes, similar to 16.030. Those failed, too.

I also attended a number of sessions at the convention and I want to point out two that should be of interest. One is that there is a big push for lodges to take advantage of a new app called MyElks. This is an app that can be downloaded to your cellphone and provides a number of neat advantages like;

- a) Pushing current notifications right to the users even better than email notifications.
- b) Providing an advertising banner that businesses can subscribe to as a source of income to the Lodge.
- c) Online facility for volunteers to sign-up to activities. Better reservation page for event tickets.
- d) A facility for members to be rewarded the more they come to the Lodge. I'm going to ask the House Committee to invest in this app as it has many benefits to be enjoyed.

Finally, there was a session where it was announced that, within two to three years, we will be replacing the standard QuickBooks accounting system with one that has a group license for all Lodges. This will not only save license fees, but will also eliminate the use of the FRS System for reporting to Grand Lodge. This is really nice.





RANDY P. SHOOK

GRAND EXALTED RULER

2023–2024

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A.

Nashville, Tennessee is the birthplace of country music, bluegrass, and Randy Paul Shook who was born in its rolling hills on the 25th of November. Along with his parents, D. Webster Shook, Sr. and Joyce Fay (Sims) Shook, his younger sisters, Pam and Patty, Randy grew up and went to school in Loretto, a small town in Lawrence County. Completing school in 1974, Randy worked in the family farming operation until 1977 when he joined the team at Genesco, a shoe manufacturer in nearby Pulaski. His career advanced while at Genesco, as he was promoted to Assistant Department Manager in 1980 and Department Manager in 1982.

Randy's time at Genesco is significant for another reason: in 1981, this is where he met the love of his life and his soulmate, Wanda. They have been partners in life, love, and laughter ever since.

In 1984, Randy discovered his vocation while studying Real Estate, Banking, and Economics at Columbia State Community College and became an affiliate real estate broker. After continuing to take courses through the Tennessee Real Estate Educational System and graduating from the Nashville Auction School, Randy became a licensed Real Estate Broker and Auctioneer in 1986. He served as President of the Southern Middle Tennessee Board of Realtors in 1989.

Randy founded his company, Appraisals Plus, in 1992 after becoming a Certified Real Estate Appraiser. He remains the sole proprietor of Appraisals Plus which serves seven counties in southern Tennessee. For more than 20 years his son, Billy, and niece, Kristy have worked side-by-side with Randy as Certified Appraisers. Randy was proposed and initiated into Lawrenceburg Lodge No. 2206 in 1993 and continues to this day to be an active and dedicated member. He was elected Esteemed Loyal Knight in 1995-1996, Exalted Ruler in 1996-1997 and 1998-1999, and Trustee from 1999 to 2001. Randy was named Lawrenceburg Elk of the Year in 2008-2009. He was elected Treasurer from 2010 to 2015 and again in 2019-2020.

Randy began his service to the Tennessee Elks Association in 1998-1999 as Vice President-Elect and was Vice President in 1999-2000. He was elected President-Elect in 2004-2005 and as Tennessee State President in 2005-2006. His service continued as Government Relations State Chair from 2003 to 2016, Raffle Committee State Chair from 2005 to 2018, Budget Committee State Chair from 2010 to 2022, Executive Committee from 2009 to present, and the Board of Directors and Advisory from 2006 to present. He was named Tennessee Elk of the Year in 2007-2008 and was inducted into the Tennessee Elks Hall of Fame in 2012-2013.

At the Grand Lodge level, Randy was appointed Esquire to District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 2000-2001. In 2001-2002, he served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Middle District of Tennessee. Randy was named Area 3 Grand Lodge Government Relations Member from 2007 through 2009. He was elected Grand Treasurer for 2009-2010. Randy was named Area 3 Public Relations and Marketing Member from 2014 to 2018. In 2018, he was elected to represent Area 3 on the Board of Grand Trustees, serving as Building Applications–West Member in 2018-2019, as Pensions and Benefits Member in 2019-2020, as Secretary of the Board in 2020-2021 and Chairman of the Board in 2021-2022

Randy and Wanda are looking forward to the adventures ahead and are thankful and humbled to represent the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America as Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady. We welcome the opportunity to meet new friends and let our communities know that:



"WE ARE The ELKS"



Elks National Convention

Minneapolis
2023

TUESDAY'S RESOLUTIONS BALLOTING RESULTS

2023-1	To clarify this Constitutional provision by eliminating a redundancy. *Final approval of this proposed amendment requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at this assembly and compliance with Article IX of the Constitution.*	Yes=2,490 No=84	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passed
2023-2	To prohibit the use of resources of the Order and of Local Lodges for private, public, or social media fundraising activities in connection with a Local Forum or Grand Forum action.	Yes=2,336 No=236	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passed
2023-3	To prohibit the use of resources of the Order and of Local Lodges for private, public, or social media fundraising activities in connection with a Local Forum or Grand Forum action, and to authorize the Grand Forum to issue a contempt order.	Yes=2,382 No=224	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passed
2023-4	To formalize the appointment and authority of Special Representative District Leaders or Area Special Representatives.	Yes=2,455 No=145	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passed
2023-5	To clarify that the determination of whether there exists good cause not to attend a District Deputy Clinic rests with the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler.	Yes=2,406 No=185	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passed
2023-6	To clarify that the determination of whether there exists good cause not to attend a District Deputy Clinic rests with the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler.	Yes=2,404 No=196	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passed
2023-7	To require the Lodge Treasurer to attend all District Deputy Clinics.	Yes=1,693 No=897	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passed
2023-8	To clarify the types of projects that are subject to the provisions of this section of the Laws of the Order.	Yes=2,375 No=238	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passed
2023-9	To allow greater discretion for the use of defunct Lodge funds and to allow the Grand Exalted Ruler the authority to appoint a sufficient number of Trustees to administer the funds of a defunct Lodge.	Yes=2,370 No=245	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passed



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2023-10	To allow Local Lodges to adopt a by-law setting a minimum age requirement for Life Membership applicants.	Yes=2,240 No=374	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passed
2023-11	To define spouse as used in the Grand Lodge Statutes and in publications.	Yes=1,396 No=1,205	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passed
2023-12	To require the Grand Lodge to provide a credit to Local Lodges for dropped Members.	Yes=769 No=1,826	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Failed
2023-13	To authorize and prescribe the procedure by which a Member may resign from membership during the Lodge year.	Yes=1,376 No=1,229	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passed
2023-14	To allow Members to transfer from a Lodge appealing a Charter revocation.	Yes=2,375 No=240	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passed
2023-15	To permit and prescribe the procedure by which a Member, who has been dropped for non-payment, may apply for reinstatement in another Lodge when that individual's Lodge has had its Charter revoked and has appealed.	Yes=2,146 No=469	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passed
2023-16	To allow a Local Lodge Past Exalted Rulers Association to form a separate non-profit corporation for the purpose of raising, receiving, and distributing funds for such charities, educational, and scientific purposes that are supported by its Lodge, State Association, and/or Grand Lodge.	Yes=349 No=2,251	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Failed
2023-17	To make it clear that the Grand Exalted Ruler shall have the authority to remove any officer of a corporation formed pursuant to the new Section 16.035 who neglects the duties of office, or is guilty of contumacy or conduct injurious to the Order. *This Resolution is dependent upon the passage of Resolution 2023-16.*	Yes=1,666 No=920	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passed
2023-18	To allow a Local Lodge Past Exalted Rulers Association to form a separate non-profit corporation for the purpose of fundraising. *This Resolution is dependent upon the passage of Resolution 2023-16 and 2023-17.*	Yes=1,089 No=1,499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Failed



**Become a founding member of the
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The Florida State Elks Association needs sustaining donors to support the Florida Elks' major projects with a monthly gift that is automatically deducted from their credit or debit card.

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ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION 2024 SCHOLARSHIP SEASON



The 2024 MVS Scholarship applications open..... It's time for action. Available 8/1/2023

For Scholarship information and applications go to www.elks.org/enf/scholars

Opening and Deadlines vary:

Legacy Awards—available 9/1/23 *** Emergency Educational Grants (see online)**

ENF News It's No CIP-rise

Year after year, Elks produce creative solutions for the unique needs of their communities. In the 2022-23 Investments Program helped Elks implement those solutions with 4,266 Beacon, Gratitude, and Spotlight Grants—the most in the program's history. Eighty-three percent of Lodges received at least one grant, on average, receiving 2.8 grants per participating Lodge. More than \$5.5 million in CIP grants were used to fight food insecurity. Beacon Grants alone accounted for 671 projects aimed at increasing food access.

Our Lodge used the CIP Impact grant to aid individuals living in households below the poverty line, veterans and people with disabilities with minor home repairs and renovations, and support youth. Our Beacon and Spotlight grants provided Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets to over 270 families while our Gratitude Grant was used to enhance the Pine Island Leaders of Tomorrow (PILOT) after school program at the United Methodist Church. Our Lodge also received the Freedom grant which was used to take Veterans out on the Pine Island Sound for fishing and relaxation.

The Elks National Foundation allocated nearly \$16 million this year to fund the Community Investments Program. Lodges meet local needs through grants that offer Elks opportunities to serve their community in ways that will raise the lodges profile energize the membership, encourage former members to return to the fold, and gain the notice of people who want to be part of an organization that's doing great things. To learn more about the Community Investments Program, please visit elks.org

GREATER PINE ISLAND ELKS LODGE 2781

PATH TO RECOVERY

OUR APPLICATION TO THE GRAND LODGE FOR BUILDING APPROVAL WAS ISSUED WITH THE CONCURRANCE OF OUR GRAND LODGE SPONSOR, MICHAEL F. SMITH ON JUNE 5, 2023.

YOUR BUILDING COMMITTEE AND OUR CONTRACTOR SIMON GONZALEZ HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE ARCHITECT TO FINALIZE THE DRAWING AND THE MECHANICALS WE HAVE 85% COMPLETION. THE DRAWINGS FOR THE TRUSSES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED. THIESE ARE SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES IN THE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS.

BELOW IS A RENDERING OF THE OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING, THE DESIGN COMMITTEE CONTINUES TO MEET REGULARLY AND WE WILL BE LOOKING AT COLORS FOR THE EXTERIOR AS WELL AS THE INTERIOR OF THE LODGE. THE BUILDING DESIGN COMMITTEE IS ALSO LOOKING AT FLOORING AND BAR DESIGN. WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU INFORMED OF OUR PROGRESS.





*GREATER PINE ISLAND ELKS CHRISTMAS IN JULY
DINNER AND FUND RAISER FOR THE LODGE AND
THE PINE ISLAND FOOD PANTRY*





THANK YOU TO ALL THE MEMBERS
PLAYING SHOW ME THE MONEY AND
WHO ATTENDED CHRISTMAS IN JULY
FOR THE DONATIONS OF CANNED
GOODS FOR THE PINE ISLAND FOOD
PANTRY

LODGE CHARITIES AT WORK



**IMPACT GRANT SUPPORTS THE CHICAGO
BETHANY CHURCH YOUTH GROUP CLEANING
UP AT THE PALMS OF PINE ISLAND**

MORE WORK ON THE TRAILERS AT THE PLAMS OF PINE ISLAND THAT WERE DAMAAGED BY HURRICANE IAN



SUPPLIES DELIVERED TO A VETERAN BY PER JACK ROVALDI & MICKEY SZEMAK





Pasta FIESTA

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26TH AT THE VFW POST 4353.
SPAGHETTI OR CHICKEN ALFREDO
SALAD - GARLIC BREAD - DESSERT
DINNER SERVED 5:30 - 7:00



\$10

(425) 346-7226
RESERVATIONS

GREATER PINE ISLAND ELK 781

PRESENTS

SHOW ME THE MONEY

FRIDAY NIGHTS

AT THE
PINE ISLAND VFW!

6PM

DINNER MENU AVAILABLE
PROCEEDS GO TO THE LODGE
RECOVERY FUND

START YOUR SUNDAY THE RIGHT
WAY!

Breakfast

AT THE VFW POST 4353



AUGUST 6TH - AUGUST 20TH
9 - 11AM

ELKS ARE COOKING BREAKFAST AT
THE "V"

CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING



**HELP WANTED TO
SERVE
BREAKFAST
SUNDAY
August 6th &
August 20th
AT THE VFW POST
8:30—11:30**

NORTH FORT MYERS ELKS LKS

LODGE #1288

cordially invite you to attend the visitation of the

Florida Elks South Southwest District

Vice President

JUDY HOPKINS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023

at the North Fort Myers Lodge



Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres ~ 5 PM

Dinner ~ 6 PM

\$20



Menu

Garden Salad

Choice of Sliced Roast Sirloin or Lemon Pepper Chicken Breast

Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Green Beans

Dinner Rolls & Dessert

For reservations call North Fort Myers Lodge (239) 731-2867,

Lodge office (239) 731-6100 or David Prosser (615) 516-7418

Deadline for reservations is July 27th

~ Cocktail Attire ~



Invite a Guest & Invite Them to Join

You love the Lodge. You want your friends to be a part of what you love. Invite them to the Lodge for dinner or a charity event. Once they show interest in the lodge, invite them to join.

Deep Creek Elks # 2763



Cordially
Invites you to attend the
VISIT OF
South Southwest District
Vice President

Judy Hopkins

Saturday, August 19, 2023
Cocktail Hour/Appetizers 5-6 P.M.

6:00 P.M. DINNER \$ 20.00
PRIME RIB OR SALMON
Garden Salad, Baked potatoe, Green Beans
DESSERT
CHEESE CAKE

Please Make Reservations
1- 941-764-6925
Please Reserve by August 14, 2023



- 01 MARGARET STINSON
- 034 KATHIE SIDES
- 057 TOM GAUTHIER
- 09 SUSAN SOLOMON
- 10 SAMUEL WENZEL, LIZ DUCHAINE, DENISE HOOGSTRA, ROBERT PEYER, JANET ROVALDI
- 11 STEVEN BOCZ, JIMMIE SAMS
- 15 DONALD WOODS
- 18 KEVIN HAUTER
- 19 MICHAEL MOHNACK, STEPHEN CLAY, MICHAEL ENKE, CHUCK POSNANSKI
- 20 ROB HOBMEIER
- 21 HEDY LARSEN, JANE SENST
- 22 DAVID HAROLD, GLORIA QUINTAL,
- 23 PRESTON BALMAIN
- 25 SARAH BRUNER, WILLIAM HAUTER, PHILLIP RUSSELL
- 26 ROBERT MARTINDALE
- 27 KIRK CANTRELL, JOHN LIBERTY, ARNOLD STRANG
- 28 CHARLES COPE
- 29 FRED SCHLICHTING
- 30 THOMAS CONSIDINE, JAMES MCCONNELL
- 31 JOSEPH HARTER

**YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
MATTERS**

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Accident Prevention	Glen Teideman
Americanism	VACANT
Auditing	Rob Hobmier
Community Act.	Tommy Kramer
Drug Awareness	Tracy Carpenter
Flag Day	Jack Rovaldi, PER
Government Relations	VACANT
Harry-Anna PER	Judy Hopkins,
Hoop Shoot	VACANT
Investigating	Denise Hoogstra
Members hip	John Hotzfield
Lodge Activities	Tracy Carpenter
ENF	Judy Hopkins, PER
Orientation	George Smith, PER
PER Association	Bob Hoogstra, PER
Public Relations PER	Judy Hopkins,
Relief	Chair Officers



AMERICAN MADE

OUR LOE'S ARE SPONSORING ANOTHER GIG

SUNDAY 08/27/2023
2:00 - 5:00PM \$20.00 PER PERSON
FOOD & DRINK AVAILABLE AT LODGE



TICKETS GO ON SALE 07/10/2023
OPEN SEATING - NO RESERVED TABLES
SEE KATHIE OR MARY FOR TICKETS
OR CALL 941-875-3135

LoK Motifs

PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT GO TO
FLORIDA ELKS THERAPY SERVICES.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

MEMBERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEE IF YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF WHAT HAPPENS AT THE LODGE JOIN THIS COMMITTEE TELL YOUR ER THAT YOU WANT TO BE ON THE HOUSE COMMITTEE



TIME TO RENEW



Don't let your membership lapse!
Too many great things are happening at 708 and you don't want to miss the fun!

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