

Palmetto
Elks



Palmetto Pride

**Benevolent and Protective Order of
ELKS**

Lodge
#2449



Home Lodge of 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
May 2007 No. 5



Dear Lodge Members

As we move into our second month of our new year, I am sure you have noticed some new changes. The first and most important is the absence of our beloved secretary. Bob Quinn will always remain Palmetto's Secretary in our hearts. He has given us 22 years of hard work. He spent those years devoted to our Lodge. Please take the time to drop him a note of appreciation. Many hearts are mended by a few nice words. It only takes a minute to be kind.

Our second change is that our office is up and running. There have been a lot of long hours put into getting all of our new cards working and addresses changed.

Third, take a look around and you will now see our officers out and about. They are visible and after a long time, supporting our Lodge. What a great feeling working with a team that wants this Lodge to continue moving forward.

As we move towards a slower season you will be happy to know that for those of us here all year, we will continue with as many programs as possible. We want to make sure you all know your Lodge is here for you to use all summer.

Our Fish Frys change during the summer. Our last regular one is May 11. We then will go right to our "Blue Plate Specials" on Friday. We will have one Fish Fry a month. It is on the 3rd Friday of the month. Check your bulletin for the dates.

We will be celebrating Mothers Day with our wonderful breakfast buffet. We have tickets available now. Italian Nights are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. In June they will go to once a month. Again check your calendar. Most of your officers will be away at the end of May. We will be attending the State Convention in Orlando. I look forward to a fun filled Summer.

**Fraternally Yours
Sandy Mooney, Exalter Ruler**

Leading Knights Corner

Installation of Officers for 2007/2008 has already taken place and we ready to assist you with any problems you may have. Our pictures are on the wall to the right of the Lounge door and our telephone numbers are in the bulletin.

At your indoctrination I made a request that you bring your concerns (food, attitudes, language, etc) to one of the Officers or the bartender on duty. Taking it home will only exacerbate the problem. The sooner we know about it, the sooner we will be able to resolve your concern. This also applies to all of the members I did not indoctrinate. We do not want to lose you because of something the Lodge was unaware of and may have been able to rectify before you left.

Life Membership

One of the first requirements is that the Lodge you are requesting life membership in has it in their by-laws. If not, they are not in accordance with Section 14.280 of the Annotated Statutes. Assuming the Lodge has it in their by-laws, you must meet these requirements: Paid dues to a Lodge or Lodges for a period of not less than 30 years; been in your current Lodge for 10 years; and, be 65. Having met these requirements your next step is to request in writing, to the secretary, for life membership. If you demitted from another Lodge you will also have to furnish the secretary with the date you were initiated and where. If all your years have been in Palmetto, you are still required to submit a letter for life membership. Upon verification of your request your name will appear in the bulletin and be read on the floor of the Lodge. A vote will be taken at the next meeting and must be approved by 2/3rds of the members present. If you are at the

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Officers for 2007—2008

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

Trustees

Five-year	Gerald Blackwell	531-4614
Four-year	Craig Conklin, PER	729-4714
Three-year	Glenn Davis, PER	737-3776
Two-year	David Vergason, PSP	722-1329
One-year	Lawrence Hildebrand	721-8290

Corporation Officers

President	James Mooney	729-3145
Vice President	Greg Harrod	776-9997
Sec./Treas.	Thom Dillman	758-5068
Members	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	758-5068
Auditing and Accounting	Thom Dillman	758-5068
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	
Indoctrination	Bob Vaccaro	753-8603
Investigation	Maggie Hildebrand	721-8290
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
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

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meeting you will be asked to leave while voting is going on. You will be invited back after the vote and given the results. Life membership is not automatic. You must be in compliance with statutes. If you still have questions do not hesitate to contact the secretary or me.

Fraternally, Bob Vaccaro, PER

From the Desk of the Secretary

Office Hours: Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Phone 941-722-6937 Fax 941-722-6246

INITIATED INTO THE LODGE

CANDIDATE

Chris Wainscott
Nelson Smith
Charles Heinisch
Rose Sturgeon
Sarah Michaud
Francis Lewis
Beverly Brooks
Gertrude Beaulac
Sue LaMastro

PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

CANDIDATE

Robert Jaroscak
Charles Brunner
Clifford C. VanDervort
John H. Daniel
Tom Farmer
Clay Nivison
John Brennan
Dorothy Meade
Stephen C. Bradford
John Rogue

PROPOSER

Alfred Flannery
Craig Conklin
Sandra Mooney
Frank Inglese
Len Meade
David Radliff
Frank Inglese
Len Meade
James Ordish
Frank Inglese

TRANSFER DEMITS

Michael McEvoy
Thomas E. Duchano
Mariann Kelley
Dennis Young

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 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.

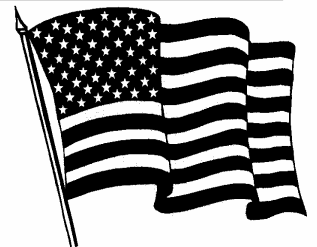
Good News!

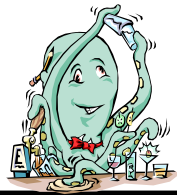
Our Web Site is up and running.

To view go to

WWW.PalmettoElks.org

Enjoy!





May 2007 Activity Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Derby Day May 5, 2007, 3:00 to ??? Bring a dish to share Horse Racing Hat Contest Prizes		1 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM Bar Com. Mtg 6:00 Officers Meeting 7:00	2 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - 8:00	3 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM	4 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Fish Fry or- Liver&Onions or Chicken Chili 4:30 - 7:00 PM Music 6-9 PM Silver Sounds 50/50 at 7:30 PM	5 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM Derby Day 3:00 to ???
6 CLOSED	7 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Western Grilled Ham&Cheese Karaoke DEE	8 Lounge Open 1:00-7:30 PM Lodge Meeting 7:30	9 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Italian Night 5:00 - 7:00PM All-you-can-eat \$5.50 Music Night Lights	10 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM	11 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Fish Fry or Salisbury Steak 4:30 - 7:00 PM Music 6-9 PM Seabreeze 50/50 at 7:30 PM	12 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM
13 Mothers Day Breakfast Buffet 9:00 - 1:00 \$7.50	14 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Hot Turkey Sandwiches Karaoke Reminisce	15 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM Trustee Mtg 6:00 PM PER Meeting 7:00 PM	16 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - 8:00	17 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM	18 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Blue Plate Special Meatloaf 4:30 - 7:00 PM Music 6-9 PM 50/50 at 7:30 PM Nick @ Nite	19 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM
20 CLOSED	21 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Hamburger/ Cheeseburgers Karaoke Silver Sounds	22 Lounge Open 1:00-7:30 PM Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30	23 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Italian Night 5:00 - 7:00PM All-you-can-eat \$5.50 Music Musical Memories	24 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM	25 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Blue Plate Special Beef Stew 4:30 - 7:00 PM Music 6-9 PM 50/50 at 7:30 PM Dave Harris	26 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM Super 50/50 Drawing 7:00 PM
27 CLOSED	28 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7:00PM Taco's Karaoke Reminisce	29 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM	30 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM	31 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM	Don't Forget our Super 50/50 Help support our Lodge and take a chance on a big jackpot.	



Mothers Day Breakfast Buffet
 All you can eat.
 Free Mimosa and Corsage for each Lady



Super Monthly 50/50

For the revitalization of our Lodge.
Drawing to be held on the last Saturday of each month at
7:00 pm.

Tickets \$20.00 each

Help us sell 100 tickets each month with \$1000 going to
the winner and \$1000 going to the Lodge.

100	<p>PALMETTO ELKS 2449</p> <p>FOR PALMETTO ELKS LODGE</p> <p>Prize Claimed at 4611 4th Ave. E Entry Fee Constitutes Source for Cash Award</p> <p>NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN PRIZE</p> <p>CASH SUPER 50/50</p> <p>MONTHLY DRAWING - 4TH SAT. AT 7:00 PM IN COMPLIANCE WITH FL STATUTE 849-0935</p> <p style="text-align: right;">100</p>
<p>NAME _____</p> <p>ADD _____</p> <p>CITY _____</p> <p>PH _____</p>	

Italian Night

May 9 and 23, 2007

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

All you can eat spaghetti and meatballs.
Also serving Lasagna or Three Cheese
Pasta
With Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert

\$5.50

Also serving **Palmetto's Trio
Platter**, a sampler of each for
\$6.50

Music

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 Office of the Secretary

April 1, 2007 has come and gone. If your 2007-2008
dues are not paid you are now considered delinquent.
Now is the time to pay your dues. Regular Member-
ship is \$72.50. I look forward to making out your up-
dated membership card.

Judy Vergason, Secretary

To our fellow Elks of 2449

"Thanks for the Memories" is what comes to my
mind as I write this note to all of you. Of course,
it would have to be a song title. Chuck, Charles
and myself would like to thank all of your for
your continued support and kind words through-
out the years. It was truly an honor to entertain
all of you and believe me when I say it, you have
made a tremendous mark on our lives. We share
many special memories, let us not forget our
New Years Eve show in 2005. We had such a
wonderful time. But there comes a time when
you need to step aside and let new entertainers
do their thing. We hope that you will continue to
support our Lodge and make it the best it can be.
You've been wonderful to work for and thank
you again for always being there thru our good
and bad times. Keep on singing.

Chuck, Phyllis and Charles



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 Schedule for Danny Tabor

June 8-9, 2007 - State President's Visit

Off Season Kitchen Help

HELP !!!!! We need help in the kitchen for our upcoming off-season events. We need help for Monday and Friday sandwiches and our monthly Italian Night and Breakfast. Please let our Bartenders know if you are interested.

Thank You

Fish Fry Friday

All you can eat Fried Pollack for **\$5.50**

Also serving baked Pollack \$5.50,
Half Baked Chicken or an
additional Dinner Entrée \$6.50.

Salad Bar \$.75

May 4 & 11

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

May 2007 Veterans Message

Dear Lodge Members

Spring has arrived... and with it comes the month of May. To those of you who are headed north: we will miss you, travel safely, and be sure to batten down your hurricane shutters! The Vets at Bay Pine really enjoy this time of the year. There are many outdoor activities such as ball games, picnics, stage shows, etc. I will be participating in a few of those events, representing Palmetto Elks 2449.

Yarn, yarn, yarn... darn, we're always asking for more yarn. Our calls have been answered by our own Elks, and also by the local Meals-On-Wheels organization who have donated several boxes of yarn. As you know we have a local group of people who weave this yarn into lap blankets for our Vets in need. These blankets become a most treasured gift up at the VA center.

Keep all of your donations coming, and I will see you at the Lodge.

James Hoey, Veterans Service Chairman



Highlights for May

- Friday Night Fish Fry, May 4 & 11
- Friday Night Blue Plate Special, May 8 & 25
- Monday Night Karaoke - Belly Busters, Salads & Sandwich Specials
- May 5 - Derby Day, 3:00 to ???
- May 9 - Italian Night, 5:00 to 7:00, Music in Lounge
- May 13 - Mothers Day Breakfast Buffet 9:00 to 1:00
- May 23 - Italian Night, 5:00 to 7:00, Music in Lounge

Coming in June

- Friday Blue Plate Specials
- Monday Night Karaoke- Belly Busters, Salads & Sandwich Specials
- June 13 - Italian Night, 5:00 to 7:00, Music in Lounge
- June 14 - Flag Day Ceremony w/Flag Burning Ceremony
- June 15 - Friday Night Fish Fry
- June 17 - Fathers Day Breakfast Buffet
- June 23 - Vice President Visitation

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.

Doris Waddell District Vice President Designate Visitation Schedule

June 8-9	State President visit to Southwest District
June 23	VP Visit to Palmetto 2449
July 6-12	National Convention
July 21	VP Visit to Sarasota South 2495
July 28	VP Visit to Venice-Nokomis #1854
August 4	DD Clinic
August 11	VP Visit to Sarasota 1519
August 25	VP Visit to South Hillsborough 2672
September 8	VP Visit to Bradenton 1511
September 22	VP Homecoming @ Manasota 2734

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.

Thanks for your help.



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 Bob Quinn, 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: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

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.

- Dorothy & Len-0606 wood - 0307
- Wes Townsend-0407 Cal Hendrick - 0407
- Charles Gale-0606
- Chuck & Yvonne Bernhardt-0606
- Zelmon Fuller-1006
- Anita Tessier-1006
- Glen & June Ogert-1006
- Leonard Kruger -1106
- Fred & Jean Sustman—0307
- Bob & Connie Green-

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's Annual Derby Day

Saturday May 5, 2007

3:00 PM to ??????
Bring a dish to share

Admission \$2.00 with a dish/\$3.00 without a dish

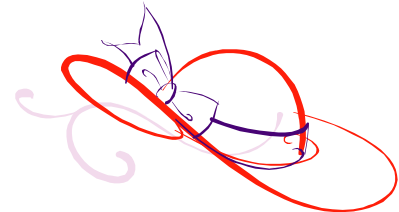
Horse Racing by the
Palmetto Touts



Lot of surprises

Come and enjoy the day.

Prizes for the best Derby Day Hat.



Chaplains Corner

Father in Heaven, we thank you for all the many blessings you have given us. May we use them to the best of our ability in doing for others and exemplifying the principles of our Order – Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Please be with our members who are returning to their northern homes for the summer, and return them safely back here next season. Please assist the rest of us in doing our Lodge business during their absence. Amen

“It may be true that life begins at 50, however everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out!!”

Sincerely
Barbara Blackwell, Chaplain

PS. You may contact me at ladyblackwell2@yahoo.com

**A WISE OLD OWL
SAT IN AN OAK
THE MORE HE HEARD
THE LESS HE SPOKE
THE LESS HE SPOKE
THE MORE HE HEARD
WHY CAN'T WE BE LIKE THAT
WISE OLD BIRD**

Flag Day Ceremony
and
Flag Burning Ceremony
June 14, 2007
5:00 PM

Come join your Officers as we honor the history of our Country's Flag at our annual Flag Day Ceremony.

We also will conduct the Flag Burning Ceremony as we have been collecting many Flags that no longer meet the glory to which they are dedicated.



Donations to the Harry-Anna Trust Fund for the year ending March 31, 2007 were \$883,869.65 and exceeded the goal set by State President Charles Trinowski by almost \$134,000.00

Fish Fry Schedule for the Summer

May 4
May 11
June 15
July 20
August 17
September 21

Italian Night Schedule for the Summer

May 9
May 23
June 13
July 11
August 8
September 12

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



Mother's Day Breakfast Buffet

Sunday, May 13, 2007

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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

Free Mimosa and Corsage for each Lady

Tickets on sale in the Lounge for

\$7.50