# “Newsletter” – 11/01/26”

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***Did you know?***

As we enter the month of November Thankfulness comes to mind. Of course, the “First Thanksgiving” in 1621, most commonly referred to a three-day harvest celebration. The meal at this celebration featured venison, corn, shellfish and roasted fowl (such as wild duck, geese, or turkey), which differs greatly from today’s menu! It was not initially called “Thanksgiving”. The first recorded religious Thanksgiving Day in Plymouth happened in 1623 to give thanks for rain after a drought.

There are many different reasons and many different ways each of us celebrate this upcoming holiday. I would like to encourage each and everyone of us to be thankful for the leadership we have at our lodge. Take time to give thanks, honor and praise to an Exalted Ruler who continues to increase this lodge not only in membership but in appearance and stature. Thank you, Curt Mahoney, for being an asset to Palmetto Elks Lodge #2449. For all you do behind the scenes along with your wife Ann thank you. And thank you to the Board of Directors & Trustees we have to help make this lodge run smoothly on a day-to-day basis. Let me take this opportunity to direct your attention to the photos on the wall. Familiarize yourself with these faces so that

you can find them, shake their hand, and tell them what a great job they are doing!

While you are at it, please take a moment to look around at all the landscaping improvements that have been made. Curt and Ann Mahoney along with their non-member friends Arnold and Carla Popp worked hours cleaning up the lodge cutting down trees and removing fencing. Please give them a great big thank you.

Thank you Palmetto members for the Swine Support at Manatee River Fair Association. We were able to sponsor two swine in the amount of $200.00. One in Division 4 Champion Market and one Fourth Place Overall Market. Thank you members for supporting the youth in our community.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

The Palmetto Lodge will be a part of the 28th Annual Manatee County “Stand Down”. This is a free event to help veterans, and their families, in need. There will be over 50 community agencies, medical services, dental and eye services, family support and much more. We will be passing out “free coats”, backpacks stuffed with hygiene products, and sleeping bags. We need volunteers to help us pass out all this stuff!! Volunteers need to be at the fairgrounds at 7:30 am. The event opens from 8:00 am -12:00 noon at the Manatee County Fairgrounds, 1303 17th Street, Palmetto, Fl 34221,

Saturday November 7th. If you can help out please contact Estrellita Moore at 941-587-3274 or Leesia Wolfe at 832-480-6648.

We are also in need of volunteers at the Manatee River Assisted Living facility every Monday from 9:00 to 11:00 am, contact Estrellita or Leesia if you can help out.

## Welcome to our new members!

We are delighted to report that we had fourteen veterans at our last Veterans Support Group meeting. The Veterans Support Group meets every third Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm. Please bring your buddies and enjoy a free meal when you attend.

Continue to check your calendar and Facebook page for all the happenings at the lodge. Fun times and great food are always on the menu! 😊