# **Palmetto Pride**

Lodge #2449

## Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS JANUARY 2022



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Happy New Year to everyone! We wish you a safe and prosperous year. It has to be better then the last two years.

We have lots of new Candidates waiting for Initiation. Please make sure you give them a warm welcome, when you see them.

As many of you know, we are looking for a cleaning lady. We have all been working together to keep the building clean. Now heading into our Season, it will be too much. Please let me know if you have any ideas or a name of someone, who might like to work for us.

We hope you are enjoying our Lodge, and our activities. If you have any suggestions or new ideas, please let me know.

We hope you all follow us on Facebook—Our new Facebook page is **Palmetto Elks Palmetto**. Lorraine does a good job of keeping it all updated for us.

Fraternally yours,

Sandra S. Mooney ER

For some of you who are just returning after a very long time, here are the Activities going on in the Lodge.

We still have Karaoke with Marie, on Mondays, with food. We also have started the Queen of Hearts. Thank you Jack and your committee. We already have our first winner. Congratulations to Brad!

Our General Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month. We would love to have some members cone out and what is happening in our Lodge.

Wednesdays, we are serving Spaghetti and Meatballs. We also have music from 5:00-8:00.

If you like Bar Poker, we play on Thursday afternoon. It is a lot of fun. Some people had a very lucky seat last Thursday. Just say Ed!

Fish Fry is on Fridays. We still have music from 5:00-8:00.

As many of you know, that do the shopping for your homes, sometimes the food you are looking for is unavailable. We are doing our very best to keep up with the changes.

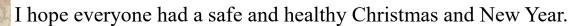
We are planning a Valentine's Day Party on February 13th, Sunday afternoon. We will be having a great band. Watch for more details and tickets.

Fraternally yours,

Sandra S. Mooney ER

Activities Chairman

## **JANUARY 2022**



We are starting this new year with many new applications for new membership to the lodge and several Dimits to our lodge. This is very

encouraging. Please be sure to share information on the Elks and all the wonderful services and programs the Elks provide across the nation and in our local community. We have a lot of information about the programs that you can share with friends including info on ENF and Harry Anna.

We are looking forward to ending the 2021-2022 year on high note and are optimistic about the 2022-2023 year beginning in April.

Fraternally yours,

Sharon Benedict, secretary



## **AMERICANISM**

Remembering the 41st President and an Important 1st Amendment Right

America's 40th President, Ronald Reagan, observed, "Freedom prospers when religion is vibrant and the rule of law under God is acknowledged." His successor, our 41st President, George H. W. Bush, as a man of religious faith, shared Reagan's views on this important symbiotic relationship. In 1992, President Bush signed the legislation that established Religious Freedom Day, to be annually observed on January 16, beginning in 1993. It was on January 16, 1786, that the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom was passed, which protected rights of religious conscience in Virginia and eventually influenced the inclusion of the 1st right specified in the 1st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof".

During his presidency, George H. W. Bush was not hesitant, in his speeches and proclamations, to refer to the significance of religious freedom and prayer to the founding generation's understanding of liberty, to our nation's history, and to the development of the unique American character.

Craig Conklin, PER

Americanism Chair

## PALMETTO #2449 BULLETIN BOOSTERS 2021-2022

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.

Gordon Raymond	Judy Hepler	Mary Walraven	Tom Smilouski
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Ed Benedict	Sharon Benedict	Eddie Carter	Leonard Mulligan
Madie Herrington	Wayne Leboeuf	Steve Baker	Lorraine Baker
James Woods	Bobbie Worley	Chet Syjud	

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)

## **VETERANS AFFAIRS**

## **Happy New Year!**

Let's make it a great one, especially for the Veterans in our lives! The situation in Florida, with regards to Covid, seems to be in good shape. Our Governor has done a pretty good job in allowing us our freedoms and keeping us safe at the same time. Many of my relatives up north are still suffering lockdowns and forced mask wearing. Go Florida...!

Our military also allows us to enjoy our freedoms and keeps us safe. I don't think we thank them enough in person. That's probably because we don't often see nor interact with the active service personnell very often. On the other hand, we frequently see Veterans while going about our daily lives in the community. Hardly a day goes by that we don't say "thank you for your service" to a Vet. It is a most appreciated statement. I personally want to thank every Palmetto Elk for your generosity and care for our veterans at Bay Pines. Over the past 15 years of my time as the lodge Veterans Chairman we have made many veterans happy with donations of clothing, toilitries, books, magazines, personal items, etc. We have sponsored many picnic BBQs at Bay Pines as well. Hopefully (with Covid in our rear view mirror...) we can get back to the on-site in-person picnics there.

Jim Hoey Veterans Chairman





# QUEEN OF HEARTS TICKETS ON SALE NOW! 8 FOR \$5.00 DRAWING EVERY MONDAY

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**LODGE OPENS AT 2 DAILY** 

Lodge Secretary—Monday-9:00-12:00 Treasurer Hours-Tuesday 9:00 to 12:00 Also available by appointment Call 941-722-6937

## January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 FOOTBALL 1 PM	3 Philly cheeseteak Karaoke	4	5 Spaghetti & Meatballs Tony Squirrel	6 BAR POKER	7 Fish Fry Jeff Leonard	8
9 FOOTBALL 1 PM	10 Burgers Karaoke	11 Meetings- 4:30-Trustee 5:00-Director 6:00-Business	12 Spaghetti & Meatballs Melanie Masell	13 BAR POKER	14Fish Fry Jeff Leonard	15
16 FOORBALL 1 PM	17 Philly cheeseteak Karaoke	18	19 Spaghetti & Meatballs Jeff Leonard	20 BAR POKER	21 Fish Fry Tony Squirrel	22
23 FOOTBALL 1 PM	24 Burgers Karaoke	25	26 Spaghetti & Meaballs Al Kitchen	27 BAR POKER	28 Fish Fry Ken Almeida	29
30 FOOTBALL 1 PM	31 Burgers Karaoke					



### 2021—2022 Officers







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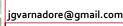
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# TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL ELK FAMILY **MEMBERS, THANK YOU**

# Be a Star and Help Your Lodge Make the Stars Shine!



Make a donation to place a star to shine on the tree to raise awareness for children with ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder).

For a \$5.00 donation you will be helping children throughout Florida.

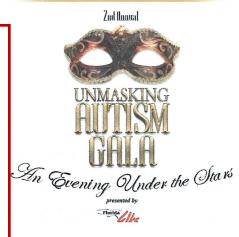
Help unmask autism by supporting Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services. You are helping our 30 therapists treat over 560 children per week at no charge to the patient's families.

Join us for the 2nd Annual Unmasking Autism Gala, "An Evening Under the Stars" on April 23, 2022, at the Carillon Hilton in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Visit UnmaskingAutism.com for more information

WE HAVE STARS AVAILABLE FOR SALE FOR \$5.00.

HELP LODGE 2449 SHINE AS WE HELP THOSE AFFECTED WITH AUTISM!



Parents from the Palmetto P.R.I.D.E Organization held a Christmas Shopping spree for the youth in the Palmetto P.R.I.D.E. community.

Children came in and browsed through gifts picking out toys, clothes, whatever they wanted.

It was a nice event and the children were so excited and they picked the gifts they wanted.

Here are some pictures from the event. Are these the cutest pics or what!











There were brain

Teaser Puzzles for

the Older children







FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>
FEATURING THE
SENILE DELINQUENTS



# JOIN US FOR SOME GREAT CLASSIC ROCK MUSIC TICKETS ARE \$5 -PARTY STARTS AT 2PM LIGHT HORS DEVOURS WILL BE SERVED

BRINGAN HORS DEVOURTO SHARE TICKETS GO ON SALE JANUARY 10TH AT THE LODGE







Homer	Beall, Jr	1st Lt	US Army Reserve
John	Bargas	CW5	US Army-35 yrs
William	Corlew	Cpl 1st CAV	US Army
			X Corp
John "Tom"	Donnelly	M/Sgt	US Army
Richard	Ernst	Sgt	US Army
Robert	Ernest	SP4	US Army
Oscar	Fleury	PFC (E-3)	US Army
James	Hill		US Army
Donald	Kichline		US Army/US Navy
Frank	Locicero	PFC	US Army
Steve	McColm	SP4	US Army
Len	Meade	SP5	US Army
Mike	Meronek	SP5	US Army
Gordon "Gordie"	Raymond	SSgt E-6	US Army National Guard
Marvin	Rice	Sgt E-6	US Army
Larry	Riegle	Sp4	US Army
Herman	Roth	PFC	US Army
Paul	Samuels	Cpl	US Army
Walter	Schneider	E5	US Army
John	Searles Jr.	SP4 E4	US Army National Guard
Charles "Gil"	Shaw	Sgt	US Army Air Force
Chet	Syjud	Spec 5	US Army Reserves
Carl	Webber		Army Air Corp
Elmer	Wurst	E5	US Army

Jack	Bach	ML2	US Navy
Joseph	Best	Boatswain Mate	US Navy
Frank	Campbell	YN2	US Navy
Craig	Conklin	MM1(SS)	US Navy
Russell	Doerr Jr	SK2	US Navy
Robert	Hintze Sr	IC2	US Navy
Jim	Hoey	ETR2 (SS)	US Navy
Anthony	Horman	FTGSN	US Navy
Wardie (Giles)	Hunnings Jr.	RM1	US Navy
John	Julian	LS	Royal Canadian Navy
Robert	Lanoue	3rd Class BT	US Navy
Richard	Moody	GM2	US Navy
Gerald	Ray	CPO E-7	US Navy
			(Retired)
Clifford	VanDervort	FC3	US Navy



Chuck	Billings	<b>E</b> 5	US Coast Guard
Paulla	Billings	Е3	US Coast Guard
Jim	Decker	B.M. 3	US Coast Guard
Thomas	Emanuello	P/O 3rd Class	US Coast Guard





Charles	Booth	Sgt SSgt	USMC US Air Force
Carl	Maddox	Sgt	USMC
Gary	Mink	Sgt	USMC
Armand	Barrieault		US Army/USMC
James	Scheadler		USMC

David	Allen	MSgt	US Air Force (Retired)
Al	Cetrone	A1C	US Air Force
Richard	Dirschell	2nd Class	US Air Force
Harry	Fishwick	SAC	Royal Air Force
Donn	Frey	1st Lt.	US Air Force
Thomas	Gafner	A3C	US Air Force
Ricky	Koepke	E4	US Air Force
Stephen	Collopy		US Air Force
Michael	McBride	Sgt	US Air Force
Frank	Roy		US Air Force
Michael	Stewart	Major	US Air Force (Retired)
James	Kurlinski		US Air Force

