

Palmetto
Elks



Palmetto Pride

**Benevolent and Protective Order of
ELKS**

Lodge
#2449



In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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December 2009 No 12



Dear Lodge Members

What a terrific Halloween fund raiser event we had. Everyone contributed to keep expense to a minimum by bringing a dish to share. The ticket price was the donation to the Elks National Foundation which is the funding arm of our order dedicated to helping the youth and veterans of our nation. Thanks to you we raised \$495.00 for this charity. Big thanks to Judy Vergason, and Frank Campbell for their hard work in organizing and running this event.

Sunday November 8th our dis-

trict put on a Picnic for the veterans at Bay Pines. Each lodge contributed \$125.00 toward the food plus needed items for the vet's use. Our Lodge collected 48 tubs of toothpaste and 85 toothbrushes. The meal provided consisted of baby back ribs, hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, baked beans, lemonade, and cake for desert. 250 veterans were fed plus the help. A **GREAT** time was had by all.

As we begin December let's remember this is a month for giving. Our Kids Christmas party is Saturday December 19th. Please see Sandy Mooney for children's names and gift items needed. We will be feeding several families this Christmas season your non perishable food items are greatly needed.

Please set aside Sunday January 31st, 12 to 4 pm for our district Army of Hope picnic. This event will take place at Sarasota South Lodge 5680 Rosin Way off Clark road. This event will raise money to help families of service Men and Women serving in Iraq, and Afghanistan. This will be a fun day in support of a very worthy cause.

**Wes Townsend
Exalted Ruler**

Your help is needed

Our Lodge is going to be in the Manatee County Fair
January 14-24, 2010

We will be handing out information about Drug Awareness

From the Elks Drug Awareness Trailer
Members needed to help man the trailer

Very simple, very easy

Please sign up at the Lodge or Call

Katherine Chadwell, at 729-4913 or Wes Townsend at 722-2551

Postal Regulations

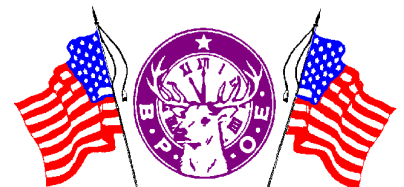
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Officers for 2009—2010

Exalted Ruler	Weston Townsend	722-2551
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Loyal Knight	Leon Bateman	722-7623
Lecturing Knight	Steven Baker	962-6853
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Tiler	Thomas Elwell	776-3638
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Chaplain	Kathrine Chadwell	729-4913
Inner Guard	William Bird	721-3884
Organist	David Radliff	813-641-2064
Alternate	Sandra Mooney, PER	729-3145

Trustees

Five-year	Sandra Mooney, PER	729-3145
Four-year	Ronald Alf	721-7069
Three-year	Gerald Blackwell	531-4614
Two-year	Craig Conklin, PER	776-5832
One-year	Glenn Davis, PER	737-3776

Corporation Officers

President	Sandra Mooney, PER	729-3145
Vice President	Charles Lewis	729-4851
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Members	Steven Baker	962-6853
	Thomas Elwell	776-3638
	Ronald Alf	721-7069
	Leon Bateman	722-7623

2009-2010 Committee Chairs

Accident Prevent	Jud Connelly	721-3943
Americanism	Leon Bateman	722-7623
Auditing and Accounting		
Bulletin	Craig Conklin, PER	776-5832
Community Activities	Craig Conklin, PER	776-5832
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Harry Anna Trust	Sandy Mooney, PER	729-3145
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Indoctrination	Gregory Harrod	776-9997
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	Jim Allard	729-4566
	Roger Hirtzinger	723-0077
Presiding Justice		
Public Relations		
Relief	All Chair Officers	
Visitation Coordinator	Jim Mooney	729-3145
Web Master	Jim Hoey	721-9574
Youth Activities		
Youth Camp		

Aluminum Cans/Pull Tab Collection Program

Bring in your aluminum cans/pull tabs. Please dispose of your cans behind the Lodge in the enclose area beside the trash dumpster. If you know of other organizations that will donate their cans and pull tabs, let us know so we can include them as well.

Thank you for you effort.

From the Desk of the Secretary

Office Hours: Monday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Or by Appointment.
Phone 941-722-6937 Fax 941-722-6246

Membership Changes

INITIATED INTO THE LODGE CANDIDATE

Suzanne Galoni
Richard Marino
Albert Cetrone
Carol Russo

PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

CANDIDATE

PROPOSER

William Newhaus
Don Hendreicson

Sandra Mooney
Sandra Mooney

TRANSFER DEMITS

Lee Kuhfuss

RE-INSTATEMENTS

DEATHS

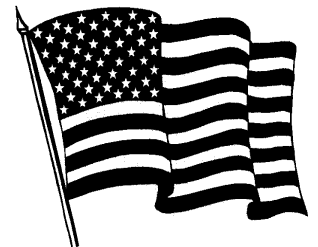
Thank You

To all of you who helped decorate. You have turned our Lodge into a Christmas wonderland.

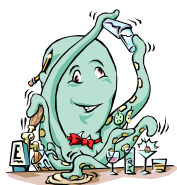
Good News!

Our Web Site is up and running.
To view go to
WWW.PalmettoElks.org

Enjoy!



December 2009 Activity Calendar



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Come and support our Children's Christmas Party		1 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM Bar Com. Mtg 6:00 PM Officers Mtg. 7:00 PM	2 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM	3 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM	4 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? 4:30 - 7:00 PM Fish Fry w/ Salisbury Steak Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing	5 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM
6 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 - 12:00 \$7.00 Elks Memorial Service 3:00PM	7 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu Karaoke Bob Dunn	8 Lounge Open 1:00-7:30 LODGE MEETING 7:30	9 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Italian Night 5:00 - 7:00PM All-you-can-eat Spaghetti \$6.00 Bobby Remp	10 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM	11 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? 4:30 - 7:00 PM Fish Fry w/ Turkey Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing	12 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM BB/BS Christmas Party 10:00 AM
13 Boom Ba 12:00 - 4:00 Musical Memories	14 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu Karaoke Lenny	15 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 Trustee Mtg 6:00 PER Mtg. 7:00	16 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00	17 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM	18 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Fish Fry w/ Stuffed Cabbage 4:30 - 7:00 PM Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing Musical Memories	19 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM Children's Christmas Party 11:00 - 2:00
20 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 - 12:00 \$7.00	21 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu/ Philly Steak Karaoke Reminisce	22 Lounge Open 1:00 - 7:30PM LODGE MEETING Initiation 7:30	23 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Italian Night 5:00 - 7:00PM All-you-can-eat Spaghetti \$6.00 Music Bobby Remp	24 Lounge Open 1:00 - 6:00 PM	25 CLOSED MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM Christmas DD Music Jim & Dee
27 CLOSED	28 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu Karaoke Dee	29 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00	30 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00	31 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 New Years Eve DD Music Dee 6:00 - 1:00	Don't Forget New Years Eve The best party in town. Tickets \$35.00 per person	

PRF



**Elks
National
Foundation**

Today's Date - -

LODGE AFFILIATION

Lodge Name _____

State _____

Lodge Number _____

Lodge Membership Number _____

Please Print: Mr Mrs Ms

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Title (Check One) _____

Address _____ Street _____ Apt. No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Email Address _____

Gift Types: Enclosed is my donation of \$50 \$100 (Peace) \$250 (Justice) Other \$ _____

I would like to pledge: \$ _____ (total amount) I have enclosed my initial payment of \$ _____

Please send me reminders: Annually Semi-Annually Quarterly Monthly for installments of \$ _____

I would like to make a tribute of: \$ _____ In Memory/Honor Of: _____

Notification Of Gift Should Be Sent To: Name _____ Address _____

I would like to make a monthly donation to the ENF by:

Charging my credit card the agreed monthly amount of \$ _____ (Enter card information below.)


Drafting my bank account monthly. (Please enclose a voided check for accuracy.)

Bank Draft Start Date _____ Monthly Draft Amount \$ _____

Payment Method: I have enclosed a check. Please Mail Checks Payable To: Elks National Foundation 2750 N. Lakeview Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614-2256

Please charge my credit card: Visa MasterCard Discover Account No. _____



Your Signature _____ Expiration Date _____



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)

Please indicate method of payment. (Make checks payable to **Harry-Anna Trust Fund**)

Cash Check

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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

District Deputy Thom Dillman
Visitation Schedule

Palmetto Dec 8 7:30

Associate
Membership

Remember that we now offer associate memberships in the Lodge. All you need is to be a member in good standing in any Lodge in the Country. Please see the Secretary to submit your \$20.00 and receive a key card and the bulletin.

COMING February 18, 2010
7:30 - 9:00

“A NIGHT OF LAUGHTER”

WITH
Billy Bridger

Bring you own snacks

Tickets **\$8:00**

DEAR MEMBERS

You will see these signs at our Lodge:

You must have an Elks Card to be served in our Lodge.

This is not only an Elk's rule, it's the law. If we do not follow this regulation, we will lose our liquor license. Only an Elk member with a valid membership card will be served alcoholic beverages. No guest can purchase any alcoholic beverages in this Lodge.

This is for all Lodge functions.

Members: Do not give your card to your guest or spouse to purchase alcoholic beverages!

YOU COULD LOSE YOUR CARD!

1	Tony Renkert	John Dean
	Kenneth Sanborn	Herman Wilson
2	Richard Lessard	19 Joel Skinner
4	Cloyd Click	20 John Donnelly
	Frank Hartley	Peter Griepsma
5	Ronnal Hatinger	William Kuhar
10	Thomas Gibson	Donald Steiger
11	Charles Brethauer	23 Walter Herrington
	Louise Drayton	Fred Steele
12	Frank Casalaina	Rose Sturgeon
	James Ordish	24 Joanne Swift
13	Shirley Brewer	26 Sue Ann Craggs
	Rosemarie Krauss	27 Ken Siders
14	Dale Meyers	28 Michael McDonough
15	Geraldine Liebnecht	29 Thomas Cole
17	John Daniel	30 Harold Schatschneider
	James McAuliffe	Robert Wilcox
18	Paula Borrero	31 Lawrence Champion

“Just for Girls”, an alternative middle school run by the Girls Club of Palmetto needs Elk volunteers to tutor girls in reading. They also need volunteers to answer telephones. You can read a book or play game-boy as long as you answer the telephone when it rings. A man or a women is equally acceptable.

Katherine Chadwell

Thank You

Thank you Jim Gard and his crew for the incredible way our yard and building look. Thank you for all your hard work.

German Dinner Dance

January 28, 2010
5:00 - 9:00

Serving Sauerbraten, Red Cabbage, Spatzel and
Desert

Music by
Chuck Cobb
\$8.00 per Person

Notice

Want to have a lot of fun and meet new friends? Volunteer!! We are always looking for cooks, waitresses, line servers, bussers, decorators for the holidays, auditing, bulletin work, membership, committee chairs and officers. Remember, volunteers make this Lodge run. Without our volunteers we are just another BAR!

Stop in and see Sandy or Judy Alf for more information.

Italian Night

December 9 & 23
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

All you can eat spaghetti and meatballs. Also serving Lasagna or Four Cheese Pasta with Garlic Bread and Dessert. Salad \$1.00

\$6.00

Also serving **Palmetto's Combo Platter's**

Three Combo - \$7.00 Stuffed Shells \$7.00

Music 6:00 to 9:00

December 9 - Bobby Remp
December 23 - Bobby Remp

Highlights for December

- *Friday Fish Fry with Specials*
- *Monday Night Karaoke- Belly Busters, Salads, Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers & Sandwich Specials*
- *Dec 6 - Breakfast/Memorial Service 3:00 PM*
- *Dec 9 - Italian Night*
- *Dec 13 - Boomba*
- *Dec 19 - Children's Christmas Party 11:00 - 2:00*
- *Dec 20 - Breakfast*
- *Dec 21 - Philly Steak*
- *Dec 23 - Italian Night*
- *Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Close at 6:00*
- *Dec 25 - Closed Merry Christmas*
- *Dec 26 - Palmetto's Christmas Party*
- *Dec 31 - New Years Eve Dinner Dance*

Coming in January

- *Friday Fish Fry with Specials*
- *Monday Night Karaoke- Belly Busters, Salads, Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers & Sandwich Specials*
- *Jan 1 - Happy New Year CLOSED*
- *Jan 3 - Breakfast*
- *Jan 7 - Pot Luck Dinner 5:00 PM*
- *Dec 13 - Boomba*
- *Jan 13 - Italian Night*
- *Jan 14 - Wine Tasting 5:30 - 7:30*
- *Jan 17 - Breakfast*
- *Jan 21 - Health Fair 9:00 - 12:00*
- *Jan 27 - Italian Night*

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

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 8:00 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 Members

Beginning in April our Bulletin and Calendar will be available on-line only. Please go to our web site at WWW.PalmettoElks.org to read or print off your copy. We will notify you each month by email when the Bulletin is posted to the web site. Please ensure that you provide your email address to the Secretary, Web Master or Bulletin Editor. A small number of Bulletins and Calendars will be available at the Lodge.

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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Dan Webber - 0309
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Roger Donald - 0409
Jean Strike - 0809
Linda Mathews - 11/09

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 _____

Gary Beschorner

*Certified Public Accountant
Loan Officer
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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 \$8.00,**
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.**

Wine Tasting Party

January 14, 2010
5:30 to 7:30

Cost:
4 Samples \$5.00
8 Samples \$10.00

Served with Appetizers
Music

Elks Memorial Sunday

Come and support your Lodge as we honor those
who have passed away. A very moving service
which will be appreciated by everyone in atten-
dance.

December 6, 2009

3:00 PM



New Year's Eve Dinner Dance and Celebration

December 31, 2009

Cocktails 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Dinner 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

**Roast Beef or Chicken Cordon Bleu
Potato, Vegetable, Roll, Salad and Dessert**

Open Bar 9:00 PM to 12:00 PM

Party Favors, Champagne

Pastries & Coffee at Midnight

Dance Music From 8:00 PM to 1:00 AM by

Dee

Price \$35.00 per person

From the Secretary's Desk

Greetings

OUR MAGIC NUMBER IS 84. What is a magic number? It is the number of new, affiliated or reinstated members we need in order to have a plus in membership. As of today we have 36. We still need at least 43 more members.

The increases are: Initiated - 16; Affiliated - 8; Reinstated - 6; and Total - 30.

The decreases are: Dropped - 29; Transferred out - 3; Absolute demit - 0; Death - 10; and Total 42.

Delinquent - 36

As you can see, we have a lo of work ahead of us to have a plus in membership. If you know of someone who has not paid their dues, reach out and ask them to reconsider. We are all part of a team. We are a team that is here to help others. We help our children with a variety of programs. We help at Thanksgiving by baskets to needy families. At Christmas we turn our attention to the children for their party and every year the list get longer and longer. Again we give baskets to needy families. We help our Veterans by sending toiletries, books, clothes and money for what they need. It is your dues that let us give to others. We need you to be part of the team. If you know of someone who would care to join, bring them in so they can meet the team. Ask them to join. The biggest comment that people have is nobody asked me. Let's start spreading the news about the Elks. I pray that you have a healthy and Blessed Christmas.

**Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Judy Vergason, Lodge Secretary**

Breakfasts in December

Breakfast Buffet

December 6 & 20

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, grits, toast and English muffins, juice and coffee.

\$7.00

BOOM-BA

Sunday, December 13, 2009

Music by
Musical Memories



Lunch from
12 to 2 pm

Music from
2 to 4 pm

