

Palmetto
Elks



Palmetto Pride

Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS

Lodge
#2449



In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Verguson

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May 2008 No 4



Dear Lodge Members

The cornerstones of our building are strong and hearty. Not so the members and their wives who put them together. We lost Alice Enos. Alice was the wife of one of our founding members and the mother of one of our founding members and at that time Esquire. Alice cooked, cleaned, supervised and make lunch for the builders. She also was a President of the Ladies Organization. As years crept up on her, she still wanted to be useful, so she became our famous "Pie Lady." She sold pies and smiled and chatted and welcomed. We will all miss her dearly, thank you Alice!

May brings our next month of the year and with it Derby Day, Mothers Day and our State Convention. Again a member, Joni Herrod, had an idea and went with it. Joni is from Kentucky so

I have no doubts we will be in fo a real treat. Thom will be here for his races, which are always fun. Check your bulletin for details.

Mother's Day falls on the second Sunday. We will be adding all our extras to this special day. Please let us know if you are coming so we have enough corsages. I know we will have enough food. Please take note that we will be closed on the third Sunday. It is to much to ask of our volunteers to work three Sundays in a row.

June will be exciting. We have our District Vice President coming out of our Lodge, Thom Dillman. He will be hosting a dinner on June 7, Saturday, at our Lodge for the State President. This dinner is very important to our Lodge and I hope all of you who are still here will attend. We have a very special evening planned.

Saturday, June 14, 2008 is Flag Day. For those of you who do not know, the Elks started Flag Day during President Truman's leadership. It is a great service and we are so blessed that Bill Mathews will be providing us with t the ROTC. We make claims of supporting our troops, here is the chance to support our young people.

Thank you Charlie Lewis fo all you work on our first Golf Tournament and dinner. From the bottom of our hearts, we sincerely appreciate all you have done.

Fraternally Yours
Sanda Mooney, Exalted Ruler

Leading Knights Corner

As members of Palmetto Elks #2449 we can be very proud of our lodge. Charity is the cornerstone of Elkdom, and it's through the national Foundation that charity is put to work.

In the Elk year just ended, our lodge ranked 34th in the state of Florida out of 112 lodges in per-capita giving to the National Foundation. A total of \$3,548.40 or \$6.11 per person, and in our district our lodge was number 1.

The National Foundation chairman gave out a challenge to all lodges and last year it was \$4.25 per-capita. Points are awarded for going over the challenge and for having events to raise money for the foundation. Our lodge came in second in the state of Florida for total points. Thanks to the generosity of our members the great work of our charities will continue to grow.

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
Secretary Emeritus	Robert Quinn, PDDGER	722-6940
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		
Americanism		
Auditing and Accounting	Thom Dillman, PER	758-5061
Bulletin	Craig Conklin, PER	729-4714
Community Activities	Craig Conklin, PER	729-4714
Drug Awareness		
Flag Day		
Government Relations	Craig Conklin, PER	729-4714
Harry Anna Trust		
Hoop Shoot		
Indoctrination	Gregory Harrod	
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		
Mothers Day	Sandy Mooney	729-3145
National Foundation	Wes Townsend	722-2551
Nat'l Veterans Service	Charles Lewis	
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	
Soccer Shoot		
Visitation Coordinator	Jim Mooney	729-3145
Web Master	Jim Hoey	721-9574
Youth Activities		
Youth Camp		

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 Nichols
Thomas Beach
John Adam Lang
Bonnie Lang
Marjorie Larason
Harris Glasgow
Lawrence Crocker
Thomas Beach
Dan McCauley

PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

CANDIDATE

PROPOSER

Gretchen Johnson
Jody French

Shirley Johnson
Sandra Mooney

TRANSFER DEMITS

Harry Baker

RE-INSTATEMENTS

DEATHS

John Helmer
Jack Skidmore

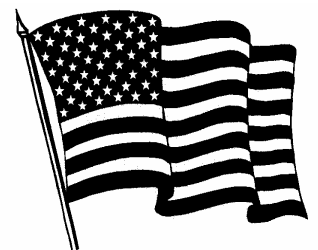
Good News!

Our Web Site is up and running.

To view go to

WWW.PalmettoElks.org

Enjoy!



May 2008 Activity Calendar



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Kentucky Derby Day Starting at 1:00 PM \$3.00 per person serving Ham and bring a dish to share. Special Drinks, Hat Contest, Races and Prizes				1 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM Game Night 6:00 - 8:00 PM	2 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? 4:30 - 7:00 PM Fish Fry w/ Liver/Sals. Steak Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing Seabreeze	3 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM Kentucky Derby Day 1:00
4 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 - 12:00 \$7.00	5 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Taco's Plus Full Menu Karaoke Dee	6 Lounge Open 1:00-7:30 PM LODGE MEETING 7:30	7 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM	8 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM Game Night 6:00 - 8:00 PM	9 Lounge pen 1:00 - ??? 4:30 - 7:00 PM Fish Fry w/ Ckn. Pot Pie Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing Dave Harris	10 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM
11 Mothers Day Breakfast Buffet 9:00 - 1:00 \$8.00	12Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu Karaoke CJ's Karoke	13 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00PM Trustee Mtg 6:00 PER Mtg	14Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Italian Night 5:00 - 7:00PM All-you-can-eat Spaghetti \$6.00 Music	15 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM Game Night 6:00 - 8:00 PM	16Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Fish Fry w/ Ham 4:30 - 7:00 PM Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing Musical Memories	17 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM
18 CLOSED	19 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu. Karaoke Reminise	20 Lounge Open 1:00-7:30 PM LODGE MEETING Initiation 7:30	21 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM	22 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM Game Night 6:00 - 8:00 PM	23 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Fish Fry w/ Stuffed Cabbage. Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing Silver Sounds	24 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM
25 CLOSED	26 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu Karaoke Silver Sounds	27 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM	28Lounge Open 1:00-??? Italian Night 5:00 - 7:00PM All-you-can-eat Spaghetti \$6.00 Music Seabreeze	29 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM Game Night 6:00 - 8:00 PM	30 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Fish Fry w/ Meatloaf Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing Tony Boeing	31 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM

May Birthdays

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|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Jan Eberle | 11 Charles Irish | Richard Whinnery |
| Erwin Griswold | 13 Gerald Marks | Rita Wolfer |
| Leonard Kaigle | Richard Montooth | 22 James Barney |
| 2 Bernard Marek | Gary Nice | Shirley Hamrick |
| Roger Santora | 14 Robert O'Brien | 23 William Belejack |
| 5 Tom Farmer | Harry Smith | Gerald Miller |
| Steward Tobias | Dennis Yount | Lynelle Woolson |
| 6 Thomas Emanuello | 16 James McFarland | 24 Vernon Glass |
| Eileen Garrett | John Oldham | 25 Chester Stoklosa |
| Marvin Stump | Harry Phalin | 27 Wardie Hunnings |
| 7 Ray Kizelowicz | 17 Frederick Sustman | 28 Ann Arnold |
| 8 Joseph Rodgers | John Yurewicz | Herbert Isaac |
| Kenneth Taylor | 18 Wayne Boyle | 30 Bruce Campbell |
| 9 Gerald Ekin | 21 Allen Bridcut | 31 Paul Bianca |
| Betty Green | 21 Fred Holmes | Frank Locicero |
| 10 Richard Manse | Richard Richardson | |

Palmetto's Annual Derby Day

Saturday May 3, 2007

1:00 PM to ?????

Serving Ham

Bring a dish to share

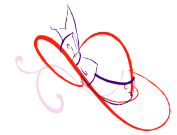
Admission \$3.00

Horse Racing with Thom

Hat Contest



Jockey Races



Prizes

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.

**Thom Dillman
VP Visitation Schedule**

Presidents Visit @Palmetto	June 6/7
Bradenton	Jun 21
Sarasota South	Jul 19
Sarasota	July 26
South Hillsborough	Aug 9
Venice-Nokomis	Aug 23
Manasota	Sep 13
Palmetto Homecoming	Oct 4

Italian Night

May 14, 2008 and May 28 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

May 14 - **Night Lights** May 28- **Seabreeze**

Highlights for May

- Friday Fish Fry with Specials
- Monday Night Karaoke- Belly Busters, Salads, Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers & Sandwich Specials
- May 3 - Kentucky Derby Day
- May 4 - Breakfast Buffet
- May 11 - Mother's Day Breakfast Buffet
- May 14 - Italian Night
- May 18 - CLOSED, No Breakfast
- May 28 - Italian Night

Coming in June

- Friday Fish Fry with Specials
- Monday Night Karaoke- Belly Busters, Salads, Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers & Sandwich Specials
- June 1 - Breakfast Buffet
- June 7 - State President Visit and Dinner
- June 14 - Flag Day Ceremony - 2:00 PM
- June 15 - Fathers Day Breakfast Buffet
- June 25 - Italian Night

Our kitchen has always been our pride and joy. Now it is even better. Saturday March 22, 2008, seven brave people came in to clean off years of grease. It was a tough job, but we did it. Thanks goes out to Ron, Judy, Barbara B., Rick, Rose, Sharon and Jim. It will take awhile to find everything, but it sure is clean. The company, groans, dirt clothes and pizza and beer finished the day.

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.

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

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.

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| Sandy Mooney - 0507 | Rayleen McCollough - 0308 | Jeanne Larson - 0508 |
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| Jean Strike - 0507 | Wes Townsend - 0408 | |
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| Carlis Knight - 0607 | Elaine Mosso - 0408 | |
| Hugh & Ruth Igo - 0907 | Cal Hendrick - 0408 | |
| Bill Bellejack - 0907 | Bob & Connie Greenwood - 0408 | |
| William Corlew - 0907 | Duane George - 0508 | |
| Douglas Hoffman - 1107 | Dorothy Nack - 0508 | |
| Francis & Marvel Metzger - 1207 | Len & Dorathey Meade - 0508 | |
| Frank Coseglia - 0108 | | |
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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 \$ _____.
 Name (s) _____
 Address _____
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**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: _____
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 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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

Cash Check

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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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

From the Secretary's Desk

Greetings,

The year 2008-2009 is off to a good start. As of writing this for the May bulletin, there are still 136 members that have not paid their dues. Just a gentle reminder that you will not be able to partake in the events of the Lodge until you have a current membership card. You might be saying I can't do much for the Lodge because of my age and health situation, but by paying your dues you are doing your part in the Team to help others. Please pay your dues. We love each and everyone of you as a member of our team. Your dues are very important to the success of the Lodge and of our programs. Your dues help to send children to camp and it also helps us to give to our Children's Therapy Services. Through your dues we can also give to the Veterans what they need. Thanking you in advance for helping us to help others.

To our Associate Members, we need a copy of your 2008-2009 card and \$10.00 to issue you a new Associate's card.

Widow's Cards must be requested in writing and be signed by an Elk

It's recruiting time again. Thanks to each and every one of your, we increased our membership by 21 new members last year. Let's go out and do it again!

Thank you for your understanding and support this past year, I am looking forward to serving you again this year.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Judy Vergason, Lodge Secretary

Palmetto Elks to Host State President Visit

Palmetto Elks Lodge #2449 will host the President of the State Elks Association, Joseph A. Ortiz, during his official visit to the Southwest District. President Ortiz, who head the 69,000 plus member Association, will address Elk members at the local Lodge on Saturday evening June 7, 2008. Elks for all Lodges in the district will be in attendance.

President Ortiz will speak about the state's major projects, Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services and the Florida Elks Youth Camp. These programs, which provide for the children of Florida, operate on a combined budget of over \$4,000,000 a year. He will also speak about the Elks Drug Awareness Program for students, the Veterans Program, the Elks Scholarship Program and his slogan for the year, "TIME - TALENT - TREASURE."

Thom Dillman, District Vice President

NO POWDER ON OUR DANCE FLOORS!

Please refrain from using powder on the dance floors. It has also come to our attention that people are putting the powder on the carpet and rubbing their shoes in it. This is bad for our NEW carpet. Would you think of doing this in you own home. While we understand why you want to use the powder, be advised that this is a Grand Lodge rule that is designed to help reduce accidents. We are obligated to conform and in fact are not covered by our insurance if someone falls while using powder. Please think of our members safety and refrain from using the powder.

Thanks for you consideration.

Participants in our Golf Outing & Benefit

72 Golfers participated in a fine day of golf for a good cause, followed by over 100 at the dinner that night. A good time was had by all.

Winners at 11 under Par. Ken Rusling, Larry Turgeon, Russ Nealey, tournament director Charlie Lewis, and Manny Gutierrez



Dream Team with most honest score (too big to print) Jim Mooney, Bill Bird, tournament director Charlie Lewis, Wes Townsend, and Ron Alf.



Doris Waddel DDGER Designate

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,

FLAG DAY CEREMONY

June 14, 2008

Mandatory Service for all Elk Lodges. Flag Day starts at 2:00 pm. It is a beautiful service and we have been blessed again to have the ROTC join us. We hope to see you all there!

THANK YOU

To Charlie Lewis, our members, their wives and guests for a truly successful Golf Outing and subsequent Dinner. With the help of everyone, we were able to give a donation for \$1,600.00 to a member to help with medical bills.

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.**

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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 11, 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

\$8.00