Maas, Abe, President, Florida State Elks Association, 1917-1919

Thirteenth Annual Session
Florida State Elks Association
April 25-27, 1917
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

The following Lodges were represented: Jacksonville No. 221, Ocala No. 286, Key West No. 551, Tampa No. 708, St. Augustine No. 829, Miami No. 948, Orlando No. 1079, Daytona Beach No. 1141, St. Petersburg No. 1224, Palatka No. 1232, Sanford No. 1241, Fort Myers No. 1288, and Lakeland No. 1291.

The Elks Association wired the Honorable Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, as follows:
“We endorse your policy of preparedness and pledge our support to you and the flag of our country.”
Live Oak 1165 had their charter revoked on January 25, 1917.
Fernandina 795 tendered resignation, and it was accepted.
Bylaws were amended creating the office of Third Vice President and Tiler.

The following officers were elected to serve for the 1917-1918 term:

President    Abe Maas, Tampa 708
First Vice President   T. W. Haney, Jacksonville 221
Second Vice President   W. W. Rose, Orlando 1079
Third Vice President   J. W. Longman, St. Petersburg 1224
Secretary    H. F. Lecks, Palatka 1232
Treasurer     W. L. Bates, Key West 551
Chaplain    A. S. Peck, Sanford 1241
Sergeant at Arms    Marion Craig, Jacksonville 221
Tiler    E. L. Schurman, Lakeland 1291
Executive Committee

St. Petersburg was selected for the fourteenth annual session. No session was held in 1918 on account of war conditions.
Abe Maas was born in 1855 in Dolgesheim, Germany. He was the organizer, first Exalted Ruler, and cardholder #1 of Tampa 708. Having been Treasurer of the Hillsborough Masonic Lodge for over thirty years, he was instrumental in securing their facility as Tampa Lodge’s first meeting place. He was a Past Vice President and then served as President of the Florida State Elks Association for two consecutive years in 1917-1918.
He came to the U. S. in 1875 and joined his brother, Sol, in the mercantile business in Georgia. He moved to Tampa and became a prominent pioneer merchant and civic leader. Along with his brother, Isaac, he established the well-known Maas Brothers Department Store in 1886. Both Isaac and Sol later became members of Tampa Lodge. Abe Maas was a longtime director of the Board of Trace (now known as the Chamber of Commerce) as well as a director for several other civic and commercial organizations. He died in 1941.

His brother, Julius Maas, was also a charter member, and his cousin, Ernest Maas, Sr., served as Exalted Ruler in 1911, as did the latter’s son, Ernest Maas, Jr., in 1938.

MacFarlane, M. B., First President of the Florida State Elks Association, 1904-1905

In accordance with the published call for a convention of Elks Lodges for organizing a State Association for the state of Florida, the following Lodges were represented:

- Jacksonville 221
- Key West 551
- Tampa 708
- Fernandina 795
- Ocala 851
- Lake City 893

W. G. Mason of Tampa 708, District Deputy for Florida South, called the meeting to order.

M. B. MacFarlane of Tampa 708 was elected temporary Chairman and G. D. Ackerly of Jacksonville 221 was elected temporary Secretary. The following resolution was adopted:

“We the authorized representatives of the various lodges of the State of Florida of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, on convention assembled in the city of Tampa, recognizing and respecting the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge, and disclaiming any authority to govern or legislate for the Order of this state but solely for the purpose of discussing ways and means for the extension of the Order, the strengthening of the fraternal tie, and the encouragement of sociability and good fellowship among the brotherhood, and the general welfare of the Order in Florida do organize ourselves into a State Association.”
Laws of the Florida Elks’ Association were unanimously adopted as follows:

Name
This organization shall be known as “The Florida Elks’ Association.”

Object
The strengthening of the fraternal tie, the encouragement of sociability and good fellowship among the brotherhood, and the promotion of the general welfare of the Order in Florida.

Membership
Any Lodge in good standing in the state of Florida shall be eligible to membership upon payment of the required fee of ten dollars.

Officers
The officers of the association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, and an Executive Committee consisting of one member from each lodge belonging to the association, and the President of the association, who shall act as Chairman of the Committee, but shall have no vote on any question, excepting in case of a tie.

Election
The officers of the association shall be elected at each annual meeting, the one receiving the highest vote for any office, shall be declared elected to office.

Meetings
Regular meetings shall be held annually. The time and place for such meeting shall be fixed by a vote of the association, but may be changed by the Executive Committee with the approval of a majority of the lodges of the association.

Representation
Each lodge shall be entitled to five votes in the association, and a majority of lodge members of the association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Lodges may be represented by one or more delegates, the five votes allowed, to be cast as may be determined by the lodge appointing such delegates, or in the absence of such instructions, by the delegates themselves. Delegates to present certificate of appointment from the lodge electing them.

Annual Dues
Each lodge member of this association shall pay annually to the association, the sum of ten dollars as annual dues and any lodge in arrears for dues for a period of six months, may be stricken from the roll of membership, by a majority vote of the association, but may upon payment of all dues be reinstated by majority vote of the members.

Duties of Officers
The President shall preside at all meetings of the association and of the Executive Committee, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, and perform all other duties consistent with the office.
The Vice President shall assume the duties of the president in his absence, or during his inability to act.
The Secretary shall collect the dues and pay the same over to the Treasurer, keep records of all meetings, and make a report annually in writing. He shall have the power to purchase books, stationary, etc., needful to the
officers, the bills to be paid by the Treasurer. For the faithful performance of his duties, he shall receive the sum of fifty dollars payable annually.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys from the secretary or other sources and pay all bills when properly approved by the President and Secretary; he shall make a report annually in writing.

The Sergeant at Arms shall guard the door and admit only Elks in good standing in the Order, and perform such other duties as may be necessary.

The Executive Committee shall perform such duties as may be necessary to protect the interests, and promote the objects of the organization, and may be called together at any time by the President of the association.

Amendments

Those laws may be changed or amended by a two-thirds vote of the association of any regular meeting, upon report of the executive committee, to whom all proposed amendments must first be referred in writing.

All parliamentary practice in conducting the business of the association, not herein specially provided for, shall follow the result of “Cushing’s Manual.”

Order of Business

Reading Records of previous meeting; Secretary’s Report, Treasurer’s Report, Reports of Committees; Unfinished Business; New Business; Election of Officers; Good of the Association.

Florida became the seventh state to organize an Elks State Association.

The following officers were elected to serve for the 1904-1905 term:

President    M. B. MacFarlane, Tampa 708
Vice President    Rev. Dr. Henry William Little, Ocala 851
Secretary    G. D. Ackerly, Jacksonville 221
Treasurer    G. L. Baltzell, Fernandina 795
Sergeant at Arms    G. O. Palmer, Lake City 893
Executive Committee

The Secretary was empowered to enroll the names of such Lodges of the state as may elect to join the association before the first annual meeting.

Tallahassee 937 was enrolled December 1, St. Augustine 829 was enrolled December 11, and Pensacola 497 was enrolled December 17, 1904.

Ocala was selected for the first annual meeting.

The number of members present at the formation of the association was as follows:

Jacksonville 221    29 members
Key West 551    2 members
Tampa 708    30 members
Fernandina 795    5 members
Ocala 851    10 members
Lake City 893    10 members

There were 86 members present.
The following Lodges were invited to the first meeting of the association but were not represented:

- Pensacola 497
- St. Augustine 829
- Tallahassee 937

These are the founding Lodges of the Florida State Elks Association and Jacksonville 221 became known as the Mother Lodge of all Florida Lodges.

The original Executive Committee was:

- M. B. MacFarlane, Chairman, Tampa 708
- L. M. Lively, Tallahassee 937
- Ganes Worley, St. Augustine 829
- Max L. Bear, Pensacola 497

**Madison Lodge 2205**

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**Installation of Lodge**

The following officiated:

- Grand Exalted Ruler: J. L. Cole
- Grand Esteemed Leading Knight: Frank E. Thompson
- Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight: Ralph W. Clements
- Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight: Julian C. Smith
- Grand Secretary: George Carver, Secy. Inc.
- Grand Trustee: Harry Beamer
- Grand Trustee: George Clegg
- Grand Tiler: Fred Wagner
- Grand Chaplain: Marvin Collins
- Grand Esquire: L. M. Strickland, Sr.
- Grand Inner Guard: John S. Flood

The following officers were elected and installed:

- Exalted Ruler: W. B. Selph
- Esteemed Leading Knight: Milton Cave, Jr.
- Esteemed Loyal Knight: C. W. Dietterich
- Esteemed Lecturing Knight: T. N. Southwell
In midsummer of 1961, W. B. Selph of Madison and a member of Live Oak Lodge 1165 asked and received permission to attempt an organization of an Elks Lodge in Madison. They began with meetings in the American Legion Hall and a room in the courthouse. There were 163 applications approved.

The following are charter members: W. L. Alexander; Luther Robt. Andrews; J. Gordon Ashley, Jr.; Richard D. Baker; Walter Archie Barfield; Ashley P. Beggs; Thomas John Beggs; Wm. Turner Beggs; Maury J. Blalock; Samuel Breeden; J. Livingston Brinson; Richard C. Brockman; Donald L. Browning; Harry Asey Browning; William V. Bunker; Carl W. Burnett, Jr.; Carlton Burnette; Patrick S. Centey; Walter M. Cave, Jr.; Arthur G. Colson; James O. Cooke, Jr.; James V. Davenport; James B. Davis, Jr.; Lloyd R. Day; Charles W. Dietterich; Robert H. Dye; Donald Wayne Eads; Edwin L. Flowers; Jack Floyd; Thead L. Fraleigh, Jr.; Thead L. Fraleigh, Sr.; Auzie T. Gibson, Jr.; Thomas H. Greene, Jr.; Charles T. Groover; Hybert B. Hendry; Irving Wilson Hicks; A. Lassther Hill, Jr.; Henry T. Holton, Jr.; T. McC. Howerton, Jr.; J. Raymond Hunter; Wm. Jackson Hunter; George R. Jenkins; James A. Jones; Proctor W. Stokes; David Studstill; James Sullivan; Charles Sutton; Jackson Oxford Wade; Evans Waldrep; Charles E. Walker; Wade T. Jones; Alton W. King; Hymen Kramer; Raymond J. Lanning; Robert S. Lawton; Robert C. Lay; Thomas F. Livingston; Carl Marsh; Aubrey E. McCullough; O. Jefferson McNeil; C. T. McWilliams; James Patrick Morrow; Edward Musser; Joseph Peavy; Gerald R. Pidgeon; John Henry Plant; Robert Lamar Prine; Charles E. Quick; Chandler Rains, Jr.; Jesse L. Revels; James Benton Sale; James Joshua Sale, Jr.; Edward B. Scanlon; William Boyd Selph; John O. Shaw; Peter Franklin Shea; Wm. Addison Shirey; Wm. Meril Shirey; Emil Frederick Shortt; Albert Sistrunk; Byron Skipper; Simeon A. Smith; Thomas N. Southwell; Wayne W. Weger; Carroll E. Welch; James Carlton Wells; Broadus Willoughby; Charles T. Winn; Johnny E. Wooten; and Waring Wyche, Jr.

In midsummer of 2002, the Lodge held a successful fundraiser with an interesting twist. Along with a spaghetti dinner and auction, there was “A Womanless Beauty Pageant.” Also held was a drawing package that included a 5½” black and white television with an AM radio, a tailgate basket with goodies, a tackle box with tackle, and a Zebco rod and reel. Plans were on the table to issue a cookbook.

Lady Elks of Madison Lodge 2205

The proposed Ladi-Elks of Madison Lodge met at the Elks Lodge on November 15, 1961. Marguerite Lanning called the meeting to order. Ladi-Elks was suggested as the name and it was voted on, seconded, and carried by a majority. The bylaws were read by Ruby Iacone, discussed, and subsequently passed by the group. It was decided that they would meet on the first Tuesday of each month.
Charter officers were:

- President: Marguerite Lanning
- First Vice President: Ruby Iacone
- Second Vice President: Nelle Burnett
- Recording Secretary: Bea Cave
- Corresponding Secretary: Rita Napoli
- Chaplain: Doris Pidgion
- Historian: Bennie Alexander
- Inner Guard: Floree Breeden
- Treasurer: Mabel Ragans
- Parliamentarian: Carmelita Jenkins

**Maguire, Sean, Florida State Elks Association VPAL, 2011-2012**

Sean Maguire was born in East Hartford, CT on January 20, 1950 to William and Annette Maguire, the fourth of eight children. His family moved to south Florida in 1961. He graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1968 and attended Palm Beach Community College. He married Barbara Shade on June 3, 1976. They have raised two sons, Sean, Jr. and William (BJ), and one daughter, Staci.

Maguire has been employed with Winn-Dixie in the retail grocery industry for more than 37 years. He started there while still attending high school. During this time he has served as a Store Manager, Supervisor, District Supervisor, Inventory Control Superintendent, and Store Layout Specialist serving from Fort Lauderdale to Key West. In 1992 he was named District Manager of the Year. In 2003 he worked out of the corporate home office with In-Store Presentation.

He is a member of St. Ann’s Catholic Church. His hobbies include bass fishing, listening to music, and following the Miami Dolphins, Boston Red Sox, NASCAR, and Florida Gators football.

Maguire was initiated into Elkdom on April 25, 1979 with Clewiston, FL Elks Lodge 1853. He served Clewiston as Tiler, Inner Guard, Chaplain, Esquire, and Lecturing Knight. He demitted to Palm Beach West Lodge 2785 in 1993 as a charter member and charter Exalted Ruler. He went on to serve a second term as Exalted Ruler and continued to serve this Lodge as Trustee, Lecturing Knight, and Chairman of the Harry-Anna Trust Fund, Elks National Foundation, Officers Training, Indoctrination, and Investigation Committees. He also served as Lodge Advisor.

On a district level, he has been Chairman of the Harry-Anna Trust Fund, Sports, Indoctrination, and Census Committees. He was a member and Chairman of the Lower East Coast Clinic, now known as the Florida Elks Children’s Clinic. In 2003-2004 he was elected District Vice President for the Southeast District. In 2006 he was appointed as District Advisor for the Southeast District.

On the state level, he has served as Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Interlodge Visitation Committee. In 2005 he was appointed to the Florida Elks Children’s Therapy Services Board of Directors and served as President of that board for 2009-2010. For 2011-2012 he served the Florida State Elks Association as Vice President at Large.

On the Grand Lodge level, he served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for Florida’s Southeast District in 2004-2005.
Mahan, Edward J., PGER

Edward Mahan was born in Framingham, MA on January 21, 1931. He grew up in that community and attended its schools. Upon his graduation from Framingham High School in 1948, Mahan enrolled in Boston University’s College of Liberal Arts. Halfway through his junior year in college and with the Korean War looming, Mahan, ever a patriot, responded to his nation’s call and enlisted in the U. S. Army. Assigned to duty in Europe, Mahan proudly served until his honorable discharge. He returned home to complete his undergraduate studies and enter his alma mater’s School of Law. While registering for his first semester at law school, Mahan met Jody Levy, whom he later touchingly described as “my mentor, my very best friend and companion, and the wind beneath my wings.” They were married shortly after Mahan earned his law degree in 1957.

Not long after starting life as a family man, Mahan also began his life as an Elk, joining Framingham Lodge in 1959. Soon after joining, Mahan’s talents and his willingness to work became clear to his fellow Lodge members and he was called upon to aid the Lodge as a member of many committees and as an officer. In 1969, he was designated as the Lodge’s Elk of the Year, an honor unequaled until the Lodge elected him to the position of Exalted Ruler in 1972.

It was natural that word of Mahan’s love for the order and ability to produce results would spread beyond the Lodge, attracting the attention of the Massachusetts Elks Association. Actively involved in the state association’s committees, Mahan spearheaded fundraising efforts that generated record donations to the Elks National Foundation and the Massachusetts Scholarship Fund, the state major project. Then in 1987, Mahan was elected to serve the state association as its President.

As he worked with the Massachusetts Elks, Mahan also began to serve the Grand Lodge, first as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the East Central District of Massachusetts in 1976-1977. His legal acumen and deep respect for justice also led him to serve on the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee from 1985-1990, serving for two years as its Chairman. In addition, from 1990-1994, Mahan was a member of the Board of Grand Trustees, the last year as Vice Chairman.

At the 1995 Grand Lodge Convention in New Orleans, Mahan was unanimously elected as Grand Exalted Ruler for 1995-1996. In his speech nominating Mahan, John Fenton, Jr. of Lawrence, MA Lodge, the son of PGER John Fenton, said this of his friend: “Ed Mahan, for more than four decades, has trod the perilous path of public duty. He has stood in the blaze of the fierce light that beats against the throne, and its fiercest rays have found no flaw in his armor, no stain upon his shield.”

As he accepted the office of Grand Exalted Ruler, Mahan noted, “What we see in all of our great programs is the very definition of our order, a definition which I have adopted as my motto for the coming year, ‘Elkdom - American Values at Work.’”

Mahan also invoked the spirit of the New England minutemen, reminding the delegates that like the earliest of American heroes, every Elk would offer aid and comfort “without a moment’s hesitation. . . . When there is a need we will respond immediately. We will do whatever must be done to fill the need, to meet a program goal, to improve our community image, to make our Lodges grow and prosper.”

In February 1996, Mahan visited the Elks Youth Camp in Umatilla, Florida. Following his term as Grand Exalted Ruler, Mahan served on the Elks Veterans’ Memorial Restoration Trust and the National Memorial and Publication Commission.

He died on July 2, 2001, just prior to the Grand Lodge Convention in Philadelphia.

Major Projects Committee

The Major Projects Committee officially consists of the Exalted Ruler of each Lodge who appoints two additional members from their Lodge, but every Florida Elk is a member of the committee.

The primary function of the committee is to communicate and publicize the needs and accomplishments of the two major projects. It serves as the vehicle to receive and dispense necessary information and fundraising projects.

They meet four times a year: at each quarterly at the Florida Elks Youth Camp, the midyear convention, and the annual state convention.
The following officers were elected to serve for the 1963-1964 term:

- President: Thomas E. Mallem, Jacksonville
- Secretary: William Lieberman, Leesburg
- Treasurer: Frank J. Holt, Miami
- Tiler: Leo Charles, Jacksonville
- Historian: George Clegg, Tallahassee
- Sergeant at Arms: Milton Feller, Miami Beach
- Chaplain: G. P. LeMoyne, Fort Myers
- Organist: Eugene J. Mahlmeister, Boynton Beach

Vice Presidents

- Northwest: Joe Cooke, Tallahassee
- Northeast: Grant W. Eichmey, Lake City
- East Central: Charles Garriques, Melbourne
- Central: Paul Smith, Kissimmee
- West Central: John F. Foltz, St. Petersburg
- Southwest: R. Edward Royal, Sarasota
- Southeast: Howard E. Ripper, Lake Worth
- South: Joseph E. Bucks, Key West

New Port Richey Lodge 2284 was instituted on June 29, 1963.
Tallahassee 937 won the state ritual contest.
John Gould, State Chairman of Ladies Organizations, stated that some Lodges have inaugurated Ladies organizations while other Lodges expressed the thought that such organizations are not desired.

Manasota Lodge 2734

Florida’s 128th Lodge
District: Southwest
Date of Dispensation: July 30, 1987 by GER Ted Callicott
Date of Institution: September 18, 1987 at Bradenton Lodge 1511
Formally Opened By: DDGER Frank Garrison
Charter Members: 170 candidates and 50 demits
Year 1995 Membership: 196
Year 1996 Membership: 210
Year 1997 Membership: 222
Year 1998 Membership: 260
Year 2004 Membership: 342
Year 2005 Membership: 351
Year 2006 Membership: 374
Year 2007 Membership: 367
Year 2008 Membership: 388
Year 2009 Membership: 389

The following officers were elected and installed:

- Exalted Ruler: Ed Monahan
- Esteemed Leading Knight: Gene Wrisk
- Esteemed Loyal Knight: Ken Baldwin
- Esteemed Lecturing Knight: Tom Jenswold
- Secretary: Vic Adams, PDD
- Treasurer: Cliff Talmage
- Inner Guard: John Wrisk
- Chaplain: Scott Silverman
- Organist: Mark Audier
- Esquire: Sonny Woods
- Tiler: Jim Swafford
Arcadia Lodge 1524 initiated the new officers.
Manasota moved Lodge quarters in 1990.
Their Ladies organization is called the Elkettes and was organized in October of 1987.
Lodge cosponsors of the new Lodge were Bradenton 1511 and Palmetto 2449.

The institution team was headed by Frank Garrison, DDGER of the Southwest Central District. Assisting were Grand Lodge officers:

PSP Norman O’Brien
PSP Harold Shelton
PSP Frank Spadafora
PDD Bedford Prescott
PDD Joe Bryant
PDD Don Sansoussi
PDD Dave Vergason
PDD Jack Shore
VPAL Arthur Al Smith
PSVP Tom Merrigan
PSP Ed Royal
PDD Bert Horwitz
PDD John Sheffield
PDD Roy Wilkinson
PDD Dexter Barkley

The Southwest Central District champion ritual team from Arcadia Lodge 1524, led by Exalted Ruler Dale Willingham, conducted the initiation of the class of 170 Manasota candidates. Also present was State Sponsor, Robert Grafton, PGER, who said that he had participated in sixty new Lodge institutions during his career in Elkdom. A dinner dance was held at Palmetto Elks Lodge.

Ongoing Activities

2007 Lodge members raised more than $20,200 for two-year-old Mathew Zuckerman who suffered from lymphoblastic leukemia. About 600 people attended the fundraiser to assist the Zuckerman family with Mathew’s medical bills.

Manning, Michael F., Elks National Veterans’ Service Commission Director

Elks National Veterans’ Service Commission (ENVSC) National Director, Michael F. Manning, who also served as Assistant to the Grand Secretary, died July 22, 2007 following a long illness. A devoted member of the order for 33 years and a dedicated employee of the Grand Lodge national headquarters since 1979, Manning was well-known for his contributions to Elks veterans’ programs and for his support of the men and women who serve in the armed forces.

“Michael was a great Elk and a patriotic American,” said GER Louis Sulsberger. “He was a role model; I looked up to him.”

“Michael will be remembered most for his work with veterans,” said PGER Robert Sabin. “He was also the go-to guy for thousands of Elks and state presidents.”

A resident of Chicago, IL, Manning was initiated into Chicago (North) Lodge in 1974 and was elected Exalted Ruler in 1978 and in 1989. He later served as President of the Illinois Elks Association (1993-1994). Manning began his Grand Lodge service as District Deputy for the North District of Illinois (1986-1987), becoming the Assistant to the Grand Secretary in 1990 and ENVSC National Director in 1993. As Director, Manning oversaw all Elks veterans’ service programs at the national level and the distribution of more than $500,000 annually to veterans in need. He also created the Student/Veteran Volunteer Program, extended the ENVSC’s outreach to
homeless veterans, and brought cosponsorships of VA stand downs. He was the Elks representative on the Veterans’ Affairs Volunteer Service (VAVS) National Advisory Committee since 1993.

Manning was a staunch supporter of the active duty military and reminded fellow Elks that those who risk their lives for their country belong to “a line of American patriots that has continued unbroken from the Revolutionary War.” In 2007, he reintroduced the Elks Medal of Valor to honor the sacrifices of those killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

PGER Peter Affatate, a Past Chairman of the ENVSC, recalled that Manning “made the veterans feel at home whenever he visited them. In that way and more, he exemplified the cardinal virtues of our order.”

Marathon Lodge 2139

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Marathon lies just south of Seven Mile Bridge along U. S. #1 in the Florida Keys. During the construction of Flagler’s Overseas Railroad, Marathon became the terminus for the railroad. Extensive train yards and docks for ships communicating with Havana, Cuba were constructed in the area. Key Vaca became the food supply depot for 3,000 to 4,000 construction workers.

Beginning at Marathon, Seven Mile Bridge became the trestle for the Overseas Railroad and trains were allowed to travel over the bridge at no more than ten miles per hour. That made it a half hour trip.

Building the railroad over the extensive spread of Keys became close to an endurance contest, or a marathon, and so subsequently, the term marathon stuck and resulted in the name of this island community midway off the island chain.

After the 1935 hurricane destroyed the railroad and packed 200 mph winds and a 17-foot tidal wave that wiped out the railroad and claimed the lives of hundreds, the railroad was abandoned and U. S. Highway #1 was built over its railroad bed. The old trestles became a part of the highway that stretches over 150 miles and carries motorists over 37 bridges before ending in Key West.

The following officiated:

Grand Exalted Ruler: O. Ralph Matousek
Grand Esteemed Leading Knight: C. R. Gunn
Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight: Earl R. Adams
Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight: Claude A. Campbell
Grand Secretary: George Carver
Grand Trustee: Charles I. Campbell
Grand Trustee: John Rosasco
Grand Tiler: Andrew T. Healy
Esteemed Lecturing Knight: Frank X. Carroll
Grand Chaplain: Harry Grasser
Grand Organist: Peter J. Ross
Grand Esquire: John S. Fenn
Grand Inner Guard: John S. Fenn
The following officers were elected and installed:

- **Exalted Ruler**: Ralph E. Cunningham
- **Esteemed Leading Knight**: Frank Lawrence
- **Esteemed Loyal Knight**: David A. Rackley
- **Esteemed Lecturing Knight**: Donald MacDonald
- **Secretary**: Edwin J. Ward
- **Treasurer**: Wilfred T. Bartz
- **Inner Guard**: George W. Miller, Sr.
- **Chaplain**: Stanley F. Andrews
- **Organist**: George E. Lane
- **Esquire**: Albert E. Mason
- **Tiler**: John W. Konrath
- **Trustees**:
  - 5 Year, Brooks W. Bateman
  - 4 Year, John P. Goggin
  - 3 Year, Floyd Lamb
  - 2 Year, William A. Parrish, Sr.
  - 1 Year, James S. Y. Ivins

The following are charter members: Charles H. Anderson; Philip Berman; Chester B. Carter; John P. Goggin; Frank N. Green; Theo. C. Lindahl; Leonard F. Lowe; George W. Miller, Sr.; W. A. Parrish, Jr.; Marshall B. Steadham; Stanley F. Andrews; George R. Bennett; George T. Bishop; John H. Brantner; L. T. Bragassa; George W. Burrill; Herbert H. Cameron; Delbert C. Chaplin; John A. Chapman; Eugene Cooper; Robert Cooper; James E. Corey, Sr.; Jessie T. Crafton; Richard W. Davidson; E. J. Eisenbarth; Douglas R. Gaines; Leslie H. Goben; Oren B. Green; W. Paul Hamm; Robert V. Handley; John A. Hapsas; Edward M. Hessel; I. T. Holding; Norman E. Hunter; Eugene Jaeger; Paul W. Jones; Clyde C. Jordan; William E. Kenney; James G. Kerce; John W. Konrath; George E. Lane; Lawrence P. Lyons; Ralph T. Mangold; Francis G. Mark; N. D. Martin-Vegue; V. J. Martin-Vegue; Albert E. Mason; Arthur W. Matney; Eugene M. Menendez; Gerald F. Miller; Joel V. Miller; Francis E. Moore; Philip F. Mozdzer; William W. Noble; John H. Olin; Alton P. Patterson; Walter M. Puto, Jr.; John C. Puto; David A. Rackley; William O. Rackley; Ennis Roesch; William O. Sampson; Harry M. Senning; John W. Shaver; Philip Spiegel; Virgil V. Summers; Gerald W. Thurman; Loren C. Troup; Paul R. Turner; George E. Vonnoh; Wm. M. Weidemeyer; H. O. Williams; James M. Willis; and Talmadge J. Wix.


**Ladies organization: Does Drove No. 167**

The Does Drove No. 167 was chartered August 12, 1960 with 51 charter members.

Hurricane Donna visited the area, wiping out their plans for the first installation of officers on September 10, 1960. After picking themselves up, they held their first installation of officers on February 4, 1961 with Alice Ward as their first President.
Margate Lodge 2463

Florida’s 96th Lodge  
District: South Southeast  
Date of Dispensation: April 27, 1971  
Date of Installation: June 27, 1971  
Charter Members: 136  
Year 1995 Membership: 309  
Year 1996 Membership: 290  
Year 1997 Membership: 291  
Year 1998 Membership: 297  
Year 2004 Membership: 324  
Year 2005 Membership: 317  
Year 2006 Membership: 307  
Year 2007 Membership: 455  
Year 2008 Membership: 439  
Year 2009 Membership: 406  
Year 2009 Membership: 312  

The following officiated:

- Grand Exalted Ruler: Clarence R. Gunn
- Grand Esteemed Leading Knight: Fuller Richardson
- Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight: Anthony Amoroso
- Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight: Carl Hartman
- Grand Secretary: Bill Lieberman
- Grand Treasurer: Harty Baruch
- Grand Trustee: James Vann
- Grand Trustee: James Breslin
- Grand Trustee: Charles McConnell
- Grand Trustee: Harry Knight
- Grand Trustee: Kenneth Morton
- Grand Tiler: John Causey
- Grand Chaplain: Pat O’Brien
- Grand Esquire: Clyde Brown
- Grand Inner Guard: Bernard Dolan
The following officers were elected and installed:

- **Exalted Ruler**: James V. Joyce
- **Esteemed Leading Knight**: John McLoughlin
- **Esteemed Loyal Knight**: John Jacquemein
- **Esteemed Lecturing Knight**: Phillip Luettinger
- **Secretary**: Bernard J. Terry
- **Treasurer**: William Morton
- **Inner Guard**: Arthur Tavennier
- **Chaplain**: William E. Hansen, Jr.
- **Esquire**: Maurice Hartnett
- **Tiler**: Frank Beeler
- **Trustees**:
  - 5 Year, Ferdinand Donner
  - 4 Year, Joseph Bienick
  - 3 Year, Leo T. Sullivan
  - 2 Year, Fred Rohwedder
  - 1 Year, Joseph Duva

Dignitaries present were State President Robert Grafton and Past Grand Exalted Ruler William Wall. Margate members moved into Lodge quarters on November 21, 1983.

In August of 1970, a group of Elks living in the Margate-Coral Springs area met to discuss the possibility of forming an Elks Lodge in the area. The late Peter Larkin, Past Exalted Ruler of Yonkers, New York Lodge 707, chaired the first organizational meeting. The meeting was held in the Norris Catfish Lounge in Margate and the Red Fox Inn in Coral Springs.

During the formative stages, the Lodge was briefly known as the Northwest Broward Lodge. Shortly after, the members voted to change the name to Coral Springs Lodge. The Grand Lodge granted dispensation on April 27, 1971 with 136 members. The first elected Exalted Ruler was James V. Joyce. The installation of officers with the first class of Elks was held at Pompano Beach Elks Lodge 1898. The class was named in honor of Peter Larkin.

The first official meetings were held in the American Legion Post 157 in Margate, and then they rented quarters located in Coral Springs. After a search for quarters in Margate, rented space was obtained at 2515 State Road 7 in Margate. The Grand Lodge approved the change in name to Margate Elks Lodge in June of 1976. In August of 1992, the present site was located and with the approval of the Grand Lodge, a contract was signed to purchase the site and build the Lodge in December of 1982. The ground breaking ceremony was held on March 27, 1983 and the building was dedicated March 25, 1984.

Some of their activities have included sponsoring baseball, football, and soccer teams; Teenager of the Month program; Hoop Shoot; scholarships; and Boy and Girl Scout and Eagle Scout recognition. The patriotic veterans’ program includes the Lodge building; the veterans’ memorial in David Park; bimonthly visits to the Veterans’ Hospital in Miami; calling bingo for the veterans; and delivering chit books, magazines, books, games, writing materials, and at times, candy. Every November, veterans have been brought to the Lodge from Miami for a Thanksgiving Day dinner and entertainment. The highlight has always been being greeted by the Mayor and Vice Mayor of Margate; this is cherished by the veterans because they know city officials have taken time for them from their busy schedules. Christmas presents are taken to the hospital during December.

The Ladies organization is called the Elkettes.
Marianna Lodge 1516

Florida’s 24th Lodge
District: North
Date of Dispensation: August 8, 1925
Date of Installation: July 15, 1926
Formally Opened By: Eugene P. Roche, DDGER
Charter Membership: 45
Year 1995 Membership: 436
Year 1996 Membership: 539
Year 1997 Membership: 556
Year 1998 Membership: 548
Year 2004 Membership: 540
Year 2005 Membership: 500
Year 2006 Membership: 342
Year 2007 Membership: 447
Year 2008 Membership: 444
Year 2009 Membership: 428

The following officiated:

- Grand Exalted Ruler: Alex Zelius, Jr.
- Grand Esteemed Leading Knight: J. H. Roche
- Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight: James White
- Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight: J. M. Lockhart
- Grand Secretary: B. M. Bonify
- Grand Treasurer: No record
- Grand Tiler: L. A. McCant
- Grand Chaplain: Irwin Cates
- Grand Esquire: T. L. Lloyd
- Grand Inner Guard: W. K. Collins

The following officers were elected and installed:

- Exalted Ruler: James H. Finch
- Esteemed Leading Knight: N. A. Baltzell
- Esteemed Loyal Knight: E. N. Horne
- Esteemed Lecturing Knight: B. H. Smith
- Secretary: W. V. Mayfield
- Inner Guard: J. W. Hightower
- Chaplain: C. H. Ryals
- Esquire: R. L. McLendon
- Tiler: John W. Burton
- Trustees: 3 Year, J. J. McCaskill

The following are charter members: C. C. Harrison; C. W. Crowley; J. W. Tharp; C. F. Hanlon; Fletcher Smith; J. E. Jones; R. J. Wynn; S. A. Gainor; E. B. Williams; James A. Smith; C. C. Liddon, Jr.; D. B. Hayes; N. A. McNeill; R. H. Ellis; John Milton, Jr.; S. A. Leonard; J. W. Gentry; John Milton, LV; F. P. Davis; W. C. Wright; A. Korst; J. D. Andrews; W. R. Capel; Lawrence Williams; R. H. Adams; P. Fienberg; C. C. Dickerson; U. P. Eysthison; W. H. Leonard; J. A. Bivings; J. D. Callaway; John Purifoy, Jr.; H. O. Watson; and H. E. Hagg.

Marianna Lodge 1516 was instituted on July 15, 1926, dispensation having already been granted on August 8, 1925. Marianna is Florida’s 24th Lodge and it was established with 45 charter members. The first Exalted Ruler was James H. Finch. The Lodge moved to its present location in the early 1950s.

Marianna was in the Northwest District for many years. During some political alignment involving Gainesville Lodge, Marianna was placed in the North District while Gainesville was moved to the Northeast.
District. Marianna is one of the great Lodges to visit and has some fine members who will make any Elk feel at home.

In the early 1990s Marianna teamed with a Georgia Lodge and initiated an “across the line” program to promote drug awareness. This program is an annual one with activities during the month of October.

Their Ladies organization is called the Lady Elks.

**Marion, Ohio Lodge 32**

Marion, Ohio Lodge 32 is the home Lodge of President Warren G. Harding. It also became known as the “Original Circus” Lodge. Many years ago, Marion Lodge staged the real circus.

**Marker and Graves Committee**

A resolution adopted at the thirty-fourth annual state convention held in Orlando in 1940 authorized the President to appoint a standing committee called the Marker and Graves Committee. Its duty was to investigate the graves of Past Presidents and see that they are properly cared for.

At the thirty-fifth annual state convention held in St. Augustine, the committee reported that of the 31 Past Presidents, fifteen had died and all but one had been buried with a marker or memorial on their respective burial place. After considerable discussion, it was decided that the subordinate Lodge of which the man was a member should see that the marker is established.

**Marvin Lewis Award for Scouting**

The Boy Scouts of America established the Marvin M. Lewis Award in 1998 in recognition of the Elks’ significant contributions to scouting and the development of America’s youth. The Grand Lodge invites all local Lodges to nominate one candidate for the award. Candidates must have the recommendation of their local Lodge and their local Scouting Council to be eligible. Each year four Elks will receive Marvin M. Lewis Awards, which consist of a medal and ribbon, a framed certificate, a lapel pin, and a square knot.

When selecting their candidate, Lodges are asked to consider Elks who:

1. Have brought scouting to more youth
2. Have assisted local Elks Lodges in forming scouting units
3. Are fully trained in the skills of scouting and are outstanding role models
4. Have contributed significantly to Elks and scouting by bringing the two movements together to serve the community
5. Have offered scouting to all youth regardless of race, creed, or income level and have been instrumental in organizing scouting units, especially in inner city or other low income communities

The awards are presented at the Grand Lodge Convention. Application forms may be obtained from the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee Scout Contact (www.elks.org/grandlodge/youth/roster.cfm), from any state Youth Activities Chairman, or by clicking this link: Marvin Lewis Award Application Form (www.elks.org/grandlodge/youth/files/MarvinLewisApplication.pdf).
Matherly, Dean Walter J., President, Florida State Elks Association, 1951-1952

Dean Walter J. Matherly was born on a farm on May 3, 1888 in Washington County, KY. He received his A.B. degree from William Jewell College in Liberty, MO in 1915. In the early years following his graduation, he held the position of Professor at the University of North Carolina. In 1926, Matherly was named Head Professor of Economics and Dean of the College of Business Administration of the University of Florida.

Dean Matherly’s life was a full one. He was God-fearing and religious, a Steward in the Episcopal Church. He was an Army 1st Lieutenant and Chaplain in World War I. In 1942, he served as Director of Health and Physical Fitness of the State Defense Council of Florida. He had been President of the Florida Public Health Committee and of the Florida Academy of Sciences, Director-at-Large of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the board of directors of the Jacksonville Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. In addition, he was a very active member in a wide variety of civic, social, and educational organizations throughout the nation.

Dean Matherly first became active in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in 1941 when he was initiated in Gainesville Lodge 990. He served as Exalted Ruler of his Lodge in 1945 and as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the Florida Northeast District in 1950. The following year he was elected as President of the Florida State Elks Association and shortly thereafter was appointed a member of the Florida State Elks Association Board of Directors and a member of the Trustees of the Harry-Anna Trust Fund.

Matherly died in 1954; a eulogy was given by Chelsie J. Senerchia.

The following Lodges were represented: Jacksonville No. 221, Ocala No. 286, Pensacola No. 497, Key West No. 551, Tampa No. 708, St. Augustine No. 829, Lake City No. 893, Tallahassee No. 937, Miami No. 948, Gainesville No. 990, Orlando No. 1079, Daytona Beach No. 1141, Live Oak No. 1165, 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, Fort Lauderdale No. 1517, Sarasota No. 1519, Fort Pierce No. 1520, Arcadia No. 1524, Clearwater No. 1525, Sebring No. 1529, Lake Worth No. 1530, Cocoa No. 1532, New Smyrna Beach No. 1557, Eustis No. 1578, Panama City No. 1598, Miami Beach No. 1601, Pahokee No. 1638, Winter Haven No. 1672, Coral Gables No. 1676, Wauchula No. 1700, Belle Glade No. 1716, Tarpon Springs No. 1719,
Hollywood No. 1732, Melbourne-Eau Gallie No. 1744, Homestead No. 1754, Delray Beach No. 1770, Vero Beach No. 1774, Miami Springs-Hialeah No. 1775, Fort Walton No. 1795, and Starke No. 1802.

President Arthur C. O’Hea gave his annual report. Membership in the state was given as 22,611 and one new Lodge was instituted in the past year: Winter Park 1830 on February 5, 1951. There was $107,622.94 expended for direct charities and $39,243.14 for general welfare work, or an average of $6.50 per member. He reported on the Harry-Anna Home, stating that $59,000 was received as contributions from all of the 51 Lodges, $4,000 more than 1950 and the largest percentage of increase ever received. Miss Elizabeth Ann Osborn won the Elks National Foundation Scholarship.

Results of the state ritualistic contest were as follows: Jacksonville Lodge 221 - 99.9774, Fort Lauderdale Lodge 1517 - 99.9531, West Palm Beach Lodge 1352 - 99.9219, Tallahassee Lodge 937 - 99.9084, and Tampa Lodge 708 - 99.4933.

The following officers were elected to serve for the 1951-1952 term:

President    Walter J. Matherly, Gainesville
Vice President, Northwest Division  Alton Boyd, Panama City
Vice President, Northeast Division  Al Coe, Sanford
Vice President, Central Division  C. L. Crook, Clearwater
Vice President, South Central Division  Pat LeMoyne, Fort Myers
Vice President, South Division  Harold Spaet, Miami Beach
Treasurer    Claude L. Johnson, Tallahassee
Historian    Howell A. Davis, Palatka
Secretary    James J. Fernandez, Tampa
Tiler     E. L. Johnson, Daytona Beach
Sergeant at Arms    Peter Gessner, DeLand
Chaplain    Father Balfe, Gainesville
Organist    George L. Hulme, Lake Worth

St. Petersburg, Florida was selected as the site for the 1952 convention.

McCall, Willis V., President, Florida State Elks Association, 1958-1959

Willis V. McCall was born in Umatilla, FL on July 21, 1909. He served as Sheriff of Lake County and was honored by being elected President of the Florida Sheriff’s Association, serving from January 1953 to January 1955. He was a founder and board member of the Florida Sheriff’s Boys Ranch. During his time as Sheriff, he successfully lobbied the Florida legislature for changes in the compensation of sheriffs to a budget system, to adopt a law making sheriffs’ vehicles green and white throughout the state, and to adopt standard uniforms for deputies.

He was Exalted Ruler of Eustis Lodge and throughout his 62 years as a member, he served as a Chairman or a member of almost every committee on the Lodge level. He was the East Central District’s Americanism Chairman, a constant foe of Communism. He served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler on two occasions. He
served as Vice President and President of the Florida State Elks Association, and for over 25 years, he served as a member of the Past State Presidents Advisory Council. He also served on the Operating Committee of the Harry-Anna Home for many years. He served on the Florida Elks Children’s Hospital Board of Directors in Umatilla for 29 years. During his lifetime, he was honored with a plaque bearing his likeness which was placed on the wall of the Florida Elks Children’s Hospital boardroom.

Upon nomination for President at the fifty-second annual convention held in Lake Worth, Johnny Rosasco of Coral Gables Lodge was placed in nomination against Willis V. McCall. When ballots were cast, McCall won with 239 votes cast for him and 116 votes cast for Rosasco.

McCall was a member of the First Baptist Church in Umatilla and was also active in the Masons, Shrine Club, Scottish Rite Bodies, and Kiwanis. He was also General Chairman for the Lake District of the Central Florida Boy Scouts of America.

The following officers were elected to serve for the 1958-1959 term:

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Vice Presidents:
Northwest Division   Hanson Booth, Perry
Northeast Division   J. D. Doyle, Starke
East Central Division W. M. Herbert, Leesburg
West Central Division Walter H. Mather, Sebring
South Central Division J. W. Vann, Pahokee
South Division       Ralph Matousek, Homestead

Membership this year showed a net gain of 105 members or approximately 3.62%. Two Lodges were instituted: Warrington 2108 on February 28, 1959 and Titusville 2113 on April 27, 1959. There was a total of seventy Lodges in the state.

*Florida Elks News* placed second in the Grand Lodge Association Bulletin Contest. O. E. Saunders of Lake Worth and Robert Cameron of the West Central Division were shown special recognition for a well-done job.

The winner in the state ritualistic contest was West Palm Beach Lodge 1352. They went on to the national contest and took third place.

McCall died on April 28, 1994. He was 84 years old and had been in poor health in recent years.
McCready, L. F., President, Florida State Elks Association, 1928-1929

Twenty-Third Annual Session
Florida State Elks Association
April 10-11, 1928
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

The following Lodges were represented: Jacksonville No. 221, Ocala No. 286, Key West No. 551, Tampa No. 708, Fernandina No. 795, St. Augustine No. 829, Lake City No. 893, Miami No. 948, Gainesville No. 990, Orlando No. 1079, Quincy No. 1111, Daytona Beach No. 1141, St. Petersburg No. 1224, Palatka No. 1232, Sanford No. 1241, Fort Myers No. 1288, West Palm Beach No. 1352, DeLand No. 1463, Bradenton No. 1511, Fort Lauderdale No. 1517, Sarasota No. 1519, Arcadia No. 1524, Clearwater No. 1525, Sebring No. 1529, Lake Worth No. 1530, and Cocoa No. 1532.

Distinguished guests present were Grand Esquire Lloyd Maxwell and State Association Committeeman of Grand Lodge, Louis Forman, of Illinois.
St. Augustine 829 was formally awarded the cup for three years of best attendance of officers.
Cocoa 1532 was instituted June 9, 1927; they were also awarded a cup for best ritualistic work.

The following officers were elected to serve for the 1928-1929 term:

President    L. F. McCready, Miami 948
First Vice President   W. A. Joughin, Tampa 708
Second Vice President   F. E. Thompson, Lake City 893
Third Vice President   G. A. Pleus, Cocoa 1532
Secretary    Harold Colee, St. Augustine 829
Treasurer    Henry G. Pollitz, Daytona Beach 1141
Tiler     R. A. Sauls, Jr., Orlando 1079
Sergeant at Arms    J. S. Reed, Sr., Tampa 708
Chaplain    Rev. F. A. Shore, Fort Myers 1288
Executive Committee   5 year, R. A. Sauls, Jr., Orlando 1079

Gainesville was selected for the 1929 annual session.
Significant quotation

“Many Lodges in our state, and we in Florida are not alone, for other states have the same condition... they have excellent clubs but very poor Lodges. This a matter that has given me a great deal of concern and one which I have given a great deal of thought. The club in connection with Elks Lodges is a premium or bonus, given to the members because of his belonging to the Lodge. Without the Lodge, there would be no club. I regret that in many cases it is the reverse. In such cases you find the Lodge dormant and doing no good in the community; where on the other hand, where the Lodge is paramount, you find it has the respect of its community and is doing real service to mankind in that locality. This problem is one, I believe, that can well be taken up by the State Association, having as its object the placing of the Lodge in a higher plane and making it a power in the community.”

L. F. McCready

Pensacola Elks Lodge which had been outside the Florida State Elks Association reaffiliated itself as did Tallahassee. That brought every Lodge in Florida into the Florida State Elks Association. Pensacola had been out of the association for four years. The state now had 31 Lodges with an approximate membership of 8,886 compared to 9,039 for the previous year.

Past State President J. H. Trump died on March 9, 1929 in Cleveland, Ohio. W. A. Joughlin, Past District Deputy of the Florida West District, died in Tampa on March 30, 1929.

A special train left Jacksonville on July 1 for the annual Grand Lodge convention in Los Angeles held July 7-12. The train was known as the Florida State Elks Special Train.

On April 8, 1929, Section I of Article IV to the Bylaws of the State Association was amended to add a Historian. The amended Section 11A read, “His duties shall be to collect and preserve interesting data affecting the various Lodges and to transmit interesting news of the Order in Florida to the Elks Magazine.”

Section II, Article IV was amended by adding: “There shall also be two additional Vice Presidents, designated as fourth and fifth Vice Presidents, who shall be elected from the state at large.”

This year $2,500 was turned over to Social and Community Welfare for relief from the deadly 1928 Florida hurricane.
McDonald, George F.

George McDonald was one of the original fifteen Jolly Corks and was active in the institution of the present order. He became a charter member of New York Lodge 1 and made the first motion in the Corks that “We resolve ourselves into a benevolent order, and that a committee be appointed to draft rules and a ritual and to select a name.” McDonald was one of this committee. He wrote the lecture in the second degree of the first ritual pertaining to the Elks and was the first Lecturing Knight of the first Elks Lodge. He was the father of the Eleven O’clock Toast dedicated to absent brothers. In those days, it was also dedicated to those who were necessarily away from home because of their theatrical engagements. He was also the father of the singing of “Auld Lang Syne” at parting, probably owing to his Scotch descent. He was Chairman of the Grand Lodge Board of Trustees from 1874-1875.

McDonald was born in Brooklyn, NY on April 6, 1837, but he spent his boyhood days in Jersey City, as his parents moved there soon after his birth. While attending the public schools of the latter city, he gave early promise of the histrionic talents that in his later life made him a famous actor, author, and manager. He was but yet in his teens when he attracted the attention of Edwin Forrest and became one of his favorite pupils. He was a member of the Excelsior Dramatic Club, a somewhat noted organization of that time. In 1853 he made his first professional appearance at the Brooklyn Museum and soon after was playing leading parts. His first venture was when he assumed the management of the old American Museum at Broadway and Ann Streets for P. T. Barnum. Then, in succession, he managed the Tremont Theater in Boston, the Dearborn Theater in Chicago, the Howard Athenaeum in Boston for John Stetson, and the Park Theater in Brooklyn for Col. W. E. Sinn. In 1868 he became interested in various enterprises with Tony Pastor since he had previously been stage manager for Pastor in 1862 and 1863 when he came back from the war. He had enlisted early in the Civil War as captain of Company I of the Twenty-eighth Massachusetts Volunteer Militia. When Jarrett and Palmer some years later revived “Uncle Tom’s Cabin” for a tour of England and the provinces, he was specially engaged for the title role, as he had particularly identified himself with that part, having played it with Mrs. G. C. Howard during its first production. In 1881 he produced at the Union Square Theater, New York, an original work entitled “Ethel,” but afterwards rechristened “Coney Island, or Little Ethel’s Prayer,” under the management of Shook and Collier. Among his old time successes and favorite plays were “Michael Earle,” “The Golden Farmer,” “Othello,” “The Castle Spectre,” and “The Stranger.” His last professional engagement was with Brooks and Dickson’s “Romany Rye” Company, and his last appearance was at Philadelphia in “Uncle Tom’s Cabin” in June of 1885.

His health began to fail, and after a lingering illness of some months’ duration, he died of paralysis of the brain at the insane asylum, Amityville, L.I., N.Y., on October 28, 1885. He was 48 years old. On his deathbed, he talked to Arthur Moreland, his longtime friend, and realizing that the end was near, he clasped Moreland’s hand and said (referring to the Elks), “We have built something better than the ties of blood.” Brother McDonald made a
request that he be buried in the Elks Rest in Brooklyn. Accordingly, his wishes were carried out. On Sunday, November 1, 1885, his funeral took place at the residence of his sister, Mrs. M. A. Stone, at 231 Clinton Street, Brooklyn, NY. Rev. Father Duffy, Pastor of St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church, officiated. Interment was in Elks Rest in the Cemetery of the Evergreens in Brooklyn, NY.

McKay, K. I., President, Florida State Elks Association, 1911-1912

Seventh Annual Session
Florida State Elks Association
April 7, 1911
KEY WEST, FLORIDA

The following Lodges were represented: Jacksonville No. 221, Key West No. 551, Tampa No. 708, Tallahassee No. 937, Miami No. 948, and St. Petersburg No. 1224.

E. W. Russell was appointed Acting Secretary.
President McKinnon reported that the Grand Lodge of Elks was making progress toward securing recognition for State Associations.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

“Whereas since the last meeting of this association, our worthy Brother and Master-at-Arms of this association, J. H. Allen of Daytona Lodge No. 1141, has been called to final reward, and
Whereas Brother Allen was a true Elk and deserving of the affection and confidence of his fellow men,
Therefore, be it resolved, by the Florida Elks Association in convention assembled at Key West, April 7, 1911, that in the death of Brother Allen the order has lost a beloved member, his Lodge a loved Brother, and this association a faithful and esteemed member and officer, and
Be it further resolved, that we do extend to Daytona Lodge and the family of Brother Allen our sincere sympathy in their bereavement, and
Be it further resolved, that copies of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased Brother.”

A committee of three comprising the incoming President, H. L. Bethel of Tallahassee 937, and incoming Secretary, G. D. Ackerly of Jacksonville 221, was authorized to take the subject up with the state legislature now in session to prevent Negro Lodges being organized in this state.
The following officers were elected to serve for the 1911-1912 term:

- President: K. I. McKay, Tampa 708
- First Vice President: H. L. Bethel, Tallahassee 937
- Second Vice President: E. T. Altman, Jacksonville 221
- Secretary: G. D. Ackerly, Jacksonville 221
- Treasurer: W. L. Bates, Key West 551
- Chaplain: Deane Spencer, Orlando 1079
- Sergeant at Arms: J. A. Conrad, Miami 948
- Executive Committee: K. I. McKay, Tampa 708; G. D. Ackerly, Jacksonville 221; W. L. Bates, Key West 551; G. A. McKinnon, Miami 948; H. L. Bethel, Tallahassee 937

Tampa was selected for the eighth annual meeting.

**McKinnon, G. A., President, Florida State Elks Association, 1910-1911**

The following Lodges were represented: Jacksonville No. 221, Key West No. 551, Tampa No. 708, St. Augustine No. 829, Ocala No. 851, Miami No. 948, Orlando No. 1079, and Daytona Beach No. 1141.

A representative to the Grand Lodge requested to have Grand Lodge recognize state organization. A. M. Taylor of St. Augustine 829 appointed a committee of one to contact various Lodges in the interest of raising funds toward furnishing a silver service for the Battleship *Florida* which was to be launched in the very near future.
The following resolution was adopted resolved by the Association of Elks in state convention, that “having been informed of the serious illness of our Brother, the Hon. John Warwick Daniel, United States Senator of Virginia, who is in Daytona, that we, as a body, pray for his speedy recovery, and beg to extend our sincere sympathy.”

Live Oak Lodge 1165 was instituted June 15, 1909.

The following officers were elected to serve for the 1910-1911 term:

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Key West was selected for the seventh annual meeting.

Melanson, Jesse, PER

Jesse Melanson, PER, was a Past State Historian for the Florida State Elks Association. He was a member of Sebring Lodge 1529.

Melbourne Lodge 1744

Florida’s 46th Lodge
District: Southeast Central
Date of Dispensation: April 1, 1948
Date of Installation: June 3, 1948
Formally Opened By: J. J. Reilly, DDGER
Year 1995 Membership: 899
Year 1996 Membership: 901
Year 1997 Membership: 902
Year 1998 Membership: 873
Year 2004 Membership: 684
Year 2005 Membership: 649
Year 2006 Membership: 616
The following officiated:

Grand Exalted Ruler     Alex Arnette
Grand Esteemed Leading Knight  N. Carter
Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight  C. H. Talton
Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight  R. Buckalew
Grand Secretary     C. J. Senerchia
Grand Treasurer    Robert L. Bohon
Grand Trustee     A. Altwater
Grand Tiler     M. A. Rosin, PDD
Grand Chaplain    Lee Butner
Grand Esquire     W. A. Wall
Grand Inner Guard  J. J. Fernandez

The following officers were elected and installed:

Exalted Ruler     Thomas R. Barr
Esteemed Leading Knight  A. T. Rossetter
Esteemed Loyal Knight  C. L. Burton
Esteemed Lecturing Knight  C. B. Hoskins
Secretary     Arthur Thornton
Treasurer     George Barrington
Inner Guard  Cecil Platt
Chaplain     Lee Mandell
Organist     M. J. Hee
Esquire     Harvey Huggins
Tiler     Thomas Harris
Trustees    3 Year, Carl Cammer
           2 Year, N. Johnson
           1 Year, C. H. McNulty

The following are charter members: John Armstrong; Thomas R. Barr; William J. Bass; Ernest L. Blackburn; R. A. Boritz; Robert A. Bottomley; John H. Brannan; Robert C. Carmack; H. H. DeWitt; James L. Drawdy, Jr.; T. A. Eason; Walter M. Edge; James Edward Felton; Mortin J. Hee; Charles W. Gilbert; John Hart; Hugh Kamper; Vincent W. Kirby; Lee B. Mandell; C. H. McNulty; Stuart Nichols; Glenn H. Parks; William Phillips; Cecil Platt; Giles Platt; G. K. Reynolds, Jr.; Max K. Rodes; John G. Schick; John M. Schatz; H. E. Sisson; Clinton M. Smith; Dr. J. W. Strange; Adolph Sneedalus; Charles A. Taylor; C. A. Thompson; Arch Stewart Todd; John F. Tomazic; Lercian Urbanski; Austin Van Catterton; George W. Barrington; William H. Bauer; Robert H. Bayne; Joseph A. Bell; Hollis H. Bottomley; O. L. Burton; C. A. Chambers; O. L. Dicken; Clyde V. Edwards; George W. Gleason; William R. Haines; Fred M. Hall; John W. Rodman; Tom B. Harris; James E. Holmes; Cromwell B. Hoskins; Harvey Huggins; Kimper W. Jenings; Hebert W. Jessup; John Lively, Sr.; A. M. Minton; Charles McAllister; Rudi Oudshoff; William Rice; A. T. Rossetter; Robert L. Rowe; Edgar R. Smith; Howard A. Sullivan; Russell Sullivan; James W. Taylor; Joseph A. Thoman; John D. Thomas; Arthur Thornton; Thomas R. Whitehead; Joe H. Wickman; and Otis M. Willis.

Melbourne Lodge moved to their Lodge building in 1978.

Their Ladies organization is called the Ladies Auxiliary Elks.

The city of Melbourne is located in Brevard County and named after Melbourne, Australia. Their first residents were black freed men who had established themselves in the area in the 1860s. In 1894, Flagler's East Coast Railroad found its way to Melbourne and this brought the area economic growth. High-tech industries located there because of close access to the Cape and its space program.

When Melbourne and Eau Gallie merged, the Lodge name changed by dropping “Eau-Gallie” in 1970.

GER A. L. Lewis granted Melbourne-Eau Gallie Elks Lodge a dispensation to organize on April 1, 1948. Receiving it were Thomas R. Barr from Melbourne, Robert C. Carmack from Cocoa, Tommy Darby Harris from New Smyrna Beach, and 73 others. The charter was issued July 8, 1948 for Melbourne-Eau Gallie Lodge 1744.

The first session was held on June 3, 1948 in the old Melbourne high school building on New Haven Avenue with an initiatory class of forty men.

From March to December of 1979, the Lodge met at the VFW on Dairy Road and had a very low rate of social activity.

The Lodge was housed in a two-story building built in 1924 for a Union Hall (carpenters and brick layers) and was used to raise chickens in cages at the time the Elks purchased the building for $9,000. This building was
purchased by the State Road Department for the widening of New Haven Avenue (U. S. 192) in 1979 at a cost of $58,000.

In September of 1979, the Lodge purchased an L-shaped building at 211 S. Nienman Avenue in Melbourne and added a 4,500 square foot hall; they had their first major social affair on New Year’s Eve in 1980 in the unfinished main hall.

On November 7, 1981, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Grafton conducted the dedication ceremonies at the new Lodge home. Also present were PGER William A. Wall; Richard M. Shashy, President of the Florida State Elks Association; Past Presidents C. Newt Jones, Russell Saxon, and Norman O’Brien; and Past District Vice President of the East Central District, William F. Orban, acting as Master of Ceremonies.

Melbourne Lodge has produced three State Vice Presidents and District Deputies since its institution on April 1, 1948:

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In 2008-2009, the Lodge raised $1,225 and had a number of their members working at the Army of Hope Picnic in Sebastian for the state Elks program to raise funds to provide lodging for entertainers for the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center. In November, they raised $500 at their Veterans’ Breakfast to support their veterans’ programs. In December they sent additional funding to provide lodging for entertainers for the Orlando VA Medical Center.

Colette Blackburn and Walter Latham have been getting the word out and collecting items to be sent to the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Member Benefits

Certain benefits are available to Elks members:
- GMAC Auto and Life Insurance
- Life Line
- Health Screening Service
- Tour/Vacation Planning Center
- Prescription Savings and Card Promotion
- 48 Hour Print.com Printing Center

Visit www.elks.org for more information.

Members, Well-known

Well-known people who have been members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks include:

President Warren G. Harding
President Franklin Roosevelt
President Harry S. Truman
President John F. Kennedy
President Gerald Ford, Grand Rapids, MI (his father served two terms as Exalted Ruler)
Speaker of the House Tip O’Neil
Speaker Sam Rayburn
Speaker Carl Albert
Speaker John McCormick
Speaker Tom Foley, Spokane, WA
Gen. John J. (Blackjack) Pershing
Lawrence Welk
Andy Devine (Exalted Ruler of San Fernando, CA)
Vince Lombardi
Casey Stengal
Micky Mantle
Jim Finks
Whitey Ford
Will Rogers
Jack Benny
Clint Eastwood (member of Monterey, CA)

Florida Governors:
Cary A. Hardee, 1921-1925
Doyle E. Carlton, 1929-1933 (loudspeakers first used at inauguration)
Frederick P. Cone, 1937-1941
Spessard L. Holland, 1941-1945
Millard F. Caldwell, Jr., 1945-1949
Farris Bryant, 1961-1965
William H. Burns, 1965-1967
David Sholtz, 1933-1937 (first inauguration to be broadcast by radio; also served as GER while Governor)

Membership

The Business Practices Committee Chairman, Peter A. Alexander, made a statement regarding membership at the annual state convention in Kissimmee in 1995. He said that the Grand Lodge statutes were put together by smart men with years of experience who came together to formulate them. “These statutes have a lot of intelligence behind them.” He said that in their work with the Lodges they had found that working together as gentlemen was the way to go. “We have found out in our Lodges . . . that it was one of the things that we are kind of getting a little lax at.” He said we should take many dictatorial approaches of little cliques that get together and think that they dominate the Lodge. He expounded as follows:

“This causes the membership to look at these individuals, decide not to join, or decide to quit. We found that this is one of the reasons the membership is down. They don’t want to work for a dictator; they want to work as a member of the Lodge. They want to contribute to the concept of Elkdom. They want to see the leaders that they have appointed to in fact willfully express to them the accurate status of the position of the Lodge, what they are trying to offer. That’s something I think they should take under consideration at this time.”
### Membership Statistics, Florida State Elks Association

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Membership Committee

This committee shall continually seek quality members to conduct regular and well-organized plans to enlist new members and to support the work of the respective Lodge Lapsation and Reinstatement Committees.

The strength and vitality of our order is anchored in consistent growth in membership. We know that no organization of the nature of Elkdom remains virile if it does not continue to grow. Membership is the lifeblood of our order. To serve its function as such it must be strong and active and it must constantly be infused with additions to its ranks.

The addition of new members in the order is necessary to continue the aims and purposes of Elkdom. The selection of prospective members is a task worthy of careful consideration by every member of the Lodge. The stature of the Lodge must be maintained through the election of responsible, vigorous, and dedicated members. We continually need to bring into our order new members who are Americans of high character and congenial nature. We need new members who have the highest type of citizenship, who believe in our order, and will support its programs actively and enthusiastically as well as take great pride in their membership. We need more members strongly imbued with dedication to God, country, and this great order. We need as new members virile, progressive, successful, and respected leaders of the community as well as members successful in their chosen field to broaden the activities and influence of the Lodge in the community. With the addition of each new member, we benefit from the infusion of new ideas and fresh enthusiasm and thus Elkdom will remain perpetually active and strong.

The responsibility for membership growth and control is ultimately in the hand of the Exalted Ruler who overseas the committees of investigation, indoctrination, membership, lapsation, and stray Elks. It is the responsibility of all members, however, to make suggestions and support the Exalted Ruler. A copy of the Subordinate Lodge Membership Control Manual is available from the office of the Grand Secretary and should be used in each subordinate Lodge.

Whatever methods the Lodge may use, the Elks are not interested in just getting the numbers but in obtaining the quality of membership.

Membership Requirements

At one time, every applicant for membership in the Elks was required to have a physical examination. This practice was stopped in 1919 because doctors would no longer perform these examinations gratis.

In 1995, the word “male” was dropped from the requirements for membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. This resulted from a two-thirds majority vote by delegates attending the 131st Grand Lodge Convention in New Orleans on July 13. Subsequent to this, the change was submitted to the subordinate Lodges for a successful ratification.

Since the fraternity had been founded in 1868, the Elks had accepted only male citizens as members, but this policy had been under attack from feminist groups and government agencies.

Additionally, an applicant cannot be a convicted felon or belong to a group to overthrow the government of the United States, must be able to say he or she believes in God, and be a citizen of the United States either by birth or naturalization. Applicants who are not residents of the United States could not take an oath in which they would defend and protect a government they are not a citizen of over their country of citizenship.

Membership Card

The forerunner to the membership card was adopted in 1889 when the Grand Secretary made a recommendation to the Grand Lodge that they adopt some form of a certificate which would certify and show that a brother was in good standing until such date by the amount of dues paid being shown and affixed to the certificate.
I hold in my hand a little scrap of paper, two by three inches in size. It is of no intrinsic worth, not a bond, check, or receipt for values, yet it is my priceless possession. It is my membership card in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

It tells me that I am an American citizen – the proudest title in all the world that can be conferred upon a man. It tells me that I am the peer of emperors and kings, the ruler of my own destiny, the maker of my own fortune. It tells me that I am a citizen in a land where democracy rules, where brotherhood prevails, where tolerance holds sway, where justice is enthroned.

It tells me that I have joined with 1,250,000 (at that time) other Americans in the pledging of allegiance to our country and its laws, in placing the American flag first in our hearts as loyal Americans and first upon our altars as loyal Elks.

It tells me that I have entered into a spiritual and material kinship with my fellow Elks to practice charity in word and deed; to forgive and forget the faults of my brothers; to hush the tongue of scandal and innuendo; to care for the crippled, the hungry, and the sick; and to be just to all mankind.

It tells me that in 1,500 cities under the American flag, I have a home where good fellowship prevails – a home among brothers and friends, a home dedicated not only to the high principles for which the Order of Elks stands, but to the need of play, which is inherent in the heart of every man.

It tells me that my loved ones, my home, my fireside, and my household are under the protection of every member of this great Order who has sworn to protect and defend mine as I have sworn to protect theirs.

It tells me that should I ever be overcome by adversity, the hand of every Elk in all the world will be stretched forth to assist me in my necessities.

It tells me that if old age should find me alone and homeless, that as an honored guest of our Order, surrounded by my old comrades, and with every comfort and luxury, I may sit upon the veranda at Bedford in Virginia and watch the evening sun sink behind the Peaks of Otter for the last time before my fading eyes.

And, finally, it tells me, members, that when my final exit from the stage of life has been made, there will be gathered in my Lodge Room friends and brothers, who, when the eleventh hour has struck, will recall to mind my virtues, though they may be few, and will write my faults, though they may be many, upon the sands.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day was founded by General John A. Logan shortly after the Civil War, a day designated for the graves of Civil War soldiers to be decorated. It was then known as Decoration Day (see Logan, General John Alexander). Some twenty years later it was changed to Memorial Day, becoming a holiday dedicated to the memory of all war dead. The observance was held on May 30. Through the years, this day has been enhanced by parades along with flowery and patriotic oratory by our politicians.

In 1971 it became a federal holiday and is now observed on the last Monday in May. It has now become a three-day weekend to mark our country’s passage from spring to summer.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is the site of a Memorial Day ceremony in Virginia on the Potomac River, directly across from Washington, D. C. This site had once been part of the estate of Martha Washington’s son. In 1864, while the Civil War was still on, Arlington became a military cemetery. More than 240,000 service men and dependents are buried there. In 1921, an unknown American soldier of WWI was buried there. Additional unknown American soldiers, one from WWII and one from the Korean War, were buried there in 1958. It is now known as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, a monument to the American servicemen killed in the wars.

The unknown serviceman of Vietnam was buried there in 1984. In June of 1998, the body was disinterred and DNA testing identified him as an Air Force pilot. Technology may keep another unknown from forever being buried in the tomb.

The inscription carved on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier reads:

\[
\text{HERE RESTS IN HONORED GLORY}
\]
\[
\text{AN AMERICAN SOLDIER}
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\[
\text{KNOWN BUT TO GOD.}
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With the passage of time, General Logan has become an almost forgotten figure and Memorial Day seems to have lost much of its meaning. Parades are fewer; oratory is a thing of the past. Placing flowers on the graves of the men and women who gave their lives in military service in the United States is almost nonexistent.

**Memorial Services, Elks, First Sunday in December**

In 1889 Brother Allen O. Myers introduced a resolution “that the first Sunday in December, annually, is hereby designated and dedicated as a day to be celebrated as a Lodge of Sorrow by all Lodges of Elks.” The resolution was adopted and the order made a Lodge’s service mandatory for all of those who had passed away during the year. Myers is considered the father of the plan.

An Elks Memorial Service Contest C Award is given each year. To enter the contest, the Lodge should document their service with text and photos that are arranged logically in an 8 1/2” x 11” three-ring binder that is less than four inches in thickness and then submit the entry to the Grand Lodge or State Associations Activities Committee. Include a letter from the Lodge Secretary stating the Lodge’s membership as of March 31, and make sure the submission is made before midnight on March 31.

**Merritt Island Lodge 2650**

| District: | East Central |
| Date of Dispensation: | November 23, 1981 |
| Date of Installation: | December 11, 1982 |
| Charter Members: | 143 |
| Year 1995 Membership: | 182 |
| Year 1996 Membership: | 211 |
| Year 1997 Membership: | 245 |
| Year 1998 Membership: | 269 |
| Year 2004 Membership: | 251 |
| Year 2005 Membership: | 263 |
| Year 2006 Membership: | 286 |
| Year 2007 Membership: | 316 |
| Year 2008 Membership: | 335 |
| Year 2009 Membership: | 351 |
| Meets: | 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7 P.M. |
| Ladies Meet: | 1st Tuesday at 7 P.M. |
| Location: | 1520 N. Sykes Creek Parkway, Merritt Island, FL 32952 |

The following officers were elected and installed:

- **Exalted Ruler**: Alfred J. Klein
- **Esteemed Leading Knight**: John F. VanLear
- **Esteemed Loyal Knight**: William E. Drummond
- **Esteemed Lecturing Knight**: Patrick R. Schmitt
- **Secretary**: Harold R. Shelton
- **Treasurer**: Charles D. Lockmon
- **Inner Guard**: Paul Downer
- **Chaplain**: Louis P. Faford
- **Organist**: Francis G. King
- **Esquire**: George R. Metcalf
- **Tiler**: Dale R. Tidball, Jr.
- **Trustees**: 5 Year, George Henderson; 4 Year, S. Richard Miraglia; 3 Year, John E. Massa; 2 Year, Harry Rosenbloom; 1 Year, Olin D. Corn
PSP Harold R. Shelton (1985-1986) was a member of the Lodge. Their Ladies organization is called Ladies of the Island Elks.

### Miami Lodge 948

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You can visit the Lodge website at [www.miamielks948.org](http://www.miamielks948.org) or their blog at Miami 948 Blog.

The following officiated:

- **Grand Exalted Ruler**: W. G. Mason
- **Grand Esteemed Leading Knight**: A. C. Hamrick
- **Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight**: George R. Baker
- **Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight**: None listed
- **Grand Secretary**: G. D. Ackerly
- **Grand Treasurer**: George C. Floyd
- **Grand Tiler**: W. S. Gramling
- **Grand Esquire**: J. W. Ingram
- **Grand Inner Guard**: G. A. Mueller

The following officers were elected and installed:

- **Exalted Ruler**: Wm. M. Brown
- **Esteemed Leading Knight**: A. J. Kolb
- **Esteemed Loyal Knight**: C. H. Garthside
- **Esteemed Lecturing Knight**: Z. T. Merritt
- **Secretary**: George R. Gomph
- **Treasurer**: S. L. Patterson
- **Tiler**: C. H. Bradley
- **Trustees**:
  - 3 Year, John M. Burdine
  - 2 Year, George B. Romph
  - 1 Year, G. C. Frissell

In 1913 they built a Lodge and subsequently made changes in 1923 and 1950. In 1956 they bought new property which was sold in 1973. By 1990, new property was bought and a new Lodge was built and dedicated on March 17, 1991.

Their Ladies organization is the Elkettes.

Past State Presidents:

George A. McKinnon 1910
G. A. Mills 1913
L. F. McCready 1928
William Mooty 1935
Chelsie Senerchia 1939
James A. Dunn 1946
Frank J. Holt 1955

Past District Deputies:

George A. McKinnon 1909-1910
W. Frank Blanton 1924-1925
L. F. McCready 1927-1928
Chelsie Senerchia 1938-1939
James A. Dunn 1941-1942
Frank J. Holt 1951-1952
George K. Roller, Jr. 1962-1963
Daniel G. Satin 1969-1970
Morris Rabinowitz 1978-1979
Raymond S. Morgan 1982-1983
Quentin N. Ross 1986-1987
Richard Arnette 1990-1991
Glen D. Rust 2001-2002
Albert A. Reker 2005-2006

Past District Vice Presidents:

Judge W. Frank Blanton
George K. Roller, Jr.
Daniel G. Satin
Harty Baruch
Daniel L. Smalle
Quentin N. Ross
Stephen Rogers
Richard E. Arnette
Carmen P. Palma
Philip J. Ferrari
Glen Rust
Albert A. Reker

Past Exalted Rulers:

1905-1907 William Mark Brown
1907-1908 John B. Reily
1908-1909 George A. McKinnon
1909-1910 A. J. Kolb
1910-1911 John C. Abernathy
1911-1912  T. H. Bogue  
1912-1913  J. N. Jones  
1913-1914  J. A. Conrad  
1914-1915  W. A. Cramling  
1916-1917  S. M. Tatum  
1917-1918  Charles A. Milla  
1918-1919  Fred W. Pine  
1919-1920  Don Ferris  
1920-1921  E. N. Belcher  
1921-1922  George F. Holly  
1922-1923  W. Frank Blanton  
1923-1924  David J. Hefferman  
1925  L. F. McCready  
1925-1926  R. M. Simpson  
1926-1927  Frank H. Morris  
1927-1928  Will A. Otter  
1928-1929  R. E. Hall  
1929-1930  John T. Cavanagh  
1930-1931  J. Wayne Allen  
1931-1932  Louis J. Hamel  
1932-1933  Glenn C. Mincer  
1933-1934  John R. Fitzpatrick  
1934-1935  Hayes S. Wood  
1935-1936  Thomas J. Kelly  
1936-1937  C. L. Wheat  
1937-1938  Chelsie J. Senerchia  
1938-1939  William W. Shayne  
1939-1940  James A. Dunn  
1940-1941  C. D. Van Orsdel  
1941-1942  W. P. Mooty  
1942-1943  Hubert T. Harmon  
1943-1944  Edmund C. Luster  
1944-1945  George S. Okell  
1946-1947  Hugh P. Emerson  
1947-1948  Dudley M. Cawthon  
1979-1980  Charles T. Muller  
1984-1985  Richard Arnette  
1987-1988  Bruce Warshaw  
1988-1989  James W. Murray  
1989-1990  Patrick J. Reid  
1990-1991  James S. Bickel  
1991-1992  Eugene A. Auffhammere  
1993-1994  Marvin Cohen  
1997-1998  Charles Blanchard  
1998-1999  Steven W. Pristas  
2003-2004  Donald Schwartz  
2004-2005  Mary A. Rust  
2005-2006  Richard White, Jr.  
2006-2007  Jeffrey Muchfeld  

Lodge Homes:  

3rd Avenue and Flagler Street  

This property was purchased on August 12, 1911. The building was constructed on-site on June 13, 1913.
Celebrating the completion of their magnificent new temple at Twelfth and Avenue A, Miami Elks members of Miami Lodge No. 948, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, will tomorrow night hold high carnival in the new Lodge rooms, inviting in the “Ladies of the Elks” and all visiting members of the fraternity, though all those Elks attending, whether members of the local lodge or visitor, must present their cards showing themselves to be in good standing with dues paid to date.

The new temple will be open from early in the evening until as late as any wish to remain; a varied entertainment is being provided so that none will have reason to be disappointed. A buffet luncheon will be served at all hours; music will be furnished throughout the evening by the most skilled musicians in the city, members of the Royal Palm and other orchestras; there will be dancing for those who care to dance and whist five hundred and other games of cards for those who wish to play.

Mr. A. J. Kolb is chairman of the committee on arrangements. Mr. W. T. Carter is chairman of the committee on invitations, and Dr. W. S. Gramling is chairman of the committee on dancing.

The new Elks temple, considered one of the most magnificent structures of the kind in all the southland, was erected at a cost of nearly $50,000, exclusive of furnishings. Built of reinforced concrete, stuccoed white, the temple is one of the showplaces of the city and is a source of pride to all Elks members of local Lodge and visitors alike. It is two stories high, surmounted by a tower from which entrance is had to the roof garden.

The temple has a frontage of 50 feet on Twelfth Street and 75 feet on the avenue, an imposing porch extending across the Twelfth Street end of the building, with smaller porches on the side. The main entrance is from Twelfth Street, this opening into the general reception room, 25 x 25 feet in size. Immediately to the rear of the reception room is the shower bath room with three showers. Back of this is the rathskeller and kitchen, a room 25 feet wide and 75 feet long.

The Lodge room, 50 x 75, is on the second floor, to the rear. Opening onto the roof of the front porch is a beautiful room set apart for the “Ladies of the Elks,” this room being 25 feet square. Between this room and the Lodge hall is a small committee room.

The Elks Lodge meets tonight in regular session. The new officers will not be installed until April.

Attracting attention from all directions with its hundreds of red, white, and blue lights, edging the façades and setting off the building in all its beauty, with the gay throngs of members and friends frequenting the balconies and roof garden, the formal opening of the Elks’ new home was one of the most elaborate and well attended functions of the season. Old Glory could be seen from afar floating in the breeze above the brilliant scene and an Elk pennant given by their ladies caused considerable notice. A great number of small pine, bays, and cercanvenilla were arranged artistically in every way possible to add to the charming effect. The decorations inside were equally as faultless and were carried out with a profusion of flowers and greens.

Chicken salad, various kinds of sandwiches, olives, nuts, and many extra dishes comprised the buffet luncheon and at the grillroom could be obtained anything desirable in the line of daint eatables.

Mrs. E. A. Waddell, Mrs. J. C. Abernethy, Mrs. Oscar Maynard, and Mrs. Robert Hill were in the receiving line and cordially welcomed every guest that entered. Col. E. A. Waddell was master of ceremonies and Dr. W. S. Gramling acted as floor manager in the ballroom where the display of beautiful striking costumes worn by the ladies could not be expelled.

Mrs. W. M. Brown’s queenly dignity was set off by a gown of black charmeuse combined with shadow lace and she wore a corsage bouquet of red roses.

Mrs. W. C. Craming was charming in a blue charmeuse with a beaded overdress.

Mrs. F. A. Waddell wore a white satin with a pearl garniture made with tunic effect which added to her natural loveliness.

Miss Alice Sanders was radiant in a rose colored costume trimmed with silver lace.

Mrs. J. C. Abernethy wore pink satin with egret head dress.
Mrs. Oscar Maynard was gowned in blue satin trimmed in lace.
Mrs. Robert Hill was strikingly gowned in yellow satin with white chiffon.
Miss Louise Brown was attired in a yellow silk with satin over yellow satin.

**Brickell Point**

This property was purchased in 1956. The cornerstone for the new Lodge building was laid by GER Horace Wisely on March 19, 1959 and for a number of years they enjoyed the beautiful “Lodge on the Bay” until it gradually became apparent that the increasing average age of members, combined with the effects of rapid demographic changes in the area, were creating serious problems of attendance in this downtown location. Consequently the property was sold and Miami Lodge utilized temporary facilities of the Coral Gables Elks Lodge until they found a site in a more promising developing neighborhood.

The search for a suitable site began long before the Brickell was sold. A mail survey of the membership to determine a site preference for a new Lodge was sent, and county and city plans for growth and development were reviewed. Numerous exotic sites were investigated; among them were the Freedom Tower, the Miami Women’s Club on the bay, and numerous less renowned spots up and down Biscayne Blvd. The search ended finally when the Site Committee chose 6.2 acres at 10301 Sunset Drive.

During these anxious years of leadership, Coral Gables Lodge 1676 embraced their homeless members of 948, a brotherly love relationship which enabled their Miami members to survive a decade in transit.

The long period of uncertainty ended when Miami Elks Lodge got off to a spectacular start with a standing room attendance the night of November 7, 1990 when the new two-story building was the scene of the first meeting in the new facilities. Tennis courts, racquetball and basketball courts, a swimming pool with sun deck, and an exercise room with saunas were included among the facilities in the building that surrounded the spacious two-story building. Parking for 210 cars was provided.

The Lodge meeting hall was on the second floor. Among other important rooms was the 4,000 square foot ballroom with pool tables, shuffleboard, and table games. Additionally, there was a large lounge with a most attractive custom-made bar area. The Lodge also had many strategically placed TVs with programming capabilities utilizing cable and satellite systems.

It was dedicated on Sunday, March 17, 1991 as the Dade County Commission issued a proclamation naming March 17, 1991 “Miami Elks Lodge Day.” A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the portico entrance with dedication ritual in the grand ballroom.

Past Exalted Rulers of Miami Lodge presided at the dedication ritual. Presiding was PDD Quentin N. Ross acting as Grand Exalted Ruler.

Also present were:

- Grand Leading Knight: Richard E. Arnette, DDGER
- Grand Loyal Knight: Morris Rabinowitz, PDD
- Grand Lecturing Knight: Edward D. Wittlesey, PER
- Grand Secretary: Warren B. Robinson, PER
- Grand Treasurer: Carman “Tom” Palma, PER
- Grand Esquire: Stephen B. Hunter, PER
- Grand Chaplain: Patrick J. Heid, PER
- Grand Inner Guard: F. Joseph Braham, PER
- Grand Organist: Larry E. Myers, PER
- Grand Tiler: Robert M. Deehl, PER
- Grand Trustee: Nathaniel L. Barone, Jr., PER
- Grand Trustee: Russell Carnevale, PER
- Grand Trustee: Joseph Nimeth, PER
- Grand Trustee: George Moro, PER

Chairman of the Building Committee was Robert W. Bussen, Lodge Secretary.
Dignitaries present included N. Pat O’Brien, Past Grand Tiler and Robert Grafton, PGER.
Officers gave tours of the Lodge.
After 75 Years, Elks Migrate to Suburbia

This year, for the first time in many years there was no New Year's Eve party at Elks Lodge #948, Dade's oldest Elks Lodge, the Lodge by the bay in downtown Miami.

Something called a "mini New Year's Eve party" was held instead, five days early. Partygoers numbered 125. It was a congenial get-together with food in covered dishes, an accordistionist, and plenty of singing.

Still, you had to feel a little sad when you thought about the parties they used to throw at Elks Lodge #948 when that Lodge had more members than any other chapter in the state—1,775 in 1949; when so many Elks went to parties, the ballroom floor in the old building on Flagler Street shook with their dancing; and when many Elks were young and lived downtown and it was nothing to go to parties and meetings and bingo games at the Lodge that was founded in 1905. Those were the days, and now they are gone.

Lodge Exalted Ruler Charles Muller says a wrecking ball will smash the walls of the Brickell Point Elks building Tuesday making way for a 17-story hotel, the world's biggest Holiday Inn.

Elks Lodge #948 continued its devotion to charity work, supporting the $2 million crippled children's hospital the Florida Elks built in Umatilla, but its membership faded as Old Miami faded. Hardly anyone lived downtown anymore, and those who worked downtown usually lived in the suburbs. Who felt like driving back at night for an Elks meeting?

"It's tragic," said Chelsie Senerchia, who was mayor of Miami 29 years ago, who calls himself, at age 80, "the oldest living Past Exalted Ruler of the Miami Lodge." He became an Elk in 1923, when he lived in a $5-a-week room in a wooden frame house at SE Second Street and SE First Avenue: "Just a short hop down the boulevard to the Elks Lodge." Now he lives in Miami Shores.

Many of the old pioneers and important Miamians belonged to Elks Lodge #948: mayors, sheriffs, and circuit court judges. However, most of them are either dead now or not feeling up to regular Wednesday night meetings at the Elks Lodge.

"It's quite a hardship for me," Senerchia said. "Let the young boys carry on."

Elkette Minnie Walter, whose husband, A. P. Walter, is at age 84 said to be the Lodge's oldest member, remembers Fourth of July picnics at the bayfront Elks building when U. S. Senator Claude Pepper, a lifetime member of the Lodge, would deliver a stirring, patriotic address. She remembers watching the Orange Bowl parade from the balcony of the old Elks building at Flagler Street and NE Third Avenue.

She remembers "wonderful, wonderful friends."

The men and women of Elks Lodge #948 are not giving up though. A new building in a new place could be the best thing that ever happened, some members think.

Said John Trabold, 70 years old, 50 years an Elk: "There's nothing like looking to the future. We hope we can attract young members with a Lodge that has tennis courts, a swimming pool, and handball—whatever they play these days."

Said Lodge Secretary Morgan: "We want to go to the suburbs."

Significant Events and Projects of Miami Lodge 948:

Miami Lodge 948 has had a very active Youth Activities program over the years. An example of their efforts is a piece that appeared in Florida Elks News in July of 1998:

"Youth Recognition Night" . . . recognizing the coaches, leaders, youth, and volunteers of the twelve organizations the Lodge sponsored last year. Steven Hunter, PER, the Master of Ceremonies, introduced James Henderson, a competitive weightlifter, now actively involved with motivation and counseling of young people to stay in school, stay off drugs, and set high goals. Henderson graduated from college with a 3.6 GPA and started competitive weightlifting. He set a new World Drug-Free International Powerlifting Federation record of 622 pounds and earned a gold medal. The 200 children 6-18 years of age and approximately 100 adults gave him a standing ovation after his more than 20-minute presentation regarding choices and foundations. The kids swamped him for autographs afterwards.

Awards and medals and silver dollar keepsakes were given to many children for their accomplishments and successes.
Youth Camp Committee Chairman, Martin Plyser, gave a talk about the location, cost, facilities, and programs at the Florida Elks Youth Camp, and Ben Jackson, Youth Activities Chairman, gave special recognition awards for their time and dedication to our youth to Robert Hitchcock, Luis Lora, Ms. Tracy Seaton, and David Mallis.

Police Sgt. Louis Phillips of the Miami-Dade Kendal District was the closing speaker regarding the importance of education, self-esteem, and making the right choices.

The Annual Charity Golf Tournament at the Miami National Golf Club had 136 players and more than 60 sponsors and raised more than $7,000 for Elks charities.

1994 Miami Lodge 948 distributed 10,000 bookmarks urging students to say no to drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. The Miami Drug Awareness Committee selected the bookmarks as an item that children could carry with them to school, the library, and to home reminding them of the perils of drug usage. The distribution of the bookmarks began with the Lodge’s own Boy Scout Troop and continued to other youth groups.

2011 The Lodge was recognized by Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Grimenez for 106 years of continuous service to the community by having a street named for the Lodge. Thousands of cars pass through the section where the street sign hangs on a daily basis. The idea was formulated by Public Relations and Publicity Chairman, Glenn Tekerman, and PER Joaquin “Jack” Lopez, Jr. Member Grace Hirogoyen pitched the idea to the mayor and saw the project through to its completion. On March 5, 2011, Mayor Grimenez visited the Lodge and issued the proclamation to have SW 102 Avenue named Miami Elks Lodge Avenue. It is the Lodge’s way of following the slogan, “Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Visible.” The street sign was presented by GER Mike Smith and Sandra at the Florida Dinner during the 2011 Grand Lodge Convention at Phoenix.

**Miami Beach Lodge 1601**

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<td>Merged with: North Miami Lodge 1835 on May 30, 1990</td>
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The following officiated:

- Grand Exalted Ruler: Caspian Hale
- Grand Esteemed Leading Knight: W. A. Wall
- Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight: Carl Kettler
- Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight: Charles A. Mills
- Grand Secretary: William P. Mooty
- Grand Treasurer: Unknown
- Grand Trustee: George Bloom
- Grand Tiler: Maurice Klein
- Grand Chaplain: John R. Fitzpatrick
- Grand Esquire: Thomas J. Kelly
- Grand Inner Guard: S. L. Metcalf

The following officers were elected and installed:

- Exalted Ruler: Val C. Cleary
- Esteemed Leading Knight: Audley S. Frink
- Esteemed Loyal Knight: Emmett F. Burke
- Esteemed Lecturing Knight: Patrick C. Mays
- Secretary: Herbert H. Bernstein
- Treasurer: Louis Karlbach
- Inner Guard: Walter C. Wichman
- Chaplain: Ralph C. Pole
- Esquire: Charles A. Cobb
- Tiler: Maurice Klein
The following are charter members: Albert L. Lampley; Joseph O. Dailey; Carl Sturdevant; Henry Hohauser; Aron Weinkle; Nathan Morris; Samuel J. Halperin; P. M. Seidenberg; William W. Segal; M. C. Cobb; Melvin J. Richard; K. T. Howe; Albert Jacobs; Anthony Rossi; Byron B. Wheeler; Harry H. Kerzin; John S. Baber; Harry Marshall; H. R. Mechlowitz; Phillip R. Short; Maurice Abramson; Alvin Nemetz; Morris Raufbogel; John Selby; William Gottlieb; Philip Romer; William Gottlieb; Thomas L. Jones; Edward Roth; Jack Hertzman; R. J. Shepard; A. W. Bernstein; Elmer R. Daphoff; James E. Bryson; Mortimer C. Burton; Max Steinberg; William C. Wills; N. Roy Cannon; Albert W. Simpson; Albert N. Mehaffey; Frank Bard; Joseph A. Hukle; Alfred R. Elliott; J. S. Simpson; Charles B. Esher; Robert Boyle; Robert B. Loveland; Joe Brenna; Jos. F. Norris, Jr.; Joseph S. Clements; Louis Miller; Fred F. Welbanks; Samuel Marks; Leonard Harris; W. Marion Martin; Ira H. Gottlieb; Ted Berman; Irvin Gordon; Joe Brown Booth; William Masur; George J. Collier; Harold Young; M. P. Hagerty; Ralph Rafel; Nathan Feld; Thomas McCoy; Charles H. Silverman; Nathan Schoenblatt; Chester H. Sugarmann; Harris Melsher; Pierre A. Vacca; Fred F. Rosenthal; Russell A. Niceley; Philip Heins; Jesse Weiss; Bert P. Berand; Oscar Bernstein; George Bloom; Bores Schlabman; Barney Rosenthal; A. Louis Mechlowitz; and Nathan Rosenthal.

PDD James Wendler was a Lodge member and served many years as Editor of Florida Elks News. The Lodge rented Lodge quarters, and from 1937 through 1985 they occupied permanent quarters. They merged with North Miami Lodge 1835 on May 30, 1990. Their Ladies organization was the Harry-Anna Circle.

### Miami Springs-Hialeah Lodge 1775

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The following officiated:

- **Grand Exalted Ruler:** Edward O. Williams
- **Grand Esteemed Leading Knight:** Arthur C. O’Hea
- **Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight:** Robert Bohon
- **Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight:** James A. Dunn
- **Grand Secretary:** Chelsie Senerchia
- **Grand Treasurer:** Alex Arnette
- **Grand Tiler:** Frank O’Connell
- **Grand Chaplain:** Val Cleary
- **Grand Esquire:** William Wall
- **Grand Inner Guard:** M. A. Rosin

The following officers were elected and installed:

- **Exalted Ruler:** Ed Ridolph
- **Esteemed Leading Knight:** Julian Arroyo, Jr.
- **Esteemed Loyal Knight:** Jack C. Roberts
- **Esteemed Lecturing Knight:** A. H. Caswell
- **Secretary:** B. F. Kirby, Sr.
- **Treasurer:** L. E. Bussell
- **Inner Guard:** Arthur Clark
- **Chaplain:** Truman Hill
- **Esquire:** R. F. McIntyre
- **Tiler:** William Doran

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The following are charter members: A. P. Adam; R. B. Ankron; David Ansley; Elmer C. Armstrong; Julian Arroyo, Jr.; Nicholas Arroyo; H. F. Barr; Paul E. Barr; W. E. Barton; L. J. Beaudrin; A. F. Bernadetto; Warren Bishop; A. P. Bismark; Benjamin Bloom; George Bloom; Joseph Boyd, Jr.; B. B. Boyer; Wm. W. Bothwell; W. S. Boyer; A. H. Brannon; J. P. Burdick; Truman Burnham; L. E. Bussell; C. E. Campbell; C. R. Campbell; A. H. Caswell; Arthur Clark; Odie E. Clay; George Collins; Ben Cooper; W. R. Cooper; Jack H. Couch; Milton Davis, Jr.; Milton Davis, Sr.; W. P. Delaney; L. H. Dice; William Doran; P. E. Dorsey; Jack Durie; J. H. Eckes; E. C. Edlemann; Frank Ewald; George A. Feller; E. E. Ferguson; J. J. Fleischman; Rev. L. J. Flynn; Earl Ford; T. H. Fowler; J. Frederickson; James Gaylord; Charles W. Gaylord; R. Gibbs; Jack Gillmore; Isadore Glick; L. H. Goodyear; R. J. Hackett; Paul Hannon; G. W. Harmon; Truman Hill; L. F. Himebrook; George Hosback; J. F. Hubert; W. R. Jacques; W. R. Jensen; Joseph Keller; Floyd Kemp; Mark Richardson; W. S. Richardson; Ed Ridolph; J. A. Roach; Jack C. Roberts; C. A. Root; W. T. Ross; D. J. Saramento; B. J. Schwartz; Ben Shepard; Otis Shields, Jr.; W. J. King; Boyd F. Kirby; B. F. Kirby, Sr.; Robert Kline; W. A. Lang; B. A. Law; Stanley Leonard; Jack Leroy; W. W. Lewis; W. H. Lockward; C. W. Maddox; Dr. C. B. Magrill; Warren Marshall; Irwin P. Martin; Robert McGahey; R. F. McIntyre; Frank S. Slade; Dr. C. J. Slade; Christopher Smith; G. F. Smith; Percy Smith; S. T. Smith, Jr.; Warren Smith; J. N. Solomon; J. R. Stripling; George Szabo; O. G. Taylor; Russell McWilliams; Clifford C. Miller; W. R. Minton; Richard Mitchell, Jr.; Ralph Morse; Paul Murphy; John Nettlow; R. C. Nichols; Jack O’Dare; Terry O’Neill; Geo. P. Pfaffendorf; William Pittman; Andrew P. Porter; Mitchell T. Prizio; Jack C. Prosser; W. A. Thomas; W. A. Thompson; Felix Tomalino; Hugh Van Arsdel; J. B. Walker; A. J. Watson; R. P. Wilkinson; J. J. Wludyka; James Yardick; Perry J. Yocum; and W. H. Young.

Miami Springs-Hialeah Lodge’s charter was revoked on June 21, 1963. The Lodge later became Hialeah 2352 and merged with North Miami 1835 on March 5, 1990. Their Ladies organization was the Does Drove No. 69.

Military Hall

The Jolly Corks originally met at the boarding house of Mrs. Arnold Geisman, located at 188 Elm Street in New York, later known as Lafayette Street in the block between Broome and Springs Streets. They were asked to move because of the disturbance to other residents as their membership grew.

A new meeting place was found over a saloon owned by Paul Summers located at 17 Delancy Street. Their main purpose in being continued was to be entirely convivial and their membership was made up of professionals and semiprofessionals.

They remained at Delancy Street for about four weeks and then moved to the top floor of Military Hall at 193 Bowery. At the 80th birthday of the order, Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis with a group of Past Grand Exalted Rulers placed a plaque on Military Hall. It read: “On this site on February 16th, 1868 in the building known as Military Hall, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America was organized to
Miller, Harry Pumphrey Reason (H. P. R. Miller)

Harry Miller was a great influence in the forming of Eustis Elks Lodge while his gift helped Florida Elks develop one of the most successful major projects in Elkdom.

He was a member of Eustis Elks Lodge and was the donor of the Rowebilt Hotel in Umatilla that was later converted to the Harry-Anna Crippled Children’s Home. Miller also donated an apartment and store building in Eustis, the net income from which was channeled into the Harry-Anna Trust Fund.

Florida Elks Define Their Mission

Following the formation of the Florida State Elks Association in Tampa in 1904, the Florida State Elks Association had at times seemed to exist with no motivating influences or objectives giving it purpose, and at times there seemed little justification for its existence.

In 1931, J. L. Reed, Sr., President of the Florida State Elks Association, made these remarks following his attending the national convention in Atlantic City. He said:

... The State Association is a peculiar institution. It has not yet discovered its full possibilities. It exists under narrow limitations laid down by the Grand Lodge and by grace of the enthusiasm of the Elks within its jurisdiction. Its support is voluntary. Its leadership must, of necessity, be moral leadership and its influence measured by the unselfishness, earnestness, and disinterestedness with which it serves. The State Association owes allegiance to the Grand Lodge. It must uphold the dignity of the sovereign body, obey its laws, and support its policies. But, it must stand free of national politics if it would hold the respect of the members of subordinate lodges. If ever the spirit of democracy fails and the State Association is permitted to become a stepping-stone for personal ambition, if ever it falls into hands of those who would use it as flaunted evidence of power, its moral leadership must fail. The State Association has demonstrated its usefulness, but its strength is the strength of unselfish service and more perverted to the uses of selfish ambition, it will fall, never to rise again. Every Elk who loves the Order will strive with heart, voice, and mind to avert the coming of such evil days.

An Idea is Born

However, it was this man, Harrison Pumphrey Reason Miller (H. P. R. Miller), lovingly called Harry Miller, along with David Sholtz, Governor of Florida, FSEA President, and Grand Exalted Ruler, who changed Elkdom in Florida forever. Their efforts provided a state Elks major project that would expand and carry on to this day. Without these two, there probably would never have been an Elks Children’s Hospital, the current Florida Elks Children’s Therapy Services, and possibly even the Florida Elks Youth Camp.

It came about through a series of events that occurred in the 1920s. Florida had been enjoying a land boom of great proportions and following the path of a booming state, a 100-room, three-story Rowebuilt Hotel was constructed in Umatilla, located amid very spacious Lake County acreage.

It was a beautiful hotel, a resort, and every detail was designed for the comfort of its guests, but even with all of its grace and beauty, it managed to attract very few guests. It stayed open only 14 days, closing after the boom burst in the late 1920s. Its most noted guest in its short life was Billy Sunday who conducted a series of lectures at a nearby Baptist Church.

Eustis, in 1929, was a growing town. Pioneers had settled here around 1850 and they found an abundance of pine trees, scrub oaks, palmettos, and cypress trees. These early pioneers planted citrus groves, built homes, and raised their children here. By 1877 it had grown to the point that it could support a local supply store and hotel and in 1882 they added a post office, school, church, and rail service. The residents enjoyed this land of tropical landscapes, magnificent fishing, excellent hunting, and, of course, a near perfect climate.
On November 1, 1929, several men gathered at the offices of Eustis Lake Region Newspaper. The purpose of this meeting was to consider an application to Grand Lodge for dispensation to form an Elks Lodge. Their fourth meeting was held on January 28, 1930 in the city of Eustis in answer to a call from L. F. Chapman, District Deputy of the Florida East District, to vote on an application of proposed Elks as new members of the order and to make such plans and take such steps as would secure a dispensation from Grand Exalted Ruler Walter P. Andrews of Atlanta, GA for the institution of a Lodge of Elks in Eustis.

The applications of 55 men were read and approved for initiation after the institution of the Lodge. On February 4, 1930 about forty members and proposed members were present at a meeting. Institution took place on February 19, 1930 with sixty charter members. Harry H. P. Miller became one of its demits, a man who had made his money with various oil interests in Texas.

The following year, Eustis Lodge received a communication from State President J. L. Reed dated January 9, 1931. Reed stated in his letter that there were a number of prominent physicians who would be in Eustis on Saturday to look into the possibilities of a former hotel building for use as a hospital. Eustis member Harry Miller was offering the Rowebuilt Hotel to the State Association as an Elks Home or hospital for crippled children. Miller had held a mortgage on the furnishings and equipment of this hotel when they defaulted, he foreclosed. The hotel was now his.

At the 1931 annual convention of the FSEA during J. Edwin Baker’s term of office, the following was presented to the convention: “Mr. H. P. Miller of Eustis offered the Elks a two story stucco hotel building in Umatilla, same being well adapted for an Elks Home or hospital.”

One of those prominent physicians who visited the Eustis area that Saturday was Dr. Robert E. Baldwin who made this extensive report regarding the investigation of the proposed site and possibilities. It is interesting to note in his report the influences of the times (1931) and benefits we in Florida have. It should also be noted that two ideas had emanated from the offer of the hotel by Harry Miller, one as a home for Elks, and the other as a hospital.

There is contained herein an informal report on the building and site of Umatilla, Florida, offered by H. P. Miller, Esq. of Eustis, Florida. A detailed description of the building will be left for the architect. While the building may be as well adapted for an Elks Home as it is for a hospital, this report is confined to its suitability for a hospital.

The building is of fire-resisting construction with two floors and a basement. It has a stucco finish and is attractive in appearance. The plumbing is modern in every respect and there is a splendid steam heating plant with a large oil burner - a feature frequently overlooked in this latitude.

As a hospital for medical cases this building has great possibilities. It is probable that you know the number of heart, kidney, and respiratory cases has shown an alarming increase in recent years. There are many reasons which might be cited favoring this site for such cases as well as almost any other medical condition with the exception of pulmonary tuberculosis which requires greater altitude. Some of these reasons will be stated and discussed.

The altitude of this section ranges from two hundred to two hundred sixty feet which is ideal for the average medical case.

The question of water is gratifyingly easy to solve as the supply furnished by Umatilla is adequate, soft, and portable as well as being free from pathogenic bacteria. This is such an important requirement it is difficult to avoid stressing it.

The food situation must be considered very carefully. In the care of the sick, the modern physician is demanding citrus products in greatly increased amounts. Umatilla is in the heart of the citrus belt and patients in this area could obtain tree-ripened fruit instead of the artificially colored product so frequently found in distant markets. In addition to the citrus fruits, the necessity for a plentiful supply of vegetables is recognized by all well-informed persons. As is not so well known, it is highly desirable that the vegetables should have high iodine content. Fortunately that metal is present in Florida vegetables to a very high percentage. When the research work has been completed it is most probable that Florida’s vegetables will head the list as is the case at present with grapefruit. In addition to the mineral content it is essential that the product be fresh and if possible, cheap. This section will provide, and does provide, for that matter, vegetables, which satisfy the epicure, the medical man, and the pocketbook.
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Ambulant cases need recreation and that county offers wonderful opportunities. There are twenty-two hundred (2,200) named lakes in that region, and most of them are well stocked with fine fish. It is a paradise for the fisherman and to those whose health is below par. It would be almost impossible for a convalescent patient to remain depressed in such surroundings. With hope replacing the ‘blues,’ appetite returns which results in fewer hospital days, thus effecting a saving. Incidentally the patient is more congenial and the work of the attendants measurably lightened.

We, in Florida, have been slow to realize the tremendous advantages this state has in the value of sunbathing over the practice of using certain types of apparatus to produce ultraviolet rays. A hospital located here can dispense with all such apparatus by using sun bathing, a healing agent and even approached by any ultraviolet lamp.

It is a matter to be regretted that no gifted pen has described properly the beauty of the lake region, with its sapphire lakes and rolling grove land. The patients in many hospitals have to go long distances to escape landscape’s monotony, but around Umatilla and Eustis it is an ever changing vista. A person who was not delighted with an automobile ride over the smooth roads in this region might as well give up. Many of us think of a hospital as a building smelling of disinfectants and ether, with pokerfaced doctors and nurses. Well, at one time there may have been some justification for such ideas, but not in recent years. This matter of recreation is so important it cannot be dismissed lightly.

A hospital too difficult of access inflicts an unnecessary hardship on the patients. This proposed hospital at Umatilla is far enough back from the main highway to avoid the noise and dust incident to moderate traffic, yet it is no effort to reach it. The railroad is but a stone’s throw distance.

Orlando and DeLand are sufficiently close to send the occasional surgical patient for treatment if surgery is imperative. By receiving medical cases only the heavy overhead of maintaining an operating room with necessary personnel can be obviated. The nearness of these cities renders possible the obtaining of competitive bids on supplies.

Strangely enough the citizens of Umatilla and Eustis are very desirous of having an Elks’ Home or hospital in this locality. Usually people oppose a hospital very bitterly, but these people are not only exceptional in this respect but offer to equip fifty rooms.

A final reason for accepting this offer is that the generous donor doesn’t stipulate that a hospital must be started on a grand scale. He stated to the undersigned that if the Elks desired to begin in a modest organization of conversion to a hospital (medical cases only) it should be between three and five thousand ($3,000.00 - $5,000.00).

Probably every Elk feels that the order has been quite wonderful to its dead; now let’s do something for the living.

Under a motion by Charles E. Ware, Exalted Ruler of Clearwater Lodge 1525, and a second by J. W. Pace of Tampa Lodge 708, the report was accepted. The idea was referred to Grand Lodge.

David Sholtz along with Social and Community Welfare Committee members consisting of Frank E. Thompson, James J. Fernandez, Arthur C. O’Hea, and L. F. Chapman also made a report and made reference to the proposal as a Crippled Children’s Hospital with no reference to it as an Elks Home. Their research had entailed that of making a study of the various types of possible social welfare work that could be done in the state.

Sholtz had been holding a number of conferences with various individuals, doctors, and social workers in the state and was of the belief that there was a field open to the Order of Elks in Florida similar to that of the major activities of other state associations.

He felt that with Miller’s gift, great humanitarian work could be carried on in directing the lives of hundreds of crippled children in this state away from what he saw as more or less a drab existence into channels of real happiness and contentment. He stated that at that time there was in Florida a Crippled Children’s Commission and there was need for an organized cooperative effort with that commission in a very wide field.

A survey conducted about four years before by the American Legion showed there were from six to ten crippled children in every thousand. At the same time, there were only approximately thirty-five beds available in Florida for children with crippling conditions, but Sholtz seriously doubted that there had actually been an intensive survey made, county by county, in which the support for all agencies had been enlisted.
Sholtz, Florida’s first Grand Exalted Ruler and a member of Daytona Beach Elks Lodge, believed that the Order of Elks was fundamentally well-founded and particularly organized well for such work in Florida, as its component Lodges were integral parts of the life of thirty-three communities in the state.

Sholtz felt that with Miller’s gift of such a fine facility used in such a beneficial manner, “many families would be willing to accept help extended in a spirit of brotherhood, yet who would not be desirous of accepting charity through organized agencies.”

The Social and Community Welfare Committee recommended as the first step in what might eventually become the great work of Elkdom in Florida a complete survey to locate all of the crippled children in every community and section of Florida. This was done in conjunction with all other agencies available and in cooperation with the Florida Crippled Children’s Commission. Sholtz had been a member of the Social and Community Welfare Committee for some five years.

After the survey was completed and they were convinced that this was the proper field for an Elks endeavor, then they could plan for proper medical care and attention preliminary to schooling, vocational training, guidance, and placement. He was also aware that this effort could open up a larger field than the Elks might possibly be able to undertake, but for the present at least, it was a start in the right direction.

It was as a result of that survey that the Florida State Elks, made possible by Harry Miller and his wife, Anna, adopted as its major objective the welfare of the crippled children of the state of Florida. The matter was referred to the Grand Lodge which subsequently approved the state project.

Sholtz said, “Certainly, no finer humanitarian objective could be undertaken by the Elks of Florida. This is perhaps our great opportunity for real service to humanity in Florida. Certainly this work will be never ending, for crippled children seem to always inhabit the world, even in Florida, who will either be neglected or transformed into contented, ambitious, useful, and self-supporting citizens. . . . Let us open the doorway to happiness for children otherwise doomed to lives of darkness and despair.”

Miller was still a significant factor in Eustis Lodge which had only been instituted in July of 1930, just one year earlier. Miller felt strongly that Eustis Lodge should own its own building which he claimed was in sight as soon as its membership reached 250 members. Miller and Dave Wiggins each offered $1,000 to get the enthusiasm for the project going. Five months later, on September 18, Miller stated before the membership that if the Lodge could obtain 200 members by February 22, 1932, he would sponsor a banquet for the entire Lodge. Enthusiasm built and on December 1, 1931 the Lodge held an initiation class of 54 candidates, 45 of whom were residents of Umatilla. The grateful Lodge named it the Harry-Anna Memorial Class.

Miller was an obvious civic-minded individual and in May of 1931 he suggested to his Lodge that they take on a project of sponsoring the much needed improvement of the Lake Joanna Bathing Beach. After review by the Lodge Community Welfare Committee, they got into action and by the 29th of May were able to report that the Bath House for women was finished. Nineteen thirty-one era heavy equipment in the form of a mule and man along with scoops furnished by A. B. Deane was put into operation to haul sand at Lake Joanna.

At this same time, a new member, Willis McCall, was initiated into the Lodge. McCall later became a President of the Florida State Elks Association. He served twenty-nine years on the board of directors for the Florida State Children’s Hospital and was honored during his lifetime by having a plaque bearing his likeness placed on the Florida Elks Children’s Hospital boardroom.

Through the good graces of John Arborio, a member of New Haven, CT Lodge 25, space was donated in a building he owned known as the Arborio Building that the Eustis Lodge would have as a meeting place. Located at the corner of Bay and Magnolia, it later became Thompson Furniture.

Also on Magnolia Street was a building owned by W. W. Trimpi. Trimpi offered his building to the Lodge in 1932 for $3,500. This was a bit more than the Lodge felt they could handle. Harry Miller, the successful businessman who knew well the art of negotiating, talked to Trimpi. Miller offered to donate $1,000 if Trimpi would reduce his price by $1,000. The members got together and with various donations and contributions raised the $1,500 necessary to purchase the property outright. Some remodeling was done to the house, a few changes were made, and the Elks Lodge began its growth.

In the meantime, Miller was very active in visiting north and west Florida Lodges promoting the Harry-Anna Hospital and receiving their full support except for Jacksonville which at that time had withdrawn from the association.

These were the depression years and in 1933, Eustis Lodge was helping the youth of the area by providing milk for nourishment. Christmas baskets were also distributed to needy families, a tradition that has carried on through the years. Miller became instrumental in the furnishing of a glass of milk daily to undernourished children of the Eustis, Umatilla, and Tavares schools.
It was at this time that many Lodges came forward with a donation of one dollar per member annually to the maintenance of the home. Also at this time, the formation of a Ladies Anna Miller Circle was being discussed to support the Crippled Children’s Home.

Miller passed away on March 30, 1957. Announcing his passing, President George Carver said, “his passing only removed his physical body from our midst; his memory will remain to spur us on to greater effort in our program of rehabilitating crippled children.”

Harrison Pumphrey Reason Miller
Harry R. P. Miller

Died on Saturday, March 30, 1957
Last dues paid: 1957

Resolution at death - FSEA

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Brother Harry R. P. Miller, a loyal and faithful member of the Florida State Elks Association for many years, did pass away during the past year, and

Whereas, during his lifetime Brother Miller was an untiring worker for the betterment of his fellow man, and was known far and wide for his charitable and benevolent works, and

Whereas, the Harry-Anna Crippled Children’s Home at Umatilla, donated by him to the Elks of the state of Florida, is an enduring testimonial to the wonderful charitable and benevolent works and accomplishments of Brother Miller,

Now therefore, be it resolved that the passing of Brother Miller be recorded with deep regret and sorrow.

Be it further resolved that his memory shall forever be preserved among us and his virtues written upon the tablets of love and memory.

Robert Grafton, Chairman
Resolutions Committee

Eulogy for Miller at Fifty-First Annual Convention

Today there faces you (but you cannot see him) Harrison Pumphrey Reason Miller, whom we lovingly called “Harry.” Harry Miller died on Saturday, March 30, 1957. It was this our Brother who donated during his life the building and property we call the Harry-Anna Home for Crippled Children. Had there never been a Harry Miller there would not be today this children’s home in Umatilla. Harry Miller now rests in peace but every cry of a crippled child, every laugh, every tap of a little crippled foot, every sound that a child may make in this “Home” at Umatilla brings back from his resting place each day, and on through the years that this home shall exist, the figure, the face, the presence of Harry Miller, who smiles on this his creation, a haven of relief, an inspiration for those who follow. We know that never again will we see our departed Brothers in the flesh but their memory is ever renewed at the hour of eleven.
The following Lodges were represented: Jacksonville No. 221, Ocala No. 286, Pensacola No. 497, Key West No. 551, Tampa No. 708, St. Augustine No. 829, Tallahassee No. 937, Miami No. 948, Quincy No. 1111, Palatka No. 1232, Sanford No. 1241, and Lakeland No. 1291.

Fort Myers 1288 was instituted October 10, 1912 and was enrolled April 16, 1916. Lakeland 1291 was instituted October 24, 1912. Sanford 1241 was instituted May 19, 1911.

C. M. Broadwater of Orlando 1079 was appointed temporary Secretary and H. F. Lecks of Palatka 1232 was appointed Sergeant at Arms.

There were twenty Lodges in the state. All were members of the association except Gainesville 990 and Live Oak 1165.

All Past Presidents of the association were invested with all delegate privileges so long as they remain in good standing in their respective Lodges.

**Resolution:**

Whereas, since the last meeting of this association, the Grand Exalted Ruler of the Universe, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to call to his final reward our beloved brother, W. D. Holden, of Sanford Lodge No. 1241, Second Vice-President of this association, and

Whereas, Brother Holden, by his real merit, courtesy and never failing good-fellowship, had endeared himself to his friends and proven worthy of the name of Elk and the trusts reposed in him,

Therefore, be it resolved by the Florida State Elks Association, in convention assembled at Tallahassee, April 17, 1913, while bowing ourselves in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well that we do most earnestly deplore the tragic and untimely death of our brother, and we do hereby extend fraternal sympathy to his Lodge and to those to whom he was nearest and dearest, and
Be it further resolved that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this meeting on a page set apart for that purpose, that a copy be sent to the press for publication, and that copies be sent to the family of our brother and to Sanford Lodge No. 1241.

A. M. Broadwater of Sanford No. 1241 suggested the state be divided into districts. There was no action on the request.

The State Secretary was paid a salary of $50 annually.

The Executive Committee increased to seven members, the retiring president to be one, and he to appoint the second member.

The following officers were elected to serve for the 1913-1914 term:

- **President**: Gus A. Mueller, Miami 948
- **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**: L. A. Spencer, Orlando 1079
- **Sergeant at Arms**: H. F. Lecks, Palatka 1232
- **Executive Committee**:
  - Gus A. Mueller, Miami 948
  - H. M. Hunt, Tampa 708
  - W. L. Bates, Key West 551
  - A. M. Taylor, St. Augustine 829
  - K. I. McKay, Tampa 708
  - H. L. Bethel, Tallahassee 937
  - C. M. Broadwater, Sanford 1241

Miami was selected for the tenth annual session.

**Milton Lodge 2377**

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On Sunday afternoon, November 5, 1967, Milton Elks Lodge 2377 was officially instituted as the 89th Elks Lodge in Florida at Pensacola Lodge in Pensacola with 106 charter members.
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The charter members were then initiated by a team of Past Exalted Rulers from Lodges of the district and after the initiation, the following Lodge officers were elected and duly installed:

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Dignitaries present were:

- Thomas E. Mallem, PSP
- A. C. Van Horn, PDD
- Robert Cameron, PSP
- Harold Haimowitz, Vice President

After the ceremonies, Pensacola Lodge entertained for a social gathering with light refreshments.

In the 1995 hurricane season, Milton Lodge was struck by Hurricanes Opal and Erin. Although there was much devastation, with the help of neighboring Lodges and the strong leadership of their Lodge as well as the determination of its members, the Lodge was soon back in operation.

Milton Elkettes Lodge 2377:

- Organized: 1970
- Charter Members: 17
- Elections held in March
Missouri Elks Association

(Lee Sparks, State Historian of the Missouri State Elks Association, researched and wrote the below material.)

The Elks of Missouri have had a glorious past and look forward to the future. The Elks came to Missouri May 29, 1878 by establishing a Lodge at St. Louis, thus becoming the ninth Lodge to be established in the order. This Lodge has, over the years, added much to the Elks. It was instituted after dispensation was granted by Chicago Lodge #4. The first Exalted Ruler of St. Louis #9 was Thomas E. Garrett. He went on to a much higher place within the order by becoming Exalted Grand Ruler (as they were then called). He served the order two consecutive terms, 1880-1881 and 1881-1882. Garrett was very instrumental in upgrading the ritual. The ritual, with two degrees and four weeks probationary period, was in existence and used as originally presented until 1881 when it was amended by Past Exalted Grand Ruler Thomas E. Garrett by the addition of another officer named as the Esquire who took over a large portion of the work of the fourth chair, then called Grand Lecturer, but whose title was at the same time changed to that of Esteemed Lecturing Knight. Both Grand Lodge sessions that Garrett presided over were held in New York City. Membership grew from 1,060 to 1,806. For the first time under his leadership, contributions exceeded $5,000.00. He also was responsible for new Lodges at Indianapolis #13, Providence #14, Washington, D. C. #15, and Denver #17.

On August 10, 1899 at Springfield, MO, an organization by the name of Interstate and Territorial Association of Elks was formed. This was a forerunner of each individual state association. It was formed for the purpose that most of the members of that day didn’t attend Grand Lodge conventions. At that time, states making up this new organization were Kansas with nineteen Lodges, Missouri with twenty-two, Arkansas with four, Oklahoma Territory with four, and Indian Territory with four. It would seem one of its main purposes also was ritual competition with the winner each year being awarded the silver loving cup. In addition, they felt by their greater number in forming this association they would have more voice at the upcoming Grand Lodge convention that was held in Baltimore.

The following letter was written by C. E. Pickett, Grand Exalted Ruler dated Waterloo, Iowa, April 29, 1902:

Your favor of the 26th inst. enclosing copy of rules adopted at the last meeting of the Interstate and Territorial Association is at hand. I have examined the same and can find nothing in there but what seems to me perfectly proper. And it seems to me you have now struck the keynote for State Organizations. I expect to meet with the committee on laws in a few days and will present these rules as a specimen of what I consider should be used in other states. I am glad to know that everything looks so prosperous in your state.

It is not certain how long this organization lasted but it served a need at the time.

The first organizational meeting of the Missouri Elks Association took place in Mexico Missouri Lodge #919 on October 1, 1909 and Norman M. Vaughn of St. Louis Lodge #9 was elected the first president of the association. President Vaughn served until the first annual convention of the Missouri Elks Association held in Mexico Lodge #919 on June 17th and 18th, 1910 when Fred A. Morris of Mexico was elected State President for 1910-1911.

The succeeding meeting and President Elects were:

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The state conventions have been governed by four constitutions under Grand Lodge sanction. The first constitution was adopted at Jefferson City on September 12, 1917. This was followed by a constitution approved April 28, 1932 and a third was approved June 2, 1948 and again on April 17, 1965 by the Grand Lodge and adopted May 23, 1965 by the state association.

It was not until the adoption of the 1932 constitution that required that the State President and Vice President be an Exalted Ruler or Past Exalted Ruler of a Lodge in good standing in the association and residing within the jurisdiction. Norman N. Vaughn, the first President, was not an Exalted Ruler.

Grand Lodge sponsors for Missouri have been few since 1920:

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Under the sponsorship of Edward W. McCabe there was the greatest increase in membership and number of Lodges.

St. Louis Lodge #9 has hosted four national Grand Lodge conventions: 1899, 1939, 1953, and 1991. The building they used for sixty-two years was purchased by a ten thousand dollar down payment that they had realized from a carnival and animal circus. The total purchase price was $37,500. The building was a four-story gray stone mansion at 3619 Lindell Boulevard and was built in 1882 by Peter L. Foy, a newspaper publisher who had at one time been appointed postmaster of St. Louis by President Abraham Lincoln.

Prior to 1915 the constitution of the order provided that there should be no branches, adjuncts, or auxiliaries in the order.

Consequently, State Elks Associations as we know them today did not come into existence easily with Grand Lodge recognition. However, our fraternal origin among fun loving and footloose theatricals quite naturally resulted in social gatherings at every chance meeting across the continent and eventually evolved into preplanned and purely social reunions of Elks in districts, states, and even larger areas of turn of the century America.

These involved whole trains being chartered and whistle-stopping at each Lodge town to pick up additional Elks, their marching bands, drill teams, and families. The target town was festooned and entertainment such as special baseball games, park concerts, riverboat rides, and fireworks had been arranged long in advance. The first day of such reunions always involved the Elks Parade down Main Street to the hall selected for the vast banquet. After a week of festivities, the completely exhausted herd would embark by rail back to hamlets where each antlered contingent would noisily salute the departing train cars from the platform and then wind their tired paths homeward. However, then, just as today, putting two Elks together in the same room means that before long a discussion would ensue about any and every facet of our beloved order. This marked tendency to get down to business at even the most lighthearted and frivolous social event inexorably caused the specter of formalized state associations concocting motions, votes, and resolutions to appear in all of national Elkdom like Banquo’s ghost.

As far back as the early 1890s the question of state organizations was a matter of vociferous, if not widespread, discussion among the members of the Grand Lodge. Although at that time, its advocates were actually aiming at state organizations which would legislate for their own states under the directives of a supreme National Lodge.

The agitation for state Grand Lodges during the 1890s has never reached the floor of the Grand Lodge but was confined mainly to sidewalk and hotel lobby conversation. At that time, it was evident that subordinate Lodges never would sell their birthright for a form of government that would rob them of their participation in legislative activities in Grand Lodge sessions.

With Elkdom having had successful existence up to that point through the simple and effective means of all Lodges through local representatives participating in the Grand Lodge’s decisions, both national leaders and many Lodges did not see any advantage to be gained by inserting another level of administration. The suspicion harbored by many Elks was that the new link in the chain of command would add burdens and demands to each Lodge’s responsibilities and cause their wishes at the least to lose force and clarity when collectively transmitted through a state representative, sort of losing something in translation. Carried to its worst extreme, many saw their voice being silenced in the future with nonresponsive state functionary maneuvering for private motivations similar to political figures of the period.
Nevertheless, there could be no denying the value and representational weight of large groups of Elks converging annually in many states. Regardless of their original social purposes when the vanguard of these state organizations began gaining praise for their localized benevolence which only redounded to the credit of the order about the beginning of this the twentieth century, more states began to organize into associations and carried on without benefit of recognition regardless of constitutional prohibitions.

During the 1914 Grand Lodge convention in Denver, the movement to bring them within the order gained momentum, especially as proponents of the state association concept had abandoned their view of grasping Grand Lodge powers and realized the greater benefit to be found in constitutional acceptance and participation of the full membership in both state and national programs of benevolence.

At the Grand Lodge session in Los Angeles in 1915 a comprehensive report on state associations was submitted to the delegates. The report recommended recognition of state associations and a necessary constitutional revision. Delegates approved and the change was sent to the subordinate Lodges for ratification, where it was accepted, putting the revision into effect and legalizing state associations.

On January 5, 1917 a conference was held in St. Louis of representatives of the Grand Lodge committee on state associations that drafted a constitution and bylaws that were uniform insofar as local conditions permitted.

Now state associations are voluntary organizations. They are dependent for existence upon the subordinate Lodges of their state. Membership is not compulsory. The Missouri State Elks Association like other state associations is engaged in charitable, humanitarian, and community welfare. Through the years, the projects of the Missouri State Elks included the care of underprivileged children, eyeglasses for the needy schoolchildren, boys’ camps, scholarships, and the dental program.

At the state convention held in Excelsior Springs, MO on September 6, 1922, it was adopted that the President for the ensuing year is authorized and directed to appoint as many District Presidents as he deems advisable. The duties of the District President shall be to visit the Lodges in their respective districts and to stimulate the zeal and activity of said Lodges in the work and principles of Elkdom and to cause said Lodges to cooperate and visit one another. In that year, President Meriwether divided Missouri into seven districts and appointed a President for each district.

**First District:** St. Louis, Popular Bluff, Cape Girardeau, DeSoto, St. Charles, and Caruthersville

**Second District:** Lexington, Excelsior Springs, Marshall, Kansas City, and Independence

**Third District:** Jefferson City, Columbia, Louisiana, Mexico, Hannibal, and Fulton

**Fourth District:** St. Joseph, Chillcothe, Marysville, Trenton, and Brookfield

**Fifth District:** Sedalia, Nevada, Warrensburg, Butler, Rich Hill, and Clinton

**Sixth District:** Carrolton, Kirksville, Richmond, Moberly, and Macon

**Seventh District:** Springfield, Joplin, Carthage, Aurora, Webb City, Monett, and Neosho

Also in other years, the President would appoint more District Presidents, up to one year, when they appointed some fifteen, with actually some districts only having two Lodges.

It appears that there was no state convention for some three years, probably from 1925 until 1929. It is noted that Sam D. Byrns was the State President for three years. In any event, there was a state convention held at Sedalia on June 10, 1929. . . . Although J. A. Hamilton was State President from 1929 until 1931, and Dr. M. E. Gouge of Sedalia was President from 1931 until 1935, there can be found no reason for this action.

Parades certainly played a big part in state convention as well as at the national Grand Lodge conventions, and Missouri always seems to have a large number of parade entries. They seem to earn a high place among delegates as putting on a good show. For many years, state conventions were held at the various Lodge homes with the banquet also held there in the evening with the ladies present.

Before air conditioning, convention groups socialized on the front porches at the Joplin, Sedalia, and St. Joseph Lodges among others.
Moore, Kenneth L., Past Grand Exalted Ruler

Kenneth L. Moore was the 119th Grand Exalted Ruler and served in 1994-1995.

From Corona, CA, Moore is a retired mobile home manufacturer and was Chairman of the board of a bank of which he was founder. He was initiated into the order at Portland, OR Lodge 142 on September 20, 1956. He demitted to Corona, CA Lodge 2045 in 1964.

Since 1971, Moore served the California - Hawaii Elks Association as Vice President, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation Committee and President’s Achievement Award Committee, Sergeant at Arms, Vice Chairman of Advisory Meetings Committee, member of the Major Project Finance Committee, Board of Trustees, and as State President in 1982-1983.

He served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1974-1975, he was appointed to the Grand Lodge Activities Committee in 1983 and to the State Associations Committee in 1984, he served as the Elks Rose Parade Float Fund Coordinator from 1985-1988, and was a member of the Board of Grand Trustees from 1989-1992, the final year as Chairman.

Being active in the Corona community, Moore served on the Corona Planning Commission, the boards of directors of the Chamber of Commerce and the United Way, and the advisory committee of the YMCA, the Boys Clubs, and the Airport Commission. He has been president of the Corona-Riverside Navy League, the Corona Host Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Chamber Foundation. He was selected as Corona’s Citizen of the Year in 1991.

Moore, Walter T. (Judge)

Thirty-Fifth Annual Session
Florida State Elks Association
April 15-16, 1940
ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

Walter Moore served as President of the Florida State Elks Association in 1940-1941. He died on July 1, 1989. At the time of his death, he had been a sixty-year member of Tallahassee Lodge.
Moore was born on July 18, 1896 in Leon County on a farm, then some distance away from Tallahassee. Today it is probably within the city limits of the city. He attended public school there and was valedictorian of his graduating class at Leon High School. He graduated from the University of Florida School of Law in 1918 and practiced law from then until September of 1988.

Always active in his community, he served as a member of the Tallahassee City Commission, as Chairman of the Leon County School Board, and two terms as a member of the State House of Representatives. He also served as a Tallahassee City Judge and as a Leon County Judge. He helped found the United Fund and was Chairman of the Tallahassee Memorial Hospital Board, President of the Florida State School Board Association, and Vice President of the National Association of School Boards.

Despite his urban lifestyle and many accomplishments, Judge Moore never lost his easygoing, down-home approach to life. He was equally at home in pinstripes and bib overalls.

The following officers were elected to serve for the 1940-1941 term:

- **President**: W. T. Moore, Jr., Tallahassee 937
- **Secretary**: Claude L. Johnson, Tallahassee 937
- **Treasurer**: R. L. Bohon, Jacksonville 221
- **Tiler**: Herbert Redding, St. Petersburg 1224
- **Historian**: A. M. Taylor, St. Augustine 829
- **Chaplain**: Rabbi Jacob Kaplan, Miami 948
- **Sergeant at Arms**: Peter Gessner, DeLand 1463
- **Executive Committee**: Walter T. Moore, Jr., President, Tallahassee 937; Chelsie J. Senerchia, Immediate PSP, Miami 948; Claude L. Johnson, Secretary, Tallahassee 937; R. L. Bohon, Treasurer, Jacksonville 221; J. A. Rostan, Lake Worth 1530; A. C. Altvater, Sebring 1529; Irving Gates, Tallahassee 937

**Vice Presidents:**
- **Southeast Division**: Earle S. Willes, Fort Pierce 1520
- **Southwest Division**: Sidney Nelson, Clearwater 1525
- **Central Division**: John Tilden, Orlando 1079
- **Northeast Division**: J. L. McMullen, Live Oak 1165
- **Northwest Division**: F. F. Holland, Panama City 1598

**Staff of Hospital:**
- **Superintendent**: J. Edwin Baker
- **Medical Director**: Dr. W. L. Ashton
- **Nurse Supervisor**: Miss Ada Sue Martin
- **Physiotherapist**: Miss Currie B. Norris
- **Dietitian**: Miss Lois Walters
- **Matron**: Mrs. Robert Keller
- **School Teacher**: Miss Hattie D. Slaughter

A Bylaws Committee consisting of James A. Dunn, Chairman; Charles I. Campbell; I. B. Gibbs; and Charles E. Butler submitted a new set of bylaws, principal changes in Article II, Section 2: “All Past Presidents shall be classed as delegates” and Article III, Section 1: “Annual meeting be held between first of April and thirtieth day of May.” There was considerable discussion as to the interpretation of Article II, Section 2 (A) and (B). The bylaws as presented were unanimously adopted.

The Graves Committee reported that of the 31 Past Presidents, fifteen had died and all but one had been buried without any marker or memorial on their respective burial place. It was decided that the subordinate Lodge of which the man was a member should see that the marker is established.

A resolution was adopted approving the principles of the Florida Congress in democracy which had been instituted for the purpose of preserving and defending the fundamental principles of Americanism, democracy in the state of Florida, and pledging their support, assistance, and cooperation.
Palatka Lodge 1232 presented a resolution that said the program on Americanism should be continuing and perpetual in undertaking. It was adopted.

Fort Lauderdale Lodge 1517 presented a resolution petitioning the Florida State Elks Association to adopt a resolution calling upon the Grand Lodge that visitation and inspection by the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler be ordered to be made between the 15th day of January and 20th day of March, same being at a time more convenient to the conditions of the Lodges in south Florida. It was adopted.

**Moose, Loyal Order of**

The Loyal Order of Moose was founded in 1888 as a social club. It grew rapidly when it began providing members with disability insurance. It still emphasizes membership benefits such as Moosehaven, a retirement home for retired members in northern Florida. National charities include the Mooseheart home and school for children in Illinois. Women of the Moose remain separate.

**Mooty, W. P., Florida State Elks Association President, 1935-1936**

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Thirtieth Annual Session
Florida State Elks Association
April 21-23, 1935
Ocala, Florida

The following Lodges were represented: Jacksonville No. 221, Ocala No. 286, Pensacola No. 497, Tampa No. 708, St. Augustine No. 829, Lake City No. 893, Tallahassee No. 937, Miami No. 948, Gainesville No. 990, Orlando No. 1079, Daytona Beach No. 1141, St. Petersburg No. 1224, Sanford No. 1241, Fort Myers No. 1288, Lakeland No. 1291, West Palm Beach No. 1352, DeLand No. 1463, Fort Lauderdale No. 1517, Sarasota No. 1519, Fort Pierce No. 1520, Arcadia No. 1524, Clearwater No. 1525, Sebring No. 1529, Lake Worth No. 1530, Cocoa No. 1532, New Smyrna Beach No. 1557, and Eustis No. 1578.

The distinguished guest present was Hon. Dave Sholtz, Governor of Florida.

The Resolution Committee recommended that the Association enter a float at the Grand Lodge Convention in Columbus, Ohio and accept the offer of the Chattanooga Lodge to enter their boys’ band as part of their unit. It was adopted.

The resolution of sympathy on the passing of Samuel W. Owens, who deeded certain property adjacent to the home, was adopted.

The resolution of sympathy on the passing of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Walter P. Andrews of Atlanta, GA was adopted.
A suitable resolution of sympathy was adopted on the passing of Mrs. Anna W. Miller, June 14, 1934, wife of Brother Harry R. P. Miller, Eustis, FL, both of whom gave the two-story stucco building in Umatilla, same now being the Harry-Anna Crippled Children’s Home.

Rules governing ritualistic contests were limited to four teams.

The annual report of the Superintendent of the Harry-Anna Crippled Children’s Home showed 134 individuals, representing 43 counties, have been treated since the opening of the home.

The ritualistic cup was awarded to Tallahassee Lodge 937 for the third consecutive time, and Tampa Lodge was awarded the attendance cup.

The third Sunday in June was set aside each year as Home Day and the Exalted Rulers and Secretaries will hold their annual meeting in Umatilla.

February 16 was set aside as Elks’ Crippled Children’s Charity Day and for services to be held in each Lodge.

State bylaws were again amended to state the duties of the Historian.

Retiring Secretary Harold Colee was presented a set of silver goblets as a token of appreciation of his untiring efforts during the past several years.

The following officers were elected to serve for the 1935-1936 term:

- President: W. P. Mooty, Miami 948
- First Vice President: J. J. Fernandez, Tampa 708
- Second Vice President: Al Dooley, Pensacola 497
- Third Vice President: J. T. Bird, Daytona Beach 1141
- Fourth Vice President: Claude Johnson, Tallahassee 937
- Fifth Vice President: W. M. Carter, Lakeland 1291
- Secretary-Treasurer: A. J. Cleary, Miami 948
- Sergeant at Arms: Peter Gessner, DeLand 1463
- Chaplain: Rev. M. J. Nixon, Ocala 286
- Tiler: W. A. Wall, West Palm Beach 1352
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  A. J. Cleary, Secretary-Treasurer, Miami 948
  L. L. Anderson, Cocoa 1532
  J. Edwin Baker, West Palm Beach 1352
  A. C. Altvater, Sebring 1529

Tampa was selected for the 1934-1935 annual session.

The report of J. Edwin Baker, Superintendent Manager of the Harry-Anna Crippled Children’s Home, was received and filed. The Organization Staff is as follows:

- Superintendent: J. Edwin Baker
- Medical Director: Dr. W. L. Ashton
- Supervisor of Nurses: Mrs. O. C. Green, R.N.
- Physiotherapist: Miss Corrine Way
- Dietician: Miss Lois Walters
- Matron: Mrs. Robert Keller

**Most Valuable Student Scholarship Contest**

The Elks National Foundation awards $2.216 million in college scholarships to 500 high school seniors nationwide through its Most Valuable Student Scholarship contest.

**Eligibility:**
High school senior and U. S. citizen
**M**

*Judging Criteria:*

Scholarship, leadership, and financial need

*Awards:*

500 four-year awards:

- Two $60,000 scholarships ($15,000 per year)
- Two $40,000 scholarships ($10,000 per year)
- Two $20,000 scholarships ($5,000 per year)
- 494 $4,000 scholarships ($1,000 per year)

*Applications and Deadlines:*

Available after November 1 at www.elks.org, local Elks Lodges and local high schools, or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Elks National Foundation. SASE application requests will be fulfilled through December 31.

*Filing Deadline:*

Mid-January

**Mother’s Day**

In 1917 the Elks began their annual observance of Mother’s Day, held on the second Sunday in May of each year. It is mandatory that all Elks Lodges observe the day with a ceremony.

**Motorcycle Raffle (Benefit of Harry-Anna Charities, Inc.)**

The motorcycle raffle was an annual fundraiser for the Harry-Anna Charities, Inc. under contract with Space Coast Marketing. The project started in 1995 and ended after the 1999 drawing.

The first year was not a success but there was not a loss. In the first year, they encountered many obstacles, one being that there were five motorcycles being raffled which the committee knew nothing about.

When the marketing firm was reporting its activities, it was difficult to find out information on the raffle. The following year they established requirements that the marketing firm must meet before they would sign the contract again.

1. There would be a liaison in the Florida State Elks Association who could contact them at any time they wanted any information and that person would be Ben Brown, Hospital Administrator.
2. The marketing firm would give a monthly report on the progress of sales of tickets and donations so that the association would know where they stood month by month.
3. The association would have no financial obligation.
4. The marketing firm would be asked for a list of all of the Lodges and the quantity of tickets they had in their possession so that by the end of February they could ask all of these Lodges to bring in their stubs by the quarterly convention in February. This would allow an annual report by the time of the annual convention. The bike would be raffled in March.

**Motto - Origin Of**

*From The Authentic History of the BPO Elks*

By Charles Edward Ellis

Samuel Madden, DD, miscellaneous writer and philanthropist, was a brilliant man, a friend of Johnson, Swift, and Thomas Sheridan. He was dubbed “Premium Madden” because he was always above par. He was an original member of the Irish College of Physicians and wrote and dedicated to Frederick, Prince of Wales, a “Panegyrical Poem,” sacred to memory of Dr. Hugh Boulter, Lord Archbishop of Ardmagh, entitled “Boulter’s Monument.” It was published in Dublin in 1745 and contained 2,034 lines. Dr. Johnson declared that Madden’s was
a name which Ireland ought to honor. The six lines following may be the suspected source of lines quite familiar to Lodge members. In the original the sentimental lines form his blank verse are:

Some write their wrongs in marble. He more just
Stood down, serene, and wrote them in the dust.
Trod under foot the sport of every wind,
Swept from the earth, and blotted from his mind.
There, secret in the grave, he bade them lie.
And grieved that they could not 'scrape the Almighty Eye."

Paraphrased freely and transposed, they read:

*The faults of our brothers we write upon the sands,
Their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.*