

Palmetto  
Elks



# Palmetto Pride

**Benevolent and Protective Order of  
ELKS**

Lodge  
#2449



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

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May 2010 No 5



## Dear Lodge Members

April has passed and May has arrived, and with its arrival the Lodge is moving along. Some new things have been added that you should stop in to see. The Lodge now has a Wii game to play, set up in the lounge. Members have been having a lot of fun with it. We would like to get a bowling league together for the summer. If you would like to bowl, let us know and we will put you on a list or you can put together your own team. When we get enough teams together league play can start. It should be a lot of fun. The Lodge also has obtained a bingo machine that we would like to test and with

some help to get it off the ground this summer. If you would like to help with bingo or for that matter any of the other projects let us know.

Don't forget all the other things we have going on at the Lodge, **KARAOKE, ITALIAN NIGHT, FISH FRY, SUNDAY BREAKFAST BUFFET.** Check you calendar for the dates and time and bring a friend.

Don't forget we are always looking for new members. Invite friends and family down to the Lodge, show them around and make them want to become a member of the best Lodge in Florida.

Mr. Firkins, owner of Firkins Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, Nissan and Mitsubishi, will make a \$100.00 donation to the Palmetto Elks Lodge in the name of any person who purchases a new or used car from him and mentions the **Palmetto Elks Lodge.**

**PS DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND YOUR LODGE MEETINGS.** Your attendance at these meetings is very important.

**Jud Connelley  
Exalted Ruler**

## Leading Knights Corner

Hello, the New Year is here and things are starting to settle in. Your new officers have been practicing very hard learning their individual parts and the ritual routines.

We would like to invite all our members to come out and participate in all the meetings. This way you will know about all the programs and activities we have planned for your enjoyment. All suggestions from you will be helpful and seriously considered.

Your Lodge is part of the very special and active Southwest District. So come on out and enjoy all the activities that are planned for this summer.

In closing let me thank all of our Elk members and spouses for their support of the programs and activities that we offer.

Thought for the Month: "Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

– St. Francis of Assisi

Glenn Davis  
Leading Knight, PER

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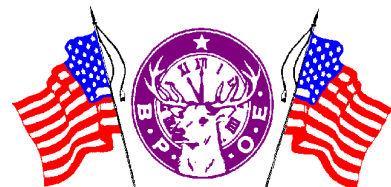
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## Officers for 2010—2011

<b>Exalted Ruler</b>	Jud Connelley	721-3943
<b>Leading Knight</b>	Glenn Davis, PER	737-3776
<b>Loyal Knight</b>		
<b>Lecturing Knight</b>	Steven Baker	962-6853
<b>Secretary</b>	Judy Vergason	722-1329
<b>Treasurer</b>	Judy Alf	721-7069
<b>Tiler</b>	Thomas Elwell	776-3638
<b>Esquire</b>	James Mooney	729-3145
<b>Chaplain</b>	Kathrine Chadwell	729-4913
<b>Inner Guard</b>	Alice Davis	737-3776
<b>Organist</b>	David Radliff	813-641-2064
<b>Alternate</b>	Weston Townsend, PER	722-2551

### Trustees

<b>Five-year</b>	Weston Townsend, PER	722-2551
<b>Four-year</b>	Sandra Mooney, PER	729-3145
<b>Three-year</b>	Ronald Alf	721-7069
<b>Two-year</b>	Gerald Blackwell	531-4614
<b>One-year</b>	Craig Conklin, PER	776-5832

### Corporation Officers

<b>President</b>	Sandra Mooney, PER	729-3145
<b>Vice President</b>	Steven Baker	962-6853
<b>Sec./Treas.</b>	Gregory Harrod	776-9997
<b>Members</b>	Glenn Davis, PER	737-3776
	Thomas Elwell	776-3638
	Ronald Alf	721-7069
	Weston Townsend, PER	722-2551

## 2010-2011 Committee Chairs

Accident Prevent	Jud Connelly	721-3943
Americanism	Leon Bateman	722-7623
Auditing and Accounting	Linda Mathews	749-0277
Bulletin	Craig Conklin, PER	776-5832
Community Activities	Craig Conklin, PER	776-5832
Drug Awareness	Catherine Chadwell	729-4913
Flag Day	Glenn Davis, PER	737-3776
Government Relations	Leonard Meade, PER	807-0179
Harry Anna Trust		
Hoop/Soccer Shoot	Doris Huff	729-0079
Indoctrination	Gregory Harrod	776-9997
Investigation	Steven Baker	962-6853
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	Craig Conklin, PER	776-5832
	James Hoey	721-9574
Property Maintenance	Jim Gard, PER	729-0971
	Jim Allard	729-4566
Presiding Justice		
Public Relations	Lorraine Baker	962-6853
Relief	All Chair Officers	
Visitation Coordinator	Jim Mooney	729-3145
Web Master	Jim Hoey	721-9574
Youth Activities	Doris Huff	729-0079
PER Association	Hugh Igo, PDDGER	723-0193

### Aluminum Cans/Pull Tab Collection Program

Bring in your aluminum cans/pull tabs. Please dispose of you 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

Jack Wilson  
Diane Doyle

#### PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

#### CANDIDATE

#### PROPOSER

Dianne Paul

Rose Pictou

#### TRANSFER DEMITS

Ronald E Hsarmon  
RE-INSTATEMENTS

#### DEATHS

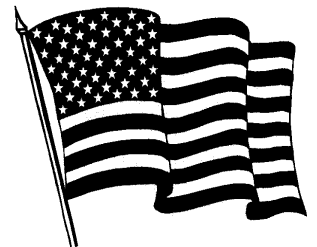
Ben Johnson

### Good News!

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

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

Enjoy!



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# May 2010 Activity Calendar



**Palmetto Elks Lodge #2449**  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 <b>CLOSED</b>	31 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu w/ Philly Steak Karaoke Lenny	<b>Mother's Day Breakfast Buffet</b> <b>Treat your mom or best lady to the best breakfast buffet around.</b>  <b>\$8.00</b>				1  Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM
2 <b>Breakfast Buffet</b> 9:00 - 12:00 \$7.00	3 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu Karaoke Dee	4 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM Bar Com. Mtg 6:00 PM Trustee/Per Mtg 6:30 Officers mtg. 7:30	5 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00	6 Lounge Open 1:00-??? <b>Potluck</b> <b>Mexican Theme</b> 5:00 Music donated by <b>L&amp;L</b>	7 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? 4:30 - 7:00 PM <b>Fish Fry</b> w/ Chix. Breast Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing <b>Squirrel</b>	8  Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM
9 <b>Mothers Day Breakfast Buffet</b> 9:00 - 12:00 \$8.00	10 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu Karaoke <b>CJ Karaoke</b>	11 Lounge Open 1:00-7:30 <b>LODGE MEETING</b> 7:30	12 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? <b>Italian Night</b> 5:00 - 7:00PM All-you-can-eat Spaghetti \$6.00	13  Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM  <b>Line Dancing</b> in the Lounge 6:00 - 8:00	14 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? <b>Fish Fry</b> w/ meatloaf 4:30 - 7:00 PM Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing <b>Tony Boeing</b>	15  Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM
16 <b>Breakfast Buffet</b> 9:00 - 12:00 \$7.00	17 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu w/ Philly Steak Karaoke <b>Bob Dunn</b>	18 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00	19  Lounge Open 1:00-8:00	20  Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM  <b>Line Dancing</b> in the Lounge 6:00 - 8:00	21 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? 4:30 - 7:00 PM <b>Fish Fry</b> w/ Salisbury Steak Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing <b>Musical Memories</b>	22  Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM
23 <b>CLOSED</b>	24 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu Karaoke <b>Reminisce</b>	25 Lounge Open 1:00 - 7:30PM <b>LODGE MEETING</b> Initiation 7:30	26 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? <b>Italian Night</b> 5:00 - 7:00PM All-you-can-eat Spaghetti \$6.00	27  Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM  <b>Line Dancing</b> in the Lounge 6:00 - 8:00	28 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? 4:30 - 7:00 PM <b>Fish Fry</b> w/ Shrimp Scampi Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing <b>Dave Harris</b>	29  Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM

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**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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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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

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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☐ 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 \$10.00 and receive a key card and the bulletin.



**Flag Day Ceremony**

June 13, 2010  
2:00 PM

History of the Flag Ceremony with  
Flag presentation by the Junior ROTC.

Snacks and cake to follow.

Anyone who has an old Flag, bring it along for retirement.  
Pizza and dessert to follow.



**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 li-  
quor 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!**

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Erwin Griswold      | 21 Richard Whinnery |
| Leonard Kaigle        | Rita Wolfer         |
| Jan Schabert          | 23 William Belejck  |
| 2 Butch Glasgow       | Gerald Miller       |
| 3 Charles Chambers    | 24 Tom Beach        |
| 4 Lawrence Crocker    | Vernon Glass        |
| Glenn Virtues         | 25 Chester Stoklosa |
| 5 Tobias Stewart      | 26 Michael Kidwell  |
| 6 Eileen Grrett       | 27 Wardie Hunnings  |
| Marvin Stump          | 28 Ronald Andis     |
| Marylin Van Hall      | Ann Arnold          |
| 8 Joseph Rogers       | Ken Gavitt          |
| 9 Gerald Ekin         | Herbert Isaac       |
| Betty Green           | 31 Paul Bianca      |
| 11 Don Hendrickson    | Frank Locidro       |
| 13 Gary Nice          |                     |
| 14 Robert O'Brien     |                     |
| 16 James McFarland    |                     |
| John Oldham           |                     |
| Harry Phalin          |                     |
| 17 Frederich Sustman  |                     |
| 18 Wayne Boyle        |                     |
| Frank Sullivan        |                     |
| 21 Richard Richardson |                     |

## Pot Luck Dinner

Mexican Theme

May 6, 2010

5:00 to ???

Bring a dish for eight to share

Music Donated by

**L&L**

### 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

May 12 & 26  
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 \$2.00

**\$6.00**

Also serving Palmetto's Combo Platter's

**Three Combo - \$7.00**

**Stuffed Shells \$7.00**

**James Lamb**  
**Endorsed Vice President**

### Tentative Schedule

State President Visit - June 4/5  
Bradenton 1511 - June 26  
GL Convention - July 4-8  
Sarasota 1519 - July 17  
Lakewood Ranch - July 31  
S Hillsborough - Aug 7  
FSEA Quarterly - Aug 19/20  
Venice/Nokomis - Aug 28  
Palmetto 2449 - Sept 11  
Manasota 2734 - Sept 25  
Sarasota South 2495 - Oct 2  
Homecoming

Please plan ahead and try not to have a Lodge function during the visitation dates, especially the State Presidents Visit.

Jim Lamb, DVP Endorsed



## Highlights for May

- *Friday Fish Fry with Specials*
- *Monday Night Karaoke- Belly Busters, Salads, Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers & Sandwich Specials*
- *May 1 - Derby Day starting at 1:00*
- *May 2 - Breakfast Buffet*
- *May 6 - Potluck (Mexican Theme)*
- *May 9 - Mother's Day Breakfast Buffet*
- *May 12 - Italian Night*
- *May 16 - Breakfast Buffet*
- *May 26 - Italian Night*

## Coming in June

- *Friday Fish Fry with Specials*
- *Monday Night Karaoke- Belly Busters, Salads, Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers & Sandwich Specials*
- *June 6 - Breakfast Buffet*
- *June 9 - Italian Night*
- *June 13 - Flag Day Ceremony 2:00 PM*
- *June 20 - Breakfast Buffet*
- *June 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 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 ■ Disposable Razors ■ Toothpaste ■ Toothbrushes ■ New Socks (men only) ■ New Men's Briefs (S,M,L) ■ New Tee Shirts (all sizes) ■ Denture supplies ■ Shampoo ■ No Mouthwash or Aftershave .

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. Please no more book, cards or magazines of any kind. We are also looking for knitters or crocheters to make lap blankets. We have donated yarn. Remember our motto "where ever there is a veteran, the Elks will take care of them.

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](http://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.

Bill Belejack - 0409  
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Linda Mathews - 11/09  
Jim Hill - 02/10  
Jean McAndrers - 02/10  
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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## Gary Beschorner

*Certified Public Accountant  
Loan Officer*  
941-926-9509



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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 \$2.00**

**Every Friday**

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

## Palmetto's Annual Derby Day

Saturday May 1, 2010

1:00 PM to ??????

**Serving Ham Dinner @ 5:00**

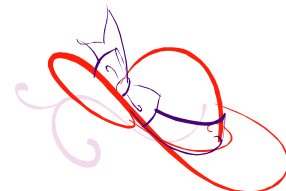
Bring an appetizer or a  
covered dish to share for 4 - 6 people  
Signup sheet in Lounge

Admission \$2.00 with a dish  
\$5.00 without a dish

Horse Racing with Jim



Hat Contest



Jockey Races, Stick Races and mint juleps

## From the Secretary's Desk

Greetings

The year 2010 - 2011 is off to a good start. As of writing this for the May bulletin, there are still 90 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 our programs. Your dues help to send children to camp, and they also help 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 2010 - 2011 Membership Card and \$10.00 to issue you a new Associate Card.

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

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

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Judy Vergason, Lodge Secretary

# Breakfasts in May

## Breakfast Buffet

May 2 & 18

Mother's Day May 9

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 Regular \$8.00 Mother's Day**