



Port Orange Elks Lodge #2723  
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## Orange Peel

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## Exalted Ruler's Message



As we enter the final month of our lodge year, there are so many things for which I am thankful.

Thank you to all of our volunteers, committee chairs and members who gave so much time and energy to our lodge and our purpose. A special thank you to our work detail who comes in every Wednesday morning and takes care of so much of our maintenance that we take for granted.

The refurbishing committee did an outstanding job repainting and cleaning the lodge room. There is more to come in the near future. A special thank you to Anthony Caridi for his professional expertise, tools and equipment.

Want to remind everyone of the Spring Fling Craft & Vendor Show at the Lodge on Saturday, March 2 from 11 AM-2PM. This is always a fun event. Mother's Day is just around the corner. Come see what you can find for that special woman in your life.

We were approached by the American Legion as to the fact they had an interest in purchasing our building. We formed a Feasibility Committee to see if we could find a new location and make the move to a newer building without straining our budget to the extent that we could not function. Based on what was available in Port Orange and the cost to build out the kitchen, bar, etc., including using the funds that we would make on our current building, the committee has decided this move would not be in our best interest. We will continue to reach out to our community and do the good things we do for our veterans, seniors and youth from our current location.

So, as we move forward into a new year there are many things planned. We would like to remind everyone that **dues and due and that the Port Orange Lodge #2723 is not going anywhere but UP!** Please get your dues in as we need many hands to make light work and a big impact.

Best of luck to our new officers. Installation will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Your new officers will be: Exalted Ruler-Gary VanOpdorp; Leading Knight-Al Judd; Loyal Knight-Monica Bairos; Lecturing Knight-Kevin Clouatre; 5-year Trustee-Linda Lee; Secretary-Jeannette Artymovitch; Treasurer-Alicia VanOpdorp. See the bulletin for times.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Exalted Ruler and working with the **Best People On Earth!**

**Fraternally,  
Linda Lee  
Exalted Ruler**

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