



Members,

Jim Decker will be your Exalted Ruler for the Elks year 2019 - 2020. He has filled his Officer slots, as well as many Committee member slots. However, he still needs volunteers to help with Committees. Please contact Jim if you have interest in a Committee member position.

Due to continually rising prices, we have had to increase the cost of some of our meals. We have not done this without a great deal of thought. Frank Sullivan, Sandy Mooney, Scott Eavis and many others have spent many hours delivering quality meals. But cooking isn't all they do. They work tirelessly to ensure we have good product to serve at the best price we can find. Consequently, we decided that in order to maintain our high food standards that some meal costs had to increase. Thanks for your understanding.

We also have to increase prices for liquor, beer and wine. Like food, much of what we use at the bar has increased in price. We haven't had a price increase in several years. Unlike a commercial establishment, Elks have to use certain distributors for all of our product. This often means we pay more than it may be available when on sale. We also are now being charged delivery costs. We have canvased many other Lodges and know that we still are providing the best prices around. Again thanks for your understanding.

On a happier note, attendance at our functions is continuing to grow. We know this means that we are providing a good, quality dining and entertainment experience. We will continue to explore new entertainment for your enjoyment.

Fraternally Yours

Craig Conklin, PER  
Exalted Ruler



**Dear Bother/Sister Elk,  
From the Secretary's Desk,**

Here we are in the Month of February it is hard to believe how fast this year has gone. You will have received your membership dues notices. Pay early they are due by March 31. Your dues are very important to the continuation of our Elk Programs. Most of your dues are used to help our Children Therapy Services. We have 26 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 in renewing your membership.

You may have many personal reasons for not renewing your dues, and maybe to you they are very important. Our children who are born with defects didn't ask to be born that way, but they are. They don't give up. Have you given up on them?

Our children born in adverse environment did not ask to be born there but they have accepted it and try to grow up to be productive adults. Will you help them?

Our veterans volunteered to go to war. Some lost their lives other suffered injuries. They did this because they wanted you to have your freedom. The dues are \$77.75 that averages out to .21 cents a day. Can't you give that much for those that gave all.

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*

**From the Desk Of The Veterans Chairman— Jim Hoey**

February is an important month for supporting our Veterans in need. On Sunday, February 17th, an Army of Hope event will be held at the Sarasota South Lodge. The festivities start at Noon. There will be a flag raising ceremony, a flag folding exhibition, military flag presentation for each branch of service, etc. A few quest speakers will then take the floor for short presentations. Then there will be a musical skit based on Rogers & Hammerstein's South Pacific. See some of your Elk brothers & sisters acting, singing, dancing, and more!

A buffet meal will be provided. A cash bar will be open to the public attendees for this event. Tickets are \$10 in advance, or \$12 at the door. We have tickets for sale at the bar in the Palmetto Lodge. Get yours soon.

Finally, a big thank you to all of those who have been dropping off toiletries, underwear, socks, etc. for the Bay Pines veterans center. Keep up the good deeds!



## ***FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES***

As February is the shortest of months, it will be our busiest. We have all kinds of great activities planned for this month.

Unfortunately, we have had to increase our meal costs. We spent many hours deliberation this course of action. We want to maintain the quality of the food we have been serving. Everyone has been enjoying the menu and we want it to stay that way.

Our Lodge will be open as usual, on February 3, Super Bowl Sunday. Please feel free to stop by for a drink and some good cheer.

Our Brunch will be held Sunday, February 10. We serve from 11:00-1:00. The cost is \$12.00 for all you can eat. The menu for this month is in this bulletin and it is posted at the Lodge.

On February 17, we will be having a Margarita Party, from 2-5. The cost is \$10.00 for advance tickets or on the sign-up sheet. At the door, the will be \$12.00. We will be having music with Melanie. She was here with us on our Christmas Party and everyone enjoyed her music.

February 23, brings our annual Ladies Luncheon. Doors open at 12:00. This will give the Ladies plenty of time for shopping and enjoying the delightful items that Bonnie always brings for us. Lunch will be served at 1:30. Tickets are \$12.00 and are available now. We will also have a basket of chocolate treats and wine available again this year.

Who doesn't remember the Carpenters singing duo. Well, they are back and will be joining us on February 24, from 2-4. Tickets are \$15.00. This is a P.E.R. District Fundraiser. Please get your tickets early, as I am sure they will go fast.

I hope you will take part in some or all of our planned activities. Please let us know how you feel about what we are offering. This is the only way to know what you enjoy. We are trying to keep improving our events.

Fraternaly yours,

Sandra S, Mooney P.E.R.  
Activities Chairman

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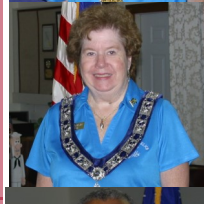
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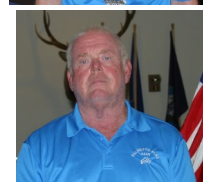
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# **FEBRUARY MENU**



**Every Monday**  
**1/4 lb. Frank/fries-\$7**  
**w/chili or sauerkraut-\$9**  
**Hamburgers-\$8, w/cheese -\$9**  
**Salad with Grilled Chicken -\$9**

## **SPECIALS**

**Feb. 4 - Sloppy Joes**

**Feb. 11– Italian Sub**

**Feb. 18– Philly Steak**

**Feb. 25- Pork Tenderloin  
 Sandwich**

**Every Thursday**  
**Bar Poker**  
**4:00 pm**

**5:30 pm**  
 Spaghetti & Meatballs with small salad-\$8.00  
 Hamburgers with fries-\$8.00  
 Cheeseburgers with fries-\$9.00

## **Brunch– Sunday, February 10-\$12**

Cheesy Omelets/toppings, Bacon, assorted  
 sausages, Home Fries with peppers and  
 onions, Waffles, Meatloaf, Chicken with  
 yellow rice, Grouper fingers, Biscuits,  
 Sausage Gravy/syrup, carved Turkey/  
 cranberry sauce, Fresh Fruit,  
 Bread Pudding



**Every Friday**

Fish Fry	\$9.00
Seafood Platter	\$12.00
Shrimp Dinner	\$11.00
Clam Dinner-	\$10.00
Grouper Grilled or Blackened w/baked potato	\$14.00
Garden Salad with Grilled Chicken-	\$9.00
Garden Salad with Shrimp—	\$11.00

**Specials- All Specials are \$10**  
**ALL SPECIALS ARE SERVED WITH VEGETABLES**

**Feb. 1 –Chicken Piccata, Parsley Buttered Potatoes**

**Feb. 8– Roast Pork, Sauerkraut, Scalloped Potatoes**

**Feb. 15– Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes**

**Feb. 22 - Stuffed Peppers, Mashed Potatoes**

**Please Call & Reserve a Meal 941-722-6937**

# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

01 Karen Sikoski

02 Darwin Lowe

02 Robert Mosby

03 James Hill

03 Brian Shirk

05 Charlie Brunner

09 Dennis Wood

10 James Lurgio

11 Cliff Schmidt

14 Gerard Barrieault

14 Linda Mathews

16 David Slavinsky

17 George Askins

18 Carlis Knight

20 Manny Gutierrez

23 Ronald Alf

24 John Johnston

26 Barbara Amicone

26 Dawn Turgeon

## AMERICANISM - Craig Conklin

A very moving and stirring essay.

February is Americanism month. Americanism is pride and love of our country and is not just a word; it is a cause, a way of life practiced each and every day and month of the year through our thoughts and actions.

Practice patriotism in your home. Instill in your children the foundation for appreciating and understanding our governmental system. Our youth of today are our strength for democracy of tomorrow, so give them your needed guidance of Americanism to ensure their patriotism of the future.

February, Americanism month, is simply a time to reflect on our freedom and a time to let the public, particularly our youth, know just how unique and special our land is and the freedom that all our veterans have given us.

Let's all have pride and dedication to protect and honor our American flag and display it proudly. As our late President Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

We also have one other important event in February, Presidents Day.

**Fly your flag proudly**



Marguerite Daly and Norsie Marshall  
Americanism Chairs  
American Legion Rose City Auxiliary 324

## PALMETTO #2449 BULLETIN BOOSTERS 2018-2019

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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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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
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***FEBRUARY  
17TH***

***MARGARITA  
PARTY***

**2-5 PM**

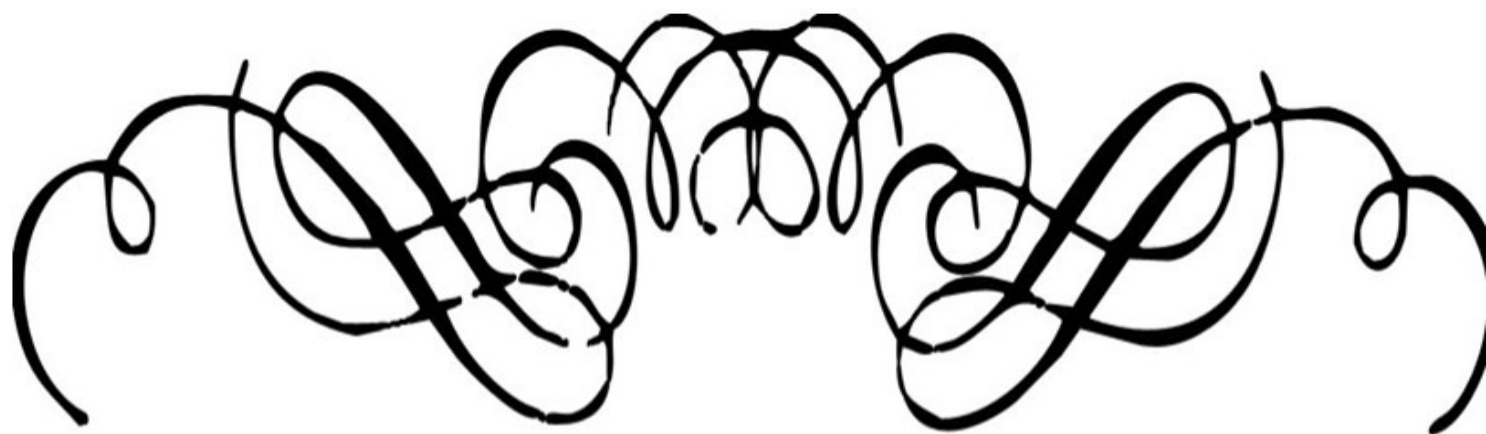
**Tickets-\$10 in advance  
\$12 at the door**

*Queso, Salsa W/ Chips, Tamales Quesadillas,  
Fiesta Rice, Cold Black Bean, Corn, Tomato,  
Cilantro Pasta Salad, Fried Ice Cream*

**Music by Melanie**

**CALL TO RESERVE A TICKET- 941-722-6937**





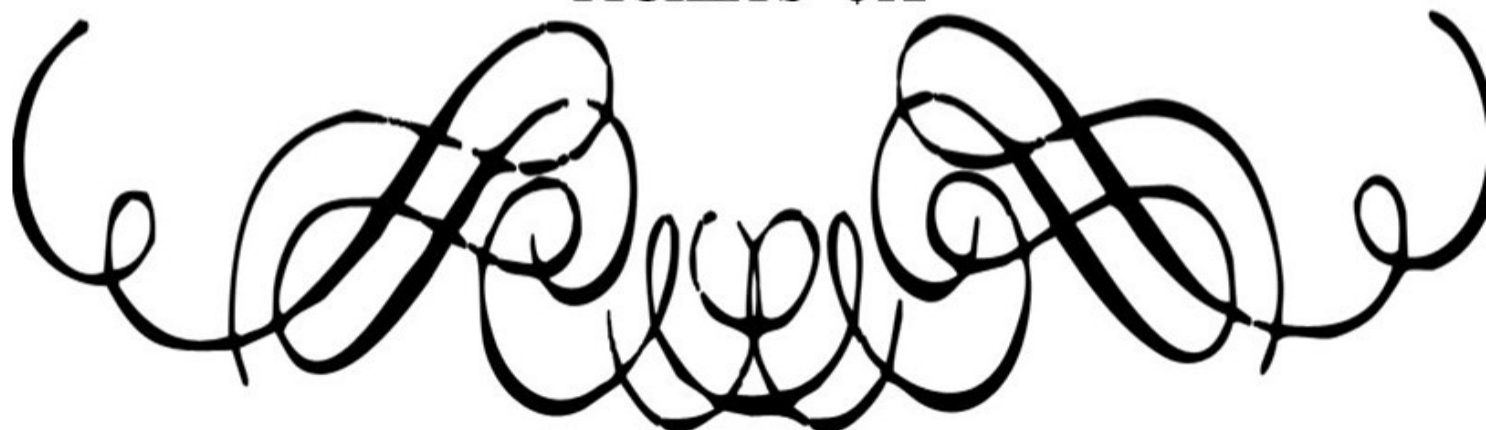
***PALMETTO ELKS 2449  
LADIES LUNCHEON &  
FASHION SHOW***

**FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>  
2-5 PM**

**BRUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 2PM**

**Chicken Salad, Seafood Salad, Egg Salad,  
Croissant, Pineapple Fluff, Fresh Fruit**

**TICKETS - \$12**







February 24<sup>th</sup>

2-4 pm

Tickets- \$15

Doors open at noon





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
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Richard	Moody	GM2	US Navy
Gerald	Ray	CPO E-7	US Navy (Retired)
Clifford	VanDervort	FC3	US Navy



Chuck	Billings	E5	US Coast Guard
Paulla	Billings	E3	US Coast Guard
Jim	Decker	B.M. 3	US Coast Guard
Thomas	Emanuello	P/O 3rd Class	US Coast Guard



Charles	Booth	Sgt	USMC
Carl	Maddox	Sgt	USMC
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Michael	Stewart	Major	US Air Force (Retired)
James	Kurlinski		US Air Force



**Every Monday—Tuesday—Wednesday —Thursday—Friday  
3:00 to 6:00**

**HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

**Wine—\$2.25  
Well Drinks—\$2.25  
Domestic Draft Beer \$2.25  
Bottle Beer—\$2.25  
Miller Light, Bud, Bud Light, Coors Light**



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**Weekly Lounge Activities**  
**HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY SATURDAY & SUNDAY**  
Lodge opens **Monday - Friday 3:00pm**  
**Happy Hour Daily 3:00 to 6:00**  
**Bar to close at the discretion of the bartender**

**Every Monday**  
1/4 lb. Frank/fries-\$7  
w/chili or sauerkraut-\$9  
Hamburgers-\$8 w/cheese -\$9  
Salad with Grilled Chicken -\$8

**Every Friday 5:00-6:45**  
Fish Fry Dinner-\$9, Shrimp Dinner,-\$11, Clam Dinner,-\$10  
Seafood Platter-\$12  
Grouper Grilled or Blackened-\$14  
Salad with Grilled Chicken-\$9, Salad with Shrimp -\$11  
Specials-\$10

## FEBRUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Lodge Open 3:00 pm	2 Lodge Open 3:00 -6:00pm
					Chicken Piccata	
					Lynn's Spins	
3 Lodge Open 3:00 pm	4 Lodge Open 3:00 pm  Sloppy Joes	5 Lodge Open 3:00 pm	6 Lodge Open 3:00 pm	7 Lodge Open 3:00 pm Bar Poker 4pm	8 Lodge Open 3:00 pm	9 Lodge Open 3:00 pm
				Pasta, Lasagna or Burgers 5pm	Roast Pork	
				Rob Hamm	Tony Squirrel	
10 Lodge Open 11:00 pm	11 Lodge Open 3:00 pm	12 Lodge Open 3:00 pm	13 Lodge Open 3:00 pm	14 Lodge Open 3:00 pm Bar Poker 4pm	15 Lodge Open 3:00 pm	16 Lodge Open 3:00 pm
Brunch-11-1:00	Italian Subs	Board Meeting 6:30pm		Pasta, Lasagna, or Burgers 5pm	Meatloaf	
	Karaoke 6-9 Dave Martin	Meeting 7:30 pm		Dave Martin	Holly Rae	
17 Lodge Open 2:00 pm	18 Lodge Open 3:00 pm	19 Lodge Open 3:00 pm	20 Lodge Open 3:00 pm	21 Lodge Open 3:00 pm Bar Poker 4pm	22 Lodge Open 3:00 pm	23 Lodge Open 3:00 pm
Margarita Party 2-5 \$10 in advance \$12 at the door	Philly Steak -\$10			Pasta, Lasagna or Burgers 5pm	Stuffed Peppers	Ladies Luncheon & Fashion Show 2pm
	Karaoke 6-9 Dave Martin			Melanie	Bobby Remp	
24 Lodge Open Noon	25 Lodge Open 3:00 pm	26 Lodge Open 3:00 pm	27 Lodge Open 3:00 pm	28 Lodge Open 3:00 pm Bar Poker 4pm		
Carpenter's Once More 2-4 \$15	Pork Tenderloin Sandwich			Pasta, Tortellini or Burgers 5pm		
	Karaoke 6-9 Dave Martin			Bobby Remp		



**FOR SALE**

IN THE LODGE

**ELKS HATS FOR SALE: \$10.00**  
WHITE, PURPLE, BLUE

**ELKS SHIRTS FOR SALE: \$20.00**

Blue V-neck, short sleeve—size medium

Red V-neck, short sleeve—size large

Black with heart, short sleeve—size medium

Burgundy collared

1—size

Medium

2—size

Large

5—size

XL Large

Brown,  $\frac{3}{4}$   
sleeve, V-neck—  
size large

Black, round neck, sleeveless—size large

White, round neck, sleeveless—size large

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## Friday Night



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Music

6:00 to 9:00

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**Have you asked someone to join  
the Elks Lately?**

