

“Newsletter” – 09/05/26”

Do you remember?

It didn't seem real. It couldn't be real. Why? Who would do such a horrific thing? That was the cry of every American as the details of that day unfolded. Twenty-Five years ago, on September 11th nearly 3,000 Americans were murdered by terrorists. Many didn't have a chance to say a final “goodbye” or “I Love You” to their families or loved ones. Many trapped beneath piles of rubble for weeks or months left to be buried alive all alone. Some tried to escape a fiery high rise-jumping out the 40th or 50th floor to their death. Some on an airplane almost crashed into the Pentagon knowing they were going to die but did it to save tens of thousands of other Americans. Do you remember? I hope so. I know I will never forget and I know I will never forget what happened afterwards. An America that came together-United-for one cause. To eliminate the terrorist threat that devastated our country. Where is that United America? We have an opportunity on Patriots' Day – September 11th – to come together-United-and never forget-to honor-to remember-to celebrate-25 years. Yes, it has been that long. We must never forget. We must always honor all those that lost their lives, all those that responded to the cry for help, all of those that fought in the wars, all of those that paid the ultimate sacrifice. We must never forget. Do you remember?

Elks Lead Nation in Honoring 9/11 Heroes on 25th Anniversary Chicago, IL – September 11, 2026 – Twenty-five years after September 11, 2001, Elks Lodges across the United States, Puerto Rico, the Philippines and the Panama Canal will come together to remember honor and never forget. Through Patriots Day ceremonies and community events, Elks will pay tribute to the Americans who lost their lives and honor the firefighters, police officers, first responders, military members and

ordinary citizens whose courage and sacrifice defined that day. September 11 brought America together in its darkest hour. Twenty-five years later, the Elks are committed to keeping that spirit of unity, patriotism and service alive.

We remember those we lost. We honor those who served. And we recommit ourselves to serving the communities and country they gave so much to protect. The Elks will never forget.

Patriots' Day is being celebrated on Friday, September 11, 2026, 5:00 – 6:15 pm, Patriot Plaza, Sarasota National Cemetery. Located 9810 State Road 72, Sarasota, Florida 34241, if you would like to participate.

Speaking of remembering - The Elks partner with the Presidential Memorial Certificate organization. Through this organization you can get an engraved paper certificate with calligraphic inscription of your veteran's service. If you are interested in this pick up a brochure by the door upon existing the lodge. This would be an excellent Christmas gift for a loved one.

Progressive Bingo is still going strong every Thursday night at 6:30 pm. Please call the lodge at 941-722-6937 to make your reservation. Also call Pam at this number if you can offer some much needed help.

The Lodge will be closed on Monday, September 7th in honor of Labor Day.

Tuesday, September 8th at 6:00 pm is new member initiation/orientation/meeting.

Don't forget we still need coats for young children and teenagers. We will be passing out the coats on October 20th.