

Palmetto
Elks



Palmetto Pride

**Benevolent and Protective Order of
ELKS**

Lodge
#2449



In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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March 2010 No 3



Dear Lodge Members

Time sure goes by quickly, it seems like only yesterday that my year as Exalted Ruler of our Lodge started and that I am now writing my last article. I must thank all our members and fellow officers for their support over the past year. Our Lodge is in good shape, our membership is strong, and despite the economic problems our country and local area is facing, our Lodge is holding its own. Friday night Fish Fry along with Wednesday Italian night and Sunday Breakfast have been very well attended over the last

several months, and we are grateful to all our members for their continued support.

As Elks it is our duty to reach out to our community with proven Elk programs. Our Lodge does this by offering the use of our building to community groups like Meals On Wheels, Power Squadron and TOPS. This year we embarked on a program to reach the entire county with the Elks Drug awareness Program. First Katherine Chadwell, our Drug Awareness chairman received permission to place the Elks Material into five county High Schools. 9450 pieces of literature were distributed to the youth in our county. Second our Lodge utilized the Elks Drug Awareness Trailer as a booth and entered the Manatee county Fair in January for 10 days handing out several thousand Drug awareness pamphlets to teenagers and parents, and coloring books to grade school kids. This proved to be a great way to show Elksdom to our community, and to show that Elks Care and Elks Share. Thank to all who helped make this project work.

The Elks Army of Hope Picnic for our Southwest district was held at Sarasota South Elks Lodge on Sunday January 31st. This event was to raise money to help the families of deployed service men and women. Over 250 people attended and a great time was had by all. This event raised over \$8000.00 and our Lodge had a big part in its success, thanks to the work by Stacey and Tex Rau, who raised \$500.00 in their community for this great cause.

In closing, I would again like to thank all my officers and members who helped make this a great year, along with my wife Shenagh. Without her faithful support my year would not have been possible. Finally I congratulate all our new officers, and ask all members to give them your full support.

**Wes Townsend
Exalted Ruler**

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Officers for 2009—2010

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Exalted Ruler | Weston Townsend | 722-2551 |
| Leading Knight | Jud Connelley | 721-3943 |
| Loyal Knight | Leon Bateman | 722-7623 |
| Lecturing Knight | Steven Baker | 962-6853 |
| Secretary | Judy Vergason | 722-1329 |
| Treasurer | Judy Alf | 721-7069 |
| Tiler | Thomas Elwell | 776-3638 |
| Esquire | James Mooney | 729-3145 |
| 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 |
| Sec./Treas. | Gregory Harrod | 776-9997 |
| 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 |
| Drug Awareness | Doris Huff | 729-0079 |
| Flag Day | Glenn Davis, PER | 737-3776 |
| Government Relations | Leonard Meade, PER | 807-0179 |
| Harry Anna Trust | Sandy Mooney, PER | 729-3145 |
| Hoop/Soccer Shoot | Doris Huff | 729-0079 |
| Indoctrination | Gregory Harrod | 776-9997 |
| Investigation | Barbara Blackwell | 531-4614 |
| Lapsation | Barbara Bird | 722-3362 |
| Lodge Activities | Sandy Mooney | 729-3145 |
| Mediator | Craig Conklin, PER | 776-5832 |
| 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 |

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|------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| 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 your 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

John Thomas
Michael Kidwell
Michael Schultz

PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

CANDIDATE

PROPOSER

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Michael Wujcik | Sandra Mooney |
| Marvin Manning | Sandra Mooney |
| Eric Matthiesen | Gary Nice |
| Richard Klein | Sandra Mooney |
| Glenn Vogel | Leon Thacker |
| George Sweeney | Sandra Mooney |
| Frederick Gottman | Sandra Mooney |

TRANSFER DEMITS

Daniel Parrish
Robert Brunk
Hugh Fleming

RE-INSTATEMENTS

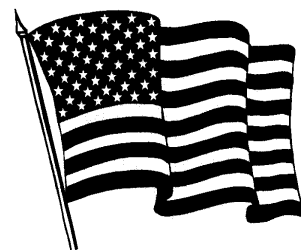
DEATHS

Good News!

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

WWW.PalmettoElks.org

Enjoy!



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March 2010 Activity Calendar



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| Second Philly Steak on the 29th | 1 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu Karaoke Reminisce | 2 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM Bar Com. Mtg 6:00 PM Officers mtg. 6:30 Trustee/Per mtg | 3 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 | 4 Lounge Open 1:00-??? Potluck 5:00 Music donated by L&L | 5 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? 4:30 - 7:00 PM Fish Fry w/ Roast Pork Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing | 6 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM |
| 7 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 - 12:00 \$7.00 | 8 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu Karaoke Dee | 9 Lounge Open 1:00-7:30 LODGE MEETING 7:30 | 10 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Italian Night 5:00 - 7:00PM All-you-can-eat Spaghetti \$6.00 Bobby Remp | 11 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM | 12 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? 4:30 - 7:00 PM Fish Fry w/ Shrimp Scampi Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing | 13 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM |
| 14 Boom Ba 12:00 - 4:00 Musical Memories | 15 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu w/ Philly Steak Karaoke CJ Karaoke | 16 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 | 17 Lounge Open 1:00-? St. Pat's DD Serving 4-7 Music 5-9 Musical Memories | 18 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM | 19 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Fish Fry w/ Ham 4:30 - 7:00 PM Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing Dee | 20 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM |
| 21 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 - 12:00 \$7.00 | 22 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu Karaoke Lenny | 23 Lounge Open 1:00 - 7:30PM LODGE MEETING Initiation 7:30 | 24 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Italian Night 5:00 - 7:00PM All-you-can-eat Spaghetti \$6.00 Music Bobby Remp | 25 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM | 26 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? 4:30 - 7:00 PM Fish Fry w/ Salisbury Steak Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing Dave Harris | 27 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM |
| 28 Installation of Officers 2:00 | 29 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu w/ Philly Steaks Karaoke Bob Dunn | 30 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 | 31 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 | Palmetto's Annual St. Patty's Day Dinner Dance Serving Corn Beef & Cabbage or Shepherd's Pie 4:00 to 7:00 Music by Musical Memories 5:00 to 9:00 | | |

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 _____

Payment
Method:

☐ 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 \$ _____
☐ I have enclosed a check. Please Mail Checks Payable To:
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Your Signature _____ Expiration Date _____



**Florida State Elks Association Major Projects
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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: _____

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

☐ Cash ☐ Check

☐ Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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)

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

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.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010

**The Lodge will be open to serve you our
Breakfast Buffet.**

**We will have our regular buffet and will be
adding fresh fruit and pastries.**

Cost

\$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 liq-
uor license. Only an Elk member with a valid
membership card will be served alcoholic bever-
ages. No guest can purchase any alcoholic bever-
ages 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!

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Glenn Hayes | Carol Lambert |
| 3 Margery Lou Pearson | James Rozell |
| David Radliff | 21 Bruce Hawley |
| Cecil Roth | 22 Giles Kiefer |
| 4 Daryl Hover | 23 Joseph Remillard |
| 7 Dorothy Favorite | Ivan Skaggs |
| Bill Pfister | 24 Raymond Carter |
| 9 John Dalielowicz | Thomas Nowak |
| 10 Herman Roth | 25 Nancy Russell |
| 12 Howard Hinkle | 26 Ted Odum |
| 13 Lorraine Baker | 27 Herbert Cherry |
| Marjorie Baldwin | William Laudert |
| James Delesie | Leslie Swadling |
| 14 James Gard | 28 Deborah Corbin |
| Leonard Meade | 29 Robert Brin |
| Robert O'Neil | William Corlew |
| Civita Schilling | Joyce French |
| 15 Arnold Klien | Frank Roy |
| 16 James Hoey | 30 Gary Brown |
| Barbara Jones | John Maniskas |
| Raymond Niles | Dan McCauley |
| Alan Skadan | 31 Robert Bickert |
| Donald Weyer | |
| 18 Bert Blanchard | |
| Richard Nielson | |
| 19 Marjorie Kerr | |
| Rudolph Racine | |
| 20 Louis Celli | |

Pot Luck Dinner

March 4, 2010

5:00 to ???

Bring a dish for eight to share

Music Donated by

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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

March 10 & 24

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

March 10 - Bobby Remp

March 24 - Bobby Remp

Highlights for March

- *Friday Fish Fry with Specials*
- *Monday Night Karaoke- Belly Busters, Salads, Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers & Sandwich Specials*
- *March 7 - Breakfast*
- *March 10 - Italian Night*
- *March 14 - Boom Ba*
- *March 17 - St. Patricks DD*
- *March 21 - Breakfast*
- *March 24 - Italian Night*
- *March 28 - Installation of Officers*
- *March 29 - Second Philly Steak Night*

Coming in April

- *Friday Fish Fry with Specials*
- *Monday Night Karaoke- Belly Busters, Salads, Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers & Sandwich Specials*
- *April 4 - Special Easter Breakfast Buffet*
- *April 11 - Last Boom Ba of Season*
- *April 14 - Italian Night*
- *April 18 - Breakfast Buffet*
- *April 28 - 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 your 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 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

Our Bulletin and Calendar will be available online 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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Jim Hill - 02/10
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George Levers - 03/10

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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City, State, Zip _____

Gary Beschorner

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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.**

St. Patty's Day Dinner Dance

March 17, 2010

Serving Corn Beef and Cabbage

Also serving Shepherds Pie

Music

Musical Memories

Tickets

\$8.00

From the Secretary's Desk

Greetings

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 palmettoelks2449@yahoo.com. Remember, your dues help our major projects, the Florida Youth Camp and the Children's Therapy Services. They also go to help our veterans. Each and every one of you is very important to the 2449 team. I know 2010-2011 will be a fantastic year for renewals, demits, reinstatements and new members.

I would also like to address widow cards. Requests for widow's cards should be made in writing and also signed by the widow and the Elk who is sponsoring her. We need to have it in writing so our records can be kept up-to-date. The address of the Lodge is: PO B0x 272, Palmetto, FL 34220-0272.

For those that are associate members, I will need a copy of your 2010-2011 card, \$10.00 and the address you want your card sent to.

Last year was a banner year for lost cards, so we have instituted a new policy this year. If you lose your card there will be a \$5.00 charge for a new one. If your card was damaged or destroyed, please return any portion of the card left and \$5.00 for a new one as well.

Just a little reminder, If you have changed your home address, email address or telephone number please inform the Lodge so we can change our records. It is important not only for our Lodge, but I need to send the changes to the State and Grand Lodge as well. It takes a lot of time and money to track down these members.

Looking forward to a great year.

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

I would like to take the time at the end of our Elk year, to thank everyone who has helped to make this year a wonderful success. Our decorating committee has outdone themselves again this year. I have heard many nice things about how well our Lounge and Dining Room look. Of course, the outside looks great as well, even with that long cold snap. The new mulch adds a nice touch.

As always, it has been my pleasure and honor to work with all the cooks, servers, line workers and ticket takers on Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and our special event days.

Some of you live here year around and I thank you also for stepping up to keep our events going all summer.

For those of you who do leave, we will miss your help and your smiles and laughter. Be safe! You are part of a family who loves you.

Sandy Mooney, PER

P.S. The idea of a potluck on the first Thursday of each month was a great one. We will keep it going all summer. Thank you Judy.

Breakfasts in March

Breakfast Buffet

March 7 & 21

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, March 14, 2009

Music by
Musical Memories

Lunch from
12 to 2 pm

Music from
2 to 4 pm

