“Newsletter” – 11/15/26”

Veterans Support Group meeting is Tuesday, November 17th @ 6:00 pm. A free meal will be served to all veterans in attendance, and any quest can purchase a meal for $10.00. Please invite **ALL** the veterans you know. Our guest speaker will be Mr. AJ Jimmerson with Manatee County Government/Community and Veterans services. He is also a retired U.S. Army Veteran. He will be here to explain benefits available to our veterans and provide information on how you can obtain these benefits. Please reach out to your neighbors, co-workers, friends and family. This is a meeting you do not want to miss!

Because our Veterans are so important to us, we are stuffing Christmas stockings to hand out to them! Mark your calendar to attend the “Stocking Stuffing” event, November 29th, here at the lodge at 3:00 pm. We have 100 stockings to stuff, so help is needed!

These stockings will be passed out to veterans and others in need on December 12th. We have partnered with Ruthie’s House of Hope and will be participating in their 3rd Annual Community Christmas Dinner and Celebration. This event will take place at Sutton Park from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help out at this event. Elroy will be there, we will give out coloring books, crayons, stickers and drug awareness

information to kids, membership materials to adults and Veterans Support Group flyers to all in attendance. Ruthie's House of Hope provides housing to veterans that have been incarcerated or have become homeless. Their organization also helps seniors in need as well as supplies clothing, hygiene products and other necessary items to those in need. We look forward to being a part of this event and hope you make a point to volunteer or attend.

I hope everyone is keeping up with the Facebook page. Heather is doing an amazing job keeping us up to date on all that is going on at our lodge. Thank you, Heather! If you have been on the Facebook page you noticed a cry for help from the homeless family of six that are currently staying at the Salvation Army. Thank you everyone that stepped up and donated funds! Because you did the family is able to stay for four weeks. They have applied for housing, but it doesn't look like they will get it anytime soon. We will keep you informed about donations needed to keep them sheltered at the Salvation Army. It could be a day-to-day or week-to-week situation.

Also, a great big thank goes out to Brady and JoAnn for the donation of furniture! That sure will come in handy when they get a place!

There is a great big financial need at the lodge, and we are reaching out to all members for your help! If you

didn't know the kitchen floor has to be replaced (per the Health Department). This will cost the Lodge up to $8,000.00! Please consider giving of your dime via the blue box mounted on the pillar in the lodge or mail your donation to P. O. Box 242, Palmetto, FL 34220. Reference "Kitchen Floor" on the body of your check or money order. Thank you in advance for your generous donations! If you have any questions, please contact Pam Frysinger 941-722-6937

We are still in need of volunteers at the Manatee River Assisted Living facility charity work each Monday from 9:00 to 12:00 noon.

Need incentive to attend the general meeting and orientation/new member meetings? Well now you have it! Every time you attend a meeting you receive **TWO** pull tabs! You could win up to $300 on the spot! Can you make it to the meeting now? I thought so!!

Thank you, members, for all you do to help those in need. Giving of your time, your talents and your finances are crucial to being an Elk. It is very much needed and appreciated. Let's continue to serve one another in this season of thankfulness and bless each other as we give of ourselves.

Pick up a copy of the North River News and look at the awesome article about your lodge! Palmetto Elks Lodge #2449 is on the map!!


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