

Palmetto
Elks



Palmetto Pride

Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS

Lodge
#2449



Home Lodge of Past State President Dave Verguson

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August/September 2006 No. 8 & 9

Dear Lodge Members

Here it is the first of August, this Elk year is one quarter finished. We have planned many functions, and our hope is that we all support our Lodge by participating in these Lodge functions. The charities that count on our donations help the kids, veterans, and other wise, forgotten citizens of our community. So, check your calendar and if you intend on going to dinner anyway, stop in for an inexpensive, but very tasty meal at your Lodge. Remember, this is all home cooking, done by some of the finest cooks around.

Bonnie and I have just returned from the Grand Lodge Convention held in Orlando, FL July 9 - 13. What an eye opening experience. 8200 Elks and guests attended this meeting of America's finest, most generous people in the world. We saw the Na-

tional Hoop Shoot winners and the two brilliant young people that were awarded \$60,000 scholarships each. We were enthralled with the outgoing GER P.J. Grillo and very impressed with our new GER A. Jack Frost. I could not begin to describe the grandeur of the opening, the meeting sessions, the most solemn memorial service, and the most impressive closing. You had to be there to appreciate it. We are very grateful to have had this opportunity.

I would like again to remind our members that our lounge is manned by volunteers Monday - Saturday, from 1:00 to 4:00. Stop by and see us.

Congratulations go out to Dan Tabor of the Bradenton Lodge as he was sworn in as DDGER of the Southwest District. You'll do a great job Dan.

I remind our Officers and members of the upcoming VP Visitations at the other Lodges in our District. Our presence at these functions is very important to our Lodge. Check for dates and times for these functions on our bulletin board next to the bar.

Until October,

Fraternally Yours

Leonard Pruss
Exalted Ruler

THE LEADING KNIGHT'S CORNER

Our summer is moving along very well. We have managed to have our Sunday Breakfast Buffet monthly and our Spaghetti dinners are doing well.

We have introduced a new karaoke band on Monday and a music band on Friday nights. They are doing very well. We welcome them.

In addition to new music, we have some wonderful new cooks and helpers, They are all new members and have some wonderful ideas.

We are working hard at keeping things going during the summer, like you asked us to do. Our lounge is open at 1:00 every day but Thursday. It is manned by Volunteers. Stop by and thank them for giving of their time for all of us. This has also allowed our salesman, deliveries and pest control to continue as usual. This has also let all of us volunteers start a healthy competition to see who can do the most business. So far Saturday is in the lead. We offer snacks with your drinks.

Sandy Mooney, Leading Knight

Congratulations to us!!!

We have our new puppy. His name is "Charity". He was born on June 30, 2006.

We have all kinds of pictures posted in the Lounge. Charity will also be visiting us on Monday, August 28 for 6:45 to 7:15. Come on down and say thanks and have a drink. Help us support each other.

Postal Regulations

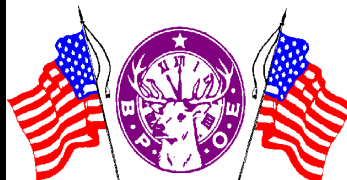
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Officers for 2006—2007

Exalted Ruler	Leonard Pruss	721-4699
Leading Knight	Sandra Mooney	729-3145
Loyal Knight	Toni Lupino	721-8032
Lecturing Knight	Maggie Hildebrand	721-8290
Secretary	Robert W. Quinn, PDDGER	722-6940
Treasurer	Donald Wedge, PER	720-2027
Tiler	Yvonne Pruss	721-4699
Esquire	James Mooney	729-3145
Chaplin	Judy Vergason	722-1327
Inner Guard	Gregory Harrod	776-9997
Organist	David Verguson, PSP	722-1327
Alternate	Craig Conklin, PER	729-4714

Trustees

Five-year	Craig Conklin, PER	729-4714
Four-year	Glenn Davis, PER	737-3776
Three-year	James Gard, PER	729-0971
Two-year	Lawrence Hildebrand	721-8290
One-year	Thom Dillman, PER	758-5061

Corporation Officers

President	Donald Wedge, PER	720-2027
Vice President	Thom Dillman, PER	758-5061
Sec./Treas.	Toni Lupino	721-8032
Members	Craig Conklin, PER	729-4714
	James Mooney	729-3145
	Maggie Hildebrand	721-8290
	Al Skadan	722-5088

2005-2006 Committee Chairs

Accident Prevent	Larry Hildebrand	721-8290
Americanism	Thom Dillman	758-5068
Auditing and Accounting	Dave Verguson	722-1327
Bulletin	Craig Conklin	729-4714
Community Activities	Judy Verguson	722-1327
Drug Awareness	Greg Harrod	776-9997
Flag Day	Glenn Davis	737-3776
Government Relations	Craig Conklin	729-4714
Harry Anna Trust	Open	
Hoop Shoot	Richard Horth	721-9936
Indoctrination	Bob Vaccaro	753-8603
Investigation	Toni Lupino	721-8032
Lapsation	Toni Lupino	721-8032
Lodge Activities	Sandy Mooney	729-3145
Mediator	Bob Vaccaro	753-8603
Membership	Maggie Hildebrand	721-8290
Memorial Sunday	Glenn Davis	737-3776
Mothers Day	Don Wedge	720-2027
National Foundation	Sandy Mooney	729-3145
Nat'l Veterans Service	Jim Hoey	721-9574
Presiding Justice	Francis Pozzi	358-0110
Public Relations	Open	
Relief	All Chair Officers	
Soccer Shoot	Open	
Visitation Coordinator	Jim Mooney	729-3145
Web Master	Jim Hoey	721-9574
Youth Activities	Open	
Youth Camp	Bob Vaccaro	753-8603

Wanted and Desperately Needed!

Deodorant ▪ Paperback Books ▪ Playing Cards
 Hobby Kits ▪ Table Games ▪ Writing Supplies
 Stamps ▪ Disposable Razors ▪ Comfort Items
 Toothpaste ▪ Denture Supplies ▪ Combs

These are items, that as Elks, we need to provide for our Veterans. "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.

If you can help with any of these items, please drop them off at the Lounge so we can gather them together and deliver them. Magazines must be less than three months old.

Thank you, Sandy Mooney, Lodge Activities

From the Desk of the Secretary

**Office Hours: Monday 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Wednesday 3:00 p.p. to 5:00 p.m.
 Phone 941-722-6937 Fax 941-722-6246**

Membership Changes

INITIATED INTO THE LODGE CANDIDATE

Patricia Keller
 June Ogert
 John Herbert Hoisington
 Walter Herrington

PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

CANDIDATE

Robert Stackpole
 Donald Wagner
 Rockne R. McCorkle
 Robert Hammer
 Paul Bittner

PROPOSER

George Rogers
 Cecelia Brugger
 Terry Dean
 Larry Jividen
 John R. McCracken

Elk of the Year 2005 - 2006 Janice Dean

Aluminum Can Pull Tab Collection Program

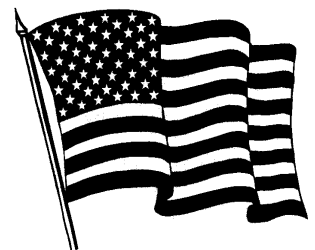
Please bring in you aluminum can pull tabs. All tabs will be collected and used as a donation to the Southeastern Guide Dogs. If you know of other organizations that will donate their pull tabs, let us know so we can include them as well.

ATTENTION:

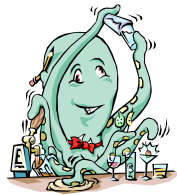
Please take note that for health and safety issues, only authorized persons are permitted in the kitchen.

Good News!

Our Web Site is up and running. To view go to ELKS.ORG, then to Local Lodges. Enter Palmetto #2449. Enjoy!



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August 2006 Activity Calendar

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

July 9 - Spaghetti Night
 With All you can Eat Spaghetti
 Also serving Ziti & Spaghetti Pie
 \$5.50

<p align="center">Blue Plate Specials \$5.50 Enjoy a great meal on Friday.</p>		<p>1 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM Officers Meeting 7:00 PM</p>	<p>2 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>3 Lounge Open 4:00-8:00 PM</p>	<p>4 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Blue Plate Special 5:00 - 7:00 PM Salisbury Steak Music 6-9 PM Nick @ Nite 50/50 at 7:30 PM</p>	<p>5 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM VP Visitation Sarasota</p>
<p>6 Breakfast Buffet 9:00-12:00 \$4.75 All You Can Eat</p>	<p>7 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM BBQ Pork Karaoke Lynn's Spins</p>	<p>8 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM</p>	<p>9 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ???? Italian Night 5:00 - 7:00PM All-you-can-eat \$5.50 Night Lights</p>	<p>10 Lounge Open 4:00-8:00 PM</p>	<p>11 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Blue Plate Special 5:00 - 7:00 PM Meatloaf Music 6-9 PM Silver Sounds 50/50 at 7:30 PM</p>	<p>12 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM VP Visitation South Hillsborough</p>
<p>13 CLOSED</p>	<p>14 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Hamburgers Karaoke Dee J. Creations</p>	<p>15 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM</p>	<p>16 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ???? Not for Prime Time Bring a Dish to share</p>	<p>17 Lounge Open 4:00-8:00 PM Quarterly at Umatilla 17-19</p>	<p>18 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Blue Plate Special 5:00 - 7:00 PM Roast Pork Music 6-9 PM Nick @ Nite 50/50 at 7:30 PM</p>	<p>19 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM</p>
<p>20 CLOSED</p>	<p>21 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Philly Steak Karaoke Lynn's Spins</p>	<p>22 Lounge Open 1:00-7:30 PM Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM</p>	<p>23 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM</p>	<p>24 Lounge Open 4:00-8:00 PM</p>	<p>25 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:00 PM Music 6-9 PM Seabreeze 50/50 at 7:30 PM</p>	<p>26 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM DD Clinic Palmetto</p>
<p>27 CLOSED</p>	<p>28 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Reubens Karaoke Silver Sounds Meet "Charity" 6:45 to 7:15</p>	<p>29 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM</p>	<p>30 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ???? Not for Prime Time Bring a Dish to share</p>	<p>31 Lounge Open 4:00-8:00 PM</p>	<p align="center">Not for Prime Time Karaoke Back on Wednesdays Bring your food and music A good time for all</p>	

September 2006 Activity Calendar

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CRAZY CAROL back by Popular Demand September 20, 2006 at 7:00 PM Tickets \$5.50 per person					1 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Blue Plate Special 5:00 - 7:00 PM Music 6-9 PM Hawaiian Chicken 50/50 at 7:30 PM Harmony	2 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM
3 Breakfast Buffet 9:00-12:00 \$4.75 All You Can Eat	4 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Taco's Karaoke Lynn's Spins	5 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM Officers Meeting 7:00 PM	6 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM	7 Lounge Open 4:00-8:00 PM	8 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Blue Plate Special 5:00 - 7:00 PM Beef Stroganoff Music 6-9 PM Nick @ Nite 50/50 at 7:30 PM	9 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM VP Visitation Sarasota South
10 CLOSED	11 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Hamburgers Karaoke Silver Sounds	12 Lounge Open 1:00-7:30 PM Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM	13 Lounge Open 1:00PM-????? Italian Night 5:00 - 7:00PM All-you-can-eat \$5.50 Musical Memories	14 Lounge Open 4:00-8:00 PM	15 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:00 PM Music 6-9 PM Night Lights 50/50 at 7:30 PM	16 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM
17 CLOSED	18 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Chicken Sandwich Karaoke Lynn's Spins	19 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM Potluck 6:00	20 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM Crazy Carol 7:00 Tickets \$5.50 Per person	21 Lounge Open 4:00-8:00 PM	22 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Blue Plate Special 5:00 - 7:00 PM Pork Loin/cabbage Music 6-9 PM Seabreeze 50/50 at 7:30 PM	23 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM VP Visitation Venice- Nokomis
24 CLOSED	25 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Hamburgers Karaoke Silver Sounds	26 Lounge Open 1:00-7:30 PM Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM Initiation	27 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ???? Not for Prime Time Bring a Dish to share	28 Lounge Open 4:00-8:00 PM	29 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Blue Plate Special 5:00 - 7:00 PM Chicken Alfredo Music 6-9 PM Nick @ Nite 50/50 at 7:30 PM	30 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM
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Florida State Elks Association Major Projects Founder's Certificate Subscription Harry -Anna Trust Fund



I, (we), subscribe to a Founder's Certificate in the Harry-Anna Trust Fund, Series _____ and submit the initial payment of \$ _____
 Automatically bill my credit card annually Sent a statement annually

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____
Lodge Name : _____ Lodge Number : _____
Billing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Series Options
Series L: \$50.00
Series C: \$100.00 (\$20 now & 4 Annual Payments of \$20)
Series D: \$500.00 (\$50 now & 9 Annual Payments of \$50)

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If you are unable to purchase a subscription, but would like to make a donation: \$20 \$40 \$60

Members

Most of you who know me also know that I have not been too visible at the Lodge for the past few months. Since my return, it is quite apparent that one of our cardinal principles, "Brotherly Love" has become just a phrase.

To assume that because you are and Officer, Trustee, Member of the Corporation or a member of the Lodge does not give us the right to think things will be done our way and our way only. This way of thinking is not only wrong, but also extremely detrimental to the Lodge. We were elected to represent All of the members, not to push our own agenda's.

We are a Lodge made up of many individuals, all with different personalities and ideas. We do not have to like one another, albeit that would be a perfect solution, to be able to discuss "problems" and share ideas without having come to the meeting with preordained ideas, cast in concrete, and allow our personal feelings to replace our common sense.

I am not suggesting that we compromise ourselves, quite the contrary. Stand up for what you thing will aid/benefit the Lodge. However, do not become so adamant in your thinking that no one else could conceivably have a viable thought or idea. Listen first then form your opinion. Not the reverse.

It has been said we did not and do not need the ladies. Not only were they the best ladies in Elkdom, but also a very stabilizing factor. They were married to us. Not only is that factor missing, but also their ability to make money. We no longer have that luxury. We need them then and we certainly could use them now.

Problems. We have none. When we lose our homes, cars or other assets we have problems. Families are torn apart for whatever reason we have a problem. Because you HEARD I said something about you that you take exception to, you do not like the way we do business or we are not like other organization is not, I repeat,, is not a problem. We are supposed to be adults. ACT like one. Confront the individual you were told said something about you. Do not go off into a corner, gather you worker bees, and decide to castigate this individual without proof. For the benefit of the Lodge and ourselves get the facts. Be willing to confront hearsay and you will be surprised at the short amount of time it will take to rid ourselves of it. Money will not close this Lodge. WE WILL.

Stand by your conviction, but be willing and able to listen to some one else's. Theirs mean just as much to them as yours does to you. Remember, Palmetto 2449 belongs to all of us. Try to enjoy each other. Have Fun. Enjoy what we have and remember it is easier to smile than to frown.

Fraternally
Bob Vaccaro, PER

JUNE/JULY 2006 Veterans Message

We are looking for yarn. Any kind!! We have been blessed by some ladies in Bradenton who make lap blankets for our veterans. They are running out of yarn and asked if we could help them by supplying some yarn. Please bring in any scraps you or your neighbors may have. We will get it to the church in Bradenton.

Jim Hoey, Veterans Committee Chairman



Highlights for August

- Friday Night Blue Plate Special Dinners
- Monday Night Karaoke-Sandwich Specials
- Aug 5 - VP Visitation Sarasota
- Aug 6 - Breakfast Buffet
- Aug 9 - Italian Night
- Aug 12 - VP Visitation South Hillsborough
- Aug 16 & 30 - Not for Prime Time Karaoke
- Aug 25 - Fish Fry
- Aug 26 - DD Clinic Palmetto

Highlights for September

- Friday Night Blue Plate Special Dinners
- Monday Night Karaoke-Sandwich Specials
- Sept 3 - Breakfast Buffet
- Sept 4 - Labor Day Celebration
- Sept 9 - VP Visitation Sarasota South
- Sept 13 - Italian Night
- Sept 20 - Crazy Carol
- Sept 23 - VP Visitation Venice-Nokomis
- Sept 27 - Not for Prime Time Karaoke

Coming in October

- Friday Night Fish Fry
- Monday Night Karaoke - Sandwich Specials
- Oct 1 - Breakfast Buffet
- Oct 8 - Boom-Ba
- Oct 11 & 25 - Italian Night
- Oct 28 - Halloween DD with John & Whit

Chaplain's Corner

Father, You know that as Elks, we are both hard working and fun loving people. We have now labored in the cause of Elkdom all day long, and need Your Blessing on all our endeavors.

Allow us as Elks to ponder for a moment that life is like a game of cards, which many of us enjoy so much.

CHARITY is the Beautiful Ace

JUSTICE is the Noble King

BROTHERLY LOVE is the Compassionate Queen, and

FIDELITY is the Sturdy Jack

That Common sense is playing our daily cards of life to the best advantage of Elkdom. And that everyday, as the Game of Life proceeds, may we find the opportunity to use them. Amen

**“The correct temperature in the Lodge is maintained
By warm hearts,
Not by Hot Heads!”**

Judy Verguson, Chaplain

Attention All Members Notice of House Rules Change

Article II-A, Section 1 of Palmetto Lodge #2449 By-Laws establishes Associate Membership. This House Rules Change is necessary to properly reflect this in the House Rules.

Proposed Change to House Rules is as follows:

House Rule 2 add “and associate members” after Only regular members.

This House Rules Change will be voted on at the August 22, 2006 Lodge Meeting.

ELK OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2005—2006 LAWRENCE HILDEBRAND

Line Dancing

Your choice every Monday Night or Wednesday Afternoon. Call Joanne at 727-0896

YES, I, (we) pledge a donation of \$10 per person per year to support the publication of our bulletin. Enclosed is my (our) donation in the amount of \$ _____.

Name (s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

PALMETTO 2449 BULLETIN BOOSTERS 2006 –2007

Due to increased costs for the bulletin, your Lodge is asking you to become a Bulletin Booster. For a donation of \$10.00 per person, your name will be listed in every Bulletin for a period of one year.

Glenn & Alice Davis Douglas Hoffmann
Wm & Pearl Corlew Dorothy & Len
Shirley Bramley
Charles Gale

*Support your lodge
Add your name to this
List and Become a
Bulletin Booster*

Hall Rentals

Your hall is for rent to both members and non-members for weddings, parties and anniversaries or other special events. We also would be glad to host your meetings. Please contact one of your Trustee's for information and pricing on the rental of any of our facilities.



Crazy Carol

Wednesday, Sept 20, 2006

Doors Open 5:30 PM - Open Seating
Show Starts at 7:00 PM

Come and see a very funny comedian
with her all new show.

Tickets on sale in the Lounge

\$5.50 per person

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER ?????

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?
Or are you just content that your name is on our list?
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?
Or do you just stay at home then criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part at all to help your Lodge along?
Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belongs?
Do you ever volunteer to help and get into the thick?
Or put the work on someone else than gripe about the clique?

Come out to the meetings and help with hand and heart, don't just be a griper but take an active part.
Think this over and remember you know right from wrong,
are you an ACTIVE MEMBER or do you JUST BELONG???

Submitted by Craig Conklin (an active member)
Taken from Houghton-Higgins Lake Lodge #1982

What is ENF?

We were all told about ENF when we were interviewed. We were told that the Lodge makes the first donation in our name and we are encouraged to continue with a donation each year. But
What is ENF?

This is the Elks National Foundation . Having been asked to chair ENF, I thought I should find our more. Well I was in for a surprise.

ENF has it's own month, October. When we contribute to ENF, we get money back. It has all kinds of grants and scholarships for children and grandchildren of Elks. It has an emergency education grant for children of veterans who lost their lives or are dis-able to pursue a higher education.

ENF helps our veterans in VA hospitals, those who are homeless and our men and women currently serving overseas. They provide occupational and recreation therapy. They also support a group of entertainers that perform at VA medical centers.

They Host "Stand Downs" where volunteers provide homeless Veterans with food, shelter and comfort along with agencies who offer health screenings and employment.

ENF also works with our youth and their parents to educate them on the dangers of drugs. They provide healthy extra-curricular activities and encourages Lodges to check the community to see where the need lies.

During the year I will be asking everyone to donate to ENF, if you are not already doing so. It is as little as \$10.00 a year! Please don't hesitate. Thank You.

Sandra Mooney, ENF Chairman

50/50 DRAWING

Every Monday and Friday at 7:30 p.m.
in the Lounge

Great Cause ... Palmetto Elks Charities
"For the Children"

Tickets on sale in the Lounge
\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Half of proceeds to the winner and half to Elks
Charities.

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Advise Secretary of Changes to your **Permanent** Address for:
the Bulletin and the Elks Magazine



Italian Night

August 9, 2006 and September 13, 2006

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

All you can eat spaghetti and meatballs.
Also serving “Brand New” Baked Ziti or Spaghetti Pie
With Salad, Rolls and Dessert

\$5.50

Also serving **Lenny’s Trio Platter**, a sampler of each for **\$6.50**

Music

August 9 - Night Lights September 13 - Musical Memories