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HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

Here we are in February already. Time flies when we are having fun. It is good to see so many of you in the lodge. We are also happy to see so many new faces show interest in becoming members of #2449. This means we are doing something right after a few years of declining numbers.

It is sad to report the death of our 4th Trustee, Frank Coseglia. Frank was one of the most positive influences in the lodge. He was the party manager and did a masterful job at it. Thank you Frank, you are sorely missed.

February is the month we nominate and elect officers for the upcoming year. At the February 11th meeting we will nominate for all offices. It is also the time that you can nominate a candidate from the floor. In February we will reopen nominations and then vote new officers into office for the 2020-2021 year,

Don't forget the Tribute to Neil Diamond concert on February 16th. Tickets are available from Sandy Mooney. She is at the lounge most days after 3:30pm.

I have taken it upon myself, after consulting with the board, to appoint Tom Gafner to the vacant Trustee chair.

Thanks for volunteering everyone, see you around the lodge.

JIM DECKER, ER



FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

I try always to remember to say thank you to all of our volunteers, when I do my infomercials, in the evenings. I remind everyone that there are so many Volunteers that are always working behind the scene, that you never see. One of those great Volunteers was little Frank. He did so much for all of us and just kept on doing anything he could to help. Also, on top of that, if you were lucky enough to call him a Friend, you were just plain LUCKY. He always had your back and was quick to laugh with you and at himself. He will be missed by so many of us. In case he never heard me say it, **THANK YOU, FRANK.**

This month has a lot going on. Our **Brunch is on February 9th** from 11:00-1:00. It is all you can eat for \$13.00. Please sign up so we know how much food to purchase.

Come on down on **Monday night for Karaoke** and dinner. We have some great singers. Even the ER, Jim, has started to sing. Wednesday, we have spaghetti and meatballs with music. We are previewing a new group on the 1st Wednesday, February 5 and the last Wednesday, February 26. Please feel free to suggest songs to any of the musicians, that you may want to hear or dance to. It is hard for me to tell them after they have gone.

Thursday, we are all enjoying Bar Poker. It is a lot of fun and you really do not have to know anything about Poker to play the game. It plays it's self.

Fish Fries, on Friday, are going strong. We are in the big room now. We have all our regulars and then Sully's special. Remember, your Lodge is OPEN seven days a week. We know football is just about done, but there are other sports out there and we have 3 TVs.

On **Sunday, February 16th**, we are hosting a Tribute to Neil Diamond. Tickets are \$15.00 each and they include a light buffet before the show. Buffet is at 1, the concert is from 2:00-4:00. Please call ahead for tickets. I hope you are enjoying all the events we are planning. If you have any questions or comments, please let me know. We are always looking for Volunteers to help.

Fraternally yours,

Sandra S. Mooney
PER Lodge Activities Chairman



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 \$78.75, 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."

Thank you for all those who paid their dues for 2019-2020. Let's see if we can be 100% in 2020-2021.

Judy Vergason

Lodge Secretary

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

02/01	Karen	Sikoski	02/09	Dennis	Wood	02/19	Shirley	Clarkson
02/02	Darwin	Lowe	02/11	Cliff	Schmidt	02/20	Manny	Gutierrez
02/02	Robert	Mosby	02/14	Linda	Mathews	02/23	Ronald	Alf
02/03	James	Hill	02/16	David	Slavinsky	02/23	Debra	Askins
02/03	Brian	Shirk	02/17	George	Askins	02/24	John	Johnston
02/05	Charlie	Brunner	02/18	Carlis	Knight	02/26	Barbara	Amicone
						02/26	Dawn	Turgeon

Americanism

Presidents Day / Keeping Patriotism Alive

Washington's Birthday honors George Washington, the first President of the United States. It is widely known as "Presidents Day" by organizations other than the federal government in honor of other American presidents such as Abraham Lincoln (who was born February 12). While many states have renamed their state holiday "Presidents Day," the legal name of the federal holiday remains "Washington's Birthday."

Congress first honored George Washington with a federal holiday on February 22, 1879 (Washington's actual birthday). On January 1, 1971, Congress shifted the federal holiday to the third Monday in February.

The holiday honors the accomplishments of Washington, who created the first military badge of merit for the common soldier. The Purple Heart Medal (revived on Washington's 200th birthday in 1932 and bears his image) is awarded to soldiers who are injured in battle.

By the mid-1980s, the term "Presidents Day" began to appear in public, widely due to the advertising and marketing industries. Both "Presidents Day" and "Presidents' Day" are correct usages of the term.

Diana Rudeen

2017-2018 VFW Auxiliary National Americanism Ambassador/Patriotic Instructor

Submitted by

Craig Conklin, PER

Americanism Chairman

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.

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February... wow! And our weather the past few weeks felt like December up north. Normal Florida weather is finally back upon us though. Enjoy one of the best times of the year here in paradise. Drive with your tops off (car tops of course...:-)

If you are a veteran, or know some folks who are, look at (and share) all of the available support and benefits you can find on the internet. Some of the sites below are government run and a few are with private or public organizations. Check them out:

<https://www.va.gov><https://www.veterans.gov>

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage>

<https://www.usa.gov/military-and-veterans>

<https://www.archives.gov/veterans>

<https://www.myhealth.va.gov>

And for our Canadian friends: <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng>

There are many, many more sites available which provide help and services to veterans. Just do a web search; you may find one that can do something for you. Like our very own special site for vets: <https://www.elks.org/vets/>

Jim Hoey

Veterans Chairman



PALMETTO ELKS #2449
Friday Night Specials for
FEBRUARY 2020



FEBRUARY 7.

Chicken Cacciatore, Pasta, Garlic Bread
& Small Salad.

February 14 .

Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, & Vegetable.

FEBRUARY 21.

Cabbage Rolls, Mashed Potatoes,
& Vegetable.

FEBRUARY 28.

Chicken / Sausage, Beans & Rice
& Vegetable.

PALMETTO ELKS #2449 SUNDAY BRUNCH
FEBRUARY 9th, 2020
ALL YOU CAN EAT - \$13.00—11 am-1 pm



*Scrambled Eggs,
Bacon, Sausage Links
Baby Bakers, sour cream, bacon bits,
shredded cheddar, green onions
Crème Brulee' French Toast,
Fried Chicken,
BBQ Pork baby back ribs,
Biscuits, sausage gravy,
Pasta with fresh vegetables & marinara
Carved Prime Rib/horseradish
Shrimp Cocktail with cocktail sauce
Fresh Fruit
Bread Pudding, Apple Cobbler*

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Weekly Lodge Activities

HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Lodge opens Monday-Saturday at 3:00 pm

Lodge opens Sunday at 1:00 pm

Lodge Secretary—Treasurer Hours

Monday 8:00 to 12:00

Also available by appointment

MONDAYS: 5:00-6:45

Hamburger/FF & pickles-\$8.00
Cheeseburger/FF & pickles-\$9.00
Tossed Salad with Grilled
Chicken Breast-\$9.00

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
1/2 backed chicken, potato & veggies- \$12
8 oz. Rib Eye Steak, potato & veggies- \$15
Specials-\$10

February 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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2	3 Meatball Subs Karaoke-6-9pm Marie Martin	4	5 Spaghetti & Meatballs-\$8 Wired 4 Sound	6 Bar Poker- Begins at the discretion of the bartender	7 Chicken Cacciatore/sides Tony Squirrel	8
9 Brunch- 11-1pm	10 Pork Fritters Karaoke-6-9pm Marie Martin	11 BOD Meeting-6:30 Meeting/Initiation —7:30 pm	12 Spaghetti & Meatballs-\$8 Tony Squirrel	13 Bar Poker- Begins at the discretion of the bartender	14 Meatloaf/sides Holly Rae	15
16 Neil Diamond Tribute/Buffer- 1-4 pm-\$15	17 Philly Steak Karaoke-6-9pm Marie Martin	18	19 Spaghetti & Meatballs-\$8 Musical Memories	19 Bar Poker- Begins at the discretion of the bartender	21 Cabbage rolls/ sides Fingers on Fire	22
23	24 Shrimp Basket Karaoke-6-9pm Marie Martin	25	26 Spaghetti & Meatballs-\$8 Wired 4 Sound	27 Bar Poker- Begins at the discretion of the bartender	28 Chicken ,sausage, beans/rice Bobby Remp	29

2019—2020 Officers



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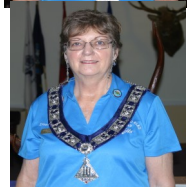
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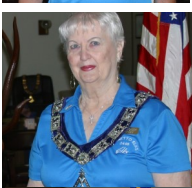
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Scott	McComas		US Army
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Mike	Meronek	SP5	US Army
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Chet	Syjud	Spec 5	US Army Reserves
Carl	Webber		Army Air Corp
Elmer	Wurst	E5	US Army



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Carl	Maddox	Sgt		USMC	
Gary	Mink	Sgt		USMC	
Armand	Barrieault			US Army/USMC	
James	Scheidler			USMC	

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Paula	Billings	E3	US Coast Guard
Jim	Decker	B.M. 3	US Coast Guard
Thomas	Emanuello	P/O 3rd Class	US Coast Guard
Richard	Marston		US Coast Guard



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