



Port Orange Elks Lodge #2723
*United We Stand * One Nation Under God*

**MARCH
2023**

Orange Peal

Celebrating over 35 years of service to our Community



Exalted Ruler's Message

Kevin Clouatre Port Orange Lodge 2723

As I sit here on my computer on this late Sunday night, I feel that I have been blessed to have served your lodge for the last year as your Exalted Ruler. I know I'm far from the traditional ERs from the past, but I've tried to stay true to who I am. I love to laugh and joke around at the lodge, but that was me before I became ER. If you didn't like that, or still don't, that's a shame, I've also been blessed with a wonderful board who has worked diligently to put our lodge in good financial shape. I believe we are well on our way to doing just that. We have had a lot of newer members in the last few months. This is truly great news! Let's keep up the good work and get as many of our newer, and older members involved in our lodge. Without you members, we wouldn't have a lodge. As most of you already know, and if you didn't, you do now, Tyann and I have put our house up for sale intend to move back to Illinois to be back near our families and especially our upcoming grandbaby. Not sure of the time line, but I plan on remaining a member of Port Orange Lodge 2723, even from afar. On a last note, please support our new incoming ER Deb Nordgren as you've supported me, and our lodge will do great things.

**Fraternally Yours,
Kevin Clouatre
Exalted Ruler**



So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."



PORT ORANGE ELKS #2723 SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The judging for the Most Valuable Student Scholarship awards has been completed at state level. We should know sometime in April of any winners that we might have. The ENNF Legacy Awards scholarship deadline was February 7, 2023 and we should get results of that also in April. The school year is rapidly coming to an end.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

On Tuesday, February 14, 2023, Paul Leonard presented Student of the Month awards at both Atlantic High School and Spruce Creek High School.

Atlantic High School:

Alani Haile of Daytona Beach is the daughter of Rose Haile. Alani has a 3.29 GPA and is dual enrolled at Daytona State College. She plans to attend the University of North Florida working towards a bachelors Degree in Anthropology.

Omar Fattouh of Port Orange is the son of Sam Fattouh. Omar has a 3.51 GPA and will be attending the University of Central Florida, majoring in engineering.

Spruce Creek High School:

Madeleine Haddad of South Daytona is the daughter of Omar and Nelly Haddad. Madeleine has a 4.76 GPA and will be attending the University of Florida, majoring in industrial design engineering.

Carter Chavez of New Smyrna Beach, is the son of Sally and Efren Chavez. Carter has a 4.58 GPA and has been accepted to the United States Naval Academy, majoring in computer science.

Fraternally your;

Paul Leonard

Lodge Scholarship Chairman

SPRUCE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL



Principal: Dr. Todd Sparger.
Students: Carter Chavez & Madeleine Haddad
Guidance Counselor, Karie Cappiello
Scholarship Chairman: Paul Leonard.

ATLANTIC HIGH SCHOOL



Principal: Mr. Jason Watson
Students: Omar Fattouh & Alani Haile
Assistant Principal, Julian Doster
Scholarship Chairman: Paul Leonard

BROTHERHOOD RIDE CYCLING FOR FALLEN HEROES

January 21st – January 28th

Our 2022 Ride was postponed due to Hurricane Ian. We are dedicating this event to 85 Florida Fallen First Responders who died in the line of duty in 2021 while protecting their communities. Our team will honor them as we cycle through the State of Florida for 8-days, from Fort Myers, FL to Venice-Nokomis, Tampa, Brooksville, Orlando, Umatilla, Port Orange, Green Cove Springs and finish in Jacksonville. cover over 600 miles and average 70-90 miles a day.

The Brotherhood Ride is a non-profit charity organization, which consists of Firefighters, Law Enforcement Officers and EMS personnel who ride bicycles to honor emergency first responders who have died in the line of duty.

Our mission is to provide emotional and financial support to the families who are left behind. The tradition of Honor, Dedication and years, we have honored the Emergency First Responders enforcement officers and emergency personnel who have traveled on bicycles over 11,343 miles, through sixteen states, have been hosted by over 40 Elks Lodges nationwide and first responders who have shown the true meaning of Brotherhood. Through year-round fundraising efforts, the Brotherhood Ride has been able to honor the memory of fallen heroes and provide emotional and financial support to their families.

Past Brotherhood Rides, we have honored our fallen brothers and sisters from SC, TX, NY, FL, TN, PA, NJ, CT and MA and we are very proud to have donated over \$600,000.00 to the families left behind.

The Brotherhood Ride is a non-profit 501(c)(3) public charity organization. Other than the cost of conducting the rides, all donated proceeds go directly to the beneficiaries designated. No one is compensated for their time in order to maximize the impact of donations.



al and financial support to the Brotherhood Ride continues the Pride. Over the past fourteen memory and sacrifice of 623 which includes; firefighters, law cy medical personnel. Our team 11,343 miles, through sixteen 40 Elks Lodges nationwide and first responders who have shown Through year-round fundraising been able to honor the memory tional and financial support to



VALENTINE DINNER DANCE



Pam James
winner of
the Friday
Bingo
raffle.



MARCH ELK OF THE MONTH



We have a member who has been an Elk among Elk's. She has done a great job as our kitchen manager. Debra has coordinated most of our events and Friday meals at the lodge. I believe she hasn't missed a Board or Lodge meeting all year. She's has always been the one I can turn to if I need anything arranged at the lodge. That being said, I nominate our Leading Knight and soon to be our next exalted ruler, **Debi Nordgren** to be our March Elk of the month.



\$50.00 CREDIT FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH DUES PAYMENTS



\$50.00
Gift Card

Member# _____

Member must be present

Food & Beverage Only (No Gratuity)

Card is good from 04/01/23 - 09/30/23

Pay your annual dues before April 1, 2023 and the Lodge will send you a \$50.00 GIFT CARD to be used between April 1 2023 & September 30 2023. Good for Food & Beverage.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, BEING MORE THAN 9 MONTHS BEHIND ON THEIR 2022-2023 DUES, WILL BE DELETED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS OF THE PORT ORANGE ELKS LODGE #2723, IF THEIR DUES ARE NOT PAID BEFORE APRIL 1, 2023

Frank Barongi	Charles Browne	Jewel Carter	Charles Christensen	Roy Farr
Norman Frappier	Earl Gowen	Sharon Grist	Joanne Jardine	
Allan Johnson	Jobie McCoy	Darlette McLane	Cindy Parker	Elizabeth Piccione
Debora Porter	Cheryl Shaw	Judy Simmons	James Smith	Marilyn Suder
Timothy Tabachecki	William Tattenbaum	Dolores Whitaker	Karen Wooldridge	

WIN
THE
POT
OF
GOLD



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120 tickets are available at \$5.00 per. Each time all 120 tickets are sold, The Lodge will have a drawing.

The winner

Wins 60 Florida Scratch – off's

For further information contact:

BUD PANKEVICH at 386-304-8909

You may also find him at the Bar

This is a winner take all and you do not have to be present to win.

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS

P.E.R. Steak Dinner

Saturday March 4th

Happy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Serving at 6:00 PM

6 oz. Filet Mignon Steak/Trimmings & Dessert

\$20 Per Person or \$38 Per Couple

Advance Ticket Sales Only at the Bar

Sales End Wednesday March 1, 2023

Entertainment by Tom Pollard



REQUESTS FOR LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

DANIEL C. MOKRY, has been a dues paying member for more than 30 years and has requested his Life Membership. Daniel was initiated, 01/07/1993 and has qualified under Article III, Section 1 of the By-laws of the Port Orange Elks Lodge #2723. As per his request, he should be granted his Life Time Membership'

To the membership of Port Orange Elks Lodge #2723

In accordance with Article III, Section 1 of the By-laws of the Port Orange Elks Lodge #2723, I do hereby propose **DONALD CLARKE, PER**, for Life Membership.

Brother Clarke was first initiated into the Port Orange Lodge #2723 in March 1993. Since his initiation as a member, Brother Clarke served the Lodge as the 1-year Trustee from 2000-2001, Loyal Knight from 2001-2002, Leading Knight from 2002-2003 and Exalted Ruler from 2003-2004. Brother Clarke also served as Meals on Wheels volunteer and co-chairman from 1994-2017, 5-year Trustee from 2004-2009, district esquire to DDGER Pat Heller from 2012-2013, district esquire to DDGER Angelo Cretella as well as esquire to ER Jerry Peterson from 2018-2019 and has served as Lodge ritual chairman from 2022 to the present time. Brother Clarke has been a dues paying member for more than 30 years and according to the By-laws of this Lodge and the Statutes of this Order is eligible for election as a Life Member.

I strongly encourage the membership of the Lodge to favorably consider Brother Clarke's election to Life Membership.

Fraternally yours,

Frank J Tamberelli

Frank Tamberelli, Past State President

Port Orange Elks Lodge #2723 Lodge Advisor

Port Orange Elks Lodge #2723 Board of Directors Chairman

MARCH 2023

OPEN 4 PM MONDAY– THURSDAY OPEN 9AM ON FRIDAYS.
CLOSED NON FUNCTION SUNDAYS & SATURDAYS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
OFFICERS TRAINING MARCH 10, 11 & 12			1 Open 4 PM Bar Bingo 6:15 Hot Dogs Hamburger's 5 TO 6 PM	2 Lodge open 4 PM	3 Open 9 AM BINGO 11 AM Dinner 5-7 PM	4
5	6 Lodge open 4PM Shuffleboard	7 Lodge open 4 PM Lodge MEETING 6:30 pm	8 Open 4 PM Bar Bingo 6:15 Hot Dogs Hamburger's 5 TO 6 PM	9 Lodge open 4 PM	10 Open 9 AM BINGO 11 AM Dinner 5-7 PM	11
12	13 Lodge Open 4PM Shuffleboard	14 Lodge open 4 PM 6:30 ORIENTATION	15 Open 4 PM Bar Bingo 6:15 Hot Dogs Hamburger's 5 TO 6 PM	16 Lodge open 4 PM	17 Open 9 AM BINGO 11 AM Dinner 5-7 PM	18
19	20 lodge open 4PM Shuffleboard	21 Lodge open 4 PM Lodge MEETING 6:30 pm	22 Open 4 PM Bar Bingo 6:15 Dogs & Burgs 5 TO 6 PM	23 Lodge open 4 PM	24 Open 9 AM BINGO 11 AM Dinner 5-7 PM	25
26	27 Lodge open 4PM Shuffleboard	28 Open 4 PM P.E.R 5:30 Meeting BOARD 6:30 Meeting	29 Open 4 PM Bar Bingo 6:15 Dogs & Burgs 5 TO 6 PM	30 Lodge open 4 PM	31 Open 9 AM BINGO 11 AM Dinner 5-7 PM	

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** New membership's are open for enrollment **
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Lodge opens at 4 PM



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OR FRIED "THE WAY
YOU LIKE IT"**

**KITCHEN HELP NEEDED FOR FRIDAY EVENING AND
WEDNESDAY BAR BINGO**
CONTACT DEBI NORDGREN AT 386-846-5023
EMAIL DNORDGREN1@YAHOO.COM

MARCH FRIDAY MENUS

ALWAYS AVAILABLE EVERY FRIDAY **

<i>Haddock; Blackened Broiled or Fried</i>	\$10.00
<i>Chicken Finger Basket.....</i>	\$ 7.99
<i>Fried Shrimp Basket</i>	\$ 7.50
<i>Special of the week</i>	Varies



March 3rd
Chili with corn bread



March 10th
Special Chicken Thighs
by surprise new chef
with sides



March 17th
Corn Beef & Cabbage
Must be RESERVED by 3/13
Sign up sheet on Managers door



March 24th
Crock Pot pepper steak
with sides



March 31st
Coca Cola Pork Chop
With sides



154th Anniversary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

ELKS WERE FOUNDED ON FEBRUARY 16, 1868

Local Elks Lodges throughout the United States, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, and the Panama Canal will be celebrating 154 years of community service on February 16, 2022.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has made more than 12 Billion in donations since we first started 154 years ago. Last year alone, the Elks donated approximately \$375 million in cash, gifts and time to make our communities better places to live. The Elks are one of the premier patriotic and charitable organizations in the United States of America.

Elk volunteers will visit thousands of hospitalized Veterans that have protected our freedoms. The Elks vow "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." The Elks support both active military forces and retired veterans. Elks furnish food, comfort care items, therapeutic items, provide gifts, host holiday celebrations, and recreational activities at bases and hospitals and stand ready to fulfill any need when called upon. Last year alone, the value of Elks' contributions to the nation's heroes provided more than \$50 million to more than 300 Veterans Administration Medical Centers, clinics, and state care facilities.

Annually, the Elks award college scholarships across the nation totaling more than \$4.5 million.

The Elks Community Investment Program will award nearly \$47 million towards enriching our communities.

There are nearly 1,800 Elks Lodges across the country with a total membership of around 800,000. Elk's members must be American citizens who are at least 21 years of age and must believe in God. To learn more and to join us in service, visit www.elks.org. For membership information visit *Join.Elks.Org*.

CHARITABLE EVENTS

If you would like recognition to be published in local newspapers, the Florida Elks Magazine or the Elks National Magazine, of a charitable event for our Lodge, follow below guidelines:

- 1 A 3-4 sentence explanation of the event.
- 2 If picture is available, send as an attachment.
- 3 Submit to Frank Kuczkowski no later than 5 days after the event.

FRANK KUCZKOWSKI, PER at frankk@cfl.rr.com

INITIATION FEBRUARY 16, 2023

**WILLIAM BAKER
WILLIAM BOGUS
JOSEPH CROUCH
NANCY CROUCH
FRANKLIN FREE
BRUCE HARVEY
GEOGORY LILLY**

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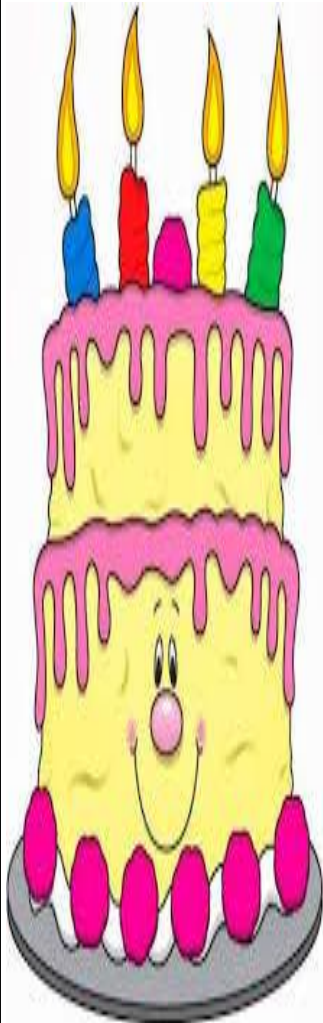
**Mary Edgar
Louis Greci
Kevin Clouatre
Kevin Clouatre
Richard Fischer
Tony Sperduti
Paul Leonard**



Elks Birthdays

MARCH

01–Hanson, Hoyt
 03–Williamson, James
 08– Conner, William
 09– Field, Jane
 11– Kiswiney, David
 11– Palmer, Todd
 13– Miller, William
 13– Russell, Thomas
 14– Artymovitch, Jeannette
 14– Grist, Sharon
 16– Fuller, Bobby
 16– White, Arthur
 18– Gervan, Robert
 22– Ponzo, Joseph
 22– Smith, James
 26– Clouatre, Kevin
 27– McCoy, Jobie
 29– Bissett, Richard



Orange Peel Boosters

Pamela Bickell..... 05/23
 Richard Bissett..... 08/23
 Clyde Bridewell..... 08/24
 Clifford Capelle..... 03/24
 Lou & Michelle Greci.... 08/23
 James & Grace Lang.... 05/23
 Mack & Judy Higgins ... 12/24
 Jim Hill..... 05/23
 The Kuczkowski's.. 12/23
 Clyde & Ger 09/23
 Dori Nash 11/23
 Paul/Theresa Leonard...04/23
 Art Rauch..... 10/24
 Joyce Swanson.....12/22
 Ginnie Zeigler..... 12/24
 Richard & Rani Gray01/24
 James Harber02/24
 Edward A. Thurston.....04/23
 Nancy Ebbs02/23
 Bill & Judy Miller..... 11/23
 Cliff & Patty McNabb.....12/24
 Dutch & June Trautman 01/25
 Henry Lunsford Jr..... 01/24

HELP SHRINK THE CAN BY
 BEING A BOOSTER



PLEASE CHECK YOUR EXPIRATION STATUS, RENEW YOUR BOOSTER.
NAMES WILL BE REMOVED 2 MONTHS BACK DUE
EDITOR CONTACT TONY SPERDUTI, EMAIL TSPER1932@OUTLOOK.COM

ALL MONIES SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE SECRETARY
DEPOSIT YOUR CHECK INTO SECRETARY'S MAIL SLOT, IN HALLWAY

Please include my name as a "BOOSTER" of The Newsletter for one year at \$10.00

Name _____ Member # _____

You do not need to be a member to help support the News Letter.
Mailings of the Orange Peel will be made from the Port Orange Lodge 2723 Roster.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Please keep all in your prayers as well as those we do not know about.

Fraternally,
Michelle Greci, Chaplain
386-631-3063
386-788-9242



2022-2023 Port Orange BOARD COMMITTEE

Always open for suggestions!

Chair

Frank Tamberelli, PSP

Members

Kevin	Clouatre,	ER
Debi	Nordgren	
Harry	Croft	
Gary	VanOpdorp,	PER
Linda	Lee,	PER
Daniel	Black	
Bud	Pankevich	
Bette	Dealey	
Tony	Sperduti	

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- 2-3 Part
- Forms
- Invitations
- Programs
- Table Tents
- Programs

Officers 2022-2023			Lodge Committees		
Exalted Ruler	Kevin Clouatre	618-954-8661	Accident Prevention	Al Judd	386-986-9010
Leading Knight	Debi Nordgren	386-846-5023	Americanism	Gary VanOpdorp, PER	386-299-3403
Loyal Knight	Harry Croft	386-882-0421	Auditing - Chair Person	Frank Kuczkowski, PER	386-492-6105
Lecturing Knight	Bette Dealey	407-618-3520	BINGO-Friday	Bette Dealey	407-618-3520
Secretary	Tony Sperduti	386-295-9688	By-Laws (PER's)	Danny Mowbray, PER	386-310-7749
Treasurer	Steve Coleman	386-334-2713	Community Activities	Frank Tamberelli, PSP	704-860-1949
Trustees			Drug Awareness	Debra Nordgren	386-846-5023
5 Year Trustee	Bud Pankevich	386-304-8909	ENF/Harry Anna Trust	Gary VanOpdorp, PER	
4 Year Trustee	Gary VanOpdorp, PER	386-299-3403	Flag Day	Steve Coleman	386-334-2713
3 Year Trustee	Frank Tamberelli, PSP	704-860-1949	Government Relations		386-304-8909
2 Year Trustee	Linda Lee, PER	386-383-3877	Indoctrination	Gary VanOpdorp, PER	386-299-3403
1 Year Trustee	Daniel Black	716-969-0990	Interlodge Visitation	Gary VanOpdorp, PER	386-299-3403
Appointed Officers			Investigation		
Esquire			Lodge Activities		
Chaplain	Michelle Greci	386-631-3063	Medal of Valor	Jerry Peterson	386-847-3086
Inner Guard	Art Rauch	386-256-5631	Mediator	Kevin Clouatre	618-954-8661
Organist	Paul Leonard	386-756-4348	Membership/Lapsation		
Tiler	Lou Greci, PER	386-295-2707	Memorial Service	Michelle Greci	386-631-3063
			Orange Peal Editor's	Tony Sperduti	386-295-9688
			And WEB sites	Steve Coleman	386-334-2713
			Reporter		
			Photographer	Frank & Elaine Kuczkowski	386-492-6105
			Web Master/cont contact	Steve Coleman	386-334-2713
			PER Association	Linda Lee, PER	386-383-3877
			Public Relations	Frank Kuczkowski, PER	386-492-6105
			Scholarships	Paul Leonard	386-756-4348
			Hall Rentals	Kevin Clouatre	618-954-8661
			Standing Relief	Lou Greci, PER	386-295-2707
			Veterans Affairs	Gerald Peterson, PER	386-847-3086
			Youth Activities	Gary VanOpdorp, PER	386-295-2707
Lodge Advisor	Frank Tamberelli, PSP	704-860-1949			
District Deputy	A. Bart Peterson				

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