

Palmetto  
Elks



# Palmetto Pride

**Benevolent and Protective Order of  
ELKS**

Lodge  
#2449



**In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Verguson**

4611 4th Avenue E. ▪ P.O. Box 272 ▪ Palmetto, FL 34220-0272 ▪ PH. (941) 722-6937 ▪ Fax (941) 722-6246  
March 2008 No3



**Dear Lodge Members**

February was a very exciting month. We started off with a benefit for Kim Morse. It was very successful and as Kim took a moment to thank us and tell us a bit about herself, there was not a dry eye in the place. What a charming young woman she is, and her daughter is adorable.

Super Bowl was not well attended. It is hard to ask people to come out on Friday, Saturday and twice on Sunday. Our people work very hard and they need some down time.

As with every month our atten-

dance at our nights with food is going great. Thank you to all for your support. We sure have fun in the kitchen. New help keeps appearing and we welcome them with open arms.

Valentine's Dinner Dance with the big band was grand. The music was great and the singing tremendous. Judy Vergason's brother Ray plays a mean guitar. Again, the money raised is for a music scholarship to be given out in June, in Ohio, by Jan Eberle.

As March is around the corner it will pass as fast as ever. We will present Kim with her check at breakfast on March 2. Our PER's are planning a pizza party for April 5. Please plan to attend, but also let me know as we will need a head count.

Our Second Annual Blood Drive will be at our breakfast on March 16 for 8:30 to 1:00. Everyone who donates will get a free drink at breakfast and a tee shirt. There is a signup sheet in the lounge.

We will have election of officers on Tuesday March 11. There are still two chairs open. We would love to invite anyone interested in joining us.

As we come to the end of a terrific year, let me apologize. I may have done the Exalted Ruler's job a great disservice. I spend time here at the Lodge doing what I do because I love it. No officer or Exalted Ruler is expected to do what I do. Your duties can and will be clearly explained. Please don't let what I do scare you off. I hope to be here working along side of you. A mentor, friend, helper and confident.

In writing this last letter of our year, I would be remiss if I did not mention our sick list. The names on it trouble me deeply, for these people have put many hours, sweat and tears into making Palmetto Lodge what it is today. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers: Alice Wedge, Maggie Hildebrand, Frank Garrison, Glenn Davis, Red McGrath and Alice Enos.

Fraternally Yours

Sandra Mooney  
Exalted Ruler

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## Officers for 2007—2008

<b>Exalted Ruler</b>	Sandra Mooney	729-3145
<b>Leading Knight</b>	Robert Vaccaro, PER	753-8603
<b>Loyal Knight</b>	Barbara Bird	722-3362
<b>Lecturing Knight</b>	Weston Townsend	722-2551
<b>Secretary</b>	Judy Vergason	722-1329
<b>Secretary Emeritus</b>	Robert Quinn, PDDGER	722-6940
<b>Treasurer</b>	Judy Alf	721-7069
<b>Tiler</b>	Al Skadan	722-5088
<b>Esquire</b>	James Mooney	729-3145
<b>Chaplain</b>	Barbara Blackwell	531-4614
<b>Inner Guard</b>	William Bird	722-3362
<b>Organist</b>	David Radliff	813-641-2064
<b>Alternate</b>	Craig Conklin, PER	729-4714

### Trustees

<b>Five-year</b>	Gerald Blackwell	531-4614
<b>Four-year</b>	Craig Conklin, PER	729-4714
<b>Three-year</b>	Glenn Davis, PER	737-3776
<b>Two-year</b>	Hugh Igo, PDD	723-0193
<b>One-year</b>	Lawrence Hildebrand	721-8290

### Corporation Officers

<b>President</b>	James Mooney	729-3145
<b>Vice President</b>	Greg Harrod	776-9997
<b>Sec./Treas.</b>	Thom Dillman	758-5061
<b>Members</b>	Al Skadan	722-5088
	Wes Townsend	722-2551
	Bill Bird	722-3362
	Jerry Blackwell	531-4614

## 2007-2008 Committee Chairs

Accident Prevent	Bob Vaccaro	753-8603
Americanism	Thom Dillman	758-5061
Auditing and Accounting	Thom Dillman	758-5061
Bulletin	Craig Conklin	729-4714
Community Activities	Craig Conklin	729-4714
Drug Awareness	Open	
Flag Day	Glenn Davis	737-3776
Government Relations	Craig Conklin	729-4714
Harry Anna Trust	Open	
Hoop Shoot	Bob Nelson	776-5836
Indoctrination	Bob Vaccaro	753-8603
Investigation	Barbara Blackwell	531-4614
Lapsation	Barbara Bird	722-3362
Lodge Activities	Sandy Mooney	729-3145
Mediator	Bob Vaccaro	753-8603
Membership	Barbara Bird	722-3362
Memorial Sunday	Glenn Davis	737-3776
Mothers Day	Sandy Mooney	729-3145
National Foundation	Wes Townsend	722-2551
Nat'l Veterans Service	Jim Hoey	721-9574
Property Maintenance	Jim Gard	729-0971
	Jim Allard	729-4566
	Roger Hirtzinger	723-0077
	Francis Pozzi	358-0110
Presiding Justice	Open	
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

### Aluminum Can Pull Tab Collection Program

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

## From the Desk of the Secretary

Office Hours: Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Phone 941-722-6937 Fax 941-722-6246

### Membership Changes

#### INITIATED INTO THE LODGE CANDIDATE

Robert Tousignant  
Robert Johnson  
John Arvay  
Robert Riling  
Homer Huston  
Al Davis  
James Weaver  
Daniel McCauley  
Edward Gensler  
Sam T. Hart

#### PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

#### CANDIDATE

Harris Glasgow  
Dawn Turgeon  
Larry Turgeon  
Thomas Gibson  
Gary Nice  
Lawrence Crocker  
Dennis Schultz  
Joyce Frency  
Richard King  
Donald Joranko  
Robert James

#### PROPOSER

Sandy Mooney  
Russell Nealey  
Russell Nealey  
Sandy Mooney  
Wes Townsend  
Sandy Mooney  
Leon Thacker  
Fran Lewis  
William Rau  
Sandy Mooney  
Sandy Mooney

#### TRANSFER DEMITS

Maria Sens  
Carl Wineinger

#### RE-INSTATEMENTS

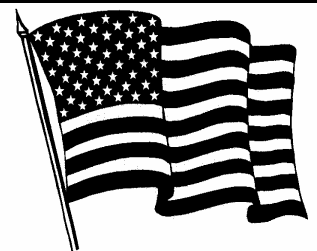
George Taylor

#### DEATHS

Marvin Tennant  
John Quick  
John Hoisington

### Good News!

Our Web Site is up and running.  
To view go to  
[WWW.PalmettoElks.org](http://WWW.PalmettoElks.org)



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# March 2008 Activity Calendar



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 CLOSED	31 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Grilled Ham & Cheese Karaoke <b>CJ Karaoke</b>	Palmetto Elks #2449 <b>BLOOD DRIVE</b> Sunday March 16, 8:30AM to 1:00 PM Donate Blood and receive a free tee-shirt and a free drink.			1 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM	
2 <b>Breakfast Buffet</b> 9:00 - 12:00 \$6.00 Kim Morse to Receive Check	3 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Meatball Subs Karaoke <b>Dee</b>	4 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00PM <b>Bar Comm. Mtg</b> 6:00 <b>Officers Meeting</b> 7:00	5 Lounge Open 1:00 -8:00 PM	6 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM  <b>Game Night</b> 6:00 - 8:00 PM	7 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? 4:30 - 7:00 PM <b>Fish Fry w/ Ham</b> Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing <b>Seabreeze</b>	8 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM
9 Boom-Ba Lunch 12:00 - 2:00 Music <b>Musical Memories</b>	10 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Hot Turkey Sand. Karaoke <b>Reminisce</b>	11 Lounge Open 1:00-7:30 PM  <b>LODGE MEETING</b> 7:30	12 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? <b>Italian Night</b> 5:00 - 7:00PM All-you-can-eat \$6.00 Music <b>Nite Lights</b>	13 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM	14Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? <b>Fish Fry w/ Meatloaf</b> 4:30 - 7:00 PM Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing <b>Silver Sounds</b>	15 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM
16 <b>Breakfast Buffet</b> 9:00 - 12:00 \$6.00 Blood Drive 8:30 - 1:00	17 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM St. Patty's Day Karaoke <b>Silver Sounds</b>	18 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00PM Trustee Mtg 6:00 PER Mtg 7:00	19 Lounge Open 1:00 -8:00 PM	20 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM <b>Game Night</b> With <b>Lorraine</b> 6:00 - 8:00 PM	21 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Fish Fry w/ Stuffed Chick. Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing <b>Dave Harris</b>	22 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM
23 CLOSED	24 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Philly Steaks Karaoke	25 Lounge Open 1:00-7:30 PM  <b>LODGE MEETING Initiation</b> 7:30	26 Lounge Open 1:00-??? <b>Italian Night</b> 5:00 - 7:00PM All-you-can-eat \$6.00 Music <b>Bobby Remp</b>	27 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM	28 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Fish Fry w/ Salisbury Stk. Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing <b>Reminisce</b>	29 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM  Private Party

**March Birthdays**

1 Steven Salisbury	Marjorie Baldwin	22 Giles Kiefer
Carl Smith	Richard Riley	23 Ivan Skaggs
2 Robert Fleming	14 James Gard	24 Raymond Carter
Roy Lakanen	Leonard Meade	Tom Nowak
3 Margery Pearson	Robert O'Neil	25 Eugene Frankie
David Radliff	Ernest Piombino	26 Paul Ester
Cecil Roth	15 Arnold Klein	Ted Odium
4 John Babb	16 Paul Christie	27 Herbert Cherry
Daryl Hover	James Hoey	William Laudert
Albert Landgeebe	Barbara Bird	Leslie Swadling
5 Fred Palicka	Raymond Niles	Dan Thomson
6 Ronald Spears	Alan Skadan	28 Deborah Corbin
7 Dorothy Favorite	Donald Weyer	Thomas Miller
8 Patrick Woods	18 Bert Blanchard	29 William Corlew
9 John Danielowicz	Richard Neilson	Robert Hubbard
Samuel Fuller	19 Marjorie Kerr	30 Toni Lupino
10 James Feahr	Rudolph Racine	Jon Maniskas
Herman Roth	20 Louis Celli	31 Robert Bickert
12 Howard Hinkle	James McIntosh	Ann Parisen
13 Lorraine Baker	James Rozell	

**Chaplains Corner**

Heavenly Father, Bless us as we come to the close of this Elk year, and be with those of us who are not returning as officers during the up-coming year. We, as officers, thank you for all your assistance and guidance you have given us in the last year. As our new officers take their places, please continue to give them the same kind of guidance and assistance that you gave us. Father, show them how to treat each other with kindness and in keeping with our four stations of: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity, that they may have the same success during this next year, as we did in the last with all your guidance and assistance. Amen

Just a Note:

Dear Elks,

Thank you for letting me represent this lodge as Chaplain during this last year. I have enjoyed my year as your Chaplain. I sincerely wish the new Chaplain all the same success that I have had in this past year. I know our Heavenly Father is watching over us and our lodge will continue to be successful and prosper during the next year.

Sincerely

Barbara Blackwell, Chaplain

PS. You may contact me at ladybblackwell2@yahoo.com

**Ad Tabs/Pull Tabs**

We are asking our members to save all losing tickets. They have a gift on them for a free telephone call. If you don't use it, we will donate the tickets to the Mary Martha House to help them defer their costs. Just turn in your tickets into our bartenders.

# St. Patty's Day Celebration

March 17, 2008

Serving 4:00 to 7:00

With Recorded Irish Music

Corn Beef with all the  
Fixings

Or

Shepards Pie

**\$8.00**

Karaoke in Lounge

With

**Silver Sounds**

**BENEFIT for one of our MEMBERS**

Come join us after the Golf Outing for a Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner to help one of our members.

Dinner at 6:00 PM

Price **\$15.00** per person

See you there

**BLOOD DRIVE**

March 16, 2008

8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Come on down and donate blood before breakfast. Then replenish yourself with breakfast and a free drink if you donate blood. Also get a free tee shirt for donating. See you there.

### Highlights for March

- Friday Fish Fry with Specials
- Monday Night Karaoke- Belly Busters, Salads, Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers & Sandwich Specials
- Mar 2 - Breakfast Buffet - Kim Morse Donation
- Mar 9 - Boom-Ba
- Mar 12 - Italian Night
- Mar 16 - Breakfast Buffet & Blood Drive
- Mar 17 - St. Patty's Day Dinner
- Mar 20 - Game Night with Music by Lorraine
- Mar 26 - Italian Night
- Mar 30 - Installation of Officers

### Coming in April

- Friday Fish Fry with Specials
- Monday Night Karaoke- Belly Busters, Salads, Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers & Sandwich Specials
- Apr 6 - Breakfast Buffet
- Apr 9 - Italian Night
- Apr 12 - DD Clinic Venice/Nokomis 8:30AM
- Apr 13 - Boom-Ba
- Apr 14 - Gold Outing @ Palm View 12:30 PM
- Apr 20 - Breakfast Buffet
- Apr 23 - 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 the rental at length.

Barbara Blackwell, Rental Agent

DD Visitation Schedule for  
Dan Hutchinson, DDGER  
04/12 DD Clinic at Venice- Nokomis

#### 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



### 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](http://WWW.PalmettoElks.org)

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

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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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| Jim Mooney - 0507             | Rayleen McCollough - 0308       |
| Jean Strike - 0507            | Larry Cook - 0308               |
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| Carlis Knight - 0607          | Anita Tissier - 0408            |
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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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
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I, (we), subscribe to a Founder's Certificate in the Harry-Anna Trust Fund, Series \_\_\_\_\_ and submit the initial payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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If you are unable to purchase a subscription, but would  
 Like to make a donation:  \$20  \$40  \$60

### From the Secretary's Desk

Dues notices were sent out on the 1st of February. If you have not received your notice by the end of February, please notify the office. We would like to ensure that everyone has received their notice. You can contact me at the Lodge, 941-722-6937, at my home, 941-722-1329, on my cell, 941-524-8222 or my email, javjav42@yahoo.com or palmettoelks24449@verizon.net.

Remember that your dues help our major projects, the Florida Youth Camp and the Children's Therapy Services. They also go to help our Veterans. Each year every one of you is very important to the 2449 team. I know that 2008-2009 will be a banner year for renewals, demits, reinstatements and new members.

I would also like to address widow cards. Request for widow cards should be made in writing and signed by an Elk. In this way we will be able to keep our records straight. The address of the Lodge is PO Box 272, Palmetto, FL 34220-0272.

For those that are associate members, I will need a copy of your 2008-2009 cards and \$10.00 and the address you want it sent to.

Looking forward to a banner year.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Judy Vergason, Lodge Secretary

## March 2008 Veterans Message

Top o' the Mornin' to ya! Are you wearing your green this St. Patrick's Day? While you ponder that, please consider donating some "green" for our Veterans at Bay Pines. I will have a donation jar at the bar in our lounge marked for this purpose. We will still continue to collect all of the normal items they need up at the center, but \$\$ is always welcome there too. Our Elks Veterans Service person at Bay Pines, Tom Coleman, uses cash to purchase pizza and snacks to distribute to the Vets during special events and on some weekends. Have a great St. Paddy's Day and enjoy a cold, green beer if you so desire!

Jim Hoey, Veterans Service Chairmen

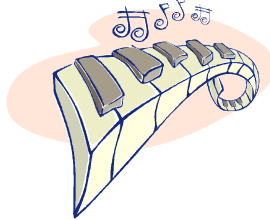


# BOOM-BA

Sunday, March 9, 2008



Lunch from  
12 to 2 pm  
Music from  
2 to 4 pm



Coming April 5, 2008

## PIZZA PARTY

Hosted by your PER's

Details to follow

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

March 30, 2008

2:00 PM

**Come and support your new Lodge Officers.**

# Fish Fry Friday

**All you can eat Fried Pollack for  
\$6.00**

**Also serving baked Pollack \$6.00,  
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.**

## Golf Outing 2008

Monday April 14

Palm View Hills Golf Course  
5712 28th Avenue East  
Palmetto, FL

Shotgun Start 12:30 PM  
Scramble Format

Prizes for  
Winning Team  
Closest to Pin (Front and Back Sides)  
and  
Longest Drive

Chicken Cordon Blue Dinner at the Lodge  
6:00PM

Cost \$35.00 per person  
Dinner Only \$15.00 per person

Limited to 92 Players

Call Charlie Lewis at 729-4851 for reservations  
Or sign up at the Lodge

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**Seasonal Address Changes Not Allowed:**  
Advise Secretary of Changes to your Permanent Address for:  
the Bulletin and the Elks Magazine



# Italian Night

March 12, 2008 and March 26, 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 Platter**, a sampler of each for **\$7.00**

Music

March 12 - **Night Lights**      March 26 - **Bobby Remp**