



## Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS



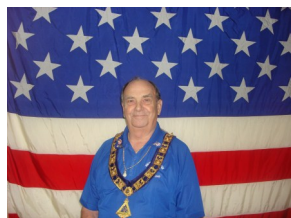
**In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason**

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February 2013

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### From the Exalted Ruler



Here it is February and soon our snowbirds will be heading north, see how time flies when we are having fun. February is going to be a busy month, Boom-Ba the 10th, Mardi-Gras the 12th, Appreciation Luncheon the 16th at 2 PM, Country Western

Dance the 23rd, so mark your calendar and get your tickets.

We should be proud that one of our 12 year old girls who shot in the District Hoop Shoot Kayla Bell won. We then sponsored her to go on to the Regional's in Lake Placid Florida where she also won. Now she goes to the State Hoop Shoot at the Youth Camp in Umatilla Florida on February 16th. Let's all wish her the best. Our Lodge really supported the Army of Hope function that Stacey and Tex put on for our Veterans families, they raised over \$3,130.00. That is what Elks are all about, as long as there are Veterans, THE ELKS WILL NEVER FORGET THEM.

Please remember your Volunteers, without them we would be in bad shape. They save your Lodge thousands of dollars doing what they are doing, so please remember that, and say thanks for your service to a volunteer today.

Our Mighty Southwest District Advisory Council is having a Spaghetti Dinner at South Hillsborough lodge April 13, 2013 from 2 PM to 5 PM. They will be giving away \$4,500.00 in cash, if you want a ticket they are \$20.00 per ticket includes the meal and a chance to win some money, I have the tickets if you are interested. The Council supports a lot of functions within your District.

The Lodge meeting February 12th will be at 5 PM. The installation of your new Officers for 2013-2014 will be on Tuesday March 26th at 7 PM.

The Lodge will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays starting February 9th due to the football season being over and the lack of participation, sorry.

If you have a friend who has been thinking about becoming a member now is the time to sign them up. The Lodge has received permission to wave the \$25.00 application fee for the month of February so let's talk Elks and get them signed up.

Our line dancing and swing dance lessons on Thursday will cease on April 1st. Also there will be no dancing classes on March 21st due to our Senior Prom event. Craig and Leo did an outstanding job in their events and even brought in new members. We hope all the dancers come back next year.

The appreciation luncheon for all our great volunteers will be February 16th at 2 PM. At that time I will present the plaque to your Officer of the Year and your Elk of the Year, so please all come and bring a new volunteer. We are always looking for new volunteers. Each year the Exalted Ruler has the opportunity to choose the Citizen of The Year, this year it goes to Stacey Rau. Stacey, Tex, her husband, and their park have raised over \$10,000.00 since 2007, for the Army of Hope program. I wish I could give all of them a reward and all of you who have supported this program. This is what ELKS are all about, ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE.

God Bless all of you for making this Organization a great Organization.

Watch for our events and sign up a new member.

Fraternally,  
J.D. Daniel  
Exalted Ruler

*Elks Care - Elks Share*



Town Hall Meeting  
February 5, 2013  
In the lodge.  
Starting at 6:30 PM  
Please Plan on Attending

## From the desk of the Secretary



Here we are in the Month of February it is hard to believe how fast this year has gone. This month I would like to address the delinquent members. There are still 46 that have not renewed their membership for various reasons. Your dues are very important to the

continuation of our Elk Programs. The Elks National Home for instance, a portion of your dues goes to the upkeep of the home for retired elks. More of your dues are used to help our Children Therapy Services. We have 23 therapist that travel all over to help children with physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy free of charge. Many of these families can't afford the professional help their children need. Another one of our children program is the Elks Youth Camp. Through your dues we are able to send children to the youth camp. And let us not forget our veterans. A statement was made many years ago as long as there is a veteran in the hospital there will be an elk to help them.

So you see how important your dues are. Thanking you in advance for reconsidering to renew your membership. I would like to leave you with a thought a friend of mine gave me one day when I was talking about the "good old days". He said, "You can't turn the clock back, but you can sure wind it up again."

Judy Vergason  
Lodge Secretary



The Grand Lodge assessment has increased by \$2.00. As a result our dues will be increased by \$2.00. These changes will be reflected on the next dues statement.

Life Member Dues \$35.00  
Regular Member Dues \$77.75

### Support our Veterans

#### Wanted and Desperately Needed!

New Men's and Women's Underware (S,M,L) ▪

New Tee Shirts (L & XL) ▪

▪ New Socks (13)

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.

Exalted Ruler	JD Daniel, PER	776-3835
Leading Knight	Chet Syjud	721-4284
Loyal Knight	Rose Wujcik	962-5475
Lecturing Knight	Steve Baker	962-6853
Secretary	Judy Vergason	722-1329
Treasurer	Judy Alf	721-7069
Tiler	Carol Smilowski	729-6474
Esquire	Mike Wujcik	962-3682
Chaplain	Lorraine Baker	962-6853
Inner Guard	Bonnie Pruss	721-4699
Organist	David Radcliff	813-641-2064
Five Year	Lenny Pruss, PER	721-4699
Four Year	Wes Townsend, PER	722-2551
Three Year	Frank Coseglia, PER	531-3911
Two Year	Sully Sullivan	813-390-8614
One Year	Ron Alf	721-7069
Accident Prevention	Katharine Chadwell	729-4913
Americanism	Dorathay Meade	807-6177
Auditing Accounting		
Bulletin	Rose & Mike Wujcik	962-3682
Community Activities	Craig Conklin, PER	447-1836
Drug Awareness	Katharine Chadwell	729-4913
Elks Nat'l Foundation	Wes Townsend, PER	722-2551
Government Relations	Judy Vergason	722-1329
Harry Anna Trust	Ron Alf	721-7069
Hoop Shoot	Mike Wujcik	962-3682
Investigation	Lenny Pruss, PER	721-4699
Indoctrination		
Kitchen Management	Bill Herrington - Sully Sullivan	962-3273— 813-390-8614
Bar Management	Lenny Pruss, PER	721-4699
Lapsation	Dorathay Meade	807-6177
Lodge Activities	Craig Conklin, PER	447-1836
Mediator	Craig Conklin, PER	447-1836
Membership	Judy Vergason	722-1329
Memorial Sunday		
Nat'l Veterans	Pat Murphy	729-2876
PER Association	Craig Conklin, PER	447-1836
P.E.T.S. Activities	Rose Wujcik	962-5475
Presiding Justice	John Redding	813-258-4401
Property Maintenance	Jim Gard, PER Jim Allard	729-0971 729-4566
Public Relations	Rose Wujcik	962-5475
Volunteer	Dorathay Meade	807-6177
Web Master	Chet Syjud	721-4284
Youth Activities	Dorathay Meade	807-6177

# Palmetto Pride



## Weekly Lounge Activities

Sun: NFL Football

Mon: Open menu / Karaoke

Tue: Meetings

Wed: Spaghetti 2nd & 4th

Thu: Dance Lessons

Fri: Fish Fry



Sat: Football

Bar to close at the discretion of the bartender



Come on in and try our games! *Bar Poker - Dice Game - Queen of Hearts*

# February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><b>Volunteer Appreciation Pizza Luncheon</b> February 16, 2013 2:00 pm Awards will be presented to the Officer of the Year and Elk of the Year</p>					1 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Roast turkey Music 6-9 Dee	2 Open 1:00-4:00 Bar Poker Dice Game
3 Super Bowl 6:30 pm Bring a snack Hot Dogs 50 cents	4 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7:00 Full Menu Karaoke Mark	5 Open 3:00  <b>Town Hall Meeting 6:30</b>	6 Closed	7 Open 3:00 Pot Luck 5:30 Dance Lessons 7:00 - 9:00	8 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Stuffed pepers Music 6-9 Musical Memories	9 Closed
10 Boom-Ba Food 12 - 2 Party 2 - 4	11 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7:00 Full Menu Karaoke Lenny Pruss	12 Open 3:00 Lodge Meeting 5:00 Mardi Gras 7:00-10:00 Music Taylor-Taylor	13 Open 3:00 5:00—7:00 Spaghetti Bobby Remp	14 Open 3:00 Dance Lessons 7:00 - 9:00	15 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Chicken Cordon Blue Music 6-9 Lorraine	16 Volunteer Apperception Pizza Luncheon 2:00
17 Closed	18 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7:00 Full Menu Philly Cheese Karaoke Nola	19 Open 3:00 PER Meeting 6:00 BOD 6:30	20 Closed	21 Open 3:00 Dance Lessons 7:00 - 9:00	22 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Shrimp creole Music 6-9 Shine On	23 Country Western Dance 5:00-10:00 Music Cass
24 Closed	25 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7:00 Full Menu Karaoke C.J.	26 Open 3:00 Lodge Meeting 7:30 Initiation	27 Open 3:00 5:00—7:00 Spaghetti Bobby Remp	28 Open 3:00 Dance Lessons 7:00 - 9:00		



## What Does the National Anthem Mean to Me?

The National Anthem means respect and freedom to the United States. I also like it when they play it because it reminds me of those soldiers that were at war for our freedom. Francis Scott Key wrote and created the National Anthem. The words "Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there" is kind of sad to me because that meant that the soldiers were at war that night and probably put up the flag when it was over the night. I think we should honor those soldiers that fought and still fight for our freedom. The National Anthem means courageousness, partisanship, independence, and represents this country of United States of America. The Happy part of the National Anthem means that we have the freedom to do most of the things we do today. Another sad thing about wars for our freedom is that a lot of the soldiers die from fighting for the independence that we have today. It cost the lives of many soldiers. The soldiers are very courageous. The anthem reminds me of this.

Alberto Saul Mejia-Garcia  
5th Grade James Tillman Elementary



Dorathey Meade  
Americanism Chairperson

Army of Hope  
Hosted by Tex & Stacy Rau  
January 19, 2013  
Presented a check to JD for  
\$3,130.00



Stacey Rau  
Was presented with the  
Citizen of the Year Award  
By JD



### SHE DID IT AGAIN!



Congratulations to Kayla Bell  
Palmetto Elks 2449  
This years Hoop Shoot Winner  
For winning the Regional Finals  
On January 19  
Now on to the State Finals  
In Umatilla  
February 16, 2013.

GOOD LUCK KAYLA!



Bar Poker  
\$1.00 Five Card Poker  
Highest Hand Wins

Dice Game  
\$1.00 for 1 roll of the dice  
Full house - win a free well drink  
4 of a kind - win a free well drink  
5 of a kind - win the jackpot  
Minimum jackpot \$100.00  
Maximum jackpot \$500.00  
See bartender for rules



Queen of Hearts Started December 1st  
Drawing every Friday at 7:30  
Rules Posted in Lounge

## February Birthdays

01	Karen	Sikoski
02	Dorothy	Johnson
02	Darwin	Lowe
02	Robert	Mosby
02	William	Noling
03	Dorothy	Bennett
03	Clifford	Hess
03	James	Hill
05	Howard	Kane
06	Donald	Fosco
06	Fred	Hamilton
06	Jack	Schuiteman
07	Dominick	Femia
07	Michael	Mc Bride
08	Calvin	Hendrick
08	Robert	Tousignant
09	Don	Jahns
09	Dennis	Wood
10	Charles	Boisvert
10	Chester	Long
14	Donald	Kichline
14	Linda	Mathews
17	William	Bohicchio
17	Shoee	Ruiter
18	Carlis	Knight
18	Lee	Kuhfuss
19	Shirley	Clarkson
19	Hugh	Igo
19	Jim	Weaver
20	Manny	Gutierrez
21	Katherine	Chadwell
21	Sam	Hart
22	Thomas	Plunkett
23	Ronald	Alf
23	Shirley	Johnson
24	Rockne	Mc Corkle
26	Barbara	Amicone
26	Richard	Dirschell
26	Estell	Hannah
26	James	Kaufman
26	Dawn	Turgeon
28	William	Komph
28	Louis	Wilson

***Support ENF and Harry Anna charities***



## Volunteers Of The Month



**Patti and Sully**

Welcome our New Members  
Keith Stadt, Clarence Krebs,  
Carl Nyman, Ralph Jessie, Dennis Leber



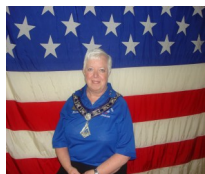
## Hall Rentals



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.

Judy Vergason, 722-1329  
Craig Conklin, PER 447-1836  
Frank Coseglia, PER 531-3911

## P.E.T.S.



This month we have a great activity planned for you. Mardi Gras will be on February 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Once again we will be entertained by Taylor-n-Taylor. Costumes are optional and there will be prizes. Bring snacks for your table and join in on the fun.

The tickets are available at the bar so come in get yours now before they are sold out.

March also promises a good time. On the 9<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating St. Patty's Day. The band, Patsy and Magella, are direct from Ireland. Put your Irish on, come and enjoy good Irish music, and some traditional Irish food of corned beef and cabbage, or sheppards pie prepared for you by Sully.

On March 21<sup>st</sup> will be having a Senior Prom from 5:00 to 10:00. This semi-formal event will be featuring Lenny Pruss and Lorraine Baker for entertainment, Sully will be preparing his famous salisbury steak. So ladies get your gowns ready, gentlemen get your suits pressed and come and enjoy an evening of fun.

As always tickets for events are available at the bar, or, ask any P.E.T.S. member.

Rose Wujcik, Chairman  
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941.962.5475

## 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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## Sully's Corner Friday \$8.00 Specials

- 02/01/13 Roast Turkey with Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Vegetables
- 02/08/13 Stuffed Bell Peppers, with Parsley Buttered Potatoes & Vegetable
- 02/15/13 Chicken Cordon Blue, Scalloped Potatoes & Vegetables
- 02/22/13 Shrimp Creole, with White Rice & Vegetable

As of September 1st a sales tax was added to all meals served at the lodge.



Elks Care - Elks Share



*You are Invited to  
Palmetto Elks 2449  
Installation of Officers  
For*

**2013-2014**

**March 26, 2013**

**7:00 pm**



# Army of Hope



## MARDI GRAS PARTY

FEBRUARY 12, 2013

7:00 to 10:00

Music by

Taylor -n- Taylor

Bring your own table snacks

Costumes optional

Prizes



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## PER COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE

FEBRUARY 23, 2013

5:00 to 10:00

Serving  
Ham or Shrimp

Music by

Cass

\$12.50 pp.



Plan on attending for a good time

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## Monday Nights



**Lounge Opens 3:00**

**Food 5:00-7:00**

**Full Menu**

**Karaoke 6 to 9**



**2nd and 4th  
Wednesday  
Spaghetti Night  
5:00 to 7:00**



**Friday Fish  
Fry**

**4:30 - 7:00**

**Music**

**6:00 - 9:00**

**St. Patty's Day  
March 9, 2013  
Music  
Patsy & Magella  
Direct from Ireland**

