Darmer, Harold L.

Editor and Publisher of the Florida Elks News for a period of thirteen years

Harold L. Darmer was a charter member of Lake Placid Lodge No. 2661. PSP Frank Spadafora originally appointed him to his position with the state publication in 1986 at the 80th Annual Florida State Elks Association Convention.

He was born in Indianapolis, IN on June 14, 1923 and completed 2½ years of college at Butler University before enlisting in the U. S. Army in 1942.

In 1984 Darmer married C. Elizabeth (Betty) Helm of Lake Placid. They lived in the Placid Lakes community. She was a member of the Ladies of the Elks, American Legion Auxiliary, the 40 & 8, Honor Society of the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

Darmer was a 54 year member of Sigma Nu Fraternity; he was also a member of the American Legion, Lake Country Yacht Club, Sigma Delta Chi, Kappa Tau Alpha, Phi Eta Sigma, Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

During a five year period from 1990 to 1994, the Florida Elks News won the Grand Lodge State Associations contest for state publications in its division three times and was second twice.

Until November 1988, the Florida Elks News was a newsletter printed at the State Association headquarters with 3,000 copies being distributed at quarterly meetings and conventions. Working with PSP Carl Vaughn, Darmer developed a project to print the publication as a newspaper and mail it to all of the 92,000 members of Florida Lodges. He cooperated with Rudy Wicht of The Elks Magazine in developing the State Association carrier route sorted label program and became the Grand Lodge’s first customer for these mailing labels. The first issue of the newspaper (Vol. I, No. 1) was mailed in January 1989.
Davis, H. A., Past State President, Florida State Elks Association, 1914-1915

The following Lodges were represented: Jacksonville No. 221, Ocala No. 286, Key West No. 551, Tampa No. 708, St. Augustine No. 829, Daytona Beach No. 1141, Tallahassee No. 937, Miami No. 948, Quincy No. 1111, St. Petersburg No. 1224, Palatka No. 1232, and Sanford No. 1241.

The Secretary reported that a law had been passed prohibiting Negroes from organizing any Lodge in the state calling themselves Elks or wearing our emblem. He also reported that the total membership as of April 1 was 3,451 in twenty Lodges.

President Gus A. Mueller presented a banner to Palatka Lodge No. 1232 as the Lodge having the largest number of members present multiplied by the distance traveled.

E. F. O’Brien of Miami No. 948 stated that Miami Lodge intended to place the name of George A. McKinnon in nomination for some office at the Denver Convention and asked the support of all Florida Lodges.

The following officers were elected to serve for the 1914-1915 term:

- President: H. A. Davis, Palatka 1232
- First Vice President: J. H. Trump, Quincy 1111
- Second Vice President: Forest Lake, Sanford 1241
- Secretary: H. M. Hunt, Tampa 708
- Treasurer: W. L. Bates, Key West 551
- Chaplain: Dean Spencer, Orlando 1079
- Sergeant at Arms: J. A. Conrad, Miami 948
- Executive Committee: H. L. Bethel, Tallahassee 937
- W. T. Carter, Miami 948
- Cole Danley, Jacksonville 221
- E. W. Russell, Key West 551
- A. Usina, Palatka 1232
- A. M. Taylor, St. Augustine 829

Palatka was selected for the Eleventh annual meeting.

Dawkins, Betty

Betty Dawkins was the first Chairlady of the Florida Ladies of the Elks.

(See also Florida Ladies of the Elks)
Daytona Beach Lodge 1141

Florida’s 14th Lodge
District: East Central
Date of Dispensation: November 13, 1908
Date of Installation: January 15, 1909
Formally Opened by: Henry S. Chubb, DDGER
Year 2000 Membership: 392
Year 2006 Membership: 278
Year 2007 Membership: 272
Year 2008 Membership: 271
Meets: 2nd & 4th Tuesday
Location: 700 S. Ridgewood Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32114
Phone: 386-252-3357

The following officiated:

Grand Exalted Ruler W. R. O’Neal
Grand Esteemed Leading Knight C. M. Broadwater
Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight M. O. Overstreet
Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight W. B. Holden
Grand Chaplain Rev. L. A. Spencer
Grand Esquire J. W. Simms

The following officers were elected and installed:

Exalted Ruler J. D. C. Morris
Esteemed Leading Knight Dr. C. C. Bohannon
Esteemed Loyal Knight F. J. Niver
Esteemed Lecturing Knight Galen B. Seaman
Secretary George F. Crouch
Treasurer F. N. Conrad
Inner Guard L. H. Rowe
Esquire T. E. Fitzgerald
Tiler Frank D. Spring
Trustees C. M. Bingham


PGER David C. Sholtz (1937-1938) was a member of the Lodge and also served as State President in 1923-1924. Sholtz served as Governor of Florida for 1933-1937 and was a longtime member of the Lodge. Cullen H. Talbor, PSP (1947-1948) was also a member of the Lodge.

The building mortgage was burned but the date is unknown. The building was started in 1911 and was occupied until it was sold in May 1957 when a new building was constructed.

The Ladies organization is the Supreme Emblem Club No. 204.

Daytona Beach was named for its founder, Mathias Day, of Mansfield, Ohio. Day founded the town in 1870 and in 1872 a committee was formed to select a name. On that committee were Mrs. William Jackson and Mrs.
Riley Peck and they chose from two suggestions, Downtown Daytona and Daytona. In 1926 three separate municipals were consolidated to form Daytona Beach. They were Daytona, Daytona Beach, and Seabreeze.

It is well known for its broad beaches and has been the scene of automobile races and speed trails. Malcolm Campbell was honored with knighthood after setting an auto speed record at Daytona in 1931. Between 1902 and 1935, Barney Oldfield, Sir Henry Segrave, and Sir Malcolm Campbell set thirteen speed records.

The beach is 23 miles long and 500 feet wide at low tide. During the day cars may be driven on the hard packed sand along the water’s edge from Ormond Beach to Ponce de Leon Inlet.

An application for an Elks charter was approved and signed on July 15, 1909.

Daytona Beach Elks Lodge No. 1141 was instituted on January 15, 1909 in the Masonic Hall on Orange Avenue. Twenty-three candidates were initiated at this meeting and twelve others joined the charter list on demits from their respective Lodges.

The following were charter officers:

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On November 22, 1910 the trustees closed on an agreement to purchase the lot at the corner of Volusia and Palmetto Avenues. The first Elks Home in Daytona Beach was built on this lot.

Construction began in the spring of 1911 with completion on November 11, 1911 in a simple but impressive ceremony.

With an initial membership of 35 members, the Lodge grew to 500 members in the first 25 years. Their roster included many of the leading business and professional leaders of their day.

In May 1957 this building was sold to the First National Bank and Trust Company of Kalamazoo, MI, trustees for the Woodbury Ransom estate, which owned several pieces of property nearby. The figure was $120,000.

Their next building broke ground in May 1957 and was completed in 1957-1958 during the term of Exalted Ruler Thomas J. O’Rourke. It was designed by Alfred G. Kemmerer and was estimated to cost about $100,000. It included four bowling alleys in the basement.

Their charity program and scholarship fund has channeled thousands of dollars into the community in the forms of help for the needy, support of other social and welfare organizations, and Youth Activities as well as being a major contributor to the Florida Elks major projects.

Their Americanism and Youth Activities programs have been intensely patriotic and designed to educate young citizens in the American ideals and way of life and to perpetuate the American heritage.

The Lodge celebrated its 75th anniversary in 1984 with many distinguished Elks members, U. S. Rep. Bill Chappell, D-Daytona Beach Shores, and 286 members and guests. Chappell, a member of Ocala Lodge No. 851, was given a standing ovation. Joining Chappell to offer congratulations and words of appreciation were State Sen. Edgar Dunn, D-Ormond Beach; Rep. T. K. Wetherell, D-Port Orange; and City Commissioner, Bud Asher. Representing Daytona Beach was Mayor Larry Kelly.

Chappell presented the Lodge with a certificate of recognition and a flag that was flown over the U. S. Capitol on July 2. “We’re proud to be Elks and Americans,” Chappell said. He spoke of Michelangelo’s painting with a group of people standing in the background and one or two in the forefront. “In all of life, there are those people standing back waiting for someone else,” he said. “Then there are those who have been more active and those who stand out in front to build a better world - this epitomizes the Elks, people dedicated to a better life.”

He described the origin of Elkdom 120 years previous by a group of fun loving patriotic actors called Jolly Corks who wanted to honor their dead by performing a ritual. “This led to the beginning of the Elks ritual,” he said. “Since then, Elks Clubs have backed the Constitution and supported the flag.” He said the artifacts displayed in the
Dunn thanked the Elks Club for its 75 years of service to the community and described how he used to attend Boy Scout meetings at the site of the original Elks Club at the corner of Palmetto and Volusia Avenues. He recalled how he used to pass the big Elks sign that read “BPOE (Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks)” and how he remarked to his grandfather that he thought it meant “Best People on Earth.” Dunn said, “I’ve never found anyone who disagreed with this statement. On behalf of the community, we are honoring the best people on Earth on their club’s 75th Anniversary.”

Daytona Beach Lodge’s most well-known member was David Sholtz. Sholtz was born on October 6, 1891 and passed away on March 21, 1953. He served as Exalted Ruler in 1921-1922, as DDGER in 1922-1923, and as State President in 1923-1924. Sholtz went on to serve as Grand Exalted Ruler in 1937-1938. Sholtz was the first Elk from Florida to serve as Grand Exalted Ruler and has the distinction of serving as governor of the state of Florida while serving as Grand Exalted Ruler. His term as governor was from 1932-1937. He was also one of the major innovators of the Florida Elks Children’s Hospital.

(See also Sholtz, GER, David)

Declaration of American Principles, Elks
Included in Heritage Corner Kit -- Code 541300
An Americanism Committee Program

A DECLARATION OF AMERICAN PRINCIPLES
As Adopted by the
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America

1. MORAL VALUES are the basis of our society, and the responsibility of each citizen to live by these moral values is fundamental to the welfare and progress of our society. These moral values include honesty of word, deed and purpose; brotherly love that requires us to be fair with our fellow men and just in our relations with them; faithful performance of our labor in every honorable calling; and a recognition that each of us has the duty to contribute to the best of his ability to the advancement of the general welfare.

2. FREEDOM has made America. Not just political freedom, but the whole environment of freedom is responsible for the tremendous progress of our Nation since its revolutionary birth in 1776. Freedom encourages initiative, experiment, invention, enterprise. Freedom lets citizens choose their work, encourages individuals to discover their talents and make the most of them. In consequence we have a standard of living higher than any nation has enjoyed, a material abundance more widely shared among all our people than ever before, and a high level of intellectual and cultural attainment. Every citizen is the beneficiary of the freedom that has unleashed the abilities of the American people and provided the incentive for their maximum use.

3. INHERENT IN the American concept of freedom is the integrity of the individual. Individualism makes each person primarily responsible for himself, his welfare, his success or failure. Freedom lies upon each person the individual responsibility and duty of citizenship. A free society will emphasize individualism and individual responsibility as the sure way to produce democratic leadership and preserve freedom.

4. SELF-GOVERNMENT presupposes the duty of every citizen to obey the established government and to employ only those lawful methods of reason and persuasion that are open to all of us to achieve political action. It follows that government by the majority must be reasonable in the exercise of its authority and protect the rights and interests of the minority.

5. OUR ABILITY to change our institutions and practices, through orderly process of law, to accommodate to changing needs has helped our Nation to develop, as it will in the future. All proposals for change in our institutions should be weighed carefully by all citizens to determine whether such change will reduce or add to our freedom. Our goal should be more freedom, not less. We must guard against the growth of governmental power through surrender of civil rights and individual freedom for contemporary gain at the expense of future generations.

6. THE TENDENCY of groups to seek preferential treatment from government breeds rivalries dangerous to political stability, is harmful to genuine economic growth and leads to fragmentation of society rather than to unity and strength. All groups of citizens ought to measure political and economic proposals advanced in their own interest against their effect on the whole nation.
7. WE BELIEVE that the time has come when all citizens who believe in these principles should speak up for
them and set an example by applying them fully in their daily lives. We urge those in positions of leadership
and influence - clergymen, educators, business executives, holders of public office, leaders of labor,
intellectuals, editors, radio and television producers, motion picture producers and all others - to assume a
greater responsibility for the wider understanding of these principles and their practical applications in the day-
to-day lives of the people.

Deep Creek Lodge 2763

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<td>Meets: 1st &amp; 3rd Thursday</td>
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<td>Location: 1133 Capricorn Blvd., Punta Gorda, FL 33983</td>
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The town of Deep Creek is in St. John’s County. It was named after an adjacent stream deep enough to
navigate.

Deep Creek Lodge was instituted on Sunday, April 7, 1991 at North Port Lodge No. 2632 with 338
members. Its charter Exalted Ruler was Jack Garrabrant, PER of Winter Park Lodge No. 1830. Two of its other
charter officers were also PERs, Leading Knight George Kretschman from Homestead Lodge No. 1754 and Berry
Carmichael of Punta Gorda Lodge No. 2606.
Other charter officers included:

- Lecturing Knight: Tim Lisby
- Secretary: Bill Leeper
- Treasurer: Richard Koch
- Tiler: Leonard Cavello
- Inner Guard: Mel Hansen
- Esquire: Ron Boisevent
- Chaplain: Eric Kretschman
- Trustees: Gordon French, William Munger, Fred Keller, Paul Evans, Walter Wilcox

DDGER John Hammer of Lehigh Acres was acting Grand Exalted Ruler for the institution ceremonies. Others acting as Grand Lodge Officers were Past District Deputies David Lake, Neal Mills, Bill Stone, Bill Cain, and Ken McStravic.

PGER Bob Grafton was the guest speaker. Other dignitaries present were VPAL Ben Brown, PSP Frank Spadafora, PSP Arthur “Al” Smith, PDD Frank Garrison, PDD David Vergason, PDD Frank Garrison, DDGER Merle Sebald, VP Byron P. Hills, Editor, Harold Darmer, and State Chairman of New Lodges, Leslie Lane.

Wayne Arnold was the Chairman of the organizing committee. Their first home was in the Port Charlotte Lodge annex.

At the Florida State Elks Convention in 2001, Deep Creek was honored as having the greatest increase in membership in the category of Lodges with a membership between 901 and 1100.

**DeFuniak Springs Lodge 2612**

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<td>Charter Revoked:</td>
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At a meeting of Past Exalted Rulers of Fort Walton Lodge No. 1795 on the second Monday of October 1978, Earl Richburg, Vice President of Florida’s Northwest District, along with Robert Fluck, Past President of the Florida State Elks Association, requested assistance from Fort Walton Lodge to form a new Lodge within the district. They suggested Niceville but after some discussion voted against Niceville at the time and suggested that DeFuniak Springs or Crestview be investigated.

Past Exalted Rulers White and King held several discussions and decided that DeFuniak Springs would be the most logical as several attempts had been made to establish a Lodge in Crestview.

Brother Keller was brought into the discussion as he had several friends in DeFuniak who were known Elks. After feelers were made by Brothers Keller, King, and White, they decided in December 1978 to take some positive steps.

The several known Elks in DeFuniak were contacted and a meeting was set to be held at the Ramada (Later Best Western) Inn on January 23, 1979.

Inclement weather held down participation but the committee was appointed by the acting Chairman, Jack King, to include J. C. Connell, Ed Fisher, Larry Peacock, Fred Dasorri, and Joe Fergerstrom with Larry Peacock named as Chairman.

Working under a dispensation, the following were named: Larry Peacock, Chairman; J. C. Connell, Vice Chairman; Ed Fisher, Secretary; Van Van Houten, Treasurer; and Fred Dasorri, Membership, Publicity, and general answer man. These officers met at the local Badcock store until a charter was granted.
Upon application by Brother Connell, Alan Robbins, and 150 charter members, a charter was granted in April 1980. This charter was attested by Brother Kocur, Grand Secretary, and signed by Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Grafton from Florida. J. C. Connell was the first Exalted Ruler and served from April 1980 until April 1981. Connell also served as District Deputy from 1986-1987.

After the charter was received, the Lodge leased property containing a building suitable for a Lodge and lounge. In order to raise funds to improve the property and furnish the Lodge, raffles were held by the members as well as dinners and picnics. All monies received went into the Lodge treasury. In 1983 the property was purchased and many improvements were made.

The Lodge continued to grow and in 1985 a 40' x 80' addition was added that included the new Lodge room, modern restrooms, a new kitchen, and a utility room. At groundbreaking ceremonies Exalted Ruler Don Karseboom said the expansion would give an all-purpose room for Lodge use and a community building for the surrounding area. These expanded facilities would actually be used for meetings and benefit the local community. Special recognition was given at this time for Lynn J. Drury and Harvey Wise for their work with preparing the plans to be used in constructing the addition. The original building was expanded in 1990.

In 1990, the wives of the various Elks formed the auxiliary known as the Lady Elks. These Lady Elks have supported the Lodge and have purchased much needed material including those used for the modern kitchen.

In 1980, Lodge No. 2612 initiated the Vigil for Vets. This is held on Veterans Day, the 11th day, 11th month, and 11 hours signifying the Eleven O’clock Toast.

Lodge 2612 sponsored two needy persons needing a lifeline device. This device is connected to the person’s phone and is activated by a button worn as a pendant that transmits the person’s name, phone number, and a neighbor who lives near them. This device is used if and when that person may become incapacitated and needs help. The monitor for this service is at the local hospital.

Past Exalted Rulers:

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<td>George McNitt</td>
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*O’Hara resigned in April. George McNitt finished the term.

Degrees (Initiatory)

In the early years, there were several different kinds of initiation ceremonies. Three of them were the Third Degree, the Fourth Degree, and the Thanatopsis.
DeLand Lodge 1463

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**Charter Officers:**

- Exalted Ruler: Murray Sams
- Esteemed Leading Knight: Francis P. Whitehair
- Esteemed Loyal Knight: J. Godfrey Dreka
- Esteemed Lecturing Knight: Erskine W. Landis
- Secretary: Winston W. Watts
- Tiler: F. K. Klingaman
- Esquire: Curtis Lindstrom
- Chaplain: W. O. Lohratan
- Inner Guard: D. H. Gordon
- Treasurer: Thomas L. Jackson
- Trustees:
  - 3 year, Maynard M. Bond
  - 2 year, A. E. Kepler
  - 1 year, Sanford M. McElroy

**Charter Members:**

- R. S. Bushnell
- J. B. DeHuy
- C. N. Miller
- D. H. Gordon
- S. B. Wilson
- C. H. Baguley
- E. B. Bowen
- R. E. Roberson
- J. H. Miller
- Joe Frank Nahm
- R. J. Kepler
- E. S. Robinson
- C. C. Flowers
- Peter Gessner
- Thomas S. Hays
- H. R. Smith
- E. W. Brown
- N. A. Smith
- W. A. Bredow
- Charles L. Allen
- D. E. Miner
- G. A. Dreka
- John W. Jensen
- A. E. Carl
- S. Lee Rowland
- Guy B. Odum
- J. C. Tatum
- W. D. Harper
- R. H. Nahm
- Charles Klingaman
- L. P. Mace
Past Exalted Rulers:

Murray Sams 1923-1924, 1934-1935
Francis R. Whitehair 1924-1925
Erskine W. Landis 1925-1926
L. F. Chapman 1926-1927
PDD
Past State President
Warden: Raiford Prison
Read W. Morrison 1927-1928
Walter O. Lohrman 1928-1929
Curtis Lindstrom 1929-1930
Maynard M. Bond 1930
Died July 7, 1930
Peter Gessner 1930-1931
State Sergeant at Arms 1952-1953
Heill S. Jackson 1931-1932
J. J. Tuis, Jr. 1932-1933
I. Walter Hawkins 1933-1934
Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight 1938-1939
Arthur Ceeley 1935-1936
George L. Hindery 1936-1937
Earnest A. Rand 1937-1938
Edwin A. Spring 1938-1939
Charles S. Rohde, Jr. 1939-1940
Jess Mathis 1940-1941, 1941-1942
Volusia County Clerk of the Circuit Court
R. B. Hall 1942-1943
Dr. J. Boyd Shearer 1943-1944
R. L. Chrisenberry 1944-1945
J. Godfrey Dreka 1945-1946
James H. Sweeney, Jr. 1946-1947
District Vice President 1948-1949
W. S. Steerman 1947-1948
George W. Lee 1948-1949
Fred Lowman 1949-1950
E. C. Davis 1950-1951
Charles R. Conlon 1951-1952
Walter T. Lipfert 1954-1955
Gerald W. Pay 1955-1956
Joseph B. Schmierer 1956-1957
George Brillante 1957-1958
James M. Lockhair, Sr. 1958-1959
Frank C. Kauffman, Sr. 1959-1960
DDGER 1962-1963
Charles O. Benton, Jr. 1960-1961
This same night Milton A. McMillon was initiated into the Lodge.
NOTE: To separate from a State Association, the vote must be 100%.
W. Clyde Lankford 1963-1964
Donald C. Myers 1964-1965
James P. West 1965-1966
The city of DeLand lies in Volusia County. A New York baking powder manufacturer by the name of Henry A. DeLand came to Florida in 1876 on a visit. While here, he purchased a homestead where the town is now located. One day DeLand was being entertained at a home when a group of people in the area visited and resolved to establish a post office and name it after him.

The Stetson hat manufacturer from Philadelphia, John B. Stetson, also left his imprint on establishing the town. DeLand established an academy here in 1883 and named it after himself, but after Stetson became a major benefactor to the school, DeLand suggested that the school be named after Stetson.

Another local, a Chinese immigrant named Lue Gim Gong, produced highly successful strains of oranges and grapefruit in the 1800s.

The city of DeLand at different times has been called “The Athens of Florida” because of the school and “The City of the Forest” because of branching oaks planted along its streets. The Spanish mission of Antonico stood near here.
Lodge Facilities

• Lodge Room
DeLand is one of the few Lodges with a dedicated Lodge meeting room.

• Activities Room
The activities room is spacious and used for many functions including dinners, committee meetings, and Boy Scout meetings to name a few.

• Lounge
Just off the Activities Room, members enjoy fellowship in the lounge. The lounge hosts bar bingo and is open several nights during the week.

Ongoing Significant Events at DeLand Elks Lodge:

2007    Hosted the 14th annual Florida State Elks Softball Tournament to benefit the Florida Elks Youth Camp. There were 23 Lodges that participated in the tournament and they raised $8,000 for the camp.
Delray Beach Lodge 1770

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The following officiated:

- Grand Exalted Ruler: Ed O. Williams
- Grand Esteemed Leading Knight: Arthur O’Hea
- Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight: Robert Bohon
- Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight: Cullen Talton
- Grand Secretary: Chelsie Senerchia
- Grand Treasurer: J. Alex Arnette
- Grand Tiler: M. A. Rosin
- Grand Chaplain: Frank O’Connell
- Grand Esquire: William A. Wall
- Grand Inner Guard: Jas. Fernandez

The following officers were elected and installed:

- Exalted Ruler: Rev. John J. Kellaghan
- Esteemed Leading Knight: Charles Lunsford
- Esteemed Lecturing Knight: Al Sullivan
- Secretary: Harry Howell
- Treasurer: Harry Ketler
- Trustees: 1 Year, E. B. Nichols; 2 Year, Fred Sellers; 3 Year, Harold Turner; 4 Year, C. A. Will; 5 Year, J. C. Keen

The following are charter members: Aaron T. Smock; J. C. Keen, Sr.; Harold A. Turner; Fred D. Sellers; E. B. Nichols; R. C. Keen; H. S. Richardson; Emil J. Muslle; James K. Hester; W. E. Perry; Albert G. Ranson; L. D. Midgett; Harold O. Wilson; Thomas J. Cadden; Charles Lipsky; William D. Eubank; Francis C. Roadman; Robert J. Edelhoff; W. H. Brown; C. W. Vogler; John H. Adams; John N. Kabler; Ben J. Billings; John D. George; James B. Smith; R. C. McFadden; William George; Rurrie A. Smock; M. J. Strong; William B. Wheeler; Norton Zuckerman; Paul R. Mull; Jess Deese; Arthur E. Lanz; Robert L. MacLaren; James S. McFarland; Herbert C. Link; James T. Smith; Wesley Clement; W. J. Snow; George J. Stanton; Charles C. Hering; John Calafas, Jr.; John Calafas, Sr.; James W. Rice; Robert F. Keller; John M. Henderson; John F. Hadden; John J. Nester; W. M. Waters; Robert L. Britt; John J. Gibson; James E. Ruf; Joseph Sante; Neil E. MacMillan; William R. Pendarast; Anthony Ninos; Walter F. Dacey; J. Douglas Cooper; Merritt B. Hilliard; A. R. Crichton; Fred H. Link; Charles Zuckerman; Walter M. Pitts; Quinton G. Minor; J. Z. Parker; Lewis D. Lanier; Walter S. Wallbaum; W. C. Musgrave; Charles Cobb; Charles Ericson; Robert M. Burns; Louis Carres; Edwin A. Halstead; Howard Lee Cromer; R. A. Plastridge; Lonnie W. Cook; Fred R. Scott; Alvin W. Johnson; Arthur R. Cook; M. J. Macheck, Jr.; C. F. Wood, Jr.; Harold E. Spicer; T. H. Popp; Paul Blatz; Wilber C. LaPage; G. G. Whitehead; Clark L. Smith; Elton Harvel; John J. Kellaghan; Charles Lunsford; N. G. Dean; Al Sullivan; Harry Howell; Harry Ketler; Clarence A. Will; John P. Olson; James Bailey; Forest W. Weaver; William Whitfield; Edward Schellenberg; E. N. Andrews; Charles J. Raulerson; Michael B.
The idea of an Elks Lodge in Delray Beach was initiated with a meeting held in 1948. The meeting to organize was held on NE 6th Street in what later was the local Greyhound bus station. Harry Kettler was elected Chairman. Neighboring Lodges offered assistance to the fledgling group with particular help from J. Alex Arnette from West Palm Beach Lodge 1352, Ed Williams from Fort Lauderdale, and Robert Skeins from Lake Worth Lodge 1530.

On March 9, 1949, then Grand Exalted Ruler, George J. Hall, granted the dispensation to form a new Lodge. Ed Williams, DDGER scheduled this institution for April 30, 1949 at the Delray Beach Woman’s Club. Alex Arnette opened the meeting with a prayer and District Deputy Williams with the Lake Worth Lodge performing the initiatory ritual handled the institution proceedings. The principal speaker was a member of the Florida State Elks Association Board of Directors who later went on to become Grand Exalted Ruler, Bill Wall.

Father John J. Kelleghan was elected to serve as the first Exalted Ruler of the new Lodge. He had previously served as the Exalted Ruler of the Sanford, FL Lodge. The first class of candidates to be initiated as members of the new Lodge numbered 112. The first regular meeting of the new Lodge was on May 4, 1949 with a total of 47 members present as well as four visitors from Lake Worth. The first motion to pay bills was made by Brother Jerry Dean, and the amount, somewhat astronomical at that time, was $1,016.77. The Lodge treasury at the time contained $3,809.50. Some of the first committees recorded were Lapsation chaired by Jack Strong, Membership chaired by George Stanton, Social and Community Welfare chaired by Charles Lunsford, and Visiting chaired by Ray White.

According to minutes of May 25, 1949, Phyllis Stanton was in the hospital. In July of 1949, Exalted Ruler Father Kelleghan attended the Grand Lodge session in Cleveland, OH. Upon his return he reported that the principal speaker at the Elks Memorial Service was fellow Floridian, PGER Dave Sholtz. Many other firsts were to soon follow. They sponsored their first scout troop, Delray Beach #3, and appointed their first steward, Brother Al Avery, who used his experience in this job to help qualify him for his future job as Mayor of Delray.

Through the years, Father Jack Kelleghan remained active in the Lodge and did so until he returned to Ireland to retire and unfortunately passed away before returning to visit. He was extremely conscious of the ritual and on one particular occasion in his own Irish way, he instructed the Esquire, Jack Carver, that the ritual book was not to be used during a meeting. Carver never used the book on the floor again.

The second Exalted Ruler was Charles Lunsford and through his leadership their present home was purchased in 1950. E. B. Nichols somewhat forced the issue after missing out on some prime property on the ocean and this property came up for sale. He as part of the committee recommending the purchase told the Lodge, “If you don’t buy it, I will.” Knowing that he had a reputation as a shrewd businessman who knew his real estate, they decided to go for it.

The year 1951-1952 saw Neil MacMillian serve as the Exalted Ruler, and through his expertise as an attorney, he kept the Lodge on the straight and narrow. It was during his term that Lodge 1770 made the credible contribution to the Armed Forces Blood Drive under the chairmanship of George Stanton.

Al Avery, the Exalted Ruler serving in 1952-1953, was a very strong supporter of the Americanism program and set the tradition of the Flag Day services being held at the little league field for the entire city to participate in and enjoy.
Jerry Dean, Exalted Ruler in 1953-1954, became the first Exalted Ruler to serve two terms, returning in 1955-1956 for a repeat performance. The membership was inspired by Jerry’s enthusiasm. ER Jerry’s opening remark at each meeting was, “This is the place to get it off your chest.”

The year 1954-1955 brought Jack Carver to the station of the Exalted Ruler, the first officer to jump chairs, going from Chaplain to Exalted Ruler in one mighty leap. Jack also had the distinction of being the first state and Grand Lodge officer from Lodge 1770.

The first major fundraiser supporting our state’s major project, the Harry-Anna Hospital, was conducted under the able leadership of George Stanton, Exalted Ruler in 1955-1956. The project, called Operation Big Heart, a special drive for the sale of Harry-Anna Trust Fund certificates, resulted in record sales.

In 1956-1957 Exalted Ruler Elect, William Hertz, suffered a heart attack just prior to his installation as Exalted Ruler. He was installed by proxy and Leading Knight Gene Mahlmeister served as acting Exalted Ruler until June 5 when PER Jerry Dean was elected to finish the term of office. Hertz eventually recovered and became active in committee work once again. The club was renovated again and the outside of the building was painted. The Lodge kept itself involved in community affairs by supplying American flags for all classrooms in Boynton Beach schools.

The year 1957-1958 was a special year for the Lodge when under the administration of Eugene “Knuckles” Mahlmeister the mortgage was burned. He also was designated All District Exalted Ruler in the ritualistic competition this year. He further served as State Organist for four years and after 46 years of Elkdom, he was voted a life membership.

In 1958-1959 under the administration of Exalted Ruler William “Mat” Hall, the Lodge voted to underwrite and memorialize a room at Bethesda Hospital in Boynton Beach (Room 121 in the maternity section). It was at this time also that the Lodge voted to offer the sum of $125,000 for the property located directly east of the Lodge. At the time the property also included a motel. A meeting of the minds could not be reached so no purchase was made. The Grand Exalted Ruler visited West Palm Beach Lodge 1352 and a group of Lodge 1770 members represented the Lodge at his visit. It was also the time of a kitchen remodel with new electrical work, cabinets, and sinks.

The year 1959-1960 with Charles Glenn as Exalted Ruler was when Lodge 1770 had its first state officer with the election of PER Jack Carver as District Vice President. It also was the time to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Lodge, and the cost for attending the party was a whopping $1.50 a head. (The New Year’s Eve party was a sellout this year; tickets for this were $5.00 a couple.)

A. Paul Young served as Exalted Ruler in 1960-1961. Jack Carver was installed as the first District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Southeast District and as such was able to institute the new Lodge of Boca Raton, cosponsored by Delray Beach and Pompano Beach Lodges. A gala 93rd birthday ball was held on February 18 celebrating the anniversary of the founding of the Order. Grand Exalted Ruler Fenton was scheduled to be the guest of honor at a party at Delray Beach on March 24, 1961 but had to cancel at the last minute due to the death of his sister.

In 1961-1962, with Ed Pendergraft as Exalted Ruler, the Lodge hosted the State Fireman’s Convention with over 400 visiting firemen in attendance. This was also the year that air conditioning was turned on for the first time in the Lodge and new chairs were placed in the lounge. Bill Wall from West Palm Beach was elected Grand Exalted Ruler and visited Lodge 1770 on July 15, his first visit after being installed as GER. The Lodge paid off the remaining balance on a room at Bethesda Hospital that was sponsored by Lodge 1770. (The New Year’s Eve party this year cost $3.00 a couple.)

In 1962-1963 under the leadership of James Murphy, a new organ ($400.00) was purchased for the Lodge and a drive by PER George Stanton was held to identify patients for the Harry-Anna Hospital in Umatilla and to publicize it. In an effort to support the Harry-Anna Hospital, a benefit polo game was sponsored by Lodge 1770. True to the credo that “all is not smooth sailing,” trouble brewed this year between the house committee, the trustees, and the officer corps. Exalted Ruler Murphy and all of the officers submitted offers of resignation to help curb the infighting in the Lodge. A grievance committee was appointed to investigate the problems and stern recommendations were made for correction of the problems. The resignations were rescinded, a new house committee was appointed, the trustees and the steward were all severely reprimanded, and harmony was restored.

In 1963-1964, with George Davis as Exalted Ruler, there was a move to rename the Lodge to Delray-Boynton, and after a rather active campaign, a motion to rename was defeated by a vote of 17 to 4 on May 28, 1963. New floor covering was installed in the building and the PER Association was formed.

In 1964-1965, Exalted Ruler Ed Putnam led the Lodge as they celebrated their fifteenth anniversary with a gala party which was recognized by all as a huge success. PER George Stanton was appointed by the Mayor of Delray to serve on the city parade committee for Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day. Stanton saw to it that the
In 1965-1966, the Lodge elected its youngest Exalted Ruler to date, Werner “Moon” Rother. Hurricane Betsy tried to disrupt the annual Labor Day picnic, but the luck of the Elks held on and the picnic was a big success. New horseshoe courts were built at the Lodge and a league was formed with competition between the various teams. There was a bit of friction between Lake Worth Lodge and Delray over the boundaries between the two. The dispute was solved peacefully with the mediation of DDGER Bob Grafton. Further community involvement this year was centered on the Lodge working with and promoting the LPGA Tournament which was being held in Delray.

In 1966-1967 under the administration of Bob Culhan, the Lodge bought new chairs for the dining room and new kitchen utensils, and the district grew by one Lodge with Hollywood West Lodge. The kind hearts of the members of Lodge 1770 again came through at Christmastime when the Lodge gave food and cash to two needy families in town. One of the families was new to the area. The father was a teacher at the local high school and there were five children ranging in age from eight months to seven years. On November 16 the father had a massive coronary and being new to the school system had no sick time. He got out of the hospital on December 18 in order to be home with his family for the holidays, and Delray 1770, along with several other local organizations, helped make Christmas a little better for him, his wife, and their five kids. At the last meeting of the Lodge year it was voted to remodel the club at a cost of $4,900. Plans for the job were drawn by PER George Davis, a registered architect.

In 1967-1968, Exalted Ruler Charles Rooney presided over the renovation of the club room early in the year. After much deliberation, the Lodge purchased the lots across the street from a local resident for $9,000. This new property became the Lodge’s new parking lot. The Lodge joined the Grand Lodge in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Order. PER James Murphy was able to honor the Lodge by being appointed as the Vice President for the Southeast District.

In 1968-1969, Bob Brenner served as the Exalted Ruler. During this year, a new brick front was added on the building and a new flag pole was erected on the roof. PER George Stanton was elected to honorary life membership and Jim Murphy was appointed to serve as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. Kitchen equipment and chairs were purchased from Howard Johnson in West Palm Beach for $258. The New Year’s Eve party netted $358. The Sunday family dinners were well attended and enjoyed. The district again grew with the institution of a new Lodge, North Lauderdale 2407.

In 1969-1970, with Gene Boggs at the helm once again, there was a movement to change the name of the Lodge to Delray-Boynton; still there was no change. Delray celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the Lodge and continued involvement with the youth of the area by supporting the local high school teams and sponsoring two buses to state playoffs in Satellite Beach and trophies for the swim team. The poolroom was renovated and both tables were recovered. New bar equipment, bottle coolers, ice machines, and refrigerators were purchased all for $2,100. Members of Lodge 1770 repaired and refurbished the Boy Scout building and awarded plaques to new Eagle Scouts. The ritual team won the district competition and six of the seven championships. A new barbecue pit was built at the rear of the property.

In 1970-1971, Exalted Ruler Dennis McKessy and the Lodge played host to several events: a group of Boy Scouts who were cycling from Pennsylvania to Key Largo, the State Bowling Tournament, and a Softball Tournament with the Boca Raton Lodge. The ritual team that had won the district competed in the state contest and Leading Knight Bud Rogne won All State honors as Loyal Knight. Highway signs showing directions to the Lodge were put up on Federal Highway for the first time. Bud Rogne spearheaded a drive to collect coupons for the benefit of the Cystic Fibrosis Association.

In 1971-1972 Gerald “Bud” Rogne was Exalted Ruler and there was a major renovation of the club amounting to $25,000. The new Jupiter-Tequesta Lodge was instituted and over $1,565 was collected and sent to the Harry-Anna Hospital for the children’s Christmas party and presents. The New Year’s Eve party this year netted $430. The ritual team finished second in the district and the bylaws were changed again.

In 1972-1973, Seth Hawkins was the new Exalted Ruler and he saw to the promotion of a couple of very successful events. The Ink Spots and the Harmonica Rasques performed in the Lodge in November 1972. Other successes were a clam bake and the annual golf tournament that netted $1,843. This year was a banner year for the Lodge. They spearheaded the drive to “Return to Umatilla” which resulted in the decision to build a new Harry-Anna Hospital on the site of the old one in Umatilla.

In 1973-1974, Exalted Ruler Joe Stine led the ritual team to the state competition and captured the All State Leading Knight honors. PER Gene Boggs made the Lodge proud as he was appointed to serve as the District Vice President, and the “Green Hornet” hit the bean trail. Various problems and conflicts with employment resulted in almost all of the officers being replaced throughout the year. Exalted Ruler Stine also became ill and was unable to
complete his term in office. PER Boggs was elected to complete the last few months of the Lodge year. The Lodge Hoop Shoot program was a huge success this year with three district winners, one state winner, one regional winner, and one on to Kansas City to compete at the national level. Eight year old Billy Kellum, representing Delray and Florida, finished fourth in the nation. This year they also had a booth at the Delray Affair to sell a truckload of toys that were donated to the Lodge. Proceeds from the sale were sent to Harry-Anna.

In 1974-1975, Dennis McKessy began his second term as Exalted Ruler by breaking his arm and was sporting a new plaster cast. PER Gene Boggs was appointed as the new District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Southeast District. This year they celebrated their 25th anniversary as Delray Beach Lodge 1770 with a silver anniversary bash. The Lodge again became involved with the community by raising $500,000 to contribute to the Kennedy Memorial Fund, a fund supporting the effort to help the family of slain Police Officer John Kennedy of the Delray Beach Police Department. The golf tournament netted $1,700 to help with their charitable works. The membership cap of five hundred members was removed by a bylaws change as was the initiation fee schedule. The new fees were based on the age of the applicant with the youngest paying $25 and the oldest paying $75 in an effort to attract younger members to help balance the scales. DD Gene Boggs was voted to honorary life membership and the ritual team won the district championship.

In 1975-1976, Jack Decker was the Exalted Ruler. The ritual team did its thing at the state competition in June and was at a penalty disadvantage for a substitution of Chaplain who had “walked off a roof” and broken his knee. PER Seth Hawkins filled in and did a good job. A new roof was put on the building at a cost of $9,990 and the theater type seats were purchased for the Lodge room. The flea market netted $1,020.95 and the Elks of Leisureville sponsored a Valentine’s Day Dance and raised $936 for the Harry-Anna Hospital.

Bob Jensen had a busy year in 1976-1977 refinishing the ballroom floor and hosting a very successful junior golf tournament. A benefit concert for Harry-Anna by Woody Martens raised $2,635 for the hospital along with several new certificates being sold. Pedro Comas, a professional pastry chef, boosted the annual children’s Christmas party with one of his many beautifully decorated cakes that he has donated over the years. The Youth Activities Committee worked hard supporting the high school football team, little league and senior league baseball, the junior tennis tourney, the junior golf tourney, Hoop Shoot (three district winners and one state champ), a Lodge sponsored polo match with proceeds to Harry-Anna, and another Elks of Leisureville Annual Dinner with $470 being raised for Harry-Anna. The Lodge also participated in a high school sponsored Walk-a-Thon to raise money for a Boynton Beach youth who had fallen under the wheels of a freight train. Over $12,000 was raised. The biggest event of the year was the grand opening of the new Harry-Anna Hospital.

Alan Hart was elected Exalted Ruler in 1977-1978 and the centerpieces on the tables in the lounge made by his wife, Annie, each month were sold and the proceeds were used to buy Harry-Anna Trust Fund certificates. The house committee had TGIF snacks and fellowship every Friday and movies on Saturday night. The Youth Activities Committee was still active with the usual sponsorships, but this year a new little league field was opened and as a sponsoring organization, the Lodge purchased a ceramic tile that was planted in a memorial wall at the park. The men’s choral group, the Jolly Corks, was formed and the club tried five nights a week entertainment when a pianist/entertainer was hired. It didn’t last too long! They had a big band concert in February (Vic Knight’s Band) and were one of the founding sponsors of the new Delray Beach Senior League with a $200 sponsor fee.

In 1978-1979 with Cliff Chapman as Exalted Ruler, it became memorable from the very first meeting when a delegation of members from the Belle Glade Lodge arrived and presented the Lodge with a magnificent mounted elk’s head, their first and only one. Catfish fries were in and were a big success. New mirrors were placed behind the bar, a new gas grill for the pancake breakfasts was purchased, and a new alarm system was installed throughout the building. The PERs of Delray purchased benches that were placed around the lake in front of the Harry-Anna Hospital. Bob Grafton from North Palm Beach Lodge was elected Grand Exalted Ruler. CPR classes were taught to the members in the Lodge by Jimie Gies, the wife of the Loyal Knight. They also painted the back of the building and put up the new B.P.O.E. 1770 sign.

In 1979-1980 under the leadership of Exalted Ruler John Hager, H. Foster Sears, Chairman of the Grand Trustees, acted as Grand Exalted Ruler at the installation of the slate of officers for the year. The Lodge rallied behind the effort to financially support PER Cliff Chapman in his battle against cancer.

The bingo committee started to bring in revenue and the Lodge purchased its first big screen television for the lounge. Robert Grafton of North Palm Beach Lodge was elected Grand Exalted Ruler at the National Convention. The Lodge building was declared a hurricane shelter and was used during Hurricane David.

The ritual team won the district competition this year and earned a place in the state competition that was held in May 1980.

In 1980-1981 the Lodge was under the administration of Wally Gies. There was a national outrage and widespread display of the yellow ribbons supporting the hostages in Iran. This year they got the game room
moving to the South Southeast District. The bingo committee was once again alive and well turning in $6,700 in
the first quarter of the year. The hospital was the recipient of over $2,200 from the proceeds of a lobster dinner. The
National Foundation Certificate sales under Esquire George Gangler as Chairman sold a record 112 certificates. Car
parking at the county fair raised $15,000 for the hospital this year. On March 2, 1982 with 91 members present, a
unanimous vote to purchase new property off Military Trail on Conklin Drive for a $130,000 offer with room to
negotiate was passed. Harry-Anna Trust Fund certificates this year totaled 92. Bingo turned in a net profit of
$21,100 from a gross receipt of $55,078.08. PER Bud Rogne started what became an annual affair, a
Country/Western night to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Summer Camp.

In 1982-1983 under Exalted Ruler Ben Dooley, Lodge 1770 purchased a piece of property for $150,000
including all costs. Community involvement flourished with the advent of their first state sanctioned youth tennis
tournament and their first sponsorship of the Soap Box Derby. It was this year that they resumed the recognition of
the Policeman, Fireman, and Nurse of the Year. Bingo netted $21,103 and their first Las Vegas night brought in
$3,556.

PER Dooley repeated the position of Exalted Ruler the following year in 1983-1984, the year that some of
the members were instrumental in forming the new Boynton Beach Lodge No. 2676. A tragic note for the year was
the death of Brother Jim Oliver, the Administrator of the Harry-Anna Hospital. Continuing community involvement
found the Lodge supplying the flags for the classrooms of Atlantic High School and the distribution of baskets of
food to needy families at Thanksgiving. Bingo slipped a little, netting only $12,078.

In 1984-1985 with George Gangler as Exalted Ruler, there was the introduction of an interlodge pool
tournament and bowling league. Karen Slattery, a Delray Beach teen, was brutally raped and murdered and the
Lodge voted to add $500 to the growing reward fund. The Lodge sponsored the junior tennis and golf tournaments
as well as the Soap Box Derby. “Bud” Rogne became the District Vice President and the Lodge raffled off a model of
the USS Constitution with the proceeds going to the refurbishing of the Statue of Liberty. The golf tournament
netted $3,853.08 and the bingo committee raised $11,460. Both contributions went toward the Salvation Army on
the Christmas stocking program and to continue the scholarship awards of $3,000 for another year.

In 1985-1986, Fred Schick, already a PER of a northern Lodge, did a rerun as Exalted Ruler of Lodge
1770. The Lodge continued the $3,000 in scholarships, hosted the state bowling tournaments for the youth, and
repaired the roof. They voted in bylaw changes, raising the annual dues to $64 and increasing the house committee
to thirteen members. The golf tournament netted $1,042 and bingo had a net return of $14,607. “Bud” Rogne served
as DDGER this year.

Warren Gildner was elected Exalted Ruler for the 1986-1987 Lodge year and under his administration the
Lodge 1770 Color Guard was formed. The property that had been purchased west of Delray Beach was put up for
sale. The major fundraiser this year was a Cadillac raffle that netted $16,621.08 for the renovation expenses. A new
fence was erected across the back of the lot behind the building. PDD Rogne was voted to honorary life
membership.

The year 1987-1988 ushered in the administration of Exalted Ruler Bill Latour, and all thoughts were on
the proposed renovation. An aluminum can committee was formed to help raise money for club expenses. Debenture
bonds in the amount of $100,000 went on sale. The first steps in the actual renovation were taken on October 23,
1987. A second car raffle for the renovation fund netted $10,046.15. The large photographs of the PERs that had
hung in the Lodge room were taken down and photographically reduced to a much more manageable 5 x 7” size,
reframed, and hung in the anteroom. Delray entered into an interlodge pool tournament with Lake Worth. Lake
Worth was the winner.

For 1988-1989, Exalted Ruler George “Skip” Debish was the first of Delray’s Exalted Rulers to attend a
new state sponsored Exalted Ruler/Secretary seminar which was held in Sebring. It was a weekend event designed
to help acquaint the new incoming Elks officers with some of the many responsibilities of their office. PER Roger
Morse was elected as District Vice President. The new Lower East Coast Clinic of the Florida Elks Children’s Hospital was formed to better serve the children of this area. The bylaws were changed once again, eliminating the house committee and establishing a board of directors to operate the club. Delray was again host to the state bowling tournament. Demolition of the old dining room started, ending with a grand opening of the new facility on November 11, 1988. The new officer stations also made their debut during this year.

In 1989-1990, Steve Tanella served the Lodge as Exalted Ruler. The highlight of this year was the Lodge’s fortieth anniversary celebration. One of the more tragic events of the year was the untimely death of one of the charter members, PER George J. Stanton, honorary life member. Stanton’s name appears more often in the minutes of the past forty years than anyone else’s name does.

In 1990-1991, PER Wally Gies returned. He had served as Leading Knight under ER Steve Tanella. When two of that year’s officers were unable to progress and to maintain continuity, Gies stayed on to serve as Exalted Ruler again. This year went into the twentieth century and engaged the services of a computerized accounting system for both the Lodge and club accounts. A new fundraiser was instituted for their charity account, bar bingo, a highly successful effort.

Support for the war in the Persian Gulf and the soldiers serving there became a major effort in the latter part of the Lodge year. Lodge 1770 adopted an entire Marine helicopter service unit; one of the members of the unit was a member of the Lodge. Packages of goodies and letters from the members became a major project. The 1770 Color Guard continued to win awards and accolades in the various parades and occasions that they participated in throughout the year.

In 1991-1992, Frank Hills was their leader. The Adopt-a-Highway program kept two miles of Federal Highway spic and span. Elks along with the fabulous Color Guard marched in the Annual Cracker Day Parade by invitation of the city of Pompano Beach. This year also saw the twelfth annual donation of $3,000 to the Elks Children’s Hospital by the Jefferson L. Ford, II Foundation through the auspices of a member’s wife, Mrs. Alphonxine Palermo, a trustee of the foundation.

In 1992-1993 under the leadership of George Schmierer, it was a busy year for the members of 1770. An entirely new kitchen was installed. New floors and ceiling were installed in the lounge. In lieu of the Labor Day picnic, Oktoberfest was held. Hurricane Andrew hit the Florida coast south of the Delray/Boynton area. More than 4,000 pounds of food, water, and other relief materials were gathered and taken to the Miami Elks Lodge for distribution to victims who lost so much. Delray Beach’s participation in the Toys for Tots program began.

In 1993-1994, George “Skip” Debish returned as Exalted Ruler. Negotiations to sell the property west of Delray Beach were begun. They joined forces with Lake Worth Lodge and parked cars at the Palm Beach County Fair and raised money for the Children’s Hospital. Bylaws were changed to have two meetings a month year-round. The City of Delray used part of the Lodge parking lot to build a sewer pump station and took several of their parking spaces. Through negotiation, some front and rear areas of the new building were used for parking.

In 1994-1995, Fred Schick served a third term as Exalted Ruler. The building was spruced up. A new barbecue was built in the rear yard. The Color Guard got new uniforms. The Conklin Avenue property was sold and proceeds paid the dining room remodeling bonds. Wally Gies, PER was named District Vice President.

In 1995-1996, Rick Bane was Exalted Ruler. The Lodge ritual team went to the state ritual contest at the annual convention and finished in third place. This was a fantastic accomplishment under the direction of PDD Roger Morse. A dress code for Lodge meetings was approved. Lunches were served on a trial basis. The Color Guard participated in the opening ceremonies of the new Florida Elks Youth Camp in Umatilla, FL. Wally Gies was sworn in as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler.

In 1996-1997, Kenneth McCombs became Exalted Ruler. The building roof had a complete plastic coating. It was hoped that this would solve the leaking roof problem. An attempt was made to form a Monday afternoon golf league but the heat trimmed down the numbers when the season was barely finished. Again, the heat of summer afternoons proved the league’s downfall.

In 1997-1998, George E. Smith as Exalted Ruler continued improvements to the building. The lounge was completely renovated with new walls, ceiling, sound system, and the enhancement of a mirrored wall, among other improvements. The Lodge distributed ten baskets of food to needy families in the area at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Lodge athletes represented 1770 in the state golf tournament and at the state bowling tournament. Softball teams were organized. Delray distributed, with the State Association, one hundred bicycle helmets free of charge to area youngsters. In January, Smith appointed PER Fred Schick as fiftieth anniversary chairman to celebrate 1770’s golden anniversary in 1999-2000. The ritual team won district honors.

In 1998-1999, Downs R. “Bud” Shaffer was the Exalted Ruler. Fiftieth anniversary plans continued. Tony Capparelli, Leading Knight and Veterans’ Affairs Chairman, working with the Riviera Beach Veterans’ Hospital, oversaw construction of a putting green there. He won a national award from the Veterans’ Administration and a
letter of commendation from the President, Bill Clinton, for his labors. Tony immediately announced his plans for the construction of a driving range. The ritual team again won the district competition. This was a special year for Florida Elks when C. Valentine Bates from north Florida was installed at the Grand Lodge Convention in Anaheim, CA as Grand Exalted Ruler. More than thirty people from Delray attended the convention. Delray Beach’s Color Guard, serving as the National Color Guard this Lodge year, opened the convention each day.

In 1999-2000, Exalted Ruler Anthony Capparelli with the help of other Lodge members continued to work in the veterans’ programs. The PERs continued to raise funds for charities through pancake breakfasts during the winter months. The Lodge hosted the 27th annual junior tennis tournament. Wally Gies, PDD was named as State Chaplain. Throughout the year, special events were held to commemorate the fifty years of Elkdom in Delray.

Past Exalted Rulers:

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<td>His year saw the beginning of improvements in the club both operationally and in internal harmony as well as continuation of state ritual participation. He joined 1770 in December 1960.</td>
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<td>He was born in Waterbury, CT on July 16, 1934. He became an Elk after coming to Florida. He was the youngest Exalted Ruler in Florida for 1965-1966. He and his wife, Sue, have four children, Jayme, Paul, Gwen, and Raymond. While ER he was employed as a carpenter/superintendent for Hawkins and Mow, Inc. He was continually active in the Lodge, serving on Lodge renovation and bingo committees and was a trustee for many years. He has continued to be an active member of the PER Association and President thereof.</td>
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<td>He was Lodge Secretary for many years.</td>
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<td>Chuck was born in Pennsylvania on June 20, 1927. After moving to Florida, he became an Elk in the Delray Beach Lodge in 1963. He immediately became active. He is married to Elizabeth and they have five children. While ER he was employed as an electrician and the Lodge has benefited by his skills. He has served on numerous committees including the renovation, building, and bingo committees.</td>
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<td>He was born in Massillon, OH on March 15, 1925. He has two sons. He worked as an electronics and television technician when he was Exalted Ruler. He was a strong supporter of ritual and helped support and promote James</td>
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Murphy as District Deputy. He was initiated into the Delray Beach Lodge in October 1964.

   He was born in Ashland, KY in 1929 and after moving to Florida became an Elk in the Delray Beach Lodge in 1959. He and his wife, Rita, have one son, Billy. Gene served through the chairs. While serving his second term as Exalted Ruler he also served as District Vice President for the Southeast District. In 1974-1975 he served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. In 1978 he began a two year term of office as a Director of the Florida State Elks Association Board of Directors. He also served as the State Historian for 1984-1985.

   He was born in New York City in 1934 and after moving to Florida became an Elk in the Delray Beach Lodge on November 1, 1966. He and his wife, Joan, have four children, Dennis, Jackie, Mimi, and Sally. While serving as ER he was employed as a supervisor for Southern Bell Telephone.

1971-1972  Gerald “Bud” Rogne, PVP, PDD, Honorary Life Member
   He was Lodge Secretary from 1983-1988. He was an All State Leading Knight. He was born in Dazey, ND and was initiated into Lodge 1770 in 1967. He was District Vice President in 1983-1984 and District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1984-1985. He is married to Juanita and they have three children, Richard, Patti, and Robert. Bud was the ER during the first renovation of the club and dining room.

1972-1973  Seth Hawkins
   He was born in Ellsworth, KS and joined the Lodge in 1962. He was Exalted Ruler at the time the Lodge won the district ritual contest and the district opening and closing.

1975-1976  Robert “Bob” Jensen
1976-1977  Jack Decker
   He demitted to Lantana/Boynton where he became Charter Exalted Ruler.

1977-1978  Alan P. Hart, PVP, PDD
   He was born in Streadator, IL in March 1930 and joined Lodge 1770 in November 1971. He served as State Sports Committee Chairman when Delray Lodge started the State Bowling Tournament in 1980-1981. He later demitted to the new Boynton-Lantana Lodge where he served as Exalted Ruler in 1985-1986. He was State Vice President of the Southeast District in 1988-1989 and District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1990-1991. He demitted back to Delray in 1999.

1978-1979  Clifford R. Chapman
   He was born in Buffalo, NY in March 1930 and joined Lodge 1770 in 1973. He was the first Lodge and District Hoop Shoot Chairman in 1974. He progressed to the national finals in Kansas City with an 8 year old who came in third in the nation. He is married to Jimie and they have five kids, Scott, Russell, Gretchen, Kurt, and Eric. He has served on numerous Lodge and state committees and one national committee. Wally was a charter member of the Lower East Coast Clinic Operating Committee of the Florida Elks Children’s Hospital and was its first Secretary and served as Chairman. He served
as District Vice President in 1994-1995 and as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler the following year. In 1999 he was appointed State Chaplain.

1981-1982 Roger Morse, PVP, PDD
He has two children, Suzanne and Michael. He is married to Sharon. He served as District Vice President and District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler.

He served the Lodge and the State Association on many committees. His first love was the children of the Florida Elks Hospital and he worked tirelessly supporting them and the hospital.

1984-1985 George Gangler
He was born in New York City and was a member of the Smithtown, NY Lodge where he served as Exalted Ruler. He joined Lodge 1770 in 1976 and served as Exalted Ruler twice. He is married to Doris and they have three children, April, Tracy, and Gary. Fred was cofounder of the Florida State Elks Bowling Tournament. He started the Lodge Color Guard which became the Color Guard for the 1998 National Convention in Anaheim, CA. He chaired the Lodge Renovation Project for its last major renovation.

1986-1987 Warren “Mac” Gildner
He was born in Hartford, CT. He joined Lodge 1770 in 1983. He was State Chairman for Hoop Shoot after serving as District Chairman for four years and one as Regional Chairman and one as Vice Chairman. He was married to Sherry and they had five children, George, Charles, Carol, Tiffany, and Joseph. He was a member of the Lodge Color Guard.

1989-1990 Steve Tanella (Inactive)
1991-1992 Frank Hills
He moved and demitted to Ocala Lodge.

1992-1993 George Schmierer
He was initiated into New Hyde Park Lodge 2107 on January 28, 1979. After moving to Florida he became affiliated with the Delray Beach Lodge on December 22, 1987. He and his wife, Helene, have four children. During his term he was involved with the beginnings of the sale of the Conklin Avenue property and the kitchen renovations. It was during this year that Delray Lodge participated in the relief effort for the victims of Hurricane Andrew. George was instrumental in coordinating the delivery of huge amounts of relief materials that were delivered to the South Miami Lodge. He has served as trustee.

1995-1996 Rick Bame
He was born in Copiague, Long Island, NY in 1940 and joined Lodge 1770 in February 1992. He is married to Barbara and they have two sons, Rick and Bob. He served on the National Veterans’ Memorial Committee from 1993-1996. During his year as Exalted Ruler, the Lodge paid off the renovation bonds and replaced the roof on the building.
1996-1997  Kenneth McCombs

He was born in Miami, FL on June 25, 1942 and became an Elk on March 25, 1975. He is married to Martha and they have seven children, Kim, Kim, Jackie, Karen, Tom, Kenny, and Michael. Ken became Exalted Ruler while employed as a carpenter/supervisor. His year as Exalted Ruler saw the completion of the reroofing project, the acquisition of new equipment for the kitchen, and the start of the lounge renovations. He also served as trustee.

1997-1998  George E. Smith

He was born in Ridgefield, NJ and joined Lodge 1770 in 1994. He is married to Joan and they have five children, Georgene, Kathleen, Charlene, Michael, and Richard. He was Exalted Ruler during the lounge renovation and has served in several district positions.

1998-1999  D. R. “Bud” Schaffer

He was born in Springfield, IL in October 1928 and joined Benton Harbor Elks Lodge 544 in October 1956 and demitted to Lodge 1770 in 1993. He was an Elk for 41 years when he became Exalted Ruler of Delray Beach. Bud has held several district chairmanships and is a member of the Lower East Coast Operating Committee of the Florida Elks Children’s Hospital. He is married to Shirley.

Associate members by demit who are members of the PER Association:

Bernard Lombardi, Jr., Exalted Ruler 1986-1987. He was a member of Toms River Lodge #1875. He has been a ritual word judge since 1993 and has worked as the handicapped Children’s Chairman and Co-chairman of his Lodge since 1982. He is very active in Delray Beach Lodge 1770, having reupholstered almost all of the dining room chairs. He repaired and reupholstered the vacant chair and he works at PER breakfasts every month that he is in Florida.

Gerald Houck, Exalted Ruler 1976-1977. He was a member of Great Neck Lodge #1543. He was born in Utica, NY in 1931 and became an Elk in Great Neck #1543 in 1967. He demitted to Lodge 1770 in 1998. He was married to Ellen and they had three children. Jerry was an Episcopal Minister at the time of his untimely death in the spring of 1999. He was serving as a trustee of Lodge 1770.

William Uglietto, Exalted Ruler 1964-1965. He was a member of Somerville, MA Lodge #917. He was born in Boston, MA in 1919 and was married to Edna. They had three children, Doreen, Patricia, and Maxine. Bill served his Massachusetts Lodge as a trustee for fifteen years and as bar manager for five years. He also served the Massachusetts Association as the Chairman of the State Association Charity Drawing in 1970.

Joseph Civitano, Exalted Ruler 1979-1980. He was a member of New Rockwell Lodge #756. He was born in New York City and married Mary. They have four children, Donna; Thomas; Joe, Jr.; and Mary. He is a veteran of WWII and has served as President of the 11th Armored Division Association. He is active in the Sons of Italy and has been Chairman of the Dining Room Setup Committee of Lodge 1770 since 1989.

Robert Feinbert, PDD, Exalted Ruler 1957-1958. He was a member of Plattsburg Lodge #621. He was born in Plattsburg on February 13, 1924. He was the North District Chairman of the New York Scholarship Committee from 1958-1962. He has served as trustee for several years and as Chairman of the Lodge Building and Planning Committee for twelve years. He was the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the North District of New York in 1967-1968. He is married to Laurie; they spend their winters in Delray. He joined the Delray PER Association as an associate in 1988.
Alfred Bresnahan, Exalted Ruler 1955-1956. He was born in Boston, MA in August 1928. He is married to Eula. They have four children, Diane, Susan, Glen, and Alfred, Jr. He was Exalted Ruler of the Plymouth, MA Lodge.

Some of Delray Beach #1770 Highlights:

1998

The Veterans’ Committee under Tony Capparelli and Bill Thomas ran bingo games and sports games, distributed clothing, and designed and oversaw the beginning construction of a golf putting green at the VA Medical Center.

The Lodge was represented at the State Softball Tournament, Golf Tournament, and had eight teams at the State Bowling Tournament where one of their players won first place individual and five of the group won the first place team handicap trophy.

They held two “Life Line” Stroke Prevention clinics which resulted in over one hundred people being screened with three being detected with 100% blockage of one of the carotid arteries and several others with partial blockage.

They awarded $500 scholarships to graduating seniors and have an active Student of the Month program at three area middle schools, awarding $25 savings bonds to three students every month with $75 going to the three Student of the Year winners in June.

They won the All State Lodge Award for their membership class at the State Convention where the ritual team coached by PDD Roger Morse came in third place out of the fourteen districts. Their Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, Chaplain, and candidate all took home third place plaques.

Delray Beach State Color Guard traveled to Anaheim, CA to be the national Color Guard at the installation of the new Grand Exalted Ruler from Florida, Val Bates.

In this year they did some planning for their 50th anniversary coming up in 1999.

2009

Past State President Robert F. Shell was appointed by Grand Exalted Ruler Paul D. Helsel as Special Representative and requested that he perform such duties as are assigned to him relative to the operations of Delray Beach Lodge 1770. The appointment gave him full and complete authority to counsel and direct the officers in the performance of their respective duties in the administration and operation of the Lodge.

Shell was instructed to investigate and monitor all activities of the Lodge and report quarterly his findings, recommendations, and progress of the Lodge to C. Valentine Bates, Past Grand Exalted Ruler and State Sponsor.

The Lodge’s web site was up and running. The Lodge was planning the celebration of their 60th Diamond Year of Elkdom: 1949-2009.

Elkettes of Delray Beach 1770

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<td>Jimie Gies, Charter Member. She was born in Buffalo, NY and is married to Wally. They have five children, Scott, Russell, Gretchen, Kurt, and Eric. She was the Florida Ladies of the Elks representative in 1988-1989 and as President, the Elkettes bought the first copy machine for the Elks Hospital.</td>
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1984-1986 Rita Boggs, Charter Member. Rita was born in Barberton, OH and is married to Gene. They have one son, Bill. Rita served as Program Chairman from 1982-1984 and from 1990-1995. She also served as a trustee from 1986-1988.

1988-1989 Florence Tanella
1989-1990 Marjorie Ricard
1990-1991 Mary Civitano. She was born in Warren, PA and is married to Joe. They have four children, Donna, Joseph, Thomas, and Mary Anne. The year that Mary was President, the Elkettes’ contributions to the Lodge went toward the kitchen renovations.

1991-1992 Patricia Harvey. She was born in Brooklyn, NY and is married to Alexander “Bud.” Her year as President was very successful financially and helped to complete the final phase of the kitchen remodeling.

1992-1993 Rene Forsman
1993-1994 Linda Butler. She was born in New York and is married to Gerald. During her tenure in office the Elkettes bought new barstools for the lounge and redecorated the ladies’ and men’s rooms in the lounge. In 1992-1993 she served as Secretary of the Elkettes.

1994-1995 Sherry Debish. She moved to Florida from West Virginia in 1982. She is the widow of Skip Debish, PER. She has two children, Joey (a member of Lodge 1770) and Tiffany. Under her leadership the Elkettes raised funds to go toward the ballroom renovation.

1995-1996 Martha McCombs. She was born in Chester, PA and is married to Ken. Her children are Kim, Karen, Tommy, Kenny, and Kim. Martha has also served as Chaplain, Treasurer (3 times), and as Vice President.

1996-1997 Barbara Bame. She was born in New York and is married to Rick. They have two sons, Rick and Bob.

1997-1998 Mary Lou Vogel. She was born in Ridgefield, NJ. She was married to the late Eugene Vogel, Lodge Organist. She has three boys, Frank, John, and Kevin. She and her brother, George E. Smith, served as the first brother and sister leader team in Florida history. She also served as Elkette Trustee.

1998-1999 Terry Capparelli. She was born in Bronx, NY and is married to Anthony, Exalted Ruler in 1999-2000. They have five children, Judy, Jeff, Nancy, Larry, and Billy. While Terry was President of the Elkettes, the group adopted a female veteran from the Veterans’ Hospital in West Palm Beach.

1999-2000 Shirley Shaffer. She was born in Benton Harbor, MI. She is married to PER Bud and has two children, Larry and Sherry. She has served as Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President of the Elkettes as well as chairman of the Elkettes’ golf outings, flea market, fashion show, and dinner dances.

Deltona Lodge 2739

Florida’s 123rd Lodge
District: East Central
Instituted: March 27, 1988
Ceremonies at: New Smyrna Beach Lodge 1557
April 2005 Membership: 135
*2005: Deltona Lodge merged into Deland Lodge #1463

Committee for Organization:

Chairman: Marshall C. Vance
Co-chairman: John L. Hundley
Secretary: Robert A. Niemi
Treasurer: Charles J. Meier
Advisors: Russell L. Saxon, PSP
New candidates were initiated by the district champion ritual team from Melbourne Lodge #1744. The Melbourne team consisted of the following:

- Exalted Ruler: Miles Reiley
- Leading Knight: George Petrasek
- Loyal Knight: Ralph Huyck
- Lecturing Knight: Alphonse Berardini
- Esquire: Sidney White
- Chaplain: Benjamin Porch
- Inner Guard: Thomas M. Sullivan

The following were installed as charter officers of Deltona Lodge:

- Exalted Ruler: Donald H. Maxwell
- Leading Knight: William F. Fazio
- Loyal Knight: George Jaso, PER
- Lecturing Knight: Jerald Quist
- Secretary: Charles J. Meier
- Treasurer: Charles J. Meier
- Tiler: James O. Lence
- Trustee: 5 year, John L. Hundley
- 4 year, Arthur A. Diethorn
- 3 year, Edward B. Dintor, PER
- 2 year, Glen H. Rugh
- 1 year, Milburn Hinds
- Chaplain: Theodore J. Tobias
- Inner Guard: Ernest Norville
- Esquire: Gill H. Ebert
- Organist: Frank V. Scaila

Grand Lodge Institution and Installation Officers:

- Grand Exalted Ruler: Joseph A. Patti, DDGER
- Grand Leading Knight: Norman P. O’Brien, PSP
- Grand Loyal Knight: Willis V. McCall, PSP
- Grand Lecturing Knight: Harty N. Baruch, PSP
- Grand Secretary: Frank D. Willis, FSEA Secretary
- Grand Treasurer: Harold P. Shelton, PSP
- Grand Esquire: C. Newt Jones, PSP
- Grand Chaplain: George Dominioni, PSP
- Grand Tiler: Jack N. Blalock, PDVP
- Grand Inner Guard: Thomas D. Sullivan, District Vice President
- Grand Organist: Norman D. Right, Past State Organist
- Grand Trustees: Lawrence W. Cline, PDD
- Hillary A. Merritt, PDD
- William F. Orban, PDD
- Edwin G. Neville, PDD
- George T. Wolfe, PDD

Grand Lodge Observers:

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- State Representative: Aubrey L. Callaham, President
- District Representative: Russell L. Saxon, PSP
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Edward N. York

He was nominated as State President at the 88th Annual Convention held at the Hyatt Orlando in Kissimmee, FL by PSP Alvin A. Ehrlich.

Attendance: 1,612 Elks
1,367 Ladies
2,979 Total Registration

Motto: “Dedication to Children, Community, and Country”

Membership: 82,551
Decrease in membership: 1,705
Number of Lodges: 125

Anthony DeLucca was born in White Plains, NY but his family later moved to Florida and settled in Dade County. There he received his schooling, and as did so many others, he left his happy home to join the Navy and see the world. What he saw was more of the Pacific than he expected. The Combat and the Air Medals were awarded for his faithful service.

After discharge, he returned home, worked his way through the University of Miami, and completed his education by being awarded his degree as Juris Doctor. He was then admitted to practice before the Florida and the federal courts. He held card number 1 in the VFW Post 471. He served six years on the North Miami City Council. He received the Jaycees Good Government Award. He coached and managed little league teams and was a sponsor of the program; he was recognized as the outstanding coach in 1972.

He was a member of North Miami Elks Lodge #1835 for 35 years and served in the chairs, becoming Exalted Ruler in 1966. He served on many district and state committees, was Vice President of the South District in 1983, and was District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1985. So that you may know how Tony rated with his brothers of North Miami Elks Lodge, here is a quote from their bulletin:
“The final presentations were made by Jim Levenson, Chairman Awards Nite, when he called up Anthony J. DeLucca, Sr. to receive $1,000 to the Harry Anna Trust Fund, Elks National Foundation, and the Elks Veterans Memorial Restoration Fund all in his honor. He was given a special award, “Mr. Elk,” which enumerated his many achievements in Elkdom and his becoming State President in Orlando May 28, 1994. The brothers of his Lodge also honored him with a resolution naming the first cabin purchased by our Lodge at the Florida Elks Youth Camp in his honor.”

After this, he was a member of the Florida Elks Children’s Hospital Board of Directors and served as its Vice President and President in each of these positions for a two year period.

He was also on the Florida State Elks Association Board of Directors and the Harry-Anna Investment Fund Board of Directors of which he was also a trustee. He served in two five year terms on the state Judiciary Committee and was Legal Advisor to the Harry-Anna Investment Fund. He was involved in every other activity which is of any benefit to any of the Florida Elks operations or endeavors.

One of the most outstanding was his establishing, directing, and carrying out a tremendous project of great assistance to not only the Elks but needy residents of the Homestead community after the devastating Hurricane Andrew struck there. Working almost singlehandedly with funds provided by Elks from Florida as well as from other states, he collected almost $150,000 and disbursed it for food, housing, reconstruction, and other necessities over a period of two years.

He served as Vice President at Large before becoming State President.
He was married to Jane and they had thirteen children and ten grandchildren.

(Excerpts from Acceptance Speech for DeLucca by PSP Alvin A. Ehrlich.)

The following officers were elected to serve for the 1994-1995 term:

- **President**: Anthony DeLucca, Sr., Miami
- **VPAL**: David E. Vergason, Palmetto
- **Secretary**: Frank Willis, Jr., Umatilla
- **Treasurer**: Joseph Bryant, Sebring
- **Tiler**: Irving Cohen, Tamarac
- **Historian**: Joseph E. Schirmer, Port Charlotte
- **Sergeant at Arms**: David Goldberg, Hialeah
- **Chaplain**: James Mortensen, Miami Springs
- **Organist**: Larry E. Myers, Miami
- **District Vice Presidents**
  - **Northwest**: A. R. Hinds, Niceville
  - **North**: Carl Sullivan, Marianna
  - **Northeast**: Robert E. Franks, Jr., Gainesville
  - **East Central**: Patrick R. Schmitt, Merritt Island
  - **North Central**: James W. Lee, Ocala
  - **Central**: John W. Hopkins, Tampa
  - **Southeast Central**: William H. Fricke, Palm Bay
  - **West Central**: Anthony G. Turturiello, St. Petersburg
  - **Southwest Central**: John Holdbrook, Palm Bay
  - **Southwest**: Hugh Igo, Wimauma
  - **South Southwest**: Ronald Sorrentino, Port Charlotte
  - **Southeast**: Art Shepherd, Jupiter
  - **South Southeast**: Wally Gies, Delray Beach
  - **South**: W. I. Bernard, Tavernier

Excerpts from Acceptance Speech:

“I, as the President, shall focus on our dedication to helping children at our Florida Elks Children’s Hospital, building the camp sites and completing the development of our Youth Camp, promoting Elks Lodges’ participation and being part of their respective communities, providing veterans’ needs, and instilling loyalty and patriotism to our country....”

“We should take every opportunity to improve our image and get involved with our communities....We must promote Elkdom through and in our own community by being an active charitable participant.”
DeLucca suggested community involvement to include:
- Children’s local programs
- Boys’ and Girls’ Schools
- Little League
- Soccer
- Senior Ball Leagues
- Elementary, Junior, and High School Programs
- Citizen of the Year
- Policeman/Fireman of the Year or Month
- Senior Citizens

Quotations:

“We must learn to agree to disagree, being gentlemen.”

*Anthony DeLucca*

“Giving is living
Said the Angel
Must I give and give and give?
Was my selfish and querulous answer
Oh no, said the Angel
His eyes pierced me through
Just give until God stops giving to you.

*Anthony DeLucca*  

“The Florida Elks Youth Camp is going to provide the chance for tomorrow’s youth to benefit from our wholesome surroundings and developmental activities.”

*Thomas Ryan*

“The Florida Elks Youth Camp has open spaces with a nonthreatening environment that will teach a Florida child trust of their elders and of himself or herself.”

*Thomas Ryan*

“We need to stop keeping our charitable causes underneath a basket.”

*Larry Henley, Chairman of Florida Elks Children’s Hospital Committee*

On our loss of membership: “It’s got to do, mainly from my perspective, it has to do with the attitude in the Lodges. We are our own worst enemies. We have people come in and they’re treated shabbily, or they’re treated coldly, or all they see are arguments at the bar or something, and they say, ‘oh boy, I’m not too sure I want to be a part of this,’ and they’re right. Why should they be a part of that? Why should they take on this grief and this agitation all the time? So we’ve got to come together. We’ve got to come together and decide if we’re going to continue as a fraternity, amongst ourselves. It’s a must, because no fraternity, no organization can last or exist if it keeps that up. It just can’t happen, so let’s work on that.”

*Robert Grafton, PGER*

“A Lodge should be a home away from home, friendly Lodges where you want to go and bring your family and friends.”

*Anthony J. DeLucca, President*
Anthony DeLucca’s year as President of the Florida State Elks Association: 1994-1995

New Lodge instituted: Holly-Navarre Lodge #2787
Jacksonville Lodge #221 and Southside Jacksonville Lodge #2014 merged.
The All State Lodge Contest was established.
Joseph Alterman of North Miami Lodge #1835 was appointed to create a required informational program and to review all applications for a special committee selected to pick a young man to represent the state of Florida at a Boy Scout Jamboree in Holland. Richard Geisman sponsored by Port St. Lucie Lodge was named to be that representative.
A program sponsored by the Florida Bar titled, “The Prevention of Domestic Violence and Elderly Abuse,” was approved.

Florida Elks Youth Camp

The administration building, Olympic swimming pool, docks, archery range, obstacle course, kitchen and dining area, and the 21 cabins were completed.

Florida Elks Children’s Hospital

William Larry Henley, PSP, Chairman of the Florida Elks Children’s Hospital Committee, reported that the patient census of the hospital is in the 35 to 37 range. He stated that they had a 100 bed facility and they need 80 to 90 kids every day.

Democracy, Florida Congress in

In 1940, the Florida Congress in Democracy instituted a principle called the Florida Congress in Democracy which was instituted for the purpose of preserving and defending the fundamental principles of Americanism and democracy in the state of Florida.
At the Thirty-Fifth Annual Elks Convention held in St. Augustine, a resolution was passed to pledge the Elks’ support, assistance, and cooperation in its principles.

Destin Lodge 2688

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Detweiler, Meade D.

Meade D. Detweiler was born of old Pennsylvania German stock in Middletown, PA in Dauphin County on October 15, 1863. At an early age he moved to Harrisburg, PA where he lived the remainder of his life. He attended public schools and advanced to the junior years in the high school, after which he entered Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, graduating in 1884 with first honors in his class. After graduation he returned to Harrisburg and began the study of law with Hall & Jordan and within two years was admitted to practice. His admission to the bar in 1886 was followed at once by an active and successful practice both in the criminal and civil courts. He was a member of the bar of the Supreme Court and of the United States courts. He had a varied experience before the courts. He was
elected District Attorney in 1892 and was reelected in 1895 by the largest majority ever given for a candidate in Dauphin County, receiving more majority than his opponent had votes.

He became an Elk in 1892 and was the first Exalted Ruler of Harrisburg Lodge 2141, instituted May 17, 1892. In June of 1892 he was appointed as a District Deputy for eastern Pennsylvania by Grand Exalted Ruler Apperly. He was appointed District Deputy for 1892-1894. For 1894-1895 he was on the Committee for Laws and Appeals. In May of 1895 he was unanimously elected GER in Buffalo. In July of 1895 in Atlantic City, he reunited the two factions in the Order, and in the interest of peace and harmony, he resigned as Grand Exalted Ruler. By this act he became the most popular Elk in the United States inasmuch as it required no little self-abnegation to step down and out from a position that was recognized by a large faction of the Order. Detweiler believed in the organization taking precedence of the individual, and probably the most eloquent words that ever fell upon Elks ears were stated by him in Atlantic City when addressing the presiding officer of that body as “Grand Exalted Ruler,” thereby showing the manhood which made him the occupant of that position the following year. He used his utmost influence to build up and solidify the Order that he had reunited and was an opponent at all times of the revival of factional differences.

At the session of the Grand Lodge in July 1896 in Cincinnati, OH, he was elected Grand Exalted Ruler. He was reelected at the Minneapolis session in 1897. During his two terms as Grand Exalted Ruler he devoted much time to the duties of the office and to the building of the Order.

He visited Lodges in all sections of the country at a great sacrifice to his law practice and his personal affairs but to the inestimable advantage of the Order.

It has been said of him, and it is true, that as Grand Exalted Ruler he raised the Order from its commonplace position and launched it triumphantly upon its magnificent career of brilliancy and usefulness.

In July 1900, he was appointed as a member of, and selected as Chairman of, the Committee on the Elks National Home. The result of his work on that committee is the most enduring monument that could possibly be erected to the memory of any man. To him more than anyone else goes the credit for the negotiation, purchase, and the establishment of the Elks National Home in Bedford City, VA.

His last work on behalf of the Order was the organization of a new Lodge in his hometown of Harrisburg. The charter of the original Lodge 241 was forfeited by the Grand Lodge in Milwaukee in 1901, and it is but proper to say that his old Lodge was guilty of violations of the law and that he was instrumental in having its charter suspended and afterwards forfeited.

The first evidence of his fatal illness developed on Tuesday, June 14, 1904, but he got up and went to court on Wednesday morning, June 15, and made a splendid and eloquent argument to the jury, after which he was compelled to take to his bed, and died on Saturday evening, June 18, 1904. In the meanwhile the Grand Exalted Ruler and other Grand Lodge officers had gathered in Harrisburg at his invitation for the purpose of instituting the new Lodge and though he was confined to his bed, the Lodge was instituted on Friday with no thought that there was any serious danger of impending death. The Grand Exalted Ruler, Joseph T. Fanning, sat at his bedside and held his hand all of Saturday afternoon and up to the time of his death, so that in truth and in act he was holding on, as it were, through our Grand Exalted Ruler, to the great Order which he so much loved through the last hours of his life and at the very moment of dissolution.

In recognition of the great work, unswerving fidelity, and sincere love for the Order, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks erected a beautiful monument known as the Detweiler Memorial in Reservoir Park in Harrisburg, PA which was unveiled and dedicated on October 15, 1906.

In his year as Grand Exalted Ruler, tremendous strides were made in both new Lodges and membership. It broke all existing records. In his first term as GER he showed conclusively his entire fitness for the position, and it was a year of education to him in the duties of his position, but the work accomplished at the close of the fiscal year was phenomenal. Pennsylvania, with 46 Lodges, showed a membership of 5,397, or an increase of almost one thousand over the membership of the year before. Ohio had 46 Lodges and a membership of 5,156, an increase of about 800 during the year. New York stood third with nineteen Lodges and a membership of 3,614, an increase of 404. Michigan came in fourth with seventeen Lodges and a total membership of 3,087, having made a gain of 928, making it second only to the state of Pennsylvania and with 29 Lodges less than the Keystone State. Ten new states came into Elkdom including those of Alaska, New Mexico, and Oklahoma.

The total membership at that time was 41,252 with 442 Lodges, an increase of 7,737 over the last year. Sixty-nine dispensations for new Lodges had been granted since the previous Grand Lodge session in 1897. Mobile, AL No. 108 was resuscitated and three Lodges surrendered their charters.

They authorized the Grand Lodge minutes of 1871-1878, inclusive, to be obtained and published with copies made available at the Grand Secretary’s office. This was the first time since the forming of the Elks that the proceedings of the Grand Lodge were published.
During the investigations made by the Grand Exalted Ruler into the Elks’ early history, it was discovered that the original gavel used by Brother Vivian as Right Honorable Primo in presiding over the sessions of the first Elks Lodge in 1868 was still in existence. It had been neatly made of ebony by J. G. Wilton, a wood turner who was one of the original Jolly Corks and who, as stated in the history prefixed to the minutes of the Grand Lodge from 1871-1878, had not been heard from for fifteen years. The gavel was in the possession of Richard R. Steirly, a member of Hoboken Lodge No. 74. The Grand Exalted Ruler felt that a relic of this character would be of great interest and value to all Elks and that the most appropriate custodian for it would be the Grand Lodge of the Order. Accordingly through the kindness of Steirly, the venerable gavel was given to the Grand Exalted Ruler for perpetual preservation among other cherished treasures.

Having been ascertained that the first Elks banner ever used was still in existence and in the possession of New York Lodge No. 1, steps were taken to acquire this interesting and valuable memento of the past for the use and ownership of the Grand Lodge. New York Lodge No. 1 donated this valuable banner to become the property of the high legislative body which represents the entire Order. Appreciating their disinterested sacrifice, the Grand Exalted Ruler then placed it in the care of its future custodians and at the same time joined most heartily in the expressed wish of Lodge No. 1 that it should be prominently displayed at every future Grand Lodge session.

The Grand Lodge at this session passed a set of resolutions addressed and sent to the President of the United States expressing the sympathy of the Order and its hearty interest in his every act pertaining to the welfare of the country (in regard to the Spanish-American War), assuring him of their loyalty and devotion to the flag and all that it symbolizes and a hope of a speedy restoration of peace that might follow a victorious conclusion.

A new ritual as prepared by the committee was read at this session, and after corrections, alterations, and amendments thereto, was adopted by a vote of the Grand Lodge. An annual password, in addition to the regular permanent password, was adopted at this time, same to be promulgated annually by the GER. A resolution was adopted at this session by the Grand Lodge on May 12, 1889 that the Grand Exalted Ruler appoint a committee of three who shall formulate and present for the consideration of this grand body some feasible plan for the practical working of the wise, humane, and most worthy undertaking for carrying forward to success of the project for a national home for aged and indigent Elks.

The Grand Lodge Board of Trustees made a report at this session of the Grand Lodge and among other things summarized the publication of the early Grand Lodge proceedings (the minutes of the Grand Lodge from 1871-1878) as follows:

We also requested him (the GER) to investigate disputed questions, and to prepare a historical article to accompany the publication. This work was done thoroughly, and the beautiful volume which has been published, we believe, contains an authentic history of the early proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and that the historical article prepared by the Grand Exalted Ruler settles beyond question all disputed points, and that it will be accepted for all time to come as the truthful history of the original and early growth of our Order. This history was obtained from many sources; all of the living original ‘Jolly Corks‘ met the Grand Exalted Ruler, and the chairman of this board and agreed substantially upon the disputed question.

A resolution was adopted at this session, being presented by the special and standing Ritual Committee, that the Committee on Work and Ritual be required to prepare a book of instructions which shall contain all the secret work of the Order in accordance with the Ritual adopted, and which shall be the only authority to be used by all lodges, and they further recommended that an annual password be promulgated by the Grand Exalted Ruler, through the District Deputies, and by them to all lodges, so that the same can be given out at the annual election of each lodge, and also be obtained from Exalted Rulers, only upon proper authorization. The present permanent password to be used only within the lodge and taken up by the Esteemed Loyal and Lecturing Knights; and we further recommend that the Committee on Laws prepare a statute in accordance with these recommendations.

From An Authentic History of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks by Ellis
**Dictionary Project**

In 1992, school crossing guard, Annie Plummer, came to a reporter’s attention when she petitioned the City of Savannah, GA to install a stoplight at a busy intersection near an elementary school. Reporters wrote about the petition and Plummer’s follow-up with city officials regarding the stoplight which was never installed.

However, reporters soon had another story about Plummer to share with their readers. Plummer had noticed that the children she helped cross the street didn’t carry any books. When she asked why, she was told that schoolbooks had to stay at the school. Plummer believed children should have access to books not only when in school, but at all times, and using $37.50 of her own money she purchased fifty dictionaries and gave them to the students. Plummer told students to keep the dictionaries with them, both when going to school and going home, so that they would be able to look up new words all day long. The mayor of Savannah read about Plummer’s generosity and gave her $5,000 worth of dictionaries to distribute to students at other Savannah schools.

What began as one woman’s act of generosity has led to a national philanthropic movement, the Dictionary Project, which the Elks and other organizations have joined (*Elks Magazine*, April 2007).

Under the leadership of director Mary French of Charleston, SC, since 1995 the project has benefited more than 4.8 million students. The sole mission of this nonprofit organization, which we as Elks share, is to distribute dictionaries to as many third graders as possible in the fifty states and our environs. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks became involved in 2004 and by 2007 had given 394,350 dictionaries in their communities. This project will continue to increase distribution in the years to come simply because it is such a wonderful project for our youth.

The Dictionary Project offers nine different dictionaries (including three bilingual dictionaries and a Canadian edition dictionary) and eight reference books from which to choose. Reference books include thesauruses, a dictionary and thesaurus usage guide, an atlas, and a vocabulary builder.

To get started on this project, contact your State Youth Activities Chairman for the project who can get the necessary information and forms to you. There are different dictionaries available from the Dictionary Project directly at [www.dictionaryproject.org](http://www.dictionaryproject.org), the project’s web site. Sample kits may be ordered by calling 843-856-2706 or e-mailing earlc@svcable.net for more information.

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Disaster Relief, Elks

In times of crisis, it has long been a pattern for the Order of Elks to ease the pain of others by providing the necessary relief.

1871 A fire devastated the city of Chicago, and the Elks quickly organized and staged a benefit to provide financial assistance to residents most affected by the disaster.

1889 The Elks at the national level offered financial contributions to assist the families that suffered as a result of flooding in Johnstown, PA and fires in Seattle, WA.

1892 The BPO Elks began working with the American Red Cross when it and the Order provided monies for those suffering from famine in Russia. To this day, the Elks have maintained a partnership with the American Red Cross and developed similar partnerships with other relief organizations.

1906 Following the earthquake in San Francisco, the Order was the first organization to respond to the call for help. Within twelve hours, the Elks relief efforts were in full swing. In Oakland, CA the Elks equipped hospitals, established temporary shelters for nearly 2,000 displaced persons, and arranged for provisions to be transported to the area. From across the country, financial donations from Elks came in answer to the pleas of the earthquake victims.

1926 The Grand Lodge dispatched $25,000 to Miami to start relief work in that city following up with an additional $65,000, making a total of $90,000 put in the hands of local relief committees to be distributed as they saw best after a hurricane swept the city.
1928  After a storm hit West Palm Beach, $2,500 was turned over to the relief committee at West Palm Beach under the direction of J. Edwin Baker, DDGER. This amount later was augmented with an additional $7,500 making a total expenditure of $10,000.

The State Social and Community Welfare Committee broadcasted an appeal to every Lodge in the state, and Elks' hearts can indeed beat with pride at the magnanimous response that was immediately made from every Lodge in the state. Over $50,000 in cash and supplies and over fifteen truckloads of clothing, food, and other supplies were sent in by various Lodges in Florida.

**Dispensation to Form a Lodge**

In 1891 a general rule was adopted that no dispensation would be granted for a Lodge unless there were at least 25 names of good, reputable men upon the charter list. The price for charters was increased from $20 to $100 to prevent weak Lodges from being formed.

**Dispensation**

Grand Exalted Ruler Henry P. O'Neil (1875-1876) suggested the enlargement of the boundaries of the Order, then confined to two Lodges, and he provided the laws requisite to grant dispensation for Number 3 and granted such dispensation. This led the way to the dispensation to form other Lodges as they made application, even today.

**District Chairmen**

District Chairmen assist in carrying out the various programs of the Grand Lodge and the state. They work between the individual Lodges within their appointed districts and the State Chairman. After appointment, the first obligation of the District Chairman is to acquire the knowledge necessary to properly perform their duties. They should study the programs carefully and be completely familiar with their goals as set by the national Lodge and State Association. The State Chairman is ready to assist the District Chairmen in any way he or she can.
The State Chairman will notify the District Chairmen around the first of June that they have been appointed by the State President to their district posts. Their appointments will probably be recommended by the District Vice President and District Deputy of that district.

Communication is the weakest link. The Chairman is responsible for Lodge Chairmen communicating with the District Chairman. They are responsible for keeping the Lodge Chairmen informed and being ready to assist them in any way possible.

Copies of correspondence addressed to Lodge Chairmen should be sent to the State Chairman, District Vice President, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, and Past State Presidents in the Chairman’s district.

If the District Chairman is less than satisfied with any Lodge Chairman’s performance, they should contact the appropriate Exalted Ruler with copies to the State Chairman, District Vice President, etc.

They must impress upon the Lodge Chairman the importance of attending all official visitations in their district of the District Vice President, the State President, and the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. Lodge Chairmen should be encouraged to attend the August and February Quarterly meetings at the Florida Elks Youth Camp, the Mid-year meeting in November, and the Annual State Convention.

In addition to preparing a final report for the State Chairman, the District Chairman should contact the incoming District Chairman to apprise him or her of the incomplete portion and assist with guidance.

The District Chairman must always work closely with the Exalted Rulers and the State Chairman.

The following is the schedule of committees reporting to the State Chairman:

1st Quarter April 1 through June 30
2nd Quarter July 1 through September 30
3rd Quarter October 1 through December 31
4th Quarter January 1 through March 31

**Dissension Develops in Early Days**

The Order was hardly organized when dissension erupted. Legitimate actors headed by George F. McDonald wanted to confine the membership to members of the theatrical profession. Vivian who was often out of town on engagements did not share this view. Vivian objected to some of the newfound virtues of the group he helped to create and the feud ensued.

Four months later Vivian and other members of the faction were summarily expelled from the Order by the McDonald group, losers in the struggle to determine its purposes. It was several years later before the Order rectified this illegal act. The act gave rise to a controversy over whether Vivian actually was the founder of the Order. A formal inquiry in 1897 firmly established his right to this honored title.

However, the feud within the group resulted in Vivian being barred from the meetings. The Grand Lodge eventually reinstated the members and they became honored members. Vivian never again claimed to be an Elk and although he had never taken the degree of the Order, he was considered to be its organizer.

However, evidence has been found by this Historian that Vivian did on several occasions visit the Chicago Lodge to entertain and socialize with them at the request of that Lodge.

**District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler**

In 1890 it was suggested that various jurisdictions should be divided and that a deputy be appointed to each division to lighten the labors of one deputy trying to handle all the Lodges in one state. Subsequently in 1891 the question was further discussed. It ended by granting the Grand Exalted Ruler the authority to exercise his judgment when the occasion required.

Accordingly the Grand Exalted Ruler began the division of certain states into districts. The first state to be divided was Ohio, creating a North and South District and a deputy placed in charge of each district.

DDGERs are personal representatives of the Grand Exalted Ruler and hold a key role in his administration. They are the liaison between the Lodges of the district and the Grand Lodge. Subordinate Lodges are responsible to the Grand Exalted Ruler through the District Deputy and the sponsoring Past Grand Exalted Ruler(s). The subordinate Lodges should first consult the District Deputy about any problems or questions concerning the Lodge. If satisfaction is not received, the sponsoring Past Grand Exalted Ruler(s) should be consulted. It is the duty of the
DDGER to visit all the Lodges in his or her district, determine and ensure that they are operating in accordance with the Laws of the Order and adhering to the prescribed Grand Lodge procedures, and render advice and assistance when needed.

**Esquire to the District Deputy**

The Esquire selected to the District Deputy assists him or her in examining the facilities and nonfinancial procedures of each Lodge in the district. There is no provision in the Laws of the Order for paying their expenses. The Esquire is entirely unofficial and voluntary.

Among the duties which may be assigned by the District Deputy, the Esquire for the District Deputy should inspect the physical property for cleanliness, safety, attractiveness, and efficiency using a comprehensive checklist which is returned to the District Deputy upon completion.

They make arrangements with the Exalted Ruler of the Lodge they are visiting (or representative of) for proper introduction of the District Deputy, make arrangements for the District Deputy’s change from business to formal dress for the meeting, see that the club rooms are closed during all meetings as provided by Section 16.090 of the Laws of the Order, see that the Exalted Ruler starts the meeting on time, and see that no speeches other than the District Deputy’s are scheduled on the program.

The Esquire emphasizes to the Exalted Ruler that the District Deputy wishes to be called upon to speak as soon as possible after the initiation and that the meeting should be shortened by elimination of nonessential business.

The Esquire is not allowed to make recommendations directly to the officers of a Lodge. All recommendations are to be made by the District Deputy who will pass them on to the Lodge officers if it is deemed proper.

**Auditor to the District Deputy**

The Auditor is selected by the District Deputy to assist him or her in auditing the financial status of each Lodge in their district. There is no provision in the Laws of the Order for paying their expenses. The Auditor is entirely unofficial and voluntary.

The duties of the Auditor for the District Deputy consist of examining the books and records of the Lodge and club, making sure they are current and kept in a way which will readily provide the fiscal information necessary for proper management of the Lodge and club and that a budget has been adopted and adhered to, that an audit has been made as required by statute, and that bonds are adequate for all those who handle funds. A trained Auditor can also determine if the Lodge and club operations are profitable and if not, they can often recommend changes and internal controls to correct the loss trend. They must also examine membership records to see that they are properly kept and up to date; that the worksheet, membership control charts, and Charity Records booklet are current; and that its file of expulsions, suspensions, and rejections is complete.

During the audit the Chairman of the Lodge Auditing Committee shall be present.

The Auditor may take notes and recommendations on his or her findings during the audit and then provide all of the information to the District Deputy who can discuss any deficiencies with the Lodge Officers and Chairmen of the club managing body.

The DDGER’s Auditor is not permitted to make recommendations directly to the officers of a Lodge unless asked to do so by the District Deputy.

**District Directors, Florida State Elks Association**

*(See Board of Directors)*

**Districts, Florida State Elks Association**

In 1891 there was discussion as to dividing the states into two districts. This was resolved by leaving the matter to the Grand Exalted Ruler to exercise his judgment when the occasion required. It was felt that this would lighten the load of deputies and increase the efficiency in looking after subordinate Lodges. Ohio was the first to be divided. It created Northern and Southern Districts with a deputy for each one.
As the Florida State Elks Association grew, developed, and started to expand, so did the district and/or divisions.

At this stage in the history of Florida districts (between 1893 and 1903), there was but one District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler assigned to Florida, the state being divided into two divisions. In 1904, the year the State Association was founded, there were two District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers assigned.

Between 1904 and 1945, the affairs of the Association were handled by the Executive Committee varying in membership from five to eleven members.

In 1918 there were two districts in Florida, the South District from Ocala south and the North District from Ocala north. There were ten Lodges in each district.

The Directory of North District Lodges at that time was:

- Pensacola 497
- Jacksonville 221
- Fernandina 795
- St. Augustine 829
- Lake City 893
- Tallahassee 937
- Gainesville 990
- Quincy 1111
- Daytona 1141
- Palatka 1232

The Directory of the South District Lodges at that time was:

- Ocala 286
- Key West 551
- Tampa 708
- Miami 948
- Orlando 1079
- St. Petersburg 1224
- Sanford 1241
- Fort Myers 1288
- Lakeland 1291
- West Palm Beach 1352

In 1937 the Association bylaws were changed to establish five divisions each to be headed by a Vice President. At this time there were 35 Lodges assigned as such: Northwest (5), Northeast (7), Central (8), Southwest (8), and Southeast (7) with five Vice Presidents and three District Deputies assigned accordingly.

Bylaw changes in 1946 eliminated the Executive Committee and established the first board of directors consisting of nine members to guide the Association. The five Vice Presidents continued to handle the five divisions.

In 1953 bylaw revision established six divisions and added the South Division. By 1960, the bylaws were again changed creating districts instead of divisions. The South Central Division was removed, and the Southwest and Southeast Districts were added.

The Central District was added in 1963 and the ratio of Vice Presidents to District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers was finally established, with seven of each officer. Since this time, each district is governed by its own Vice President and District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler.

By 1969 the South Southeast District was added followed by the South Central District in 1975. The year 1981 brought the addition of the North, Central, and Southwest Central Districts and the elimination of the South Central District. There were now 105 Lodges in the twelve districts.

Due to continued growth of membership in Florida Elkdom, the Association bylaws were again revised and as of April 1, 1990, they established fourteen districts that engulfed the 126 Lodges with the Southeast Central and the South Southwest being the newest districts. With this redistricting, twelve districts were left unchanged in the expansion to fourteen districts. The six districts unchanged by the realignment included the Northwest, North, South Southeast, South, North Central, and West Central.
Two new districts were created. They were the South Southwest which was formed by taking nine Lodges from the old Southwest District and the Southeast Central which picked up five Lodges from the old East Central and three from the former Southeast.

Among the changes made was the reduction of the Northeast District to eight Lodges by moving three to the East Central which lost five Lodges to the new Southeast Central. The Southeast District was trimmed back to ten Lodges as three were transferred to the new Southeast Central.

The Southwest District got five Lodges from the old Southwest Central District but lost nine Lodges to the new South Southwest. The old Central District was cut back to nine Lodges by transferring four to the Southwest Central which had lost five Lodges on the west coast to the Southwest District.

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In December 1991, Marianna Lodge #1516 was moved from the Northwest District to the North District.
District Vice Presidents, Florida Elks Association

District Vice Presidents shall be elected for each of Florida’s districts.
It is the duty of the District Vice President to visit each Lodge in his or her district and make a written report to the President concerning each of those Lodges. They assist in carrying out the program of the Association in their district under the direction of the President and the Vice President at Large.

It is also the duty of the District Vice Presidents on the occasion of their visits to the Lodges to encourage, by all means and efforts available, the improvements of all ritualistic work in the Lodges and to encourage and promote a competitive ritualistic contest among the member Lodges of the Association in their district and at the annual meeting of the Association.

From time to time they report to the President information of interest to the Association and to the Order as may come to their attention and shall personally use and exert their influence of being in closer relation to the good fellowship of the members of the Order.

Does, Benevolent and Patriotic Order of

The Benevolent and Patriotic Order of Does was formed in Omaha, NE. They were chartered February 12, 1921. Each chapter is designated as a Drove. A membership card in the Benevolent and Patriotic Order of Does stands for benevolence, patriotism, social activities, and civic pride.

As early as 1920, wives and Elks discussed the forming of a Lodge with similar ideals and precepts of the Elks. So enthusiastic were they that on February 9, 1921, Gertrude R. Craddock sent out invitations to sixty women to meet at her home at 3716 Hawthorne Avenue in Omaha, NE.

Although independent of the Elks, the organization would be in harmony with them and organized along similar lines. Membership would be confined to wives, widows, mothers, daughters, and sisters of Elks.

Thirty-two women showed up at the first meeting and a temporary organization was formed that day. They met for six months until Omaha Elks Lodge No. 39 invited the Does to meet in the Elks Lodge Room. A firm was employed to draw up the necessary papers and Constitution. The Grand Lodge was formed and chartered on February 12, 1921 by the state of Nebraska with authority to charter subordinate Lodges, called Drovers, anywhere in the United States.

The Benevolent and Patriotic Order of Does took for its character the likeable, lovable, citizen lawyer, statesman, and President, Abraham Lincoln, and the anniversary of the Order was to be celebrated each year on his birthday, February 12.

The women were given advice and counsel from a committee of prominent Elks who rendered valuable assistance in securing the incorporation of the Order under the state of Nebraska of the United States of America, laying the foundation of the Grand Lodge of an Order that would, in time, be nationwide in scope. Among the committee were Walter C. Nelson, Exalted Ruler, who was their staunch friend and advisor; George W. West, who wrote and demonstrated the floor work; Charles Docherty, who made the engraving for the insignia; and Mr. Dysart, a member of the Nebraska State Legislature in 1922, who put through the bill that made the Does a state and national organization. Raymond Young, one of Omaha’s well-known attorneys, was their legal advisor. All of these men were Exalted Rulers of Omaha Elks Lodge No. 39 and prominent in civic affairs as well. Mr. Miner, Secretary of the Omaha Elks Lodge No. 39 for many years, suggested the name, Does. James H. Craddock and William Cole wrote the Constitution for the Benevolent and Patriotic Order of Does and presented it to the Grand Lodge.

These Ladies, with the assistance of the Elks and with the desire to work in harmony with and to always keep uppermost in their minds the idealism of Elkdom, laid the foundation for a permanent organization dedicated to the principles of patriotism, charity, loyalty, and love. It was the trust, hope, and ambition that this organization would spread in ever increasing circles and, in the fullness of time, a Drove of Does would be in every city where there was an Elks Lodge.

The primary purpose of the Drove in Florida was to render all possible assistance to the Florida State Elks Association in its program for the relief of handicapped children in Florida and particularly to the Florida Elks Children’s Hospital in Umatilla.

They encourage all people of Florida to give greater recognition to the needs of handicapped children and to extend aid both collectively and individually in any branch of the broad field of handicapped children’s work.
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Grand Lodge Membership

The Grand Lodge is comprised of all of the Past Supreme Presidents and the following who have attended at least one Grand Lodge session: the Presidents and Five Year Officers (Secretaries, Treasurers, Conductors, and Musicians) of all subordinate DroveS and Supreme Deputies who have successfully organized DroveS.

Executive Council

The Executive Council vested with judicial powers consists of all of the Past Supreme Presidents and is responsible for and acts in an administrative capacity for the Order.

Institution of DroveS

All DroveS are organized in accordance with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and supervised by the Director of Organization.

A Supreme Deputy, appointed by the Supreme President and under the guidance of the Director of Organization, makes a presentation of the history of the Order to an interested group of ladies and their Elks, discusses the advantages of joining a national organization, organizes the Drove, installs the officers, discusses the importance of and adherence to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and assists in the performance of the ritual.

A group of women may apply to the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Patriotic Order of Does through the Director of Organization for a dispensation for a charter if they meet the following requirements:

1. Is a wife, widow, mother, sister, or daughter of an Elk who is a member in good standing or was at the time of his death
2. Is an American citizen
3. Is a believer in God
4. Has attained the age of 21
5. Lives in the jurisdiction of the Drove
6. Is not a member of any other Drove

Officers of a Drove are as follows:

Elective:
President, First Counselor, Senior Counselor, Junior Counselor, Secretary, Treasurer, Outer Guard, Inner Guard, Conductor, Musician, and three Trustees

Appointive:
Chaplain, Assistant Musician, Assistant Conductor, four Color Bearers, and four Attendants

District or State Meetings

District or state meetings are held yearly on designated dates scheduled by the Supreme President, hosted by individual DroveS within the district or state, and are well attended by both Does and their husbands. Officers for the district or state are elected at this meeting and a school of instruction in the performance of ritual work is conducted under the supervision of the Supreme President.

Annual Grand Lodge Conventions

The Grand Lodge Conventions are held yearly in the month of June, are largely attended by both Does and their husbands, and have proved very instructive and progressive. National conventions are held in all parts of the United States.

Past Supreme Presidents from Florida:

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“To Help a Crippled Child is to do the Will of God”

Seventy-Seventh Annual Session
Florida State Elks Association
May 26-29, 1983
TAMPA, FLORIDA

State President Carl Vaughn gave his annual report. Jim Oliver, Hospital Administrator, died September 12, 1983. Convention attendance was 2,506. There were 109 Lodges in the Association with a membership of 77,034. Five Lodges did not have a Ladies organization. Ben S. Brown, Jr. was appointed Hospital Administrator October 1, 1983. The following Lodges were instituted: Port St. Lucie No. 2658 on March 27, 1983; Lake Placid No. 2661 on June 18, 1983; Boynton Beach No. 2676 on November 12, 1983; and South Hillsborough No. 2672 on December 10, 1983.

Ocala No. 286 won the state ritual contest and also won the national ritual championship.

The following officers were elected to serve for the 1983-1984 term:

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Daytona Beach was selected as the site for the 1984 convention.

George Dominianni passed away on May 2, 2005. His eulogy was given by Larry M. Croy, PDD at the Elks Memorial Service and is printed below:
Past State President George Dominianni passed away on Monday, May 2 at Florida Hospital in Palm Coast from heart failure following ten days in intensive care. He was 85 years old at his passing.

George was born in Brooklyn, NY on May 9, 1919, where he grew up and attended both high school and Brooklyn College. While attending both high school and college, he worked part time in his family’s butcher shop business. After college, George went to work in the NY Stock Exchange for several years until his father became severely ill and needed him to come back to help run the business. This is where he met Miss Ada Manson one afternoon when she came in with her sister to do some grocery shopping. He fell in love at first sight and asked her out on a date. She promptly refused. After several months’ pursuit, George won that date with Ada, so George and Ada were married in 1951. They celebrated their 54th year of marriage on March 25.

George and Ada moved from Brooklyn to Glen Cove, NY on Long Island in 1958 after he took over ownership of his father’s business at his father’s passing. George worked hard in the meat business and expanded the one market into a chain with three locations. After nine years in Glen Cove, they moved to Glen Head, NY (still on Long Island) where they lived for another six years. In 1972, George and Ada decided to sell the markets and retire to Florida, so they moved to Keystone Heights.

After a year or so of retirement, George became bored and took a job with the State of Florida as a meat inspector. George was assigned to the Copeland Sausage Co. in Alachua near Gainesville. Upon the closing of the Copeland plant a couple of years later, George was reassigned to Best Packers Meat Co. in Palatka where he worked until he retired again in 1987.

George was a devoted Catholic and was very active in the church. He was a member of the Order of Alhambra as well as the Knights of Columbus. In the Knights, he became a Past Grand Knight, attaining the rank of a fourth degree Knight. He went on to serve the Knights as their District Warden for three consecutive years. Upon moving to Palm Coast in 1995, George joined the local Knights of Columbus Lodge.

George’s history in the Elks began back in 1974 when he joined the Starke Elks Lodge #1802. He immediately became their Lodge Exalted Ruler, serving as their ER for two consecutive years. In 1977 and 1978, George served as State Chairman of Induction for two years and as the Lodge Secretary at the same time. George became the District Vice President of the Northeast District in 1979 and then District Deputy in 1980. He continued to serve on state committees until he became Vice President at Large in 1982 and State President in 1983. Following his year as President, George stayed active in the State Association serving on the Harry-Anna Trust Fund Committee for seven years, from 1985 to 1992, and then the Florida Elks Charities Committee for the next seven years, from 1992 to 2000. George also served for two terms lasting ten years until his eightieth birthday when he retired off of the committee in 2000. In addition to service to the State Association in one capacity or another for the past thirty years, George also served the Grand Lodge on their Credentials Committee for five years and as their chairman his final year on the committee.

George became District Sponsor for the East Central District in 1994 and served in that capacity until last fall when he relinquished his duties to be able to spend more time with his wife, Ada.

In addition to Ada Dominianni, his wife of 54 years, George was survived by a son, Warren, who lives in Boston, a brother, Frank, who lives in Orange, VA near Charlottesville, two grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Now I would like to read an excerpt from a letter George received from one of the district’s Lodge Secretaries, sent to George when George was hospitalized for knee surgery in 1996. Ada saved this letter because of the kind feelings expressed in it towards George. The letter reads:

“George, I’ve never had the occasion or reason to tell you this before, but you are one of the most sincere, honest, and decent men I have ever met. I’m not sure that you are aware of the high regard we all have of you. You are a bright light in a dark room. You lead by example, not by word. Many of us wish we could be more like you. You’re a good man, a good family man, and a good friend!”

I agree with this letter. George was a true gentleman as well as a true Elk. He dedicated the past thirty plus years to Elkdom and spent a majority of his waking hours working on Elk projects. He believed that Elks are and should behave as ladies and gentlemen. The few members who he met who didn’t behave as ladies and gentlemen, George avoided, not wishing to be around them. George felt that he shouldn’t have to waste this time with anyone who didn’t respect other people, so George surrounded himself with friends, and every one of these friends were as dedicated to Elkdom as himself.

If George were here today, I believe that he would say something similar to this. Life is too short to waste on people you don’t like being around, so find those people who you do like and be with them.

Ladies and gentlemen, I felt honored and I am thankful that George considered me one of his friends, and I know that I am a better person for having known him all of these many years.
Donor Recognition Wall, Florida State Elks Association

The donor recognition wall is located in the office of the Florida State Elks Association at the Youth Camp. This wall of honor recognizes those who have contributed in categories between $5,000 to over $90,000 to the Florida major projects. It was installed in 2006-2007.

Drug Awareness Education Program

Since 1986, the Drug Awareness Education Program has been providing a wide range of activities designed to discourage the use of illegal drugs, alcohol, and tobacco and to instill in children a set of principles that will guide them toward making the right choices throughout their lives. Sponsoring drug awareness contests has been one of the best ways that Elks have strengthened students’ resolve against drugs. By having youths draw or write about why drug use is a bad choice for them and their peers, Lodges have been able to help stem the growth of drug use in many communities.

This committee installs, implements, and monitors the Grand Lodge program in the individual subordinate Lodges and promotes the awareness of the Grand Lodge programs with the schools, parent groups, and allied community groups with parallel programs.

Grand Lodge presented a resolution adopting the Elks Drug Awareness Program.

Drug Awareness Resolution adopted at the
Elks National Convention, Wednesday, July 16, 1986

Be it resolved, that the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, its State Associations and the local Lodges, affirm and support the concept of – no, use - messages on drugs and alcohol to the nation’s youth and our opposition to the concept of “responsible use” of illicit substances. The message to our children must be no illicit drugs ever and no alcohol under the legal age.

Be it further resolved, that the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, its State Associations and local Lodges, oppose the legalization or discrimination of the use, possession, sale, or production of psychoactive substances, including cannabis, cocaine, and heroin, for anything other than authorized research or scientific purposes.

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Elks Drug Awareness Program is to promote constructive and cooperative approaches to the prevention of illicit substances by the youth of the United States of America. This will be accomplished through education of students and parents and by assisting scholastic institutions with programs and materials.

Elks Drug Awareness Program Goals

Conduct conferences, workshops, and training seminars to promote an understanding of substance abuse. To provide a vision and practical skills needed to transform substance abuse into restorative usefulness.

To develop, collect, and circulate resources on substance abuse, including curriculum, manuals, articles, and other materials.

Drug Awareness Teams Up With
Marvel Entertainment

U. S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

In 2006 the Elks National Drug Awareness Program teamed up with Marvel Entertainment and the U. S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to produce a comic book featuring Elroy the Elk, the Fantastic Four, and Spiderman in a battle against underage drinking. The comic book, *Hard Choices*, is designed to educate fourth through eighth graders about the perils of underage drinking. Five hundred thousand comic books were shipped in one month alone to select elementary and middle schools in Lodge communities across the nation. *Hard Choices* came with an accompanying teacher’s guide that contained fun, educational games for students to participate in and also doubles as a poster. The comic book also features the Elks Drug Awareness
Program Heroes Essay Contest. Fourth through eighth grade students compete for the grand prize and appear in a Marvel comic book simply by writing a short essay about the great things they could accomplish by staying away from drugs and alcohol.

(See also National Foundation Drug Awareness Program)

DuBose, J. W., President, Florida State Elks Association, 1927-1928

Twenty-Second Annual Session
Florida State Elks Association
April 24-26, 1927
DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

The following Lodges were represented: Jacksonville No. 221, Ocala No. 286, Tampa No. 708, St. Augustine No. 829, Miami No. 948, Gainesville No. 990, Orlando No. 1079, Daytona Beach No. 1141, St. Petersburg No. 1224, Palatka No. 1232, Sanford No. 1241, Fort Myers No. 1288, Lakeland No. 1291, West Palm Beach No. 1352, DeLand No. 1463, Bradenton No. 1511, Marianna No. 1516, Fort Lauderdale No. 1517, Sarasota No. 1519, Fort Pierce No. 1520, Arcadia No. 1524, and Lake Worth No. 1530.

The following officers were elected to serve for the 1927-1928 term:

- **President**: John DuBose, Jacksonville 221
- **First Vice President**: L. F. McCready, Miami 948
- **Second Vice President**: W. W. Joughin, Tampa 708
- **Third Vice President**: Harold Colee, St. Augustine 829
- **Secretary**: L. F. Chapman, DeLand 1463
- **Treasurer**: Henry Politz, Daytona Beach 1141
- **Tiler**: Edward Baker, West Palm Beach 1352
- **Chaplain**: Rev. F. A. Shore, Fort Myers 1288
- **Sergeant at Arms**: Joseph Reed, Tampa 708
- **Executive Committee**: Five Year Member, J. B. Stewart, Fernandina 795, One Year Member, Curtis Lindstrom, DeLand 1463
Dunedin/Clearwater Lodge 1525

Dunedin is one of the oldest towns on the west coast of Florida. It was established in the late 1860s shortly after the Civil War. It was originally known as Jonesboro, named after George I. Jones, the proprietor of a local general store, but in 1878 two Scotsmen, J. O. Douglas and James Somerville, arrived. Credit for the naming of Dunedin can be given to them. It was after the Gaelic name for Edinburgh, Scotland. “Dun” was a form of town and “Edin” was from the Irish saint, Edana.

Dunedin lies on the Pinellas Trail and St. Joseph Sound; the town is ideally located for commercial enterprises permitting good connection with shipping from around the world. It is located in Pinellas County.

In 1962, among Dunedin’s population of approximately 8,000, there were many Elks. Some were active in their sister Lodge, Clearwater #1525, and the Lodge to the north, Tarpon Springs Lodge #1719. Many were stray Elks having moved permanently but retaining their membership back home in the north. Others had let their membership lapse and there was need for action to bring them back into the Order.

In the autumn of that year, some independent thinking regarding new Lodge potential was apparently in the minds of two or three Elks. What was needed was some initiative to bring them together. Brother Harry Dishman supplied that initiative when he placed a notice in the local news media to those in the Dunedin area who might be interested in seeking the formation of a new Lodge. As a result of this action, about sixteen men gathered at the
Caladesi National Bank on November 20, 1962. Most of those present became members of the actual Organization Committee and/or the Lodge officers and trustees of the new Lodge when instituted.

The next step was to set up an official Organization Committee. It was composed of Harry Dishman, Chairman; Abraham Morelleik, Secretary; and John Roth, Treasurer. Committeemen were Harry Beukema, Donald Burns, Hans Gomperts, August Hahn, and S. A. Davis, Jr.

Now contact was made with the New Lodge Committee Chairman who was Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Robert B. Cameron. Bob became affectionately known as the “Father of 2775.”

Meetings of the committee were now being held in the conference room of Mease Hospital. Under the advice and guiding hand of Bob Cameron, the plans and preparations led ultimately to formal request for dispensation. Grand Exalted Ruler Lee A. Donaldson granted that request on January 11, 1963. (As immediate PGER, Lee Donaldson was the official representative of the dedication of the Lodge home.) This was their first Lodge home.

At two o’clock Saturday afternoon, March 9, 1963 in the Lodge room of Clearwater Lodge #1525, there began the extensive and impressive ceremonials of institution, initiation, and installation which culminated in the birth of Florida’s 82nd subordinate Lodge, Dunedin Lodge #2275. Past and present Grand Lodge and Florida State Association members from around the state performed the ceremonial of institution. The officers of Clearwater Lodge #1525 performed the initiation ritual. The official representative of the Grand Lodge was PGER William A. Wall of West Palm Beach.

Dunedin was instituted on March 9, 1963, just 22 days before the end of the fiscal year, 1962-1963. Therefore, it was understood that the officers elected were to be reinstalled as the Lodge officers for 1963-1964.

**Dunedin Charter Officers:**

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After the ceremonies, a special tea party was held for all the ladies at the Jack Tar Harrison Hotel. The evening social activities included a buffet dinner at the same hotel followed by a dance in the Grand Ballroom with music furnished by the Tarpon Springs Elks Band.

BPOE Lodge 2775 held its meetings each Thursday in the Skyline Room of McKowan’s Restaurant. It was very obvious to all that the facilities available were 95 percent inadequate. A committee was set up to expeditiously survey the entire area in an effort to uncover any properties with potential. The Lodge trustees (and membership) finally approved the recommendation to negotiate the purchase of the Beatty residence at 1240 San Christopher Drive. As planned, it lent itself to expansion and improvements.

This was not without trial and tribulation, however. Vehemently differing opinions led to heated arguments and bitter animosities over such subjects as the mortgage, signatories thereto, the issuing of debentures, interpretation of Grand Lodge statutes, and priorities in adapting the property to the needs of the Lodge’s operations and its programs, to name a few. The peaks and valleys over twenty years or more of growth and accomplishment have ranged from great successes under competent leadership and a working membership to the opposite extreme of surrendering the charter voluntarily or having it revoked by Grand Lodge actions.

At this point, we leave the negative, more gloomy interludes in the history of the Lodge, having avoided specifics such as names and dates, and move on to the positive, its praiseworthy achievements and successes.

The declared purposes of the Order of Elks are to practice its four cardinal virtues, charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; and to cultivate good fellowship. The primary objective of the Order is the practice of charity in its broadest significance. It therefore early on adopted the policy of permitting its subordinate Lodges to select for themselves the benevolent endeavors in which they desired to engage. Almost from the moment of its institution, Dunedin 2275 was active in the area. An annual commitment of challenging proportions has been made and achieved each year to the Harry-Anna Crippled Children’s Hospital, the Elks Children’s Hospital, and more recently to the Florida Elks Children’s Therapy Services. They also sponsored and supported a Girl Scout Troop for severely retarded girls.

No account of the successes of a Lodge would be complete without giving recognition to the autonomous organization known as the “Ladies of the Elks” (sometimes known as the Does or the Emblem Club). Functioning under its own leadership and bylaws, the ladies’ sole reason for existence is to aid, assist, and support the Lodge financially and socially. Organized in April 1963, the Ladies have sponsored social affairs, bazaars, fashion shows, rummage sales, etc., the proceeds of which are always used to support and benefit the Lodge’s programs and projects.

Another autonomous group lending support to the Lodge has been The Dunedin Elks Clown Association both financially as well as by participating in parades and other special functions, thereby enhancing the public image of the Order. The clowns have donated generously to the Florida State Elks major project.

The Dunedin Elks Clown Association

The Dunedin Elks Clown Association was instituted on March 13, 1978 by a group of Dunedin Elks committed to bringing a touch of joy to the unfortunate.

The original officers were Director, Don Enrich (then serving as Exalted Ruler); Assistant Director, Glen Cox; Secretary, Ernest Brautigam, PER; and Treasurer, Dan Guist, PER. Other members were Lee Strysick; Pat Kelly, Jr.; Dan Galgano; Hjoh Walsingham; Jim West, PER; and Mike Norris.

The early aims of the clowns were to attend the Elks Crippled Children’s Hospital in Umatilla, FL to entertain the patients on a semiannual basis and to appear at nursing homes, children’s hospitals, and retarded centers in addition to participating in area wide parades as a uniformed group. The original concept of the clowns banned the use of children in clown functions and women were not permitted to belong. During the course of events women were admitted to membership and comprised a majority of the clown members.

Shortly after organization, the clowns were given title to a 1937 fire truck that the City of Dunedin had declared surplus. This truck is now a trademark of the clowns and has appeared in many area events and was taken to Umatilla on one of their appearances to entertain children.

Shortly after organization, the clowns agreed to place candy boxes in local retail stores to raise funds to purchase Harry-Anna Trust Fund certificates. The proceeds of this volunteer effort received from the public made it possible for the Dunedin clowns to purchase $9,000 in certificates. In addition to certificate purchases, the clowns have engaged in public solicitation at Christmastime to assist the Elks in meeting their commitment, raising $3,200 in 1981 and 1982.

The clowns have been commended by the Grand Lodge for their public relations to improve the Elks image.
Past Exalted Rulers:

1963-1964  Harry Dishman  
1964-1965  Ernest E. Holmberg  
1965-1966  Harry Staudt  
1966-1967  Raymond A. Argyros  
1967-1968  Arthur T. Kirley  
1968-1969  Harry L. Woolley  
1969-1970  John G. Ruegger  
1970-1971  
1971-1972  Harry L. Woolley  
1972-1973  James “Ted” Lanker  
1973-1974  Marvin Marston  
1974-1975  William Sibson  
1976-1977  William Sibson  
1977-1978  Don Emrich  
1979-1980  Ernest Waters  
1980-1981  
1981-1982  David K. Ustick  
1982-1983  Daniel H. Guist  
1983-1984  Ernest Waters  
1984-1985  William Huntington  
1985-1986  
1986-1987  Delbert W. Luecke  
1987-1988  Charlie Freunscht  
1988-1989  George Moser  
1989-1990  Don Van Black  
1990-1991  Sheppard Finkelstein  
1991-1992  Franklin Lay

Past Presidents of the Lady Elks:

1974-1975  Shirley Saitta  
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1976-1977  Pat Emerich  
1977-1978  Thema Fannon  
1978-1979  Ardie Ustick  
1979-1980  Mickey Sankbeil  
1980-1981  Lois Reinhardt  
1981-1982  Winnie Johnston  
1982-1983  Janet Brautigam  
1983-1984  Estelle Comeau  
1984-1985  Patty Short  
1985-1986  Rose Moore  
1986-1987  Vi Buckley  
1987-1988  Jean Antonsen
James A. Dunn was born on February 14, 1890 in Marshalltown, IA. Following early schooling in his hometown, he attended Georgetown University where he attained his law degree. He was also one of the great leaders of the Order of Elks as well as an outstanding citizen, civic worker, and public official of the community.

Following graduation at Georgetown University, he brought his family to Miami and took up the practice of law. He became keenly interested in social and civic work in the community and in 1933 he was appointed Municipal Judge of the City of Miami, a position he held until 1941 at which time he was appointed Commissioner of the City of Miami. He was repeatedly elected Commissioner of the City and retired from this position in 1947.

Jim became interested in the Order of Elks in the early twenties when he was initiated as a member of Marshalltown, IA Lodge #312. He demitted to Miami Lodge #948 on February 13, 1935. Immediately following his demit to Miami, he became interested in Lodge committee work, served through all of the chair offices, and was elected Exalted Ruler of Miami Lodge in 1939. In 1941 he was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of Florida South. The following year he was elected Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight of the Grand Lodge and in 1946 he was unanimously elected President of the Florida State Elks Association.

Throughout his affiliation with the Order, he maintained a deep interest in crippled children’s work and devoted his efforts to the welfare of the Order.

He died in the Lodge year 1954-1955.

Fortieth Annual Session
Florida State Elks Association
June 2-4, 1946
MAIMI BEACH, FLORIDA

The following Lodges were represented: Arcadia No. 1524, Bradenton No. 1511, Clearwater No. 1525, Cocoa No. 1532, Coral Gables No. 1676, Daytona Beach No. 1141, DeLand No. 1463, Eustis No. 1578, Fort Lauderdale No. 1517, Fort Myers No. 1288, Fort Pierce No. 1520, Gainesville No. 990, Jacksonville No. 221, Key West No. 551, Leesburg No. 1703, Lake City No. 893, Lakeland No. 1291, Lake Worth No. 1530, Miami No. 948, Miami Beach No. 1601, New Smyrna Beach No. 1557, Ocala No. 286, Orlando No. 1079, Palatka No. 1232, Pahokee No. 1638, Pensacola No. 497, Sanford No. 1241, Sarasota No. 1519, St. Augustine No. 829, St. Petersburg No. 1224, Tallahassee No. 937, Tampa No. 708, West Palm Beach No. 1352, Winter Haven No. 1672, and Wauchula No. 1700.
President Umstot reported on the Harry-Anna Crippled Children’s Home stating that it was on a firm financial basis. He noted that the Elks had increased in membership between 2,400 and 2,500 members, that $6,775 was sent to the Florida State Elks Association, and that visitation was at a new high.

The following changes were made in the bylaws: Article V, Sec. 4, pertaining to the Board of Directors; Article V, Sec. 5, the Harry-Anna Home Committee; Article V, Sec. 9, Secretary, duties of, etc.; Article V, Sec. 10, Treasurer, duties of, etc.; and Article V, Sec. 14, Duties of the Harry-Anna Home Committee. The amendments to these bylaws are given in detail on pages 35-38 of the annual proceedings for the year 1946.

A proposed charter for the Florida State Elks Association was presented to the membership along with necessary amendments to the Association bylaws so as to coincide with the proposed charter. Motion for approval of the proposed charter unanimously carried June 4, 1946.

Results of the state ritualistic contest were as follows: first place, Tallahassee, score 97.91; second place, Lake Worth, score 97.85; third place, Miami Beach, score 97.78; and fourth place, Clearwater, score 96.84.

The following officers were elected to serve for the 1946-1947 term:

- **President**: James A. Dunn, Miami
- **Vice President, Southwest Division**: Lee Haymen, St. Petersburg
- **Vice President, Southeast Division**: Peter Ross, Key West
- **Vice President, Central Division**: Wilson Leonard, Orlando
- **Vice President, Northeast Division**: Allen C. Winter, Jacksonville
- **Vice President, Northwest Division**: Marvin Collins, Tallahassee
- **Secretary**: Chelsie J. Senerchia, Miami
- **Treasurer**: Claude L. Johnson, Tallahassee
- **Tiler**: Joseph A. Hukle, Miami Beach
- **Historian**: Howell A. Davis, Palatka
- **Chaplain**: Rev. John Francis McKeown, Eustis
- **Sergeant at Arms**: Peter Gessner, DeLand

**Board of Directors (First in Association):**
- James A. Dunn, Miami 948
- J. Frank Umstot, Tampa 708
- Chelsie J. Senerchia, Miami 948
- Claude L. Johnson, Tallahassee 937
- Wm. A. Wall, West Palm Beach 1352
- Bill Pearce, Palatka 1232
- Chas. G. Campbell, Lake City 893
- James J. Fernandez, Tampa 708

Tampa was selected as the site for the 1947-1948 annual session.

**Duration Stickers**

During World War II, the remitting of dues for members in the armed forces was a voluntary action taken by most of the subordinate Lodges. A duration sticker was designed and furnished by the Elks War Commission so that all cards would be uniform. When the serviceman was discharged from service and once again became a citizen, he was required to start paying his dues at the next dues paying period, either April 1 or October 1. Once World War II was over, duration stickers were discontinued.