



Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS



In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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Volume 1

From the Exalted Ruler



Hope all had a nice Christmas and a Happy New Year. Things in your Lodge have really moved forward, and to continue to do this, we all need to continue to work together as we have done this year. Ask your friends to join your great organization and

continue your membership.

We have a lot of events scheduled, come out and support your Lodge and see your friends. We need your volunteer services to help us with these events, so just leave your name and phone number and someone will contact you. I would like to give a special thank you to Stacey and Tex, and all that contributed, for their support and donations of food and toys for tots this year.

I hope you all remember the charities that the Lodge supports, without your help we would not be able to help all who need us. Just a few dollars a month would help greatly, I know things are bad, just give what you can. **ELKS CARE-ELKS SHARE!!**

The Christmas party was outstanding, music was great and as always Sully and his great volunteers did a outstanding job, we all need to say "Thank You".

Elections are coming up, we will be accepting nominations February 14, 2012. If you are interested in being an officer, submit your name to the lodge so that you can be nominated and voted on February 28, 2012.

ORGAN & TISSUE DONATION PROGRAM: The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the USA has joined forces with Donate Life America to increase donations of eyes, organs and life-saving tissue. More than 110,000 patients were waiting for organ transplants as of March 2011 according to the Donate Life American web site, donatelife.net.

Only 28,663 organs Transplants had been performed in 2010, and even fewer-14,502 organs donations had been made in 2011. The Grand Lodge, Lodge Activities/State Association Committee is asking Elks lodges nationwide to promote the Organ Donor Program in their Lodge Bulletins and Lodge Web site, to help inspire members and citizens in their communities to make the lifesaving donations. As Elks Members we can help close the gap. Please support your lodge and bring your friends in to enjoy some great food and fun.

Fraternally,

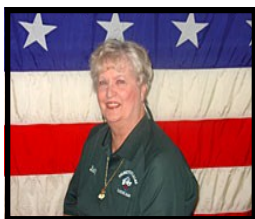
JD Daniel
Exalted Ruler

Welcome our New Member
Judy Hepler



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From the desk of the Secretary



During this past month some of you have been called to remind you that as of yet your dues have not been received. I would like to thank all those who gave of their time to make the calls. There are a number of the members that could not be contacted because the telephone numbers had been changed. There were those that said they never received a notice because their address has been changed. Please if you have changed your phone number or address please let the office know. We cannot keep you abreast of the communications if we do not have current information.

In January I will be sending out the official notice informing you that if your dues are not paid by March 31, 2011 your name will be dropped from the roles.

Toward the end of January I will be sending out the new dues notices for 2012-2013. Some of you think this is early. Since we have a large number of members that go back north for the summer I need to get the notices out so they will have their card. Also if you pay by April I do not have so many new notices to send out and phone calls to make.

Also at this time any widow that wishes to receive a current card you must request it in writing. And it should also be signed by an active Elk. I do not send out cards automatically.

Judy Vergason
Lodge Secretary

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A Call for Friday Night Deserts

Once again we are calling on a few members to provide a cake or pie for Friday night dinners. It would involve providing dessert just ONE Friday night a month. Thank You to all who continue to contribute their goodies. Hopefully we can count on you once again. We hope to have three desserts each week. If you could help by baking or buying one of your favorite deserts, please call me.

Thanks,
Judy Alf,
941-721-7069



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|-----------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Exalted Ruler | JD Daniel | 776-3835 |
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| Loyal Knight | Alice Davis | 737-3776 |
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| Treasurer | Judy Alf | 721-7069 |
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| Chaplain | Katharine Chadwell | 729-4913 |
| Inner Guard | Rose Wujcik | 962-5475 |
| Organist | David Radcliff | 813-641-2064 |
| Five Year | Wes Townsend, PER | 722-2551 |
| Four Year | Frank Coseglia, PER | 531-3911 |
| Three Year | Sully Sullivan | 813-641-3592 |
| Two Year | Ron Alf | 721-7069 |
| One Year | Len Meade, PER | 807-0179 |
| Accident Prevention | Katharine Chadwell | 729-4913 |
| Americanism | Dorathay Meade | 807-6177 |
| Auditing Accounting | Dale Daugherty | 803-8172 |
| Bulletin | Rose & Mike Wujcik | 962-3682 |
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| Elks Nat'l Foundation | Wes Townsend, PER | 722-2551 |
| Government Relations | Judy Vergason | 722-1329 |
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| Hoop Shoot | Mike Wujcik | 962-3682 |
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| Mediator | Craig Conklin, PER | 776-5832 |
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| Memorial Sunday | Alice Davis | 737-3776 |
| Nat'l Veterans | JD Daniel | 776-3835 |
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| Presiding Justice | John Redding | 813-258-4401 |
| Property Maintenance | Jim Gard, PER Jim Allard | 729-0971 729-4566 |
| Public Relations | Chet Syjud | 721-4284 |
| Volunteer | Nola Sanborn | 721-3397 |
| Web Master | Jim Hoey | 323-5184 |
| Youth Activities | Katharine Chadwell | 729-4913 |

Palmetto Pride



Lounge Hours

Sun: Closed

Mon: 3 Open menu / Karaoke

Tue: 3 Meetings

Wed: 3 Spaghetti 2nd & 4th Thu: 3 Socialize

Fri: 3 Fish Fry

Sat: 3 Socialize

Bar to close at the discretion of the bartender



January 2012

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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| 1 CLOSED HAPPY NEW YEAR | 2 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Bob Dunn | 3 Open 3:00 | 4 Closed | 5 Open 3:00 Pot Luck 5:30 Line Dancing 7:00 | 6 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Spanish Hash Music 6-9 Dave Harris | 7 1:00 Horseshoes w/ Charlie Wii Bowling w/ Dorathey |
| 8 12:00—2:00 Food 2:00—4:00 Boom Ba | 9 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Lorraine | 10 Open 3:00 6:30 P.E.T.S. 7:30 Lodge Meeting | 11 Open 3:00 5:00—7:00 Spaghetti Bobby Remp | 12 Open 3:00 Line Dancing 7:00 | 13 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Roast Pork Music 6-9 Musical Memories | 14 1:00 Horseshoes w/ Charlie Wii Bowling w/ Dorathey 5:00 Hobo Party |
| 15 9:00—11 :30 Breakfast | 16 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Philly Cheese Steak Karaoke Lenny | 17 Open 3:00 PER Meeting 6:00 6:30 BOD | 18 Closed | 19 Open 3:00 Line Dancing 7:00 | 20 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Ham Steak Music 6-9 Seabreeze | 21 1:00 Horseshoes w/ Charlie Wii Bowling w/ Dorathey |
| 22 CLOSED | 23 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Dee | 24 Open 3:00 7:30 Lodge Meeting | 25 Open 3:00 5:00—7:00 Spaghetti Bobby Remp | 26 Open 3:00 Line Dancing 7:00 | 27 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Cabbage Roll Music 6-9 Tony Boeing | 28 1:00 Horseshoes w/ Charlie Wii Bowling w/ Dorathey |
| 29 CLOSED | 30 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Just Us | 31 Open 3:00 | Bring this coupon to the bar to receive 500 points for every \$10.00 you add to your card | | | |



True Americanism is this:

To believe that the inalienable rights of man to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are given by God.

To believe that any form of power that tramples on these rights is unjust.

To believe that taxation without representation is tyranny, that government must rest upon the consent of the governed, and that the people should choose their own rulers.

To believe that freedom must be safeguarded by law and order, and that the end of freedom is fair play for all.

To believe not in a forced equality of conditions and estates, but in a true equalization of burdens, privileges, and opportunities.

To believe that the selfish interests of persons, classes, and sections must be subordinated to the welfare of the commonwealth.

To believe that union is as much a human necessity as liberty is a divine gift.

To believe, not that all people are good, but that the way to make them better is to trust the whole people.

To believe that a free state should offer an asylum to the oppressed, and an example of virtue, sobriety, and fair dealing to all nations.

To believe that for the existence and perpetuity of such a state a man should be willing to give his whole service, in property, in labor, and in life.

That is Americanism; an ideal embodying itself in a people; a creed heated white hot in the furnace of conviction and hammered into shape on the anvil of life; a vision commanding men to follow it whithersoever it may lead them. And it was the subordination of the personal self to that ideal, that creed, that vision, which gave eminence and glory to Washington and the men who stood with him.

This is the truth that emerges, crystalline and luminous, from the conflicts and confusions of the Revolution. The men who were able to surrender themselves and all their interests to the pure and loyal service of their ideal were the men who made well, the victors crowned with glory and honor. The men who would not make that surrender, who sought selfish ends, who were controlled by personal ambition and the love of gain, who were willing to stoop to crooked means to advance their own fortunes, were the failures, the lost leaders, and, in some cases, the men whose names are embalmed in their own infamy. The ultimate secret of greatness is neither physical nor intellectual, but moral. It is the capacity to lose self in the service of something greater. It is the faith to recognize, the will to obey, and the strength to follow, a star.

Dorothy Meade, Americanism

Because of your generous support, the Palmetto Elks were able to provide turkey dinners at Thanksgiving and Christmas to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Manatee County. Christmas toys were also distributed to the children. Thanks to all who contributed.



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January Birthdays

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| 01 | Richard | Cooley |
| 01 | George | Helmer |
| 01 | Sharon | Nealey |
| 01 | Carl | Welch |
| 02 | Frank | Coseglia |
| 02 | Terrance | Hamlin |
| 02 | Robert | Powers |
| 02 | Carol | Russo |
| 03 | Robert | Dunn |
| 04 | Thomas | Elwell |
| 06 | William | Allard |
| 06 | David | Aurich |
| 08 | Nicholas | Curcio |
| 08 | Ruth | Edwards |
| 08 | Richard | King |
| 08 | Douglas | McRae |
| 10 | Ray | Sennett |
| 12 | William | Rogers |
| 12 | Me | Stewart |
| 13 | Sara | Michaud |
| 14 | Allan | Collins |
| 15 | Larry | Riegle |
| 15 | Betty | Sheridan |
| 18 | Bernard | VanDerlaan |
| 18 | Joseph | Wilson |
| 19 | Robert | Steidle |
| 20 | Robert | Schoen |
| 21 | Ronald | Leblanc |
| 21 | George | Levers |
| 23 | Herbert | Farrand |
| 23 | Richard | Klein |
| 23 | L | Thompson |
| 25 | Larry | Turgeon |
| 26 | James | Hutchison |
| 26 | George | McLaughlin |
| 26 | Chet | Syjud |
| 27 | Leonard | Krueger |
| 27 | Theodore | Walkowiak |
| 28 | Homer | Beall- Jr |
| 28 | Sheila | McIntosh |
| 30 | Alvin | Zimmer |
| 31 | Gary | Lamotte |

CREDIT CARD MACHINES
Now Available in the Lodge

I would like to thank all who donated socks, t-shirts, undergarments to our veteran's at Bay Pines. Please continue to bring in any personal items. They are always glad to receive them.

"So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them"

Veterans Chairman
 John Daniel
 776-3835



The Palmetto Elks Lodge #2449 held their 2011 Local Elks National Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest on November 19, 2011 at the Lincoln Memorial Middle School in Palmetto, Florida. Seven children from the local community participated in the Free Throw Competition, supported by ten volunteers from Palmetto, South Hillsborough and Manasota Elks Lodges.

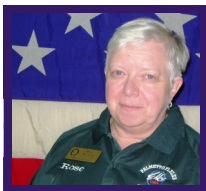
Michael Wujcik, Hoop Shoot Chairman

Hall Rentals



Your hall is for rent to both members and non members for weddings, anniversaries, parties, or other special events. We 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. They will call me with the information. I will call you as soon as possible as to when we can meet and discuss the rental at length.

Craig Conklin, PER 776-5832
 Hall Rental Chairman



P.E.T.S.

Those of you who missed the Christmas party this year you missed out on one fantastic event. Sully once again supplied a wonderful meal, the music was fantastic and a good time was had by

all.

This month is promised another great event with the Hobo Party plan on coming and enjoying in on the good food and fellowship.

If your interested in joining the P.E.T.S., we meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM, we would love to see you there.

Rose Wujcik, Chairman



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PALMETTO #2449 BULLETIN BOOSTERS

2012-2013

To help us in defraying the cost of our 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. Please make your check payable to the lodge and give to the Secretary. Thank you for your support.

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Wally & Pat Heim

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PALMETTO ELKS 2449 FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY MENU

Three pieces of Pollack Fried or Baked \$7.00
Baked Potato or French Fries
Two Hush Puppies
Cole Slaw

Panko Breaded Shrimp (7) \$8.00
Baked Potato or French Fries
Two Hush Puppies
Cole Slaw

Half of Baked Chicken \$8.00
Baked Potato or French Fries
Cole Slaw

Mixed Greens Salad \$2.00

Soup & Large Mixed Green Salad \$5.00

Ice Tea or Coffee \$1.00

Special Meal \$8.00

Palmetto Has a Chef!



Our chef is Frank 'Sully' Sullivan. You are missing out on some great food if you haven't tasted any of his cooking. Come and join us for Friday fish fries and all of the Elks special events and savor some fun.

Christmas Fun



Gary Beschorner

*Certified Public Accountant
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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.



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Elks Care — Elks Share

Step Forward "Extend the Hand of Elkdom"

Monday Nights



Lounge Opens 3:00
Come out and join
Chef Bill
Food 5:00-7 Full Menu
Karaoke 6 to 9

Hobo Party

January 14, 2012

5:00 Cocktails

6:00 Dinner

7:00 to 10:00 Music by Cuz

Tickets Available at the bar

\$10.00 per person



Valentine Sock Hop

February 11, 2012

5:00 Cocktails

6:00 Dinner

7:00 to 10:00 Music

By Nickels and Dimes

Tickets available at the bar

\$10.00 per person



Mardi Gras Party
February 21, 2012
7:00 to 10:00 Music
\$7.00 per person
Bring your own snack

