



Port Orange Elks Lodge #2723
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Exalted Ruler's Message



I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and NOW we are here starting a New Calendar Year and the final quarter of the Lodge year!

The lodge looked so pretty with the holiday decorations! Thanks to those who took their time to help decorate. We also had our official District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler visitation with Angelo Cretella and DD Esquire Don Clark. We had a wonderfully delicious meal cooked by Gary VanOpdorp. We also inducted four new members into the lodge. Welcome Anthony Caridi, Sandy Egan, Bob Leisner and Jay Strother.

The Hoop Shoot was a huge success. We had a great turnout with our shooters as well as our Elks to help support this event. Lou Greci did a great job putting this event together. We had 21 Elks to help with this event. The young people shooting the hoops were amazing.

We also had a great time with our veterans at the Emory Bennett Veterans Home on December 11th. Thanks to Jerry Peterson for pulling this event together. About 20 of our Port Orange Elks joined in to make this a special event. We also presented a check in the amount of \$1500 to be used for the Activity Fund for the Veterans.

The Shop with a Cop and an Elk was well attended by our members. We had 19 Elks, 25 Port Orange Police officers, 3 from Selis Law Firm, 10 from Target, 4 from Chick-fil-a, and 5 from Thrive Church. This was a great event for 25 children and their families. Thank you to Larry Lewis for taking the lead on this and everyone for making the holidays special!

Our Eggnog party was well attended and I would like to thank everyone for bringing all the goodies! It was great to see friends meeting, greeting, laughing and to meet the family members of many of our Elks who were visiting from out of town.

We have seen a few of our snowbirds coming back to the lodge and are looking forward to more of our friends from the North to visit us soon.

Sam Jones, our new cook, has been doing an outstanding job. The food has been delicious and we are seeing new items on the menu. However, we still will continue to have fish on Friday evenings.

Since New Year's Day falls on the first Tuesday of the month which is our regular meeting day, we have received dispensation for the DDGER to forgo this meeting. Our next meeting will be January 15th. Hope to see all of you there!

I would like to remind everyone of Texas Hold 'Em on January 14th the Bingo Bash that will be held on January 26th. Teen night will be on January 12th. Check the calendar for any updates.

Congratulations to our January Elk of the Month, George Brennan. George is always working behind the scenes, helping with the work detail and giving a hand whenever and wherever he is needed. Thanks, George, for all you do!

Please continue to support your Lodge. It is the only way we can continue to help those in our community.

**Fraternally,
Linda Lee
Exalted Ruler**

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