

Palmetto
Elks



Palmetto Pride

**Benevolent and Protective Order of
ELKS**

Lodge
#2449



In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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August/September 2008

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Dear Lodge Members

As I write this note to all our members and associate members, I am traveling home from National Convention in Anaheim, Ca. What a fabulous experience it was and I am very grateful to have represented our Lodge.

There is so much to learn and as this is my second National Convention, I am coming home with all sorts of knowledge for your officers.

It is also with a heavy heart that I tell you about the passing of Bob Quinn. He was our Secretary for 19 years and a Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. He was also the longest serving Secretary in our District. More than that, he was my dear friend and my mentor. He

had many years of knowledge which he would consider sharing with anyone who was really interested in learning from him. Our service for Bob will be over when you read this, but he will never, ever be forgotten. "Their virtues are written upon the tablets of love and memory" will be what keeps him in our hearts forever. We are anticipating a good turnout July 25/26 for the program Peggy's Corral will be putting on for our Veterans serving overseas. Thank you all for the money we collected to help defer the cost of the mailing. We are thrilled to share this moment with Peggy's and the other fraternal organizations involved.

We write our newsletter only twice in the summer, so when you read this, we will be looking toward our season and all our new plans. This Palmetto Pride is for August and September and we will be back monthly in October.

Remember BoomBa starts back up in October. We will also have a Halloween party on Friday October 31. Costumes optional. Prizes awarded. Extra meal at fish fry will be German. No tickets needed, just come and have fun. Music will be in the dining room. Fish and chicken will be served as usual.

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Leading Knights Corner

Do you know how the BPOE started? It all started in February of 1868 in New York City, by a group of actors led by a man named Charles A. Vivian. This group would get together during leisure time to discuss matters of the day and to pop a few corks. This group became known as a Jolly group, and one of its members suggested that they be called the **Jolly Corks**.

After the death of a friend it was decided that the group should organize as a lodge along the benevolent and fraternal lines. A committee was appointed to formulate rules and regulations for its government, prepare a suitable ritual, and select a new name. The committee visited Cooper Institute Library, where they found the **ELK** described in a work on natural history as an animal fleet of foot, timorous of doing wrong, but ever ready to combat in defense of self or of the female of the species. This description appealed to the committee as containing admirable qualities for emulation by members of a benevolent fraternity. The name Elk was accepted, and **The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks** was established February 16, 1868.

From that humble beginning, the Elks have grown to over 2100, lodges from coast to coast, and the word Benevolent remains the focal point of the organization.

Wes Townsend
Leading Knight

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Officers for 2008—2009

Exalted Ruler	Sandra Mooney	729-3145
Leading Knight	Weston Townsend	722-2551
Loyal Knight	Judd Connelley	721-3943
Lecturing Knight	Leon Bateman	722-7623
Secretary	Judy Vergason	722-1329
Treasurer	Judy Alf	721-7069
Tiler	Ronald Alf	721-7069
Esquire	James Mooney	729-3145
Chaplain	Gregory Harrod	776-9997
Inner Guard	Charles Lewis	729-4851
Organist	David Radliff	813-641-2064
Alternate	Craig Conklin, PER	729-4714

Trustees

Five-year	Robert Vaccaro, PER	753-8603
Four-year	Gerald Blackwell	531-4614
Three-year	Craig Conklin, PER	729-4714
Two-year	Glenn Davis, PER	737-3776
One-year	Hugh Igo, PDD	723-0193

Corporation Officers

President	James Mooney	729-3145
Vice President	Robert Vaccaro, PER	753-8602
Sec./Treas.	Gregory Harrod	776-9997
Members	Weston Townsend	722-2551
	Ronald Alf	721-7069
	Charles Lewis	729-4851
	William Kuhar	721-1950

2008-2009 Committee Chairs

Accident Prevent	Bob Vaccaro, PER	753-8602
Americanism		
Auditing and Accounting	Thom Dillman, PER	758-5061
Bulletin	Craig Conklin, PER	729-4714
Community Activities	Craig Conklin, PER	729-4714
Drug Awareness	Doris Huff	729-0079
Flag Day	Glenn Davis, PER	737-3776
Government Relations	Craig Conklin, PER	729-4714
Harry Anna Trust		
Hoop/Soccer Shoot	Doris Huff	729-0079
Indoctrination	Gregory Harrod	776-9997
Investigation	Barbara Blackwell	531-4614
Lapsation	Judy Vergason	722-1329
Lodge Activities	Sandy Mooney	729-3145
Mediator	Bob Vaccaro, PER	753-8603
Membership	Judy Vergason	722-1329
Memorial Sunday	Glenn Davis, PER	737-3776
Mothers Day	Sandy Mooney	729-3145
National Foundation	Wes Townsend	722-2551
Nat'l Veterans Service	Charles Lewis	729-4851
Property Maintenance	Jim Gard, PER	729-0971
	Jim Allard	729-4566
	Roger Hirtzinger	723-0077
	Francis Pozzi	358-0110
Presiding Justice		
Public Relations		
Relief	All Chair Officers	
Visitation Coordinator	Jim Mooney	729-3145
Web Master	Jim Hoey	721-9574
Youth Activities		
Youth Camp	Bob Vaccaro, PER	753-8602

Aluminum Cans/Pull Tab Collection Program

Please bring in your aluminum cans/pull tabs. All cans (clean) and tabs will be collected and used as a donation to a charity of our choice. If you know of other organizations that will donate their cans and pull tabs, let us know so we can include them as well.

From the Desk of the Secretary

Office Hours: Monday 8300 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Or by Appointment.
Phone 941-722-6937 Fax 941-722-6246

Membership Changes

INITIATED INTO THE LODGE CANDIDATE

PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

CANDIDATE

PROPOSER

Kenneth Hunewill
Beverly Horstman
Donald Steiger

Sandy Mooney
Sandy Mooney
Al Skadan

TRANSFER DEMITS

Salvatore Magro
Veronica Magro
Mark Payette

RE-INSTATEMENTS

DEATHS

John "Red" McGrath
Robert Quinn, PDDGER

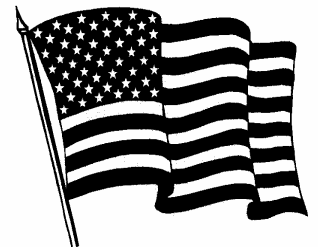
Good News!

Our Web Site is up and running.

To view go to

WWW.PalmettoElks.org

Enjoy!

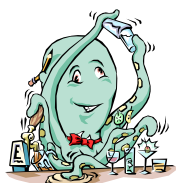


August 2008 Activity Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Don't Forget our Game Night It's a good time for all. See you there.</p>					<p>1 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? 4:30 - 7:00 PM Fish Fry w/ Salisbury Steak Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing Seabreeze</p>	<p>2 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM</p>
<p>3 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 - 12:00 \$7.00</p>	<p>4 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu Karaoke LT's Karaoke Connection</p>	<p>5 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM Bar Com. Mtg 6:00 PM Officers Mtg. 7:00 PM</p>	<p>6 Lounge Open 1:00 -8:00 PM</p>	<p>7 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM Game Night 6:00 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>8 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? 4:30 - 7:00 PM Fish Fry w/ Stuffed Cabbage Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing Dave Harris</p>	<p>9 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM Visitation South Hillsborough</p>
<p>10 CLOSED</p>	<p>11 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu Karaoke Reminisce</p>	<p>12 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM</p>	<p>13 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Italian Night 5:00 - 7:00PM All-you-can-eat Spaghetti \$6.00 Music Silver Sounds</p>	<p>14 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM Game Night 6:00 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>15 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Fish Fry w/ Chk. Cordon Bleu 4:30 - 7:00 PM Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing Silver Sounds</p>	<p>16 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM Quarterly Umatilla</p>
<p>17 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 - 12:00 \$7.00</p>	<p>18 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu. Karaoke Silver Sounds</p>	<p>19 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00PM</p>	<p>20 Lounge Open 1:00 -8:00 PM</p>	<p>21 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM Game Night 6:00 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>22 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Fish Fry w/ Ham Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing Musical</p>	<p>23 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM Visitation Venice/ Nokomis</p>
<p>24 Closed Closed 31</p>	<p>25 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu Karaoke LT's Karaoke Connection</p>	<p>26 Lounge Open 1:00-7:30 PM LODGE MEETING Initiation 7:30</p>	<p>27 Lounge Open 1:00-??? Italian Night 5:00 - 7:00PM All-you-can-eat Spaghetti \$6.00 Music</p>	<p>28 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM Game Night 6:00 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>29 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Fish Fry w/ Hot Turkey Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing Tony Boeing</p>	<p>30 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM DD Clinic Bradenton</p>

Sept. 2008 Activity Calendar

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14 CLOSED	15 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM .Full Menu Karaoke LT's Karaoke Connection	16 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00PM Trustee Mtg 6:00 PER Mtg 7:00	17 Lounge Open 1:00 -8:00 PM	18 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM Game Night 6:00 - 8:00 PM Texas Holdem	19Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Fish Fry w/ Ck. Cordon Bleu 4:30 - 7:00 PM Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing Musical Memories	20 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM
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August Birthdays

1 James Tuffy	10 Virginia Appleton	21 Richard Horth
2 Howard Morrell	11 William Hanley	Carl Webber
3 Loren Brown	11 Marvin Rice	26 Douglas Hoffman
William Perman	13 Darsey Brasseaux	Lawrence Shealtham
4 Gerald Cherry	William Fiacco	27 Evert Nyhof
5 Harry Baker	Walter Simms	28 Troy Pendley
William Bird	14 Raquel Ward	Ronald Pryor
Alan Chevalier	15 Wesley Ford	Henry Steele
Duane George	Doris Huff	29 Ed Jackson
Roger Hanson	16 Albert Lewis	Betty Pendley
Wadsworth Kerr	Leon Thacker	Harry Wujcik
6 Eric Ball	17 Bernard Ciganek	30 Marjie Larason
8 Richard Nelson	18 Dewey Hayhurst	31 Donald Applegate
James Westcott	Dallas Lambert	Robert Aziz
9 James Fulks	19 Thomas Culbreth	Wendy Gardner
Diana Mangum	20 Winfield Stromberg	Mark Reiter

September Birthdays

1 Janice Dean	9 Lloyd Koontz	20 George Nettles
Nancy Krohn	Gerald Kubeck	21 Barbara Blackwell
Harold McDougall	9 Darrell McGinnis	Hamilton Williams
Raymond Rogozinski	10 Charles McCurry	22 Kathryn Rivera
Daniel Sullivan	11 Frank Campbell	22 Harold Stephan
3 Donn Frey	Fred Forbes	23 Melvin Schnepf
4 Judith Alf	Walter Fuelling	24 Donald Campbell
Robert James	Donna Radziewicz	Russell Lehman
Robert Lanoue	Raymond Randall	25 Theodore Dunham
5 William Erhardt	12 Raymond Grable	26 Alfred Flannery
George Taylor	Alan Pettapiece	Carl Maddox
Nancy Waardenburg	13 Jack Bach	27 Stephen Bradford
7 David Harting	Francis Lewis	Frank Luongo
8 Edward Baker	Robert Pierce	Edgar Swearingen
Paul Cote	17 Lawrence Cornell	28 Marion Hendrix
Jim Gregory	Christopher Holmes	29 Donald Wagner
Beryl Kitchen	Floyd Smock	30 Gregory Harrod
Robert Nichols	18 Myrna Hazzard	Carl Young

2008 - 2009 Delinquent Members List

Ninfa Bailey	Raymond Huey	Larry Purcell
Jon Baudendistel	Charles Irish	Terrance Richmond
Richard Berg	Charles Jividen	Walter Rinus
Richard Biggers	Leroy Knowles	Victor Rudek
Louise Coseglia	Nancy Krohn	Clarence Shaffer
Tom Farmer	Roy Lakanen	Lester Sicard
David Ferlage	Linda Lloyd	Joel Skinner
Eugene Frankie	Gerald Lynch	Bruce Southerst
Walter Fuelling	Richard Manse	James Stearns
Donald Gastino	Stuart Martell	Merrill Stuit
Wayne Gibson	James McNtosh	Carl Swick
Robert Hamilton	Roger Menard	Claudette Vlitz
Myrna Hazzard	Thomas Miller	Harold Wolfinger
John Holmes	Harold Naylor	Richard Wormald
Christopher Holmes	Dreama Neville	James Yager
Johns Holmes, III	Richard Nielson	Raymond Zufall
Julia Horth	Donald Noyes	
Robert Hubbard	Robert Powers	

Doris Waddel**DDGER****2008-2009 DD
Visitation Schedule**

Quarterly	Aug 15-16
DD Clinic Bradenton	Aug 30,
S. Hillsborough	Sep 23
Sarasota	Oct 8
Sarasota South	Oct 23
Palmetto	Oct 28
Venice-Nokomis	Nov 12
Mid-Year	Nov 14-15
Bradenton	Nov 24
Manasota	Dec 3
DD Clinic Sarasota S.	Jan 17, 2009,
Quarterly	Feb 2009
DD Clinic Manasota	Apr 11, 2009,

**Thom Dillman
VP Visitation Schedule**

South Hillsborough	Aug 9
Venice-Nokomis	Aug 23
Manasota	Sep 13
Palmetto Homecoming	Oct 4

GAME NIGHT

Don't forget our Game Night every Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Offering cribbage, Texas Holdem, Darts, Trivia, and Horseshoes. So get in practice before our winter friends get back to offer a challenge.

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Thank you for all your support this summer. We hope you enjoyed the summer months as much as we did. Please be aware we will continue to keep our prices as low as possible. This way you know you can have a great meal and a nice drink with a lot of hospitality for your shrinking dollar.

Any new ideas or suggestions please let me know. The door is always open.

Fraternally Yours

Sandra Mooney, Exalted Ruler

Highlights for August/September

- Friday Fish Fry with Specials
- Monday Night Karaoke- Belly Busters, Salads, Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers & Sandwich Specials
- Aug 3 - Breakfast Buffet
- Aug 9 - VP Visitation, South Hillsborough
- Aug 13 - Italian Night
- Aug 15-16 - Quarterly
- Aug 17 - Breakfast Buffet
- Aug 23 - VP Visitation, Venice –Nokomis
- Aug 27 - Italian Night
- Aug 30 - DD Clinic Bradenton @ 8:30 AM
- Sept 7 - Breakfast Buffet
- Sept 10 - Italian Night
- Sept 13 - VP Visitation, Manasota
- Sept 21 - Breakfast Buffet
- Sept 24 - Italian Night

Coming in October

- Friday Fish Fry with Specials
- Monday Night Karaoke- Belly Busters, Salads, Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers & Sandwich Specials
- Oct 4 - VP Homecoming Visitation
- Oct 5 - Breakfast Buffet
- Oct 8 - Italian Night
- Oct 12 - Boom Ba
- Oct 19 - Breakfast Buffet
- Oct 22 - Italian Night
- Oct 28 - DD Visitation
- Oct 31 - Fish Fry & Halloween

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 you business meetings. Please leave your name, phone number, and a brief message regarding the event, with the bartender on duty. She/he will call me with the information and I will call you as soon as possible as to when we can meet and discuss the rental at length.

Wanted and Desperately Needed!

Deodorant ■ Paperback Books ■ Playing Cards ■ Hobby Kits ■ Table Games ■ Writing Supplies ■ Stamps ■ Disposable Razors ■ Comfort Items ■ Toothpaste ■ Denture Supplies ■ Combs ■ New Socks (13) ■ New Men's Briefs (S,M,L) ■ New Tee Shirts (L & xL) ■ No Mouthwash or Aftershave ■ Clothes Washing Soap Powder only.

These are items, that as Elks, we need to provide for our Veterans. 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



50/50 DRAWING

Every 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.

ATTENTION:

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

Notice to our Members

In an effort to reduce costs and increase member satisfaction, we will be allowing members to start receiving their Palmetto Pride Bulletin by E-mail rather than by mail. Contact Craig Conklin, Bulletin Editor or Judy Vergason, Secretary to be added to the E-mail list, or fill the form below and give to a Bartender. The bulletin is also available every month on our Lodge web site at WWW.PalmettoElks.org

Please remove me from the Mailing List and E-Mail my Bulletin

Name: _____

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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.

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| Larry Cook - 0308 | Carlis Knight - 0708 |
| Wes Townsend - 0408 | |
| Anita Tissier - 0408 | |

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 _____

To all the great people who worked, volunteered and participated in the Golf and Dinner Benefit for Janis. There aren't enough words to express my family's feeling of gratitude. I've told everyone up north where we used to live, that when Janis and I came down here we became a part of a great big family. Be it our golfing family or our Elks family. Everyone looks after each other. I feel proud and honored to be a part of both families. Truly Elks Care and Elks Share. I'm sorry that this thank you is late in coming, but it has been very difficult for me. I honestly don't think anyone out there knows just how much Janis meant to me. But we both would like to pass on to everyone something that she and I talked about right up to the time she couldn't communicate any more. That is whether you have a spouse, a best friend or whomever, do not take them for granted. Let them know you love them everyday. Remember, no one ever promised you tomorrow, you never know what the next day will bring. I know I speak for my son Scott and his family, my daughter Kim and myself when I say Thank You, Thank You, Thank You.

Sincerely
Al Skadan

Convention Update.

We had opening ceremonies on July 6, 2008 in Anaheim, Ca. As always the opening ceremony is exciting. It is a mass of orange from Florida. Everyone knows where you are from with our orange jackets and shirts.

Monday brought many reports. But most important was the Elks National Foundation. We should be most proud! Last years quota was \$4.25 per person. We surpassed that with a quota of \$6.22. Congratulations. This years quota is \$4.50, lets beat that too.

We had our vote for Grand Lodge officers for 2008 - 2009. The new Grand Exalted Ruler is Paul D Hesel, and his motto is "Elks - Growing Elkdom and Strengthening America." We then proceeded to the Exalted Rulers Luncheon and conference.

The lunch was wonderful. The conference was mostly about membership, or lack thereof turning now on lapsation. Its very important to form committees to move forward with plans to help with lapsation.

There are also new programs to help all secretaries with lapsation and down the line with our bookkeeping for Grand Lodge.

Tuesday brought many more reports, including: national memorial and publication commission; veterans memorial restoration trust; national convention commission; report and award by ritualistic committee; government relations commission; public relations commission; and, reports and awards by Lodge activities, state association, membership, Americanism, youth activities, auditing and accounting. Americanism scholarships for essay competition is increasing to \$1000 for first, \$500 for second and 250 for third. They are also mov-

ing Patriots week to the first week in September to include 9-11 and to have a special function during that week. We also awarded trophies to the two young people who won the hoop shoot in Springfield, Ma.

We were also given the resolutions for this year to be voted on Wednesday. We attended the Florida State dinner on Tuesday night. Bradenton Lodge #1511 did not win the national ritual contest, but did come in third. Dave Manning from Bradenton won the highest honors awarded.

Wednesday

We voted on our resolution which are as follows;

Resolution 1 - Null and Void

Resolution 2 - To allow subordinate Lodges sufficient time to present proposed resolutions to its membership for discussion and input prior to Grand Lodge session at which they will vote upon - Passed

Resolution 3 - To distribute to a state association part or all of the net earnings of a trust of a defunct Lodge to be restricted to the sole purpose of paying expenses incurred in connection with the efforts to form a new Lodge or Lodges in the same state - Passed.

Resolution 4 - To allow Lodges to benefit from the active service of members who (a) relocate away from their home Lodge (b) do not wish to relinquish membership in said home Lodge (c) yet wish to actively participate in a Lodge in the area of their new residence - Failed

Resolution 5 - Null and Void due to 4 Failing.

Resolution 6 - Change section 14.180 to increase the amount paid to a Lodge for a certificate of release to more accurately reflect the cost of having dropped the members from the role - Passed

Resolution 7 - Change section 4.220 to

give the board of Grand Trustee's the authority to designate and direct all benefit programs for Grand Lodge employees - Passed.

Resolution 8 - To allow the same member trustee's for two or more Lodges to manage the assets of the defunct Lodges as one investment instead of being required to maintain separate investment accounts - Passed
Resolution 9 - To require that organizations allowed by Article III, section 18 be approved by the committee on Judiciary - Passed

Resolution 10 - To clarify the Grand Forum jurisdiction to include reviewing compliance with the procedural provisions of section 12.130 which was amended in 2007 - Passed.

Resolution 11 - to require Lodge secretaries to send their annual reports to the Grand Secretary in the format and manner prescribed by the Grand Secretary - Passed.

Resolution 12 - Change section 15.070 to require all Lodges to meet at least twice a month except in July, August and December - Passed.

Thursday

The best part of the convention . Here we awarded from ENF the scholarships to the top female and male most valuable students. These two young people spoke with dignity and conviction. They were overwhelming in their own right. We also attended the Memorial Service. As always, it was very moving. Our new Grand Lodge officers for 2008 - 2009 were installed as well. Presentation of gifts were made to past and future leaders. A wonderful way to end the National Convention. The total number of participants at Convention exceed 7000.

Sandy Mooney
Exalted Ruler

By-Law Changes

The following By-Law Changes were approved by the members present at the Lodge Meeting conducted on June 24, 2008.

1. Article V - Elective Officers and Duties

New Paragraph (in accordance with 12.130)

The Exalted Ruler, with the approval of the Lodge, may appoint Member of the Lodge especially qualified to organize degree teams for the exemplification of the Rituals, except for the Opening and Closing of the Lodge meetings.

The Team shall consist of Members of the Lodge, especially qualified in rendition of the Initiatory Ritual appointed by the Exalted Ruler with approval of the Lodge, and who shall perform the Initiatory Ritual from memory. All elected and appointed Officers shall have the right to be a part of the degree team at their elected or appointed station. Degree Teams will not be eligible for State or National Competitions.

2. Article V - Elective Officers and Duties - Of The Treasurer

Section 5.

Change "compensation for his services the sum of \$1,000.00 per annum" to "compensation for his services the sum of \$1,500.00 per annum."

3. Article V - Elective Officers and Duties - Of The Treasurer

Section 5.

New section after "pay all bills against the Lodge as ordered thereby on vouchers signed by the Exalted Ruler and Secretary" "except that the Treasurer may pay recurring bills as due before they are approved on the floor of the Lodge provided they are approved at the next regular session;"

4. Article X: Fees and Dues

Section 4.

New section at end of 1st paragraph in section 4 (in accordance with 4.180), to read. "The Reinstatement fee for the consecutive months of December and January of each Lodge year shall be \$1.00."

5. House Rules

Number 11 - New addition after "with the exception of Guide Dogs" to "with the exception of Service Dogs or Service Dogs in Training."

Vice President Thom Dillman needs our support and we encourage all of you to sign up for his visitation. The visitations always include a cocktail hour, meal, presentation and music. A good time is had by all and you have a chance to see the other Lodges in the district as well as meet new Elks.

August 9 - South Hillsborough \$8.50

August 23 - Venice/Nokomis \$8.50

September 13 - Manasota Price TBD

Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the bar along with the menus. Car Pooling is available

Thank You

A big thank you to every one who helped and attended our Flag Day Ceremony. This was one of our best. The pizza was a wonderful treat. We thank our member for his donation. Thank you to the ROTC from Manatee High School in Bradenton. There has been a cut in the funding for the ROTC, which I find unfortunate. So as Elks, we will be reaching out. These are fine young men and women and they have helped us out for the last six years. We will be having an ongoing collection for them during season at our first breakfast. This is the least we can do to help continue this great program. Any donations you care to make to this project will be made to Palmetto Elks #2449, memo ROTC Fund. Thank you for all you do to help us help others.
Sandy Mooney

Thank You

I wish to extend a big, hearty thank you to all who helped and managed the Lodge, kitchen and dishwashing while I was at the National Convention in Anaheim, Ca. I knew you could do it. I had all the faith in you. Our Lodge has been around for many years. It takes a village to run it, not one person. Thank you all.
Sandy Mooney

Halloween Party

Friday October 31, 2008

Normal Fish Fry Menu with a German Entrée

Costumes and Prizes

Music in the Dining Room

No Tickets needed

Returning in October

Boom Ba

Good times, food and music beginning October 12, 2008.

See you there.



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From the Secretary's Desk

Greetings,

TIME-----TREASURE----TALENT

This is Our State President Joe Ortiz's Motto for 2008-2009. I decided to take the TIME to thank all of you who have paid your dues. We still have a list of 53 that have not been in communication with the office. We are such a mobile society that when we change address or phone numbers it is so easy to forget to inform everyone. I am publishing the list of those that have not paid their dues because I have not heard from them. All members of Palmetto Elks 2449 are a true TREASURE and I would hate for anyone to be left out. Each members has their own unique TALENT in making the lodge a huge success. Thank you in your efforts in helping the lodge to keep our members active and add new members to our roles. Our Magic number this year is 76 we still have a long way to go, but with everyone's help we will make our goal again this year.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Judy Vergason, Lodge Secretary

Breakfast Buffet

August 3 & 17, 2008
 September 7 & 21, 2008

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

All you can eat including scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, biscuit and gravy, eggs benedict, omelet's, pancakes, waffles, toast and English muffins, juice and coffee.

\$7.00

Italian Night

August 13 & 27, September 10 & 24, 2008
 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

All you can eat spaghetti and meatballs. Also serving Lasagna, Four Cheese Pasta or Rigatoni w/Vodka Sauce. With Garlic Bread and Dessert.
 Salad \$1.00

\$6.00

Also serving **Palmetto's Combo Platters**,
 a 3 combo for **\$7.00** or a 4 combo for **\$8.00**

Music

Aug 13 - **Night Lights** Aug 27- **Seabreeze**
 Sept 10 - **Silver Sounds** Sept 24 - **Seabreeze**

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Fish Fry Friday

All you can eat Fried Pollack for \$6.00
Also serving baked Pollack, Fried Clam Strips or Fried Shrimp \$7.00
Combination of Fish, Clams and Shrimp \$7.25,
Half Baked Chicken \$8.00,
or an additional Dinner Entrée \$7.00.
Soup or Salad Bar \$1.00

Every Friday

**Check you calendar to see what
extra entrée we are serving.**