



Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS



In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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From the Exalted Ruler

The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance". -Alan W Watts.

This past year our Lodge has gone through a lot of changes, some good, some not so good. We took a wall out and have started to paint the lodge room making it bigger and more inviting to be in. We rented the back apartment for extra income. We tried a new cater with a new menu. These are just a few of the changes that we made for 2015. Each one was done with the hopes of making our lodge someplace you could be proud to come to. Some remain some have moved on. In 2016 there will be even more changes. But we need your help. No longer do we have the cater. We are going back to the use of volunteers in the kitchen. Monday and Friday menus will be limited until we can get members to help. We will be extending our breakfast menu and would like to get it back to where we once we had it, again we need your help to do this. We will be starting to serve spaghetti dinners every Wednesday starting Jan. 20th volunteers will be needed to help in the kitchen and serve. We are looking for someone that can help with a "name that tune" game or someone that can run a "trivia" on Wednesday nights. If you can or know of someone that would be able to volunteer let me know. We would like to be open on Thursdays and Saturdays. If you have any ideas of how we can do this. Let me know or write down your ideas and put them in the suggestion box in the lodge, located next the men's restroom.



We have activities coming up this month and next. January there will be a Ladies Luncheon – Fashion Accessories event on January 16th. Tickets are \$10 apiece and limited to 60 tickets and are going fast. See Bonnie Pruss for details. January 17th, we will be having our lodge Army of Hope fund raiser. Tickets are \$10 and only 100 tickets will be sold. Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share, there will be raffles and 50/50 tickets sold. We will have music by Holly Rae. Get your tickets early.

Still in the planning stages for February is a membership/volunteer appreciation gathering. Stay tuned for more information. February 20th the PER's will be hosting a night of fun and music. We are also looking for someone to help with the plans for a Valentines party. If you have any ideas and/or would like to help let me or any officer know. You can see how important we all are in keeping our lodge open and a fun place to be. "It's time to forget the past and celebrate a new beginning" -author unknown.

It is time to start picking out and nominating the new Lodge Officers for the Elk year of 2015-2016. I have added two pages in the bulletin with the elective officer positions. Please review this information and nominate who you would like to see as officers in our Lodge. You can keep the officers that are there, move an officer to another position, nominate someone else, or, even yourself to take a position. All though desirable, you don't have to live here fulltime. If you are a northerner and would like to take an office, arrangements can be made to cover your seat for the summer months, and you can be kept up to date on meetings and votes needed by emails. Nominations will be made the 2nd Tuesday in February and voted on the 4th Week.

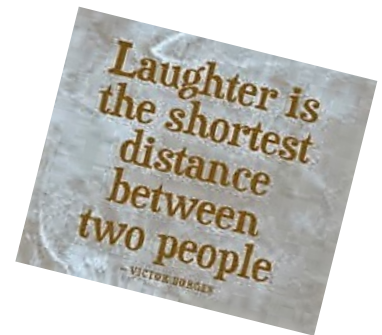
Your voice counts.... Let it be heard!

Now I have the pleasure of telling you about my Elk of the Month. This person goes out of their way every time she is called upon to help. Without her we would not be able to keep the kitchen going. I would personally like to thank Sandy Mooney for all that she has done for our lodge, and for what she continues to do. When you see her give her a hug and let her know how much she is appreciated.

I only have three more months to my year as your Exalted Ruler. This is going to be a very busy time for me and for the lodge. I would like to thank all of you for your support now before it gets too busy and I miss the opportunity to thank you personally.

Remember keep a smile on your face, love in your heart and laughter in your life.

Fraternally,
Rose Wujcik, ER
941-962-5475
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From the Desk of the Secretary



There are a number of the members that could not be contacted because telephone numbers had been changed or is incorrect. Letters have been sent but returned because of wrong or insufficient address. Emails have come back because they are wrong or they have been changed. Please if you have changed your phone number or address or email address please let the office know. We cannot keep you abreast of the communications if we do not have current information.

If your dues are not paid by March 31, 2016 your name will be dropped from the roles. This will mean you will no longer have the rights and privileges of an Elk. According to statutes you will not be able to participate in any of the Elk's activities.

At this time last year, we had 103 delinquents now we have 80. WHY? WHY? WHY? If you are listening to gossip and that is just what it is gossip. STOP listening and renew your dues. YOU are a vital part of our lodge. YOU are the ONES that make the lodge WORK!!!! First of all WE NEED YOU! Second the children NEED YOU. Thirdly the veterans who have given life and limb NEED YOU. The true goal of Elksdom is to serve others. WILL YOU HELP US CONTINUE TO SERVE OUR CHILDREN AND VETERANS?

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE reconsider and pay your dues if for no other reason than you really care for what Elksdom stands for.

Toward the end of January, I will be sending out the new dues notices for 2016-2017. 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.

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.

Fraternally Yours,
Judy Vergason, Lodge Secretary
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**Membership
Matters!**

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Esquire

open



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Dave Radliff
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Sandy Mooney
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2015—2016 Committee Chairs

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|-------------|--------------|
| Accident Prevention | Steve | Baker | 941-962-6859 |
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| Americanism | Dorathey | Meade | 941*807-6177 |
| Auditing Accounting | open | | |
| Bulletin | Rose | Wujcik | 941-962-5475 |
| Community Activities | Carol | Smilowski | 941-729-6474 |
| Drug Awareness | Mike | Wujcik | 941-962-3682 |
| Elks Nat'l Foundation | Chet | Syjud, PER | 248-231-8674 |
| Government Relations | Judy | Vergason | 941-722-1329 |
| Harry Anna Trust | Rose | Wujcik | 941-962-5475 |
| Hoop Shoot | Mike | Wujcik | 941-962-3682 |
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| Indoctrination | Len | Pruss, PER | 941-721-4699 |
| Kitchen Manager | Sandy | Mooney, PER | |
| Lapsation | Dorathey | Meade | 941-807-6177 |

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|----------------------|---------|---------------|--------------|
| Lodge Activities | Mike | Wujcik | 941-962-3682 |
| Lodge Advisor | Patrick | Gallagher PDD | 941-704-5382 |
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| Memorial Sunday | Mike | Wujcik | 941-962-3682 |
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| | Jim | Allard | 941-729-4566 |
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| Web Master | Rose | Wujcik | 941-962-5475 |
| Youth Activities | Mike | Wujcik | 941-962-3682 |



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Weekly Lounge Activities

Sun: Open 8:00 to 12:15
Wed: Closed
Sat: Closed

Mon: Open / Karaoke
Thu: Closed

Tue: Meetings
Fri: Dinner

Bar to close at the discretion of the bartender

Lodge Secretary—Treasurer Hours
Monday 8:00 to 12:00
Also available by appointment



January 2016

Sunday Breakfast



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|--|---|---|---|---|
| <p>Ladies Lunch</p> <p>January 16th</p> | | | | <p>1</p> | <p>2</p> <p>Closed</p> | |
| <p>3</p> <p>Closed</p> | <p>4</p> <p>Open 4:00 Belly Buster Fish Sandwich Hamburger 4:30 to 7:00 Karaoke 6:00 to 9:00</p> | <p>5</p> <p>Open 4:00</p> | <p>6</p> <p>In Progress What would you Like to see here? Let me know Your idea. Rose</p> | <p>7</p> <p>In Progress What would you Like to see here? Let me know Your idea. Rose</p> | <p>8</p> <p>Open 4:00 Fish Fry 4:00 to 8:00 Music 6:00 to 9:00 Dee</p> | <p>9</p> <p>Closed</p> |
| <p>10</p> <p>Breakfast 9:00 to 12:15</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Open 4:00 Belly Buster Fish Sandwich Hamburger 4:30 to 7:00 Karaoke 6:00 to 9:00</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Open 4:00 BOD Meeting 6:00 Lodge Meeting 7:30</p> | <p>13</p> <p>In Progress What would you Like to see here? Let me know Your idea. Rose</p> | <p>14</p> <p>In Progress What would you Like to see here? Let me know Your idea. Rose</p> | <p>15</p> <p>Open 4:00 Fish Fry 4:00 to 8:00 Music 6:00 to 9:00 Lani C & Co</p> | <p>16</p> <p>Ladies Luncheon Fashion Accessory 1:00 to 4:00 \$10.00 Private Party 4:00 to 11:30</p> |
| <p>17</p> <p>Breakfast 9:00 to 12:15</p> | <p>18</p> <p>Open 4:00 Belly Buster Fish Sandwich Hamburger 4:30 to 7:00 Karaoke 6:00 to 9:00</p> | <p>19</p> <p>Open 4:00</p> | <p>20</p> <p>Spaghetti Diner 4:30 to 7:00</p> | <p>21</p> <p>In Progress What would you Like to see here? Let me know Your idea. Rose</p> | <p>22</p> <p>Open 4:00 Fish Fry 4:00 to 8:00 Music 6:00 to 9:00 Tony Boeing</p> | <p>23</p> <p>Closed</p> |
| <p>24</p> <p>Breakfast 9:00 to 12:15</p> | <p>25</p> <p>Open 4:00 Belly Buster Fish Sandwich Hamburger 4:30 to 7:00 Karaoke 6:00 to 9:00</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Open 4:00 PER Meeting 6:30 Lodge Meeting 7:30</p> | <p>27</p> <p>Spaghetti Diner 4:30 to 7:00</p> | <p>2</p> <p>In Progress What would you Like to see here? Let me know Your idea. Rose</p> | <p>29</p> <p>Open 4:00 Fish Fry 4:00 to 8:00 Music 6:00 to 9:00 Shine On</p> | <p>30</p> <p>Closed</p> |
| <p>31</p> <p>Breakfast 9:00 to 12:15</p> | | | <p>Fund Raiser January 17, 2016 2:00 to 5:00 \$10.00 Holly Rae</p> | | | |

January Birthdays

| | | |
|----|----------|------------|
| 01 | Sharon | Nealey |
| 01 | Carl | Welch |
| 02 | Frank | Coseglia |
| 03 | Robert | Dunn |
| 04 | Terry | Miller |
| 06 | William | Allard |
| 08 | Nicholas | Curcio |
| 08 | Richard | King |
| 09 | Joe | Cochran |
| 09 | Donna | Kittredge |
| 12 | Michael | Stewart |
| 13 | Wayne | Nowacki |
| 14 | George | Keller |
| 15 | Larry | Riegle |
| 17 | Al | Dodson |
| 17 | Robert | Huey |
| 18 | Arnold | Coates |
| 18 | Bernard | VanderVeen |
| 18 | Joseph | Wilson |
| 19 | Robert | Steidle |
| 20 | Anna | Syjud |
| 21 | Ronald | Leblanc |
| 21 | George | Levers |
| 22 | Eike | Perreault |
| 23 | Richard | Klein |
| 23 | L Sam | Thompson |
| 25 | Larry | Turgeon |
| 26 | James | Hutchison |
| 26 | Chet | Syjud |
| 27 | Thomas | Fitzgerald |
| 27 | Theodore | Walkowiak |
| 28 | Homer | Beall Jr |
| 30 | Alvin | Zimmer |
| 31 | Hadene | Cornell |



Happy New Year

January 1 Becomes New Year's Day

The early Roman calendar consisted of 10 months and 304 days, with each new year beginning at the vernal equinox; according to tradition, it was created by Romulus, the founder of Rome, in the eighth century B.C. A later king, Numa Pompilius, is credited with adding the months of Januarius and Februarius. Over the centuries, the calendar fell out of sync with the sun, and in 46 B.C. the emperor Julius Caesar decided to solve the problem by consulting with the most prominent astronomers and mathematicians of his time. He introduced the Julian calendar, which closely resembles the more modern Gregorian calendar that most countries around the world use today.

As part of his reform, Caesar instituted January 1 as the first day of the year, partly to honor the month's namesake: Janus, the Roman god of beginnings, whose two faces allowed him to look back into the past and forward into the future. Romans celebrated by offering sacrifices to Janus, exchanging gifts with one another, decorating their homes with laurel branches and attending raucous parties. In medieval Europe, Christian leaders temporarily replaced January 1 as the first of the year with days carrying more religious significance, such as December 25 (the anniversary of Jesus' birth) and March 25 (the Feast of the Annunciation); Pope Gregory XIII reestablished January 1 as New Year's Day in 1582.



I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG



At the start of the New Year: Thoughtfully consider what this 8th grader said about the pledge of allegiance to our symbol of freedom, the American Flag:

The words we say every day at school right after T.V. As an individual I say the Pledge to dedicate and honor my love and devotion for our country. The Pledge is a symbol of freedom and has a purpose. We do say the Pledge of Allegiance for a reason; to not only bring us together as a community, but also as a nation. We try to say the Pledge with pride and dignity of our country and thinking that we are blessed by God and can't be divided. Freedom is having the right to live your life without threats and fear of any sort, and having a pursuit of happiness, that we can live with every day. When the first version of the Pledge was written in 1893 by a Christian socialist, it was re-written four times with four different versions just to get it the words right to represent what the Pledge was going to mean in the future. When the Congress adopted the Pledge in 1942 they knew it represent a strong message when each person would say it for generations and generations. Overall, I say the Pledge of Allegiance not because I have to, because I want to!

Written by Ally Robo - 8th grade

2nd Place - Division II

Carlos E. Hale Middle School

What are your thoughts about our flag? How can we all promote Americanism this year to stand together for this country?

Dorathey Meade, Americanism Chairperson
807-6177 Dora.meade@hotmail.com



Lowell Tyler
Florida State Elks Association Historian Emeritus
Reference Library

HAVE YOU HEARD?!

The Florida Elks online encyclopedia now has a Google-like search capability!

Type a word or topic in the search box and all entries that refer to it will be pulled up for you to read.

This is useful for anyone wanting to know more about an Elks topic and is especially helpful to bulletin editors, officers, district vice presidents and district deputies.

Find it at: <http://floridaelks.org/encyclopedia-of-elkdom>

WANTED:

Encyclopedia updates!

If you see an entry that could use some updating and you have the correct information, please send it to State Historian Truman Bass at tabass1@comcast.net.

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| Joseph | Best | Frank X. | Campbell |
| Eddie | Carter | Albert | Cetrone |
| John | Donnelly | Robert | Ernst |
| Richard | Garrison | Linda | Gray |
| Donn G. | Higgins | John | Julian |
| Terrance | Kerich | Robert | Kriling Jr |
| Len | Meade | Ted | Roberts |
| Eleanor | Roberts | Stacey | Rau |
| Carol | Smilowski | Tom | Smilowski |
| ME | Stewart | David | Wetmore |
| Robert | Wilcox | Fran | Wolff |
| Thomas | Wolff | Mike | Wujcik |
| Rose | Wujcik | | |

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IN THE LODGE



License Plate
\$3.00



Elk Magnet
\$3.00



Lodge Pin
\$3.00



5 Inch Mylar Sticker
\$8.00



3 Inch Patch
\$8.00

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City, State Zip _____

Palmetto Elks 2449 Veterans



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|  | First | Last | Rank | Branch | Years Served | Locations | Disability |
|--|--------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------|
|  | Homer | Beall, Jr | 1st Lt | US Army Reserve | 1954—1960 | Korean War Germany | |
| | William | Corlew | Cpl 1st CAV | US Army X Corp | 3.5 years | Korea Inchon Landing | |
| | John "Tom" | Donnelly | M/Sgt | US Army | 1947—1954 | Korea x2, Okinawa, Japan, Europe, Far East | |
| | Richard | Ernst | Sgt | US Army | 3 years | England | |
| | Oscar | Fleury | PFC (E-3) | US Army | 1953—1959 | | |
| | James | Hill | | US Army | 2 years active 2 Years Reserve | | |
| | Donald | Kichline | | US Army US Navy | 1947—1982 | Korea | |
| | Frank | Locicero | PFC | US Army | 2 Years | Fort Dix Fort Bragg | |
| | Steve | McColm | SP4 | US Army | 2 years | Vietnam | Hearing Loss |
|  | Len | Meade | SP5 | US Army | 1964—1967 | Fort Bragg | |
| | Mike | Meronek | SP5 | US Army | 1970—1973 | Viet Nam | |
| | Gordon "Gordie" | Raymond | SSgt E-6 | US Army National Guard | 2004—2010 | State Side | |
| | Marvin | Rice | Sgt E-6 | US Army | 3 Years | State Side | |
| | Herman | Roth | PFC | US Army | 2 Years | Korea | |



Palmetto Elks 2449 Veterans



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|  | First | Last | Rank | Branch | Years Served | Locations | Disability |
|--|---------------|-------------|--------|---------------------------|--------------|--|------------|
| | Paul | Samuels | Cpl | US Army | 1953—1955 | Germany | |
| | Walter | Schneider | E5 | US Army | 1968—1971 | Germany | |
| | John | Searles Jr. | SP4 E4 | US Army National Guard | 1962—1968 | Detroit Riots 1967 | |
|  | Charles "Gil" | Shaw | Sgt | US Army Air Force | 1943—1946 | WWII Air Crew B-29 Gunner | |
|  | Chet | Syjud | Spec 5 | US Army Reserves | 1970—1976 | Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Arkansas | |
|  | Carl | Webber | | Army Air Corp | 3 Years | Mediterranean 15th Air Force B-24 Bomber 38 Missions Ball Turret | |
| | Elmer | Wurst | E5 | US Army | 1961—1963 | State Side | |

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|---|---------|--------|-------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| | Charles | Booth | Sgt SSgt | USMC US Air Force | 1949—1952 1954—1959 | Korea State Side | |
| | Carl | Maddox | Sgt | USMC | 1951—1955 | State Side Asia | |
| | Gary | Mink | Sgt | USMC | 1967—1970 | Vietnam | |

|  | First | Last | Rank | Branch | Years Served | Locations | Disability |
|---|-------------|-----------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|------------|------------|
|  | James "Jim" | Decker | BM3 | US Coast Guard | 4 Years | State Side | |
| | Thomas | Emanuello | P/O 3rd Class | US Coast Guard | 1958—1963 | State Side | |

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|---|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---|------------|
| | Elaine | Crapo | SP3/TSgt | US Army (WAC) US Air Force | 3 / 5 Years | Japan Libya Panama Germany Italy | 10% |
| | Harold | Crapo | MSgt | US Air Force (Retired) | 33 Years | Japan Libya Panama Germany Italy | 20% |
| | Richard | Dirschell | 2nd Class | US Air Force | 4 Years | Korea | |
| | Donn | Frey | 1st Lt. | US Air Force | 1953—1955 | ADC Selfridge AFB | |
| | Ricky | Koepke | E4 | US Air Force | 1965—1969 | Thailand | |
| | Michael | McBride | Sgt | US Air Force | 1966 - 1970 | | |
| | Frank | Roy | | US Air Force | 1941—1951 1951—1952 | Berlin Airlift Korean War | |
| | Michael | Stewart | Major | US Air Force (Retired) | 20 Years | Vietnam | 30% Spine |

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|---|---------|-----------|----------------|---------|--------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| | Jack | Bach | ML2 | US Navy | 1952 - 1957 | Far East - Korea | |
| | Joseph | Best | Boatswain Mate | US Navy | 1961 - 1965 | Viet Nam | |
|  | Frank | Campbell | YN2 | US Navy | 4 Years | WWII Asiatic Pacific | Hearing Loss Ulcers |
|  | Craig | Conklin | MM1(SS) | US Navy | 8 Years | USS Sunfish USS Fulton | |
| | Russell | Doerr Jr | SK2 | US Navy | 1955 - 1957 | Atlantic Mediterranean | |
| | Robert | Hintze Sr | IC2 | US Navy | 4 Years | European | |

Palmetto Elks 2449 Veterans



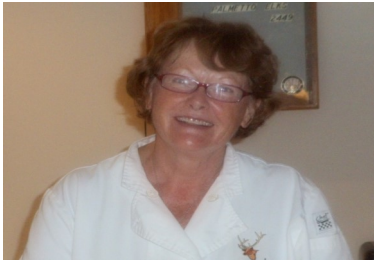
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|--|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|--|------------|
| | Jim | Hoey | ETR2 (SS) | US Navy | 1967 - 1974 | West Pacific Vietnam Mediterranean | |
| | Anthony | Horman | FTGSN | US Navy | 6 Years | Viet Nam Cuban Blockade 1st Capsule Recovery Alan Shepard | |
| | Wardie (Giles) | Hunnings Jr. | RM1 | US Navy | 1952 - 1956 | Pacific Pearl Harbor | Back |
|  | John | Julian | LS | Royal Canadian Navy | 1950 - 1955 | Korea | |
|  | Robert | Lanoue | 3rd Class BT | US Navy | 1944—1953 | Pacific State Side | Back |
| | Richard | Moody | GM2 | US Navy | 1956—1961 | Caribbean | |
| | Gerald | Ray | CPO E-7 | US Navy (Retired) | 1964 - 1985 | Vietnam | |
| | Clifford | VanDervort | FC3 | US Navy | 1951 - 1953 | Korea | |
|  | Michael | Wujcik | CWO4 | US Navy, (Retired) | 1967 - 1997 | Operation Desert Shield Operation Desert Storm Antarctica Mediterranean North Atlantic South Atlantic Pacific, Far East Pacific-Rim South East Asia Indian Ocean Red Sea | |



Palmetto Elks at Work and Play

Elk Of The Month



Sandy Mooney

Elks Care - Elks Share



SPAGHETI DINNER IS BACK!

Starting

January 20, 2016

4:30 to 7:00

\$7.50 + tax

Come on in!
Try it out!
There may even
be a game or two
to play

Elks Care - Elks Share

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Army of Hope Fund Raiser

Sunday

January 17, 2016

2:00 to 5:00

\$10.00

Bring an Hors D'oeuvres to share

Music by
Holly Rae

Raffles—50/50

Tickets available at the bar.

Elks Care - Elks Share

Opportunity To Volunteer

The Lodge is in need of
Someone for
Lawn Care

Volunteers

Jim Gard, PER & Jim Allard
Have been volunteering
For the past 20 years +
They will be retiring on
April 1, 2016

If you can help
Let me know
Rose
941-962-5475

On the Job Training if needed!!!

Elks Care - Elks Share

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Ladies Lunch



Saturday

January 16, 2016

1:00 to 5:00

\$10.00

Only 60 Tickets will be sold!!! See Bonnie Pruss

Elks Care - Elks Share

Palmetto Elks Lodge Hall Rental

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Lodge Changes 2016



Effect January 31, 2016
Wooden Coins received from the Dice Game
Will no longer be accepted.

Winners of the Dice Game
Will receive a dink ticket
That will only be good for two weeks



Ticket Colors will vary

Kitchen Help

We are going through some changes in the kitchen. In 2015 we tried a cater to prepare our meals and to rent out the big room. This trial was not beneficial for either of us. As a result we are going back to our original food service. Sandy Mooney will be taking over the management of the kitchen. Until we can get more volunteers to help the menus will be limited, so please be patient with us. We need volunteers to work the kitchen and serve food. If you can help PLEASE contact Dorathey Meade. Volunteers are need for Monday karaoke, Friday fish fries, and starting Wednesday January 20th, weekly spaghetti dinners. We also need volunteers to take turns at the cash register at the front door. Contac Len Meade if you can help, he will train you. Volunteers will receive either free meal or two free well drinks.

We need you!!!! Please step forward and help any way you can.

Change of Officers For 2016—2017

In February of each year the lodge nominates the officers for the upcoming Elk Year, April 1, to March 31st. You as members have the opportunity to nominate and vote on who you want your lodge officers to be. There is a page in this bulletin especially dedicated to the process. You can email me with your names for nomination, or there will be copies of the nominating forms at the lodge. Please review it and give us your input on who you would like to either continue as their current office position or if you would like to recommend for an officer position. You can nominate yourself, or anyone that you think would be of a benefit for the lodge. Elections nominations are announced at the 1st meeting in February with elections on the 2nd meeting.

Your opining matters! - Your vote counts!

Lodge Officer Nominations

Nominations must be turned in by Jan. 31st

Voting takes place on Feb. 9th

Exalted Ruler Job Description

The Executive Order of the Lodge: Presides at all meetings. Appoints all Committees. Appoints an active electing officer to serve in the stead of an incapacitated or disabled Office, subject to confirmation at the next Lodge regular meeting. Attend all District Deputy Clinics. Enforce the Laws of the Order. Perform other duties required by the Laws of the Order or By-Laws of the Lodge. Be an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees without a vote. (This is just a summary of the duties of the Exalted Ruler. A complete list will be available upon request)..

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| Current | Rose Wujcik | Nominate | |
| | | Position Open | (Len Meade not interested in moving forward at this time) |

Leading Knight - Loyal Knight - Lecturing Knight Job Description

The Esteemed Leading Knight, the Esteemed Loyal Knight, and the Esteemed Lecturing Knight shall assist the Exalted Ruler in the performance of the his/her duties and officiate for him in his/her absence, in the order of prerogative. They shall perform the other duties as may be required of them by the Laws of the Order and By-Laws of their Lodge. They are members of the Board of Directors. The Leading Knight shall attend all District Deputy Clinics. (This is just a summary of the duties. A complete descriptions of each of the Knight's duties will be available upon request).

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| Current Leading Knight | Len Meade, PER | Nominate | |
| | | Position Open | (Moves to ER position the next season) |
| Current Loyal Knight | Bonnie Pruss | Nominate | |
| | | Position Open | (Moves to Leading Knight—Bonnie not interested at this time) |
| Current Lecturing Knight | Ron Raun (interim) | Nominate | |
| | | Position Open | (Moves to Loyal Knight—Ron not interested at this time) |

Secretary Job Description

The Lodge Secretary is a constitutional Officer with duties and powers set forth in the Laws of the Orders and salary set forth in the Lodge By-Laws. The Lodge may assign the Secretary other duties, establish hours. Except as required by state law, a membership list is private and confidential. Membership information may be provided to a Member for Lodge purposes, including candidates for election. The Secretary is responsible to the Lodge for the performance of the duties of his/her Office. He/She is under the supervision of the Lodge Officers and it is his/her to assist them in carrying out the Lodge program, so long as their instructions do not violate the Laws of the Order. (This is just a summary of the duties. A complete list will be available upon request.)

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| Current | Judy Vergason | Nominate | |
| | | | (May nominate Judy again or choose another candidate) |

Return Form

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Treasure Job Description

Receives all monies of the Lodge from the Secretary, giving him/her a receipt therefor. Pay all approved bills against the Lodge and on vouchers signed by the Exalted Ruler and Secretary. The Lodge By-Laws may provide for payment of recurring bills after approval of the Board of Trustees without obtaining Lodge prior approval. The Payment shall be reported at the next Lodge Meeting. Maintain an accurate record of receipts and disbursements. Give bond of at least \$5,000. Act as Treasure of all Committees unless otherwise provide by the By-Laws. (This is just a summary of the duties. A complete list will be available upon request.)

Current

Mike Wujcik

Nominate

(May nominate Mike again or choose another candidate)

Lodge Trustee

The Board of Trustees, or Board of Directors, after each annual installation shall meet and organize by electinga Chairman and Secretary who shall be members of the Board. The Chairman of the Board shall attend all District Deputy Clinics. The Board, subject to control of the Lodge, shall have the followig powers: contols of the funds, investments and real and personal prop-erty of the Lodge not otherwise provided by lasw, and shall receive and collecty the income and rents therefrom. (This is just a summary of the duties. A complete list will be available upon request).

**1st Year
Current**

Sandy Mooney, PER (Interim)

Nominate
Position Open

**2nd Year
Current**

Frank Coseglia, PER (Interim)

Nominate

Steve Baker, moves up one chair

3rd Year

Steve Baker

Nominate

Chet Syjud, PER moves up one chair

4th Year

Chet Syjud, PER

Nominate

Len Pruss, PER moves up one chair

5th Yeaer

Len Pruss, PER

Nominate
Position Open

(Current ER generally moves to this position)

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GREEN BEANS
FRUIT SNACKS
CRACKER SNACKS**



What Is A Veteran?

A "Veteran" - whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve - is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to, and including his life."

That is honor. And there are way too many people in this country today, who no longer understand that fact.



Monday Nights

Lounge Opens 4:00

Food 4:00 to 8:00

Bar Menu

Karaoke 6 to 9

The Elks Creed

Believe in the goodness in theyself as well as in others.

Protect childhood with tenderness, old age with respect, and cherish with reverence the memory of those who have passed.

Observe faithfully the Golden Rule.

Enjoy the good things of earth, keep within thee the glorious sunshine of youth and remain always of good cheer.



Friday Dinner

4:00 to 8:00

Music

6:00 to 9:00

Jim Hoey

President

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