

“Newsletter” – 08/01/26”

Did you know?

What does the 11th hour mean in the Elks Lodge?

In the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE), the 11th hour is a sacred tradition dedicated to remembering absent and deceased members.

It represents the **Hour of Recollection**, a time when meetings pause for an 11 stroke chime and a solemn toast.

The Tradition and Meaning:

The Golden Hour: at 11:00 pm all regular business stops for a brief, quiet ceremony.

The 11 Strokes: a clock or chimes toll 11 times to remind members of the hour’s deep meaning.

Never Forgotten: Members recite a traditional ritual to honor those

who have passed away or are far from home, affirming that an Elk is “never forgotten”, “never forsaken”.

The Official Emblem: The prominent clock on the Elks Lodge organizational emblem permanently points to 11:00 o’clock to honor this core value of brotherhood.

Will you win big at the 50/50 raffle on Sunday, August 2nd. You get half the money collected and the lodge gets the other half. I’d say that’s a win for everybody. And the best part-you don’t need to be present to win!

The “Pool Party” at the Manatee River Assisted Living facility was a Beach Boy, Surfin Safari, hula hoopin, beach ball tossin, bubble blowin heck of a great time! The residents were dancing and singing while enjoying popcorn and Kool aid, looking so cool and stylish in their colorful sunglasses – all thanks to our Elks Volunteers Estrellita and Leesia! They all said “thank our Elks” for loving them and showing them, they haven’t been forgotten. If you are interested in being a part of the nursing home ministry, please contact Estrellita at 941-587-3274 or Leesia at 832-480-6648 or just show up on Monday at the nursing home located at 820 5th Avenue West, Palmetto at 10:00 am.

The new “Progressive Coverall Bingo” is really taking off so if you want to be a part of it please call the lodge at 941-722-6937 to reserve a spot! This Thursday, August 6th, the jackpot will be over \$600!!! Wowzers! That’s a lot of money! So come on out, win some money, enjoy your fellow Elks AND now enjoy some food.

Please continue to invite and encourage all veterans to attend the “Veterans Support Group” meeting every third Tuesday of every month. This month the meeting will be on August 18th. Something new and very exciting is being added to the meeting – FOOD!! That’s right! All veterans will now receive a FREE meal at the meeting!

Any member or guest attending may also purchase a meal for the very low price of \$10 per plate. What a wonderful way to gather - Food and Friends. It just doesn't get much better than that.

The "Back to School" charity drive is still on going. The donation jar is on the bar and we need more money in it to buy backpacks! Backpacks are \$5.00 each and we need 50. Plus, we are purchasing all the supplies to go in these backpacks for grades 1 through 12! We will also be hosting an Elk drug awareness night "SAY NO TO DRUGS" with Kelly as our mascot. We will pass out pamphlets, stickers, school supplies, teddy bears and love on some very deserving kids. You can't go wrong investing in these young people and their future. Let's all make a difference in the lives of some very wonderful kids!

Continue to come out to the lodge and enjoy your favorite food, entertainers, games, bingo and fellow Elks. There is so much to do and enjoy and so many work so hard in the background to make wonderful things happen for "Elks". Come and enjoy it all. The lodge opens at 2:00 pm Sunday through Saturday.