

ABC Lounge

Elk member, Jack Holloway, owner of ABC cocktail lounges, annually arranged for a Florida Elks Children's Hospital Cocktail Hour. This took place at every ABC Lounge in Florida on a designated day from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. During this time all ABC cocktail lounge registers were locked and all lounge sales were donated to the Florida Elks Chalderns Hospital. In addition to the gross receipts generated, the ABC Employees Charity Fund made a donation to the hospital.

Accident Prevention Committee

This committee was conceived and born as part of the Insurance Department of the Grand Lodge, under the guidance and assistance of Executive Director Sheldon Staubiz. Lodge Chairpersons are to be one of the Trustees, appointed for an indefinite period.

Accounting Committee

(See Auditing and Accounting Committee)

Ad Hoc

You will often hear reference to the establishment of an ad hoc committee. Blacks Law Dictionary defines ad hoc as "for this special purpose." So an Ad Hoc Committee would be one appointed for a special purpose or in the particular action in which the appointment is made.

Adams, Alto, Past State President, FSEA

Died in Lodge Year 1988-1989 Eulogy by J. Pierce Smith State President: 1937-38



Adams was born in Defuniak Springs, Florida on January 31, 1899. He graduated from the University of Florida Law School in 1921 and practiced law for three years in Pensacola before moving to Ft. Pierce in 1924. Adams founded the Adams Ranch, Inc., in St. Lucie County, which became a renowned cattle and citrus operation with holdings in New Mexico and Texas as well as Florida.

In 1925 , Adams was instrumental in establishing Ft. Pierce Elks Lodge No. 1520 . He became a Charter member and the Lodge's first Esteemed Lecturing Knight. From there he continued in the chairs, serving as Exalted Ruler in 1928-1929. In 1934-35 he was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler . At the 1937 State Convention held in West Palm Beach , Adams was elected President of the Florida State Elks Association. He then served in the high position of Chief Justice of the Grand Lodge Forum in 1949-50.

In his professional career, Adams served three years as Circuit Court Judge until receiving an appointment to the Supreme Court of Florida.. He served in that capacity until 1952 , at which time he resigned to campaign unsuccessfully for Governor of the State of Florida.

In 1967 the Governor of Florida again appointed Adams to the Supreme Court where he served with distinction for almost three years, before mandatory retirement at age 70.

Thirty-Second Annual Session
Florida State Elks' Association
April 25-26-27, 1937
WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

Distinguished guest present: Hon. David Sholtz, Grand Exalted Ruler.

Following changes made in By-laws:

Article 4, Section 1. - The officers of the Association shall be a President and five Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Historian, Tiler, a Chaplain, a Sergeant-at-Arms, and an Executive Committee consisting of seven members.

Article 4, Section 2 - The five Vice-Presidents mentioned in Section 1 hereof, shall be elected one each from the Vice-Presidents' Divisions respectively, as described in Article 10, Section 3 hereof.

Article 10, Section 3. - The State of Florida shall be divided into five Divisions for the purposes of this Association to be known as Vice-Presidents. Divisions and shall include the following Lodges in the following Divisions, respectively:

Southeast Division: Key West, Miami, Miami Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Lake Worth, West Palm Beach, Ft. Pierce.

Southwest Division: Fort Myers, Sarasota, Bradenton, St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Tampa, Arcadia, Sebring.

Central Division: Lakeland, Orlando, Cocoa, Sanford, New Smyrna, Daytona Beach, DeLand, Eustis.

Northeast Division: Ocala, Gainesville, Palatka, St. Augustine, Jacksonville, Fernandina, Lake City.

Northwest Division: Pensacola, Panama City, Marianna, Tallahassee, Quincy.

Article 4, Section 3. - The Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms and Chaplain shall be appointed by the President.

Article 4, Section 4. - The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, the immediate Past President, the Treasurer and three members who shall be elected for a period of one, two and three years, starting from the 1930 convention. At each annual convention after 1930, one member of said Executive Committee shall be elected for a period of three years.

Article 4, Section: (a) Treasurer: The Treasurer shall receive and be the custodian of all moneys belonging to the Association. He shall pay out the money of the Association only upon proper

warrants countersigned by the President and the Secretary, and shall perform such other duties as may properly be required of him. He shall, before assuming the duties of his office, execute and deliver to the Executive Committee a good and sufficient bond in the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) to be approved by the Executive Committee conditioned to report or account in writing annually or when requested to do so by the President or Executive Committee, for all moneys received by him, and for the faithful performance of his duties, the expenses of such bond to be paid by the Association.

(b) Secretary: The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Association, keep a true record of the proceedings of same, preserve all books and documents, attend to all correspondence, prepare and submit an annual report to the Association at its annual meeting showing the condition of the Association and the transaction of his office during the preceding year; to compile and furnish to the Secretaries of subordinate lodges a list of speakers for Memorial Day and other occasions requiring the services of qualified speakers; to receive and pay over to the Treasurer all moneys coming through his office belonging to the Association. He shall have the power to purchase books, stationery, etc. needful for his office, the bills to be paid by the Treasurer. He shall countersign all warrant with the President and shall perform such other duties as may properly be required of him. He shall, before assuming the duties of his office, execute and deliver to the Executive Committee a good and sufficient bond in the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to be approved by the Executive Committee, conditioned to report and account for all moneys and properties belonging to the Association. For the faithful performance of his duties, he shall receive the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per annum, payable semiannually.

Article 4, Section 10, Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall, during the interim between meetings of the Association, take general charge of its property and the direction of its affairs, and be governing body of the Association, and perform such duties as may be necessary to protect its interests and promote the object of the organization.

It shall have control of the finances of the Association and recommend ways and means for raising funds to defray the expenses of the Association and set aside the same when received to the payments of such demands as are properly chargeable to it, and shall report all their acts to the next annual meetings. The President shall be Chairman, and the immediate Past President shall be Vice-Chairman ex-officio of said Executive Committee and shall be entitled to a vote when acting as such Chairman, and the Committee shall pass upon all bills or accounts to be paid from the funds of the Association before warrants for the payment thereof shall be issued.

Miami Beach No. 1601 was instituted July 2, 1936.

Ritualistic cup awarded Daytona Beach No. 1141.

Officer attendance record won by Arcadia No. 1524.

The following officers were elected to serve for the term 1937-1938

President, Alto Adams, Fort Pierce No. 1520; Vice-Pres., S.E. Division, Tom Kelley, Miami No. 948; Vice-Pres., S.W. Div., M. A. Rosin, Arcadia No. 1524; Vice-Pres., Central Div., Frank Carboy, Orlando No. 1079; Vice-Pres., N.E. Div., George Douglas, Lake City No. 893; Vice-Pres. N.W. Div., J. G. Mathis, Panama City No. 1598; Secretary, E. K. Sumner, Fort Pierce No. 1520; Treasurer, R. L. Bohon, Jacksonville No. 221; Tiler, Joe Cunningham, Fort Lauderdale No. 1517; Historian, A. M. Taylor, St. Augustine No. 829; Chaplain, Father John J. Kellaghan, Sanford No. 1241; Sergeant-at-Arms, Peter Gessner, DeLand No. 1463.

Executive Committee: **Alto Adams, Fort Pierce No. 1520; J. J. Fernandez, Tampa No. 708; E. K. Sumner, Fort Pierce No. 1520; R. L. Bohon, Jacksonville No. 221; A. C. Altvater, Sebring No. 1529; M. Frank O'Brien, Jacksonville No. 221; J. A. Rostan, Lake Worth No. 1530.**

Daytona Beach selected for the 1937-1938 Annual Session.

Report of J. Edwin Baker, Superintendent Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Home received and filed. The organization staff is as follows:

Superintendent, J. Edwin Baker; Medical Director, Dr. W. L. Ashton; Nurse Supervisor, Miss Marie D. Stacey, R.N.; Physiotherapist, Miss Corrine B. Norris; Matron, Mrs. Robert Keller; School Teacher, Miss Hattie D. Slaughter; Dietician, Miss Lois Walters.

Advisory Committee. Florida State Elks Association

This Committee consists of the Past Presidents of the Florida State Elks Association who are in good standing in their respective lodges and those Past State Presidents from other State Associations who have been recommended by the Advisory Committee for membership. It is their duty to render such counsel and advice to the Officers, Committees and Members of the Association as will promote the best interests and welfare of the Association.

Albert "Boots" & Eleanor Van Duren Scholarship for The Counselor In Training Program - Florida Elks Youth Camp

See Florida Elks Youth Camp

Albertsons Community Partners Program

Albertson's Food Store initiated the Community Partner's Program to help the community. The program is directed to those who wish to raise money to benefit youth. After approval by Albertson's the organization is issued 100 cards; more may be obtained at a cost.

If the card is given to any Elk who shops at Albertson's the cashier at the time the card is presented will scan it and return it to the shopper. The Youth Organization that is designated on the card will get a percentage of the amount spent quarterly.

Albertson's Provides Way For Harry-Anna School Computer Purchase

Back in 1990, Math Teacher Ruth A. Toner at the Harry-Anna School located at the Elks Children's Hospital needed a computer for her high school students.

She found the solution with Albertson's food stores who provided the way to get the computer at no cost. As a school, all they needed was receipts from any Albertson's store in Florida. When they had a total of \$100,000 in receipts Albertson's would provide the computer free of charge.

Ben Brown, Hospital Administrator acted as coordinator for the project.

All American Lodge

The All American Lodge honor was first awarded in 1983. The first All-American Lodge was Clawson Troy, Michigan, Lodge # 2169.

An annual award is given by Grand Lodge under Contest "A" - All American Lodge. The official entry form will be mailed to the Lodge in January of each year. This completed form must be mailed to the District Deputy by March 15.

(See Contest "A" in this Encyclopedia)

Amaranth and Ivy

GER Henry O'Neil is credited with the origination of the Amaranth and Ivy as the Elk funeral emblem. O'Neil was a member New York #1, served as Grand Treasurer at the first meeting of Grand Lodge on February 12, 1871 and Exalted Grand Ruler from 1874 to 1876. At his funeral, largely attended by members of New York #1, his casket was covered with Amaranth and Ivy, the floral concert he himself had originated.

In the funeral service, reference is made to the unfading amaranth encircled by the clinging ivy. These tokens are deposited with the deceased in enduring friendship, the amaranth typifying the belief in the immortality of the soul, and the ivy symbolizing Brotherly Love. (HE) (See O'Neil, Henry)

American In Nature

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is a thoroughly American fraternal organization and membership is confined to citizens of the United States. Lodges can also be found in the Philippine Islands once under American protectorship until they were granted independence World War II.

At one time there were two Lodges in the Panama Canal Zone, formed prior to that republic's gaining independence. At the time of this revision there is now one lodge in the Panama Canal Zone, the two having merged into one lodge, Tom Elmore, PGELK being a Special Representative to that lodge. There is a Lodge in Guam and one in the Marianas Islands which are under American Protectorate. A lodge is also found in Puerto Rico.

Florida's PGER Robert Grafton has been sponsor to the Panama Canal Zone and Puerto Rico. Florida's PGER C. Valentine Bates assumed sponsorship of Panama Canal after serving as Grand Exalted Ruler. Florida's Past Grand Loyal Knight, Carl Vaughn once served as Special GL Representative to San Juan Puerto Rico Lodge #972.

Essay Themes and Winners:

1993-94 American and Proud
 Amy Carswell, Deltona #2739

America's Promise.

General Colin Powell, led a group, an Alliance for Youth which was headlined America's Promise. Powell said:

"Young people need to learn that when we help others, we get back far more than we contribute."

"We wrote a lot about kids today, about keeping them safe from poverty, neglect, drugs and violence. We worry about them getting the education and the skills they need to find good jobs when they grow up. We worry about them learning self-respect and moral values.

"Our kids have essential needs that it is our duty as a society to meet. Every child needs a caring adult role model in his or her life; a safe place to learn and grow; a healthy start; and a good education. As chairman of America's Promise -- The Alliance for Youth, I am currently leading a national crusade to help meet all these needs, and one more; the need to give back through service to the community.

"Young people need to learn the paradox of giving ---that when we help others, we get back far more than we contribute. Teens who tutor elementary school kids, or spend a few hours a month at a hospice, or give up a Saturday to clean up an empty lot, get to know the satisfaction that comes from making a difference in someone else's life.

"They learn to value themselves by a more mature standard, that their worth is not determined by having a flashier wardrobe but the contribution they make to the world.

“National Youth Service Day honors young volunteers and is an invitation to others----adults as well as youth ---to join hands and do our part as Americans.”

In support of this crusade, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has made a strong commitment to Youth through the America’s Promise , The Alliance For Youth.

Elks Commitment

The B.P.O. Elks of the U.S.A. promise to sponsor drug-free proms in 2,000 communities by the year 2000; develop after - school programs at 1,000 Elks Lodges; develop mentoring relationships with at least 10 at-risk kids in each local lodge community; and make 275,000 young people partners in community service programs. . In addition, Elks promise to increase support for scouting and youth athletic programs to \$34.9 million; for drug education and treatment for disabled children to \$12.1 million; and for college scholarships to \$6.5 million.

See “Drug Awareness” in this reference source.

See” Eks Drug Awareness Program” manual for Subofdnate Lodge Chairman’s Guide. DAP 125 in Secretary’s office.

Progress

The Elks National Drug Awareness Program has estimated that by July 1999 about 70% (1540) of all Elks lodges will have sponsored drug-free parties. Estimated attendance at these events were estimated to be between 150,000 and 200,000 .

The Elks National Hoop Shoot Free Throw competition has attracted more than 3 million participants between the ages of 8 and 13. In addition more than 660,000 children participated in Elk - sponsored after-school activities , including Little League baseball, basketball, swimming, and other programs, fulfilling their commitment through the participation of the majority of 2,200 lodges.

The Elks established informal mentoring relationships with more than 250,000 children in 1998 alone, through Elks - sponsored youth activities, dramatically exceeding the targeted total of 20,000.

They established an innovative new program designed to enlist the help of children in the care of hospitalized veterans. In addition, “Junior Elks” programs have been established nationwide to encourage young people to participate in community service programs.

The Elks support for scouting and youth athletic programs totaled \$51.69 million for the year 1997/98 alone , easily exceeding the \$34.9 million commitment as well as the previous years \$44.53 million. Up to the year 1997/98 more than 5 million children have estimated to have participated in these activities.

The Elks support for drug education and the treatment of children with disabilities topped \$14.9 million , exceeding an estimated \$12.1 million commitment and the previous years total of \$11.9 million . The Elks Drug Awareness program distributed close to 20 million pieces of drug education literature in 1998, and is estimated to have reached 5.4 million youths during the 1997/98 lodge year.

The Elks National Foundation distributed 500 “Most Valuable Student” scholarships as well as scholarships for Eagle Scouts and Girl Scout Gold Award Winners. The total cash value of these scholarships , plus scholarships distributed by local lodges, exceeded \$8..5 million , surpassing the Order’s \$6.5 million commitment as well as the previous years total of \$6.56 million.

Future Plans

The Elks have established a partnership with Safe Night USA to further their commitment to drug-free events for children . All Elks Lodges have been encouraged to participate , and will be reimbursed for expenses through the Elks National Foundation. In addition , the Elks National Veterans Service Commission works to expand participation in the Elks Veteran , Youth Volunteer program, designed to involve children in the lives of veterans in nursing homes and VA medical

centers. The Elks are also using the Internet to promote mentoring opportunities and resources to their membership.

Showcase

In Des Plaines, Illinois, the local Elks Lodges has instituted a pilot program where Lodge members travel to local schools and read to the children there. Each week, 15 Elks mentors read with the students one-on-one in an effort to hone the students' reading skills. Both the Elks Mentors and students are delighted with the results of the new program. Volunteer Ron Zuraski relates that "the program is well received by the students. On his last visit, he overheard one of his students ask if he could read first." Don Rush adds, "Where would the students be without the ability to read? It is one of the most important skills in life, no matter what career path they follow." (EWEB)

American Theater

A theater in New York at the time of Charles Vivian's arrival to America. On Vivian's first night in America, Robert Butler, manager of the American Theater, caught his performance and the thunderous enthusiasm that followed. Recognizing a winning entertainer, Butler signed on the young man for a three week run at his theater at a sum of \$50 per week. This was later extended for another six weeks.

It was Vivian's first job in America and supplied the needs of a 25 year old man in a strange land, with little cash and few friends. (HE)

Americanism Committee

The Order of Elks became highly specialized in every field of protection to our human rights as citizens of the United States, when it established the Americanism Committee during the term of Florida's William "Bill" Wall as Grand Exalted Ruler in 1961. It is one of the greatest strengths in Elksdom.

However, as early as 1940, Palatka Lodge No. 1232 offered a resolution that was adopted by the Florida State Elks Association recommending that the subject of Americanism be taught and instilled into the minds of all school children, and that the Association take the necessary steps and make necessary arrangements to contact the proper state and county officials, to have set aside a period during the each day to be utilized in instilling upon the minds of all school children the subject of Americanism.

The following year at the Annual State Convention held in St. Augustine a resolution was adopted approving the principles of the Florida Congress in Democracy, which have been instituted for the purpose of preserving and defending the fundamental principles of Americanism, democracy in the State of Florida, and pledging support, assistance and cooperation. Palatka Lodge 1232 presented a resolution that said the program on Americanism be continuing and perpetual. This was adopted.

The ambition and goals of the Americanism Committee is to quicken the spirit of Americanism patriotism, and to stimulate an awareness --- a genuine feeling of pride and respect toward patriotism --so that the members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will become constant reminders to the people of our Nation that truly America means freedom and that Elks Care and Elks Share.

The Committees on Americanism ---Grand Lodge, State and Local --- are charged with implementing the patriotic activities of the Order and its Subordinate Lodges. Each Lodge should take part in as many of these programs as possible in order to accomplish a diversified impact for Americanism in their area.

The Order of Elks has always prided itself on its Americanism. One of the requirements for gaining membership into the fraternal brotherhood is that they must be American citizens. The national organization and its subordinate lodges foster Americanism in many ways.

The order promotes American principles of individual freedom, opportunity and dignity. They also make a valiant attempt to motivate people to safeguard these principles and develop pride in and understanding of the United States.

In 1964-65 the State Americanism Bulletin was being subscribed to by forty-five lodges for their members and represents a circulation of twelve thousand and thirty . Requests for these State Americanism Bulletins came from all over the United States. They came from as far North as Maine and as far west as California. Excerpts from the January-February 1965 Bulletin were read over WEAT-TV in West Palm Beach by Jack Ledden , a member Elk and commentator. Ledden wrote that after he read the bulletin the station switchboard lit up like a rocket explosion and that never before had so many people asked for copies of a program. This resulted in excellent publicity and public relations for the Elks Americanism program.

Elks lodges furnish or display what they term the “Heritage Corner,” replicas of such historic documents as the American Declaration of Independence, the U. S. Constitution , Bill of Rights, The Monroe Doctrine, Gettysburg Address , the Elks Resolutions of Law and Order and Declaration of American Principles.

At Grand Lodge session in 1907 , the members adopted a resolution designating June 14 as Flag Day. In 1911 the Grand Lodge mandated all subordinate lodges to observe Flag Day and the use of the Ritual adopted in 1908.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was the first fraternal organization to require observance of Flag Day with appropriate ceremonies.

Many lodges give or sell flags to worthy groups and educate them in proper flag etiquette. Some lodges even provide flags for newly sworn citizens, while other lodges give flags to their local schools for display in the classroom.

The Elks salute law and order through special programs and awards , honoring law enforcement officers for their unselfish work. Additionally they recognize the news media for fairness and objectivity in reporting.

These programs along with their youth work , Drug Awareness Program and charitable endeavors permit the Order to justifiably proclaim, “The Elks Are Distinctively American.”

At the Grand Lodge Convention held in Kansas City in 1999, a resolution was passed to assist in raising funds to build The National World War II Memorial, on the National Mall, in Washington ,DC.

(See National World War II Memorial.)

Each Lodge secretary has copies of the Americanism Committee Manual which is available to all Americanism Committee Chairmen.

(See Heritage Corner in this manual)

(See Declaration of American Principles)

(See Citizens Flag Alliance Committee)

These are Americanism Committee programs.

Americanism Committee Manual

The success of any Grand Lodge , State Association , or Lodge program is directly attributed to committee involvement. The committee must continually promote the programs and use the tools available to accomplish positive results . The most basic tool is the Grand Lodge committee manual.

The Americanism Committee Manual is full of material that will help each Lodge have a successful year . These include Heritage Corner Kit., Parade of U.S. History Poster, Flag decals and a Flag History Display. It also has community programs which include: “Get Out The Vote,” Outstanding Citizen, Classroom Flags and Law and Order Night. These are just a few of the items available in the manual that can help the Lodge with activities, membership, and increase the awareness of patriotism in the community.

The Lodge Secretary should order extra copies for the committee to use in planning and evaluating their progress. The Exalted Rulers and State Association Chairmen should review the manual and programs with their committees periodically. Leading Knights and State Committees should assess their budget requirements for the next Lodge year.

Americanism Essay Contest

Rules for the Annual Americanism Essay Contest:

1. Eligible participants must be U.S. Citizens , enrolled in grades 5th through 8th at the time of the contest.
2. Essay length is not to exceed 150 words .
3. Essay must be typed, legibly written or printed in ink.
4. Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge nearest the address of the entrant.

There are two divisions:

1. Division I will consist of the 5th and 6th Grades.
2. Division II will consist of the 7th and 8th Grades.

There will be four winners in each Division receiving Savings Bonds:

First Place is \$500
Second Place is \$300
Third Place is \$ 200
Fourth Place is \$100.

State Association winning entries must be postmarked on or before March 31, 2000, for final judging and mailed to Grand Lodge Americanism Committee.

The four winning entries in each division will be announced at the Grand Lodge Session .