



Michael Fugler of Tallahassee Elks Lodge Discusses Expanding Elk Membership on Queen Mary 2

Tallahassee, FL ([PRBuzz](#)) June 14, 2010 -- Mr. Fugler said, "Even though the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is a particularly American fraternal and civic organization, expanding and retaining membership is equally challenging in similar organizations around the world. Today, with shrinking government resources we must teach our youth the need to "give back" at an earlier age and find programs that are of particular interest to our emerging youth to fulfill the principles of our organization and the needs of the people we serve."

Mr. Fugler thanked Cunard for the opportunity to speak and share ideas and strategies with interested passengers of other International Service Organizations and said what a wonderful environment the Queen Mary 2 was to seek inspiration for new ideas and concepts.

Tallahassee Elks Lodge #937 www.tallahasseeelks.org

The Tallahassee Elks Lodge #937 takes the principles of the National BPOE of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity together with the recognition of a belief in God, the promotion of the welfare and happiness of its Members, the encouragement of the spirit of American patriotism, cultivating good fellowship and utilizing it's structure as a fraternal organization to serve its local government, the people and community of Tallahassee, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share.

Florida State Elks Association www.flelks.org

The Florida State Elks support its two charities, the Florida Elks Youth Camp and the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services. The Florida Elks Youth Camp is located on 385 acres of rolling hills, forests, lakes and open space in Marion County, Florida. The camp has a ratio of one counselor and one counselor in training for every seven campers and is accredited by The American Camping Association as a safe camping environment for children. Each therapist sees an average of fifteen patients per week.

The Florida Elks Children Therapy Services provides physical therapy and occupational therapy to Florida children with 20 mobile units consisting of both Physical and Occupation Therapists. They treat children all over the state of Florida who do not have easy access to therapy as a result of financial consideration without regard to the ability to pay for such services.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Mission statement: To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share.

The Elks National Foundation, established in 1928, has distributed over \$3 billion in cash, goods and services to the nations youth, its veterans, the disadvantaged and handicapped and in support of patriotic and civic programs. The Elks National Foundation mission is "helping Elks build stronger communities." We do this by providing tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with a healthy beginning, by providing more scholarships than any organization besides the U.S. Government.

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Mr. Fugler is Co-Chair of the Publicity & Public Relations Committee for the North District of the Florida State Elks Association. He has been a member of the Tallahassee Elks Lodge #937 since 2006 where he has been extremely active behind the scenes supporting Lodge leadership and Lodge Committees and has spent a tremendous amount of time consulting with and advising members of the Lodge and volunteering at the Lodge, District and State levels.

Carl Ledig

Carl Ledig is the Florida State Elks Association, North District, Vice President. He has been a member of the Tallahassee Elks Lodge #937 since 2001 and has held the following offices: Inner Guard, Chaplain, Loyal Knight, Leading Knight, ER. Mr. Ledig won Lodge Officer of the Year twice, Lodge Elk of the Year and the Jolly Cork Award as Loyal Knight. He has been State Inter Lodge Visitation Vice Chairman, State Government Relations Chairman, State Ritual Vice Chairman and Chairman.

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