



The Bellows

**ORMOND BEACH ELKS
LODGE #2193**

◆ March 2025 ◆

Message from the Exalted Ruler

Members all,

It's hard to believe that this Elks year is already coming to a close. It's been a great year for our lodge, both in our charitable works and in terms of membership growth. We were able to surpass our goals for both the Elks National Foundation and the Harry Anna Investment Fund per capita giving, with both exceeding \$16 per member at the time of this message. Well done!

Last month, we conducted our new officer nominations, and I'm pleased to report that most of the officer positions have been filled. We do have a few appointed positions still available, so if you'd like to step into an officer role, feel free to reach out to me.

This month, I'd like to honor Robert Berardi as our Elk of the Month. It goes without saying how involved Robert has been this year as our House Committee Chairman. He has done a terrific job organizing our events and functions, as well as managing all our meal menus and event display boards. Robert also spends countless hours volunteering in the kitchen. I simply don't have enough space to list everything he has done for this Lodge in the past year. Thank you, Robert, for all that you do!

Joe Brozyna, ER

House Committee

As we end our fraternal year, I feel that we need to celebrate the many accomplishments that we achieved together. We've re-opened the lodge on Sundays and kicked off NFL Sundays, we've had two themed dances, held seven major events, introduced All Request Friday nights to alternate with karaoke Fridays, instituted monthly social nights, installed three signboards in the lodge for advertising, moved our technology (TVs, internet and phone) to a more cost effective solutions, updated our House Rules and that's just to name a few! None of this would have been possible without the countless volunteer hours by many individuals. I can't list you all here, Michelle and I thank you very much for helping to make 2024-2025 a great year! We also want to wish the very best for the incoming officers and committee chairs in 2025-2026!

Robert Berardi, House Committee Chair

Harry-Anna Trust Fund

I am pleased to announce that this Lodge is on track to exceed the Florida State Elks Association donation goal of \$14 per member. It has taken a lot of effort and dedication by our members, but we did it! I want to specifically thank all of our Harry-Anna Sustaining Donors and everyone who has participated in our fundraising efforts. Your donations make it possible to continue to fund our State Major Projects; the Florida Elks Youth Camp, the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services and last, but not least, Autism Awareness. None of this would be possible without your help and generous donations. Congratulations on a job well done!

Debbie Brozyna, Harry-Anna Trust Fund Chair

Officers

Exalted Ruler

Joseph Brozyna

Leading Knight

Debra Symington

Loyal Knight

Raymond Williams

Lecturing Knight

Stephen Searle III

Secretary

Debra Brozyna

Treasurer

Gail Williams

Esquire

Merrick Brunner

Chaplain

Mick Symington

Organist

Jonathan Walker

Inner Guard

Peggie Sue McClellan PER

Tiler

Kristin Curtis

Presiding Justice

William Partington

Trustees

1 Year

Nick Siprak

2 Year

Harold Briley II

3 Year

Sherman Burres

4 Year

John Andrews PER

5 Year

Steve Brozyna



MARCH 2025



Ormond Beach
Elks Lodge No. 2193
285 Wilmette Ave
Ormond Beach, FL 32174

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Bar Open 12pm-7pm
2 Bar Open 12pm-7pm NASCAR on TVs Drink Specials	3 Lodge Closed National Anthem Day	4 Kards4Kids 6pm "Monthly Drawing"	5 New Member Orientation 7pm	6 Lodge Meetings BOD 6:30pm General Lodge 7:30pm New Member Initiation	7 Dinner Served 6pm-7pm Karaoke Night 7pm (OD: TBD)	8 Bar Open 12pm-7pm
9 Bar Open 12pm-7pm NASCAR on TVs Drink Specials	10 Lodge Closed National Blueberry Popover Day	11 Kards4Kids 6pm	12 Committee Meeting Elks Riders 6:30pm	13 Bingo 6:30pm Kitchen 5pm-6pm	14 Dinner Served 6pm-7pm All Request Night 7pm (OD: TBD)	15 Bar Open 12pm-7pm
16 Lodge St Paddy's Day Celebration 12pm-6pm	17 Lodge Closed <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 Kards4Kids 6pm	19 Committee Meeting House 6:30pm	20 Lodge Meetings General Lodge 7:30pm	21 Dinner Served 6pm-7pm Karaoke Night 7pm (OD: TBD)	22 Bar Open 12pm-7pm
23 Bar Open 12pm-7pm NASCAR on TVs Drink Specials	24 Lodge Closed National Cocktail Day	25 Kards4Kids 6pm	26 Committee Meeting Veterans 6:30pm	27 Bingo 6:30pm Kitchen 5pm-6pm	28 Dinner Served 6pm-7pm All Request Night 7pm (OD: TBD)	29 Bar Open 12pm-7pm
30 New Officer Installation Ceremony 5pm Dinner 6pm	31 National Crayon Day					

Regular Hours: Tue-Thu 4pm-9pm, Fri 4pm-11pm, Sat-Sun 12pm-7pm



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Lodge Committee Chairpersons

Accident Prevention
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Flag Day
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Government Relations
Troy Kent

Hoop Shoot
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House Committee
Robert Berardi
Michelle Berardi

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Lodge Rentals
Michelle Berardi

Membership
Chair Officers

Orientation
Jackie Andrews, PER

Public Relations
Michelle Berardi

Ritual
John Andrews PER

Scholarship
Merrick Bruncker

Soccer Shoot
Ray Williams

Veterans
Scott Gutauckis

Volunteer Coordinator
Shelley Wood

Secretary's Report 

Greetings! Dues statements for the 2025-2026 year were sent out by Grand Lodge on February 5. There was an error on the Life Member statements and I am working to correct that. If you haven't received your statement, please contact me. I thank all of you who have already sent your 2025-2026 dues payments in. Your new YELLOW membership card will be available in the Social Quarters by March 10, but will not be useable until April 1, so keep your blue card until then. All members that have not paid their 2024-2025 dues will be dropped from membership mid March.

Please remember that if you are having any problems in paying your dues, we have a Standing Relief Committee who is there to help. And remember, visit other Lodges to meet the Best People On Earth

Debbie Brozyna, Secretary



Chaplain's Corner

Heavenly Father, as the earth awakens with new life this spring, we ask for Your healing touch. Restore our strength, renew our minds, and bless us with good health in body and spirit. May we embrace the changes this season brings, trusting in your constant care. Amen

Please keep Warren Queen and Linda Marlow in your prayers.

Mick Symington, Chaplain

Elks National Foundation 

I want to thank everyone for a great year for ENF for our Lodge. We've exceeded our GER goal of \$5.00 per member and because of you, our Lodge was able to give scholarships, provide Christmas gifts to foster children, provide Welcome Home Kits to homeless veterans transitioning to their own home which included a bed, bedding, small kitchen appliances and so much more that is needed to get started. Your donated dollars are matched by Grand Lodge and allows us to continue to help our community.

If you haven't already become an ENF Fidelity Club member, I ask that you please go to ELKS.ORG and click on donate now link at the top for ENF. You can give as little as \$5.00 a month or what ever you can. You can donate quarterly or give a one time donation and you can also give a donation at the Lodge. Your donations are tax deductible and you will receive a letter for what you gave that year.

I look forward to making next year amazing as well. Remember Elks Care Elks Share (and my addition) Elks Do because of You!

Announcements 

William J. Drobinski, a 36-year member in good standing has applied for Life Membership and will be voted on at the March 20, 2025 Lodge meeting.



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The following members are celebrating birthdays in March

Linda Van Wagenen (02) Luis Davila Jr. (03) Craig O'Banks (03) Steve Anderson (06) Stephen Searle III (06) Kenneth Brink (07) Frank Kelsey (09) Antonio Gasparini (10) Gerald Vanco (11) Edward Wenger (11) Cherie Zavage (11) John Andrews PER (12)	Gregory Dorsey (12) Ashley Lekan (12) Holly Buffington (13) Deborah Kaye (13) Deborah Sapp (13) Victoria Sanders (15) Gary TenBroeck (16) Patrick Esposito (17) William Cable (22) Richard Cahill (22) Clifford Windle (22) David Brunson PER (23)	Sherry Richter (25) Matthew Ellis (26) Erin Searle (26) Erika Siprak (27) Troy Kent (28) James Pickett (28) Tom Cowhy (29) Michael Frontczak (29) Michael Donnelly (30) David Ferguson (31) Jonnie Grant (31) Dennis Luciani (31)
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PATRON BELLOWS BOOSTER

Edward Kuehl PER (07/25)
 Mike Scudiero In Memory of George Schnell PER (08/25)
 In Memory of Paul Brozyna (12/25)
 James & Shelley Wood In Memory of Tom & Bettie Winker (1/26)

Bellows Super Booster

James Bisher (08/25)

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