Kent, John T.

(From *An Authentic History of the B. P. O. Elks* by Ellis)

One of the “Fifteen Original Jolly Corks,” was born in Coventry, England, October 14, 1841. He came with his parents to America in 1850 and they settled in Utica, N.Y, where he attended school and assisted his father in the meat business until he reached the age of eighteen, when Mr. Kent went to New York City. As a young man he was possessed of a fine tenor voice and for a short time after his arrival in New York City was with Wood’s Minstrels and was quite in demand for concert work. He learned the printing and engraving business and was engaged in that line in New York and Washington, D.C. until 1871, when he entered the paper house of Horace Taylor on John Street, New York City, and was with that concern for thirty-five years, until 1906. After about a year’s illness Kent passed away at his home in Jersey City, N.J. on December 28, 1906, aged sixty-five years. He was buried in New York Bay Cemetery, Jersey City, N.J.

Kent was married in Jersey City, N.J. on May 5, 1872, to Miss Carrie F. Earl. They had two children, John T. Kent and George E. Kent, the latter son and the father both members of Jersey City Lodge No. 211, B.P.O.E.

### Key West Lodge 551

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Key West is nine square miles of coral rock holding about 11,000 people. It is 120 miles off the Florida mainland and ninety miles from Cuba. John Dos Passos wrote that Key West is “really an island. It was a coaling station.”

Key West Lodge is one of the founding Lodges of the Florida State Elks Association. It was the fourth Lodge to be instituted in Florida. Located in the South District, it received its dispensation on January 14, 1900 and was instituted on February 14, 1900. It had 48 charter members.

Its founding preceded the construction of “Flagler’s Folly,” the railroad across the Keys to Key West in which construction was commenced in 1905. Flagler’s own civil engineers and crews built the project because the magnitude of the project deterred contractors. The Overseas Extension spanned 127.84 miles from Homestead to Key West. Seventy-five miles were over water or marsh. The longest viaduct, between Knights Key and Bahia Honda Key, covered seven miles of almost unbroken water. The task required seven years to complete with a work force of 3,000 to 4,000 men. The extension was completed on January 22, 1912 when Key West Lodge was already twelve years old and it was in time to carry 82-year-old Flagler to ride the first train. The extension that was intended to carry freight between the United States and Cuba and the West Indies never was profitable. Its trackage was badly damaged by the Labor Day Hurricane of 1935 and the railroad abandoned, but the bridges and viaducts withstood the storm and subsequently were used as the foundation for the Overseas Highway that goes to sea, connecting Key West Elks with Florida mainland.

The organizer of the Lodge was W. U. Simon who was in Key West with the U. S. Weather Bureau. Simon started the necessary paperwork in 1899 and was appointed as the organizing Exalted Ruler. The first elected
Exalted Ruler of the Lodge was Dr. John B. Maloney who was later Mayor of Key West; his descendants are still members of the Lodge.

At that time Key West was a small fishing town with a military base. The Spanish American War had just ended and there was still a lot of military activity in the area. A permanent Army barrack was established and many of the early members of the Lodge had connections with the military.

The first home of the Lodge was in a rented building, known as the Garden Theatre, which stood on the south side of Caroline Street between Duval and Whitehead Streets. Shortly thereafter, they rented the second floor of a two-story brick building on the corner of Front and Fitzpatrick Streets from John W. Sawyer who used the ground floor for a clothing store. The building later housed the department store known as The Bird in Hand.

From there, the Lodge embarked on a most distinguished and prominent endeavor of fraternal, charitable, and patriotic contributions to this city.

Several years later, in 1901, the Lodge moved again. The Lodge purchased a two-story frame building located at 117/119 Duval Street known as the Duval House. It was almost directly across the street from what was the later location of the Southeast Bank. This building is no longer standing.

Within nine years a larger meeting place was needed for a growing membership. The Lodge then sold this building in 1910 and rented a two and a half story building at 313 Duval Street. It was built in 1899 by Key West millionaire William Curry (Key West's first millionaire) for his son, Robert O. Curry, and was one of only a few buildings in Key West to have a fireplace. (The fireplace was built because Mr. Curry suffered from asthma.) Ten years later, January 2, 1920, the Key West Elks Club, Inc. bought the building from the Curry family. It was
purchased for $22,000, a considerable sum in those days. It lay on a plot of land 77 feet along Duval Street and 242 feet deep.

During the next few years, there was very little growth in the membership. Because of World War II, the buildup of the naval base brought to Key West many military and civilian personnel. This increase in population brought additional members and the Lodge grew substantially.

In 1946 the members decided to host the 1948 state convention. A committee was appointed to travel to Tampa (by bus and cars) and successfully bid on the state convention to be held in Key West.

The Lodge needed to expand its facilities to accommodate a state convention. Therefore a concrete block annex was added onto the rear of the building. The plans for the building, the general contracting, the subcontracting, and the air-conditioning (the entire project) were all done by the Elks. The cost of this project was $50,000 and the mortgage was burned in 1953.

Brothers Fred C. Frohock, C. B. Harvey, and Ralph Spaulding prepared plans for the Annex. The General Contractor was Brother Charlie Toppino & Sons. Brother Joe Sirugo was a subcontractor who did the terrazzo floor and Brother Sonny Harden rebuilt the old compressors from the S. H. Kress Building for the air-conditioning system. J. Stuart Hicks, the Exalted Ruler during this time, played an important role in the construction. Brothers Judge Raymond Lord, Isadore Weintub, and John M. Spottswood (grandson of the first elected Exalted Ruler) also contributed much.

During these years, the Lodge sponsored a successful bingo night each week.
The Key West Teen Club #551 was formed by the teenagers and sponsored by the Elks for the recreation and enjoyment of young people. Dances and parties were planned and committees were comprised of the teenagers who actively planned their socials.

The Does played an important part in the Lodge. The wives of the members organized this group. They prepared and served dinners and helped with the dances and other entertainment to raise funds for charitable events sponsored by the Lodge.

For 75 years at the Duval Street location, the Elks Lodge was the center of Key West social life. Formal parties, dinner dances, wedding receptions, showers, and other social events were held there.

Many of its members were prominent figures in the community. Some of them became Exalted Rulers and then moved on to state and district levels such as State Vice Presidents and District Deputies of the South District. The Lodge has been fortunate to have eleven of its members become District Deputies.

**District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:**

1903-1904 Ramon Alvarez
1907-1908 W. H. Harris
1910-1912 Jefferson B. Browne
1916-1917 W. L. Bates
1921-1922 Frank H. Ladd
1947-1948 P. J. Ross
1956-1957 Earl R. Adams
1964-1965 Joseph E. Bucks
1971-1972 Harry F. Knight
1980-1981 Jessie L. Woodruff
1992-1993 Donald R. Curry

These are positions of honor and privilege. One of the most distinguished members was Judge Jefferson B. Brown who served as Exalted Ruler from 1907-1908 and as District Deputy for two terms from 1910-1912. He was appointed Justice on the Grand Forum, which is the Supreme Court of Elkdom. He also served with distinction as a Florida State Senator.

During the late 1940s and 1950s, Key West grew as more and more people were moving to Florida as they found out about Florida’s climate and atmosphere. However, with the growth, the socioeconomics changed. Instead of a small town with a large military base, a strong fishing economy and a small tourist industry developed and things changed.

The change was precipitated with the closing of the naval base in 1974. It was a gradual closing and the members whose jobs were eliminated in Key West were forced to move elsewhere. By the late 1970s, Key West was developing into a tourist oriented economy. With that came the hippies and other street people and the lower end of the main street, Duval, became their hangout. Parking became a major problem around the Elks property and attendance fell off at meetings; their social activities were affected as well.

During the 1950s the members successfully spearheaded a drive to raise funds to benefit the polio drive for the March of Dimes. An iron lung was purchased for the State Children’s Hospital in Umatilla, FL.

In 1984 the Lodge could no longer afford the expenses of taxes, insurance, and other bills. Much to their regret, the membership decided to sell the building. A sale was consummated and they moved out at the end of August 1984. It had been the intention of the Lodge to immediately acquire another site for a new home. However, the purchaser of the former home defaulted and before they could foreclose on him, he filed bankruptcy. The Lodge was tied up until March 1987 before they had funds to purchase another location. By this time the price of property in Key West had increased dramatically.

The Lodge in the meantime had moved to the American Legion hall where it continued its activities and socials. Here they rented their meeting room and office space. At one time, the Lodge joined the Legion in improving these facilities such as air-conditioning, lowered ceilings, etc.

In December 1996, the Elks purchased property at 3201 Flagler Avenue. This building was remodeled to suit the needs of a meeting room and a social club. An office was added to accommodate the Lodge’s Secretary. The space is ample and bright with all new furnishings that make it attractive and functional.

The restoration and reframing of the pictures of the Exalted Rulers past and present has resulted in an outstanding gallery worthy of mention.

They are now able to conduct meetings and socials in their own building once again.
The Key West Lodge has had an outstanding Americanism program. When citizenship was granted to a person at the Federal Courthouse, representatives of the Lodge would proudly present each of these new citizens with an American flag, but citizenship is no longer accorded in Key West. At the present time, through their Americanism program, a U. S. bond and a plaque is given for American history to an outstanding senior of their local high school.

Much is owed to the following for history and photos:
Eugene R. Fabel, PER, Chairman of 100th Anniversary Committee
Donald R. Curry, PDDGER and Harry E. Knight, PDDGER for contribution of articles & information on Lodge history
Tom Hambright of Monroe County Library, Florida History Department
Shelly Malone and Phyllis Strunk and Photo Collection of Wright Langley
George R. Ruffling for research of archives and compiling and rewriting history

Charter Members:

Allen, George W. Banker, Collector of Port Taxes, Deputy Clerk Florida Circuit Court & U.S. District Court
Appleyard, T. J. Newspaper (The Inter Ocean)
Atchison, Alfred Shops Salvager
Atkins, John Manager, Telegraph & Cable Co.
Ball, Charles Q. Manager & Treasurer, San Carlos; Editor, Key West Advertising Agency
Ball, Egbert P. Newspaper Business
Barlum, C. W. L. Mayor, Sponge Dealer
Cash, William D. First President of Key West Chamber of Commerce, Mayor
Curry, Joshua Board of Public Works, Saloon Owner
Curry, M. W. Builder (built Curry Mansion), Shipping Business
Curry, Dr. R. D. Medical Doctor
Falk, Charles Cigar Manufacturer
Falk, Edgar Cigar Manufacturer
Fogerty, Dr. J. Medical Doctor, Mayor
Harris, Dr. J. V. Medical Doctor, School Board
Harris J. Vining Attorney, Judge
Harris, W. H. Attorney, City Police Justice
Johnson, J. W. Hardware Store
Johnson, S. O. Grocery Business
Johnson, V. A. Clothing Store
Kerr, William R. Architect, Builder (built second part of St. Mary Convent)
Knight, Peter T. Clerk of Circuit Court, Newspaper Business
Lightbourne, W. T. Cigar Manufacturer
Lowe, Edward L. Clerk
Maloney, Dr. J. B. Medical Doctor, Mayor
McMahon, W. A. Machinist at Naval Station
Montsalvarge, R. Alfred Banker, Mayor
Moreno, Mason S. Agent, Southern Express Co.
Murphy, Dr. R. D. Medical Doctor
Navarro, Jose M. Cigar Manufacturer
Otto, Julis U. S. Commissioner
Otto, Thomas O. Tax Assessor
Patterson, G. Browne Attorney, District Attorney Postmaster
Piodela, Jose G. Wine Merchant
Pohalski, Lincoln Cigar Manufacturer
Porter, Dr. Joseph Y. Medical Doctor, State Senator
The Lodge celebrated one hundred years on Sunday, March 4, 2000 at Holiday Inn Beachside.

The Lodge officers were:

- Exalted Ruler: James Griffin, PER
- Leading Knight: George Ruffing, PER
- Loyal Knight: James A. Kelly, PER
- Lecturing Knight: Tim Esquinaldo
- Secretary: Donald R. Curry, PDDGER
- Chaplain: Kathryn A. Smallenburg
- Tiler: Valter A. Vinson
- Esquire: Joan Lord-Papy
- Trustees: Bernard Brown, Chairman
  Ray Alvarez, Vice Chairman
  Jeffery Dean
  Eugene Fabal, PER
  Hugh R. Papy, PER

Eugene Fabal, PER was Chairman of the 100th Anniversary Committee.

March 4, 2000:
The 100th Anniversary Program for Key West Elks

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Kimmel, Marvin L., President, Florida State Elks Association, 1967-1968

Motto: If you see a brother Elk without a smile, give him yours.

The following officers were elected to serve for the 1967-1968 term:

- **President**: Marvin L. Kimmel, Miami Beach
- **Secretary**: William Lieberman, Leesburg
- **Treasurer**: Frank J. Holt, Miami
- **Tiler**: Michael Stevens, Ormond Beach
- **Historian**: L. M. Strickland, Sr., Tallahassee
- **Sergeant at Arms**: Harold Rosen, Miami Beach
- **Chaplain**: Norman P. O’Brien, Coral Gables
- **Organist**: Charles Doolittle, Daytona Beach
- **Vice President, Northwest District**: C. W. Burnett Madison
- **Vice President, Northeast District**: Harold B. Haimowitz
- **Vice President, East Central District**: R. W. Evans, New Smyrna Beach
- **Vice President, Central District**: Malcolm McCall, Eustis
- **Vice President, West Central District**: Henry Schmidt, Tarpon Springs
- **Vice President, Southwest District**: Charles E. Legg, Sarasota
- **Vice President, Southeast District**: James P. Murphy, Delray Beach
- **Vice President, South District**: Daniel G. Satin, Miami

N. Lauderdale (later N. Fort Lauderdale) 2407 was instituted on February 2, 1969.

*Florida Elks News* won first place in the Grand Lodge State Bulletin Contest.

Orlando Lodge 1079 won the state ritual contest.
Kirby, C. C., President, Florida State Elks Association, 1922-1923

Seventeenth Annual Session
Florida State Elks Association
April 26-28, 1922
JACKSONVILLE, 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 No. 1141, St. Petersburg No. 1224, Lakeland No. 1291, and West Palm Beach No. 1352.

The following were appointed:

- Acting Secretary: P. M. Henderson, Lakeland 1291
- Chaplain: W. C. Kent, Jacksonville 221
- Sergeant at Arms: Lee Booth, Jacksonville 221
- Tiler: George Malclius, Jacksonville 221
- Inner Guard: A. C. Hammerick, Jacksonville 221

Big Brother movement in accordance with Chapter 17, Section 234 of the Constitution was recommended by the President. It was adopted and the incoming President and Vice President appointed a committee on Big Brother movement.

It was recommended that the Daytona Beach Lodge band go to the Grand Lodge Convention in Atlantic City, same representing all Florida Elks. The band was to carry a banner representing such. Expenses were to be defrayed by the Lodges participating.

The following officers were elected to serve for the 1922-1923 term:

- President: C. C. Kirby, Jacksonville 221
- First Vice President: D. Scholtz, Daytona Beach 1141
- Second Vice President: C. Y. Miller, Ocala 286
- Third Vice President: R. C. Baker, West Palm Beach 1352
- Secretary: P. M. Henderson, Lakeland 1291
- Treasurer: W. P. Mooty, Miami 948
- Chaplain: F. W. Ramm, St. Petersburg 1224
- Sergeant at Arms: Justin Van Bruskirk, Orlando 1079
- Tiler: Elmer McCreary, Gainesville 990
- Executive Committee: C. C. Kirby, Jacksonville 221
Selection of a meeting place for the eighteenth annual session was left to the Executive Committee. (Daytona was selected at a later date.)

**Kirchhoff, Bodo, Former Editor of *Florida Elks News***

Bodo Kirchhoff was born in Hanover, Germany on October 25, 1907 and immigrated to the United States in pursuit of higher education. He attended the University of Southern California where he obtained his Master’s degree and where he met and married his wife, Lynn.

In 1940 they moved to Kissimmee and became active in the citrus business. When Kissimmee Lodge No. 1873 was formed in 1953, Kirchhoff became one of its charter members and his love affair with Elkdom began. He served his Lodge twice as Exalted Ruler, first in 1962 and again in 1973. He was elected Vice President of the State Association in 1970 and in 1971 was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. During much of this period he served as Editor of the *Florida Elks News* and as a member of the board of directors of the Florida Elks Children’s Hospital. He was later Editor Emeritus of the *Florida Elks News*.

Kirchhoff died on April 9, 1990.

**Kissimmee Lodge 1873**

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The following officers officiated:

- **Grand Exalted Ruler**: Charles Poole
- **Grand Esteemed Leading Knight**: William McCall
- **Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight**: George Carver
- **Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight**: Robert Moore
- **Grand Secretary**: James J. Fernandez
- **Grand Treasurer**: Hubert Griggs
- **Grand Tiler**: Leo Butner
- **Grand Chaplain**: Victor O. Wehle
- **Grand Organist**: Al Coe
- **Grand Esquire**: Cullen H. Talton
- **Grand Inner Guard**: Lloyd M. Hicks
- **Grand Trustee**: Howell Davis
- **Grand Trustee**: Porter Tyner
- **Grand Trustee**: Victor Kuhl
- **Grand Trustee**: William T. Knight
- **Grand Trustee**: Jasper Wolfe
The following officers of Orlando Lodge No. 1079 initiated the new candidates:

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The following are charter members: George Anderson; Jack Bass; George Bast, Jr.; J. D. Benton; Irlo Bronson; Oren Brown; Robert M. Buckels; John S. Cadel; Eugene A. Canale; John E. Carroll; N. Ray Carroll; Joseph R. Childers; Robert S. Cody; Charles D. Cotton; J. W. Cowart; Jack Crum; Ralph E. Darmin; E. A. Densmore; Clarence D. DeWitt; S. Ed Ford; Herbert E. Frazer; William Gephart; Owen Godwin; Harold B. Goodell; Lother H. Goold; R. L. Graves, Jr.; Edward Grissom, Jr.; John Hoppen; Allen W. Hunt; William H. Ingram; Lester Ivey; Dr. M. L. Jewell; Melvin Johnson; Dan M. Johnston; Philipp R. Kelley; Albert L. Kerr; Clinton L. Ketchum; A. E. Young; Bodo Kirchhoff; Thomas E. Lee; Art E. Logsdon; George Mansfield; Everett P. Milar; Riley S. Miles; Dr. Robt. E. Moorman; John F. Muller; Walter W. Murphy; Ed P. Neid; L. C. Nivens; Newt Norris; David Nunn, Jr.; G. H. Prather; William H. Prather; Thomas Lee Quirk; Carl W. Riedel; Lawrence Rogers; C. C. Smith; Michael J. Stanko; Joseph H. Stanton; Edward W. Stewart; J. I. Stockdale; Les R. Squires; Harry F. Thompson; Dr. Chas. C. Tindall; Richard E. Tindall; Robert D. Walker; W. O. Wells; Robert M. Whidden; M. Dee Wilson; Earl F. Yates; Richard M. Acree; W. C. Barrett; Charles B. Burnett; Archie W. Birchwood; Gene H. Carr; Dr. Tom Cost; Doyle Davis; Guy H. DeShazo; Walter J. Duhaime; Gilbert Fortune; D. T. Geist; Edgar W. Hall; Harvey H. Hale; Carlyle Hatchell; William M. Haynie; Ross H. Henderson; Walter B. Hutcheson; John H. Jones; Harry K. Jowers; John J. Kelly; D. F. Lawson; Melbourne Littlefield; John T. Livingston; E. J. Pat Ledger; C. H. Incas; James Earl Lupfer; Frank Jamieski; Wilbur H. More; Houston L. Partin; F. M. Paul; Ed Piatt; George Reynolds; Silas F. Reynolds; J. W. Richards; Joseph Schweizer; William Y. Seel; Earl H. Schmidt; Arthur W. Shook; George Smolik; Col. Fred Thomas; L. H. Tress; and Hubert J. Tregre.

They rented various locations until 1958 when the Lodge was built. There was a mortgage burning in February 1962.

Bodo Kirchhoff, longtime Editor of the Florida Elks News and later Editor Emeritus, was a member of the Lodge.

The following Grand Lodge officers instituted the new Lodge:

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It was January 24, 1953 when Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873 was instituted in ceremonies held at the Tropical Hotel in Kissimmee. There were 122 charter members. The officers of Orlando Lodge #1079, sponsors of Kissimmee, initiated the new members.

At first there were no quarters for the Lodge until they were able to obtain the Baseball School Barracks as rented quarters for the off-season only. With very nominal alterations and remodeling, they opened their first bar facilities, had a separate corner for their first card table, and began to set up kitchen equipment with their own icebox and barbecue racks. Jimmy Sabetto served as bartender; Red Barrett and Bob Walker with other members cooked the first barbecue steak dinners.

John Cadel, Chairman of the Building Committee, was looking for ways and means of acquiring permanent club quarters. Exalted Ruler Tom Cost attended the National Convention in St. Louis that year. Upon their first visitation to their Lodge, things became quite disruptive as a result of heavy rains that flooded the quarters.

ER Tom Cost and Secretary Fay Paul attended the annual state convention held in St. Augustine that year. Their search for their own quarters ended with the renting of the upstairs of a building located at 217 ½ Broadway. In November 1953 after renovating the first half of the facility, they moved in. The second half of the alterations was completed in January 1954, permitting more space. Rent on this facility was set at $60 per month. Their members at a cost of about $5,000 did much of the rebuilding. Additional costs included $1,000 for air-cooling, kitchen equipment, and furnishings such as twenty tables and eighty chairs from the Brahman Inn, eight wooden benches for the Lodge meetings, etc.

Jimmy Moak now became a bartender and Red Barrett became part-time Steward.

Their first Flag Day ceremony was held in 1954 with Phil Kelley as the principal speaker. They also sponsored a Little League team and enjoyed their first Annual Midsummer Elks Picnic at Ivey’s Macy Island. They donated a bicycle for the kids’ fish-a-thon. The Kissimmee Youth Center was revitalized through the Elks’ sponsorship, attractive street signs were installed in the community, and a Lodge of Antlers was instituted. They published their Lodge bulletin beginning in July 1954 with Bodo Kirchhoff serving as Editor and with advertising providing the costs for printing.
In 1954-1955 the Elks presented 24 flags to the schoolrooms of the county. Irlo Bronson donated a side of beef and one hundred pounds of steaks for their big visitation night. Al Kerr and Jim Flanagan invited the local press representatives for observance of National Newspaper Week. Kissimmee officers performed the round-robin initiation ceremonies at Orlando #1079 and, entering the district ritualistic contest at Leesburg for the first time in their history, placed fourth out of four teams entered in the contest.

In 1955-1956 the board of trustees presented the annual budget and recommended the establishment of a separate building fund. Soon thereafter, Treasurer Al Kerr and Trustee Chairman Bodo Kirchhoff deposited the initial sum of $179 in this fund.

In 1955 the second successful Annual Midsummer Elks picnic was held at Macy Island. Orin Smith sold forty American flags to Kissimmee merchants. Local talent shows were presented by Jim Flanagan during the weekly Friday nights which were served by the Ladies of the Auxiliary and cooked by Bodo Kirchhoff. The Elks’ blood bank reserve with the Central Florida Blood Bank at Orlando was established.

The Kissimmee Lodge sponsored a Little League and a Babe Ruth baseball team. In this same year, a Thursday night steak dinner was instituted and the Ladies of the Auxiliary presented the officers with a set of Lodge jewels as a result of earnings from the serving of meals. Chairman Al Kerr presented 42 flags to the county schools in public ceremonies. They also sponsored a skating rink for Kissimmee youngsters. The Kissimmee Lodge of Antlers received an honorable mention award in the national Grand Lodge Bulletin Contest.

In the Lodge year 1956-1957, Jim Flanagan recently returned from overseas and conducted panel shows for Saturday family nights. Kissimmee’s first State Association appointments on the district level went to PER Ed Ford, PER George Mansfield, and Secretary Bodo Kirchhoff. A youth leadership contest was conducted for Kissimmee High School seniors, awarding U. S. bonds prizes. Kitchen equipment was acquired through a purchase from a St. Cloud Restaurant that had closed. Erick Magnusson and Abe Newcomer spearheaded a raffle on an automobile for the benefit of Harry-Anna. In this Lodge year the Kissimmee Gazette and St. Cloud News representatives along with their wives were feted during Newspaper Week which gained an honorable mention for Kissimmee in the Grand Lodge Newspaper Week Contest. This became an annual event.

**Purchase of First Property**

In 1956-1957 their first property acquisition was made for their Lodge to be located at 15 W. Darlington Avenue. Al Kerr conducted the negotiations and options were given by Paul Kramer to buy additional land and a corner building. The Building Committee under the chairmanship of George Mansfield immediately drew up plans for a new Lodge home.

Building plans were gradually formulated by architect Oren Eubank and by the Building Committee. On Wednesday, July 16, 1958, the official ground breaking ceremonies were held for the new home with State President Willis V. McCall and many other dignitaries officiating. Construction on the new home was begun by Kissimmee Lumber Company and went steadily forward. Finally the building was completed. There was a farewell party held in the “upstairs” home in the Third Annual Champagne Christmas Party and then a New Year’s Eve dance in the new home, even though there were some unfinished details. It was a packed home which served a smorgasbord prepared by the Ladies.

A sixth anniversary celebration was held on January 24, 1959 which included the initiation of a large class of new members, an open house for the public, and a reception for city officials and press. State President Willis V. McCall and Hospital Director, George Carver, flew in for the celebration. The celebration ended with a large anniversary dance on Saturday night.

On March 16, 1959, Grand Exalted Ruler Horace Wisely, together with Grand Trustee, Bill Wall; State President, Willis V. McCall; and other dignitaries visited the Kissimmee Lodge for the official dedication ceremonies of the new home and a (rather dismal) dinner. Membership was now at 359.

By 1959-1960 their first mortgage on the home was reduced to $10,000 and the building bonds to $19,400. Membership rose to 454 members.

In 1960-1961, they paved the parking lot and Harvey Breedlove and Guy DeShazo obtained a new flagpole and new outside flags for the Lodge home. Special ceremonies were held for the official burning of the mortgage and the retirement of the last building bonds with a cocktail hour, banquet, and ceremonies honoring their bondholders, Past Exalted Rulers, Past Presidents, and all the Ladies of the Auxiliary.

The Osceola Lodge of Antlers was awarded honorable mention.

The Lodge in 1956-1957 sponsored the first Tangerine Bowl Princess from Kissimmee, Miss Shirly Sharpe. The Christmas Champagne Party was inaugurated by Jim Flanagan, Erik Magnusson, and Bodo Kirchhoff.
In 1960-1961 the Lodge had planned a boat-a-cade to the state convention in Fort Myers, but unfortunately it did not materialize because of low water conditions. The Lodge continued its annual donation of flags to Kissimmee Highlands School.

In 1962, Grand Exalted Ruler Bill Wall of West Palm Beach Lodge #1352, together with his wife, Lois, visited Orlando Lodge and then Cocoa Lodge with a special tour of Cape Canaveral. A cocktail reception was held at District Deputy Newt Jones’ residence and a chicken dinner was held at Cocoa Lodge.

The Lodge held its first observance of Youth Day on Tuesday, May 1, 1962 for the seniors of Osceola High School. Students took over the governing of the city for the day and learned the administration firsthand from the actual officeholder. A city commission meeting and a county commission meeting in the afternoon gave the students actual problems of the day to ponder and to judge. A luncheon for all seniors was served at noon at the Elks Club.

Bodo Kirchhoff was serving as Editor of the Florida Elks News.

In 1973 the Lodge celebrated twenty years with a special banquet and free cocktails. President Ralph and Audrey Clements of Lake City were honored guests along with many visiting dignitaries. Forty-one charter members of the Lodge were in attendance with their wives as special honored guests for the evening.

On Tuesday, January 24, 1978, the Lodge celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary of its institution. With Past District Deputy Bodo Kirchhoff, Chairman; Past District Deputy Dutch Durnell; PER Lorne Allers, Sr.; PER Emory Mike; Leading Knight, Mac Fickling; and Exalted Ruler Harvey Gunn on the committee, it was decided to have an anniversary dinner banquet with State President Bob and Ozelle Fluck as honored guests along with dignitaries and delegations of the ten South Central Elks Lodges for country fried steak. They obtained the former cocktail lounge of the South Eastern Academy for free. Approximately 175 people were in attendance.

On Saturday evening, January 21, the celebration continued as the Lodge offered steak and prime rib dinners for everyone at regular prices and then presented their anniversary ball from 9:00 p.m. on with a special orchestra at no extra charge.

On Tuesday, January 24, 1978, the actual date of their institution, they scheduled an open anniversary meeting with a roast beef dinner for $3.50 at 7:30 p.m. Prior to the dinner, a free cocktail hour from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. was observed. After dinner, Exalted Ruler Harvey welcomed the dignitaries and everybody present and turned the microphone over to Past District Deputy Dutch Durnell who in turn introduced the charter members, the PERs, the Lodge officers, and the Elkettes officers present. Past District Deputy Bodo Kirchhoff followed with an informal address on the anniversary before all tables were broken up to make way for the special dance.

Ladies Organization: Elkettes

Mrs. June Kelley was the First President of the Elkettes.

Past Presidents of the Elkettes:

- 1953-1955 Jane Kelley
- 1955-1956 Lynn Kirchhoff
- 1956-1957 Maxine Melitska
- 1957-1958 Zelda Jensen
- 1958-1959 Ella Breedlove
- 1959-1960 Mickey Davis
- 1960-1961 Alma Smith
- 1961-1962 Pauline Carroll
- 1962-1963 Blanche White
- 1963-1964 Mickey Broyles
- 1964-1965 Mary Ellen Sylvester
- 1965-1966 Jean Kaspar
- 1966-1967 Lois Carter
- 1967-1968 Joan Murray
- 1968-1969 Winnie Knowles
- 1969-1970 Jane Wright
- 1970-1971 Jeanne May
- 1971-1972 Jeanne May
- 1972-1973 Del Pate
- 1973-1974 Lynn Kirchhoff
The Ladies of Kissimmee Lodge were first organized on September 14, 1953. Ed Ford had met with some of the women in August to explain the purpose of a Ladies organization and how they relate to Elkdom. They held their first meetings at the old Opportunity Center near the baseball compound. The first officers elected were:

President   Jane Kelley
Vice President   Lynn Kirchhoff
Secretary   Alice Anderson
Treasurer   Melba Walker
Board of Directors  Geneva Hooten
                    Ilia Tindall
                    Peggy Ford
                    Boots Cody
                    Alice Littlefield
                    Nina Dearmin

There was not an installation the first year as all officers and the board were retained.

The Lodge moved December 1963 to downtown Broadway. This is when the ladies started to help serve and raise money to contribute so much for the betterment of the Lodge.

The women gave $200 every year to the Harry-Anna Christmas since 1959.
A Christmas box for Harry-Anna was decorated and items for the children were donated since their conception as an organization.

The Elkettes have sponsored at least one, and sometimes up to three, bowling teams since they were organized.

Over the years the Elkettes have been active in the following ways:

1953-1954  Undertook their first project, the Kissimmee Youth Center
Purchased the first six dozen place settings of silver for $46.44
Family night dinners held on Saturday nights and steak dinners on Thursday nights
Chairman of the Welfare Committee, Mrs. Gould, stated that facilities for storage of clothing, etc. for future welfare work were available at the club

1955-1956  Entertained husbands with a covered dish supper in April 1955
Women helping to serve dinners
Monthly meeting changed from Monday night to second Wednesday
Cake raffles held at family night dinners and women volunteered to bake cakes
Donated $200 to help pay for Elks’ jewels

1956-1957  The first installation dinner given by the Elks Lodge for the Ladies Auxiliary of the Kissimmee Elks was held in March to which the husbands were invited
Ladies purchased fire extinguisher for the building
Elks requested assistance in serving on steak nights and family nights
Informal tea was given to introduce new officers and all Elks’ wives invited

The Elks began giving the tips made from steak and family nights to the ladies

A birthday box was begun and money from it was used for the Past Presidents’ pictures

1957-1958  Ladies purchased another fire extinguisher for building

Lynn Kirchhoff suggested the ladies set aside $200 to be deposited in the First Federal Savings Bank for the proposed new Elks Lodge. That amount was raised to $400 for a children’s playroom. The Grand Lodge would not accept the playroom so a motion was made to donate a $500 bond to the building fund. Later that year another $100 bond was purchased for the building fund.

1958-1959  Purchased an intercom for the new building for $400 and drapes for $115.08

Purchased a $100 bond for the new building

Ladies again began having potluck dinners before meetings

The ladies accepted the responsibility of caring for the planters in the front of the building

1959-1960  First annual Christmas present for Harry-Anna

Amended the bylaws to allow widows to become eligible for membership (July 1959)

The tradition was begun giving the Exalted Ruler’s wife $50 for the national convention each year

Lodge officers expressed desire for the Auxiliary to help with the Lodge indoctrination of new members by serving refreshments and welcoming the wives on indoctrination nights. A different chairman was appointed for each month.

Purchased three large serving trays, portable electric mixer for kitchen, double gas coffee urn, and additional draperies

1960-1961  Exalted Ruler spoke to the ladies and thanked them on behalf of the Lodge for donating the new organ and further stated that the Auxiliary help is to be seen everywhere (in the drapes, new coffee urn, and other gifts) but not only for gifts but also for the fine spirit of help and cooperation shown by the Auxiliary

Auxiliary purchased an organ for $775 and meat slicer, knife sharpener, and Lodge chairs for $859

Purchased first $100 memorial trust fund certificate for Harry-Anna

1961-1962  Purchased tip cups, furniture for cocktail lounge ($1,142.65), lamp for lounge, automatic movie slide projector, phonograph, three dozen iced tea spoons, ten dozen steak knives, and two coffee pots

Began giving away two steak tickets to help attendance of monthly meetings

1962-1963  Purchased first $100 trust fund certificate for Harry-Anna in honor of outgoing President

Voted to help with expenses of open house and informal reception honoring tenth anniversary of the Lodge
Purchased music box for $590 plus $140 to install; 80 chairs for $1,033.83; intercom for $590; levelers for dining room tables; $500 for Harry-Anna Therapy Unit; 8 dozen iced tea glasses; 4 dozen dessert dishes

1963-1964  
Cora Gaylord elected President but passed away before assuming office

Began the tradition of placing the pictures of Past Presidents of Auxiliary on wall

Hat contest with awards for the most original, prettiest, and most ridiculous

Purchased 3 dozen iced tea spoons, 3 dozen steak plates, 2 pitchers, 1 dozen small teapots, 3 dozen iced tea glasses, dessert dishes, and regular glasses

1964-1965  
In September 1964 Hurricane Dora caused the regular meeting to be canceled

House Committee placed a sign in the dining room to indicate that the ladies are volunteers and the tips are used for Lodge and Harry-Anna benefit

Donated lighted bingo board and cards, 4 dozen iced tea glasses, drapes, kitchen utensils, broiler and grills for the kitchen

Sponsored Elks’ twelfth anniversary party

In November 1964 two ladies, Mickey Broyles and Becky Partin, met with the Homestead Anna Miller Circle in a workshop and meeting to discuss subjects of mutual interest to all organizations of Elks Ladies in Florida

1965-1966  
Purchased tape recorder, bus cart for dining room, Lodge well and pump on recreational site ($700), blender for bar, 3 dozen iced tea glasses, 4 dozen steak knives, 2 dozen sugar bowls, 5 dozen tea cups, drapes for club room and secretary’s office

1966-1967  
Lodge picnic pavilion opened on March 13, 1966 and the ladies gave the Elks $250 for material for tables

Dishwasher installed; purchased 2 serving carts, 6 dozen dessert dishes, 1 dozen tea pots, bingo machine, mirror and vanity for ladies’ room, camera for Lodge to take slides for their use

1967-1968  
Purchased tables for recreational area ($484.10), cups, saucers, steak plates, water glasses, and silverware; carpeted secretary’s office

Donated to help establish a Parental Home for Osceola County (later a Children’s Home)

1968-1969  
Gave $1,500 to redecorate lounge; purchased 4 dozen steak knives

1969-1970  
Purchased bedsheets and made into tablecloths

1970-1972  
Gave $775 toward picnic grounds and $1,000 toward building fund; purchased $1,000 certificate for building fund and color TV for bar

1972-1973  
The name of the organization was changed from Ladies Auxiliary of the Kissimmee Elks to Kissimmee Elkettes

Purchased $2,000 in certificates for building fund

Gave $200 to Jim Oliver for purchase of car
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Purchased 11 bar stools ($612)

1973-1974 Purchased air-conditioner, pavilion, flooring, and jewels for Elks
Purchased $1,000 certificate for Elks building fund

1974-1975 Purchased $1,000 savings certificate for building fund
Purchased bar stools ($811)

1975-1976 Purchased tape recorder for Lodge and drapes for Elks Candlelight Room

1977-1978 Purchased microwave oven for $350
Gave $1,000 toward Harry-Anna building fund
Furnished a $1,500 unit for hospital
Gave $4,468 to hospital, third highest in state

1978-1979 Purchased chicken fryer and meat slicer for kitchen and redid both ladies’ restrooms

1979-1981 Purchased jukebox for bar and double chicken fryer
Gave over $10,000 to Harry-Anna

Won Best Decorated Bed for County bed race

Klein, PGER, George B.

One of the order’s most illustrious leaders, PGER George Klein was an amiable man of immeasurable
talent and energy. Klein contributed nearly sixty years to the service of Elkdom and was guided by the principle that
one person can and should make a difference. The difference he made in both the BPOE and his personal life will
make a lasting impact. He was described as a willing and faithful servant who performed his duties in the order with
contagious enthusiasm and moral aptitude.

George Klein was born in Junction City, KS on October 3, 1914 and several years later moved with his
family to Nebraska. Klein attended public schools in Lincoln, NE and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1931.
Continuing his studies at the University of Nebraska, the exemplary student graduated with honors in 1935 with a
Bachelor of Science degree from the university’s Business Administration College. Upon graduation, Klein married
Ruth M. Tapley who became his lifelong partner and they became the proud parents of two sons.

Eager to begin his professional career, Klein held brief positions in banking and accounting before moving
on in 1940 to Woodmen Accident and Life Company in Lincoln where he retired after forty years of service. While
at Woodmen, he climbed the ranks and eventually earned the title of Vice President in charge of computer systems.
To complement his career, he also held various positions and memberships in several professional associations.

In 1945, Klein was initiated into Lincoln Elks Lodge No. 80 and quickly demonstrated leadership ability
and devotion to the order, becoming Exalted Ruler in 1959, followed by a ten-year duration as ritual coach. The
Lodge elected him an honorary life member in 1964 and also presented him the Elk of the Year award the following
year.

Concurrent with his Lodge duties, beginning in 1960, Klein took on several responsibilities in the Nebraska
Elks Association including Trustee and Chairman of the Youth Activities Committee both in the same year. He later
became Second Vice President of the State Association followed by State President in 1964-1965 and Chairman of
the Nomination and Advisory Committee.
Klein’s outstanding record of service propelled him to many responsibilities at the Grand Lodge level including District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1962-1963 followed by several years on both the Committee on Credentials and the Board of Grand Trustees, serving as Chairman of each.

At the pinnacle of his Grand Lodge career, Klein was very honored and humbled to lead the order during the country’s bicentennial year in 1976. During his election as Grand Exalted Ruler, he stirred the delegates with thoughts about American freedoms, saying that “each of us has the duty to contribute to the best of his ability to the advancement of the general welfare” of all. He proclaimed that “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.”

Subsequent to his term as Grand Exalted Ruler, Klein continued to work tirelessly and passionately to advance the cause of Elkdom. He served on the Elks National Veterans’ Service Commission from 1978-1981 and for fifteen consecutive years on the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, ultimately serving as Chairman from 1988-1991. His business acumen enabled him to contribute his expertise as a member of the Veterans’ Memorial and Restoration Trust, serving for five years as Vice Chairman in the early 1990s while also serving on the National Convention Commission beginning in 1992 and lasting a number of years. Being a person of great influence, Klein spent nearly twenty years on the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee holding the titles of Secretary, Vice Chairman, and Chairman from 1989-1992.

Throughout his many decades of service in the order, Klein was grateful to have a loving and supportive partner in his wife, Ruth, who he once said “willingly committed and shared her life with Elkdom.” To her, he said, “I owe the greatest debt of all.” Both of the couple’s sons followed in their father’s footsteps as devoted Elks. Their son, Larry, is a member of Lincoln Lodge, and Robert is a member of Tacoma Lodge No. 174.

In addition to his outstanding record of service in the BPOE, Klein was a devoted member of the First Presbyterian Church in Lincoln and was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 40.

George B. Klein passed away at his home on June 12, 2003.