



## Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS



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

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Shooting for our Goals  
To Protect the Future



### From the Exalted Ruler



Can it be possible, it is February already and Spring is not far behind. Just two months left in this Elk year. January was a good month. With the Welcome Back Snow Bird dance featuring the Jack Tamberine Band and the Army of Hope Fund Raiser. Our Members stepped up big time and we, as a Lodge, donated a lot of time, energy, and money to this very worthwhile endeavor. There will be many who benefit from your generosity. The Army of Hope helps the families of those in the Military who are deployed overseas, that may find themselves in financial difficulties. Remember we as Elks have a duty to help our Veterans and those who serve now. On February 8<sup>th</sup> the Army of Hope District Fund Raiser will be held at the Venice-Nokomis Lodge from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. There will be good food, lots of entertainment and raffles for your enjoyment. Tickets are just \$10.

The next big event is the Mardi Gras party on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Again Taylor & Taylor will be supplying the music. There will be King Cake and prizes for best costume and election of King & Queen of the dance. The price is just \$8, and bring your own table snacks. There will be a cash bar and no drinks can be brought in.

February is also the month we nominate and elect our officers for the next Elk year. Tuesday February 10<sup>th</sup> the Past Exalted Rulers will conduct this meeting. Nominations for all elected chairs will be accepted. Elections will be February 24<sup>th</sup>. Those interested in serving should attend these meetings. All meetings are important. They determine the direction our Lodge will take in the future. Every member's input and ideas are important to the success of our Lodge.

February 1<sup>st</sup> starts the \$100 a day for the month of February. For more information the Lodge is open Monday through Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Come in and have an adult beverage and say HI! Monday night is sandwich night with Karaoke from 6:00p.m. until 9:00p.m. The second Wednesday of the month is spaghetti night with music by Bobby Remp. Fridays are always fish fry night with a variety of entertainment.





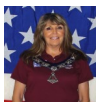

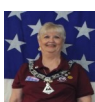
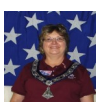


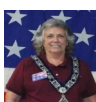

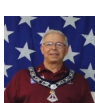
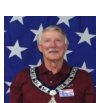

Every month we reward one member with the title of Elk of the Month, for service above and beyond. This individual took on the difficult task of buying supplies for our kitchen. Taking time out of her busy schedule to order and pick up things in need for our kitchen. We honor BARBARA INGLES as Elk of the Month for February. At this time I would like to thank all those who volunteer. Without you we couldn't exist.

All Elks should Remember

**THE FAULTS OF OUR MEMBERS ARE WRITTEN IN THE SAND  
THEIR VIRTUES ARE WRITTEN IN THE TABLET OF LOVE AND MEMORY !**

Fraternally Yours,  
Len Pruss, Exalted Ruler  
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## 2014—2015 Officers

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Of the Year  
Sully Sullivan



Elk  
Of the Year  
Bill Harrington



2013—2014

Outstanding  
Service  
Commendation  
Len Meade




Outstanding  
Service  
Commendation  
Mike Wujcik



## 2014—2015 Committee Chairs

Accident Prevention	Steve	Baker	962-6859
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	Anna	Syjud	721-4284
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Youth Activities	Mike	Wujcik	962-3682

### 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 85 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 24 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, *"so long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget 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."

Fraternally Yours,  
Judy Vergason, Lodge Secretary

Thank You for your Support!!



# Palmetto Pride



Sun: Closed  
Wed: Open Bar Poker  
Sat: Closed

**Weekly Lounge Activities**  
Mon: Open menu / Karaoke  
Thu: Open

Tue: Meetings  
Fri: Fish Fry

**Bar to close at the discretion of the bartender**

**Office hours**

Lodge Secretary—Treasurer Hours  
Monday 8:00 to 12:00  
Also available by appointment  
941-722-6937



# February 2015

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**



**ALL MEAL ORDERS TO BE PLACED  
15 MINUTES BEFORE THE KITCHEN CLOSSES**

**To Reserve Meals for Friday  
Call the Lodge on Thursday after 3:00  
or Friday Before 4:00  
941-722-6937**

1  Closed  Spunky Old Broads Day	2  Open 3:00 Food 5:00-6:45 Full Menu Philly Cheese Karaoke 6:00 to 9:00 Lorraine  Change your Windshield Wipers Day	3  Open 3:00  Carrot Cake Day	4  Open 3:00 to 8:00  Bar Poker  Open Mic  Thank a Mailman Day	5  Open 3:00 to 8:00 Games 6:00 to 8:00  Chocolate Fondue Day	6  Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30-6:45 Music 6:00 to 9:00 Dee  Pay a Compliment Day	7  Closed  Send a Card to a Friend Day
8  District Army Of Hope Venice Nokomis Lodge 12:00 to 4:00   Kite Flying Day	9  Open 3:00 Food 5:00-6:45 Full Menu Karaoke 6:00 to 9:00 Anna  Happy Chocolate Day	10  Open 3:00  Lodge Meeting 7:30  Umbrella Day	11  Open 3:00 Spaghetti or Lasagna 5:00-6:45 Bobby Remp 6:00-9:00  Don't Cry over Spilled Milk Day	12  Open 3:00 to 8:00 Games 6:00 to 8:00  Plum Pudding Day	13  Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30-6:45 Music 6:00 to 9:00 Tony Boeing  Blame Someone Else Day	14  Closed   Ferris Wheel Day
15  Closed  Gumdrop Day	16  Open 3:00 Food 5:00-6:45 Full Menu Philly Cheese Karaoke 6:00 to 9:00 Pete <b>Happy Birthday Elks</b> Do a Grouch a Favor Day	17  Open 3:00  PER Meeting 6:00 BOG/BOD Meeting 6:30  My Way Day	18  Open 3:00 to 8:00  Bar Poker  Open Mic  Ash Wednesday	19  Open 3:00 to 8:00 Games 6:00 to 8:00  Temporary Insanity Day	20  Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30-6:45 Music 6:00 to 9:00 Lynn's Spins  Cherry Pie Day	21  Closed  Sticky Bun Day
22  Closed  Margarita Day	23  Open 3:00 Food 5:00-6:45 Full Menu Karaoke 6:00 to 9:00 Lenny  Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day	24  Open 3:00  Initiation 7:30  Tortilla Chip Day	25  Open 3:00 to 8:00  Bar Poker  Open Mic  Chocolate Covered Peanut Day	26  Open 3:00 to 8:00 Games 6:00 to 8:00  National Chili Day	27  Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30-6:45 Music 6:00 to 9:00 Shifts End  No Brainer Day	28  Closed  Open That Bottle Day



## February Birthdays

01	David	Flerlage
01	Karen	Sikoski
02	Dorothy	Johnson
02	Darwin	Lowe
02	Robert	Mosby
02	Carol	Tracy
03	Dorothy	Bennett
03	Clifford	Hess
03	James	Hill
03	Lily	Syjud
05	Charlie	Brunner
05	Howard	Kane
06	Donald	Fosco
07	Dominick	Femia
07	Michael	Mc Bride
08	Robert	Tousignant
09	Don	Jahns
09	Dwain	Stiers
09	Dennis	Wood
11	Thomas	Redmon
14	Donald	Kichline
14	Linda	Mathews
15	Thomas	Cockcroft
17	William	Bochicchio
17	John	Burkel
18	Gaylord	Kennedy
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	Kenneth	Ellis
24	Rockne	Mc Corkle
25	Joseph	Best
25	Dennis	Esken
26	Barbara	Amicone
26	Richard	Dirschell
26	James	Kaufman
26	Dawn	Turgeon
28	William	Komph



## Happy 147th Birthday Elks! 1868 - 2015

The moving spirit for the Elks was an Englishman named Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian. Born October 22, 1842, this son of a clergyman was a successful comic singer and dancer in the music halls of London. In November 1867, Vivian arrived in New York City to try his fortune.

### Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian

Other actors and entertainers soon gravitated toward his magnetic personality. With everything closed on Sunday because of New York City Blue Laws, a group of theatrical people began meeting for their own amusement under Vivian's leadership. A loose organization was formed to make sure the larder was well-stocked for these gatherings. They called themselves the Jolly Corks, a name derived from a trick introduced by Vivian in which the uninitiated purchased a round of refreshments.

When one of their members died shortly before Christmas in 1867, leaving his wife and children destitute, the Jolly Corks decided that in addition to good fellowship, they needed a more enduring organization to serve those in need.

On February 16, 1868, they established the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and elected Vivian to head it. Its social activities and benefit performances increased the popularity of the new Order. Membership grew rapidly. Elks traveling to other cities spread the word of the Brotherhood of Elks. Soon there were requests for Elks Lodges in cities other than New York. In response to these appeals, the Elks asked the New York State legislature for a charter authorizing the establishment of a Grand Lodge with the power to establish local Lodges anywhere in the United States. When the Grand Lodge Charter was issued, the founders then received the first local charter as New York Lodge No. 1 on March 10, 1871.



### 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 447-1836

## President's Day



**Washington's Birthday** is a United States federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday of February in honor of George Washington, the first President of the United States.

It is also a state holiday in most states where it is known by a variety of names including **Presidents Day** and **Washington's and Lincoln's Birthday** and officially celebrates, depending upon the state, Washington alone, Washington and Lincoln, or some other combination of U.S. presidents. Some states celebrate Washington and the third president Thomas Jefferson but not Lincoln.

Colloquially, the holiday is widely known as "Presidents Day" and is often an occasion to celebrate, or at least remember, all presidents and not just George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Both Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays are in February. In historical rankings of Presidents of the United States both Lincoln and Washington are frequently, but not always, the top two presidents.

Even though we may not agree with what each president does, we have the honor of praying for them to make the right decisions each day and to do what we can to promote Americanism

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

## Do You Listen



People who don't listen have been with us for thousands of years. You may recall that Phaeton wouldn't listen to Apollo and wound up dead. And remember Bellaphron, who rode Pegasus and wouldn't listen to Zeus and tried to ride Pegasus up to Olympus. Bellaphron lost his horse and his honor, and eventually died. Then there were Otus and Ephialtes, two brothers who were giants who wouldn't listen as they were warned not to mess around with Artemis, the goddess. They wound up dead, too.

Finally, we have Icarus who wouldn't listen to his daddy, Daedalus, and flew too close to the sun and died. These Greeks, did they ever listen? Well, thank goodness we're Elks, not ancient Greeks. We know how to listen. Your Lecturing Knight says, "Ever practice Brotherly Love." Notice he says ever, not sometimes, or just when you feel like it. Your Loyal Knight says, "Be just to your fellow man." That means be fair, be honest, be understanding. Your Leading Knight says, "Be charitable to all mankind." Your Exalted Ruler says, "Strive diligently that the name of Elk as borne by you may be worthy of an American citizen -- one who loves his fellow man."

Do you listen when they say those things? More importantly, do you live these ideals? As Elks we are not asked to be like everyone else -- we are committed to a life of higher calling. Our solemn oath requires that calling. Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, Fidelity -- and a sense of belonging to something more important than ourselves; that's what we are called to do. If you're part of that, I guess you listen really well. But if you aren't part of that, you just aren't listening hard enough. Listen: Anyone can be Phaeton or Bellaphron or Icarus or Otus, but there is only one you. You need to listen. We need you to listen.

~ Tom Williams Exalted Ruler, Raleigh Elks Lodge -- from the May 2004 lodge newsletter.

**If you see a new member or someone you don't know, say hi.  
Give them a smile they just might need one!**

Rose Wujcik, Public Relations Chairman  
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**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](mailto:tabass1@comcast.net).

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# Palmetto Elks at Work and Play

## Elk Of The Month



**Barbara Inglese**

Elks Care - Elks Share

## MIGHTY SOUTHWEST DISTRICT FUND RAISER FOR ARMY OF HOPE

**SUNDAY, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon – 4PM  
AT VENICE-NOKOMIS LODGE**

**\$10.00 Adult / \$5.00 Children 6 -11 / Under 5 Free**

**Hamburger or Chicken Sandwich, Potato Salad,  
Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Chips, Deserts,**

**Music by Lynn Spins**

**Raffles, Chinese Auction, 50/50**

**\$1.00 Draft Beer**



**Tickets Available at the Bar**

Elks Care - Elks Share

## Masked Mardi Gras Ball

**February 17, 2015  
7:00 to 10:00**

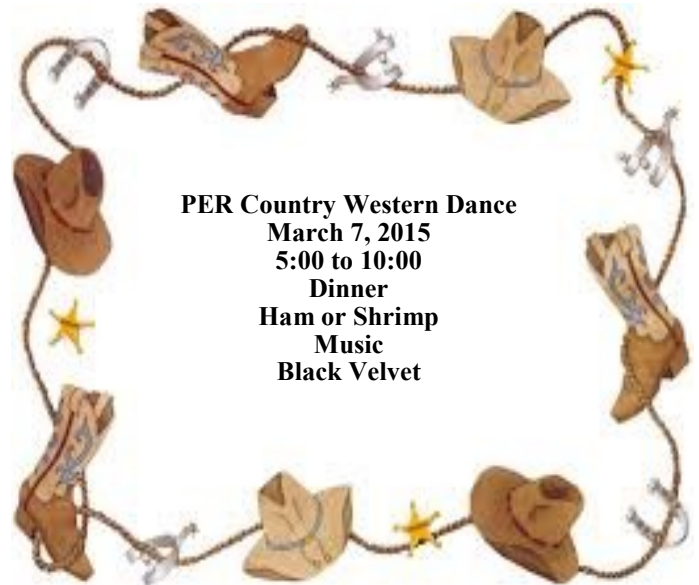
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**King and Queen Crowned**

**King Cakes  
Served at  
9:00**

**Music by  
Taylor & Taylor**

**Prizes for Best Costume**



## PER Country Western Dance

**March 7, 2015**

**5:00 to 10:00**

**Dinner**

**Ham or Shrimp**

**Music**

**Black Velvet**

## Save the Date

**St. Patty's Day Party**

**Sunday**

**March 15, 2015**

**More information  
coming soon**

Elks Care - Elks Share



It's that time of year again when we start thinking about taxes. A veteran and Elk member has offered to donate \$50 to the lodge for each paid tax return prepared from members of our lodge.

Simply mention the flyer that is posted in the lodge. A donation of \$50 will be sent to the lodge in your name. If interested contact:

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# General Fund Contributions

## \$4005 as of 01/21/2015





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Happy 74th Birthday!!  
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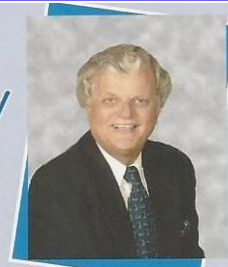
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- New Tee Shirts (L & XL) ■
- New Socks (13)

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.





## Monday Nights



**Lounge Opens 3:00**  
**Food 5:00 to 7:00**  
**Full Menu**  
**Karaoke 6 to 9**



**Every Wednesday & Thursday**

**Wednesday**  
**6:00 to 8:00**  
**Open Mic**

**Thursday**  
**Game Night**  
**6:00 to 8:00**



**Friday Fish Fry**  
**4:30 - 7:00**  
**Music**  
**6:00 to 9:00**

**Spaghetti Night**  
**2nd Wednesday of the Month**  
**5:00 to 7:00**



**Music**  
**By**  
**Bobby Remp**  
**6:00 to 9:00**

