

Palmetto Pride

**Benevolent and Protective Order of
ELKS**

FEBRUARY 2022



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I want to thank Craig for the wonderful paint job, in the Hall. If you have not seen it, take a walk in and have a look. It looks so clean and fresh. This is an example of someone who has an idea and takes it a step to get the job done.

At this time of the year, we are required to have two meetings a month, for February, March, and April. At our first meeting in February, on the 8th, we have the meeting run by the Past Exalted Rulers. We will also be having our nominations of Officers, for the year 2022-2023. I encourage any Members new or old who are interested in going through the chairs to put their names out there.

Our second meeting will be two weeks later. We will open nominations again. We will then proceed with the election of Officers.

This is a very exciting time for our Lodge. Our new year begins April 1st. I believe we will have an exciting new year.

Fraternally yours,

Sandra S. Mooney ER

ACTIVITIES



Wishing you all a Happy Valentine's Day. We are planning a dance on Sunday, February 13th, from 2:00-5:00. We are having a fabulous band. They are called the Senile Delinquents. Some of you have already heard them and loved them. The cost is \$5.00 and we ask that you bring a snack to share.

Monday Karaoke is going great. So is our Queen of Hearts. As of the writing of this article, the Queen still lives.

Wednesday, is our Spaghetti and Meatballs dinner. We have music also.

Thursday, is our Bar Poker afternoon. We have a great time, with lots of laughs.

Friday, is our Fish Fry. We also have some really great music. Lorraine has done a great job coordinating our music this year. Thanks for your help.

Fraternally yours,
Sandra S. Mooney
Activities Chairman

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The 2021-2022 Elk yearend is coming up. Elk renewal notices will be going out shortly. Be sure I have your correct email address and home mailing address.

Once your dues renewal payment is received at the office, we will issue your new 2022-2023 card.

I hope you will all join me in supporting the “Be a Star” fund raiser to support the Elks Children’s Therapy Service as they continue to help the families with children who have Autism. This is such a good project.

Fraternaly yours,

Sharon Benedict, secretary
sbebe160@gmail.com

**GIVE US YOUR TIRED YOUR
TORN. WE WILL
SEE THAT THEY
ARE DISPOSED
OF PROPERLY**



PALMETTO ELKS LODGE 2449

VALENTINE'S DANCE

FEBRUARY 13TH

FEATURING THE
SENILE DELINQUENTS



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

BRING AN HORS D'OEUVRE TO SHARE
TICKETS GO ON SALE JANUARY 10TH
AT THE LODGE

AMERICANISM

The Goals of Americanism

The ambition and goal of the Americanism Committee is to quicken the spirit of American patriotism and to stimulate an awareness — a genuine feeling of pride and respect toward patriotism — so that we as Members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will become constant reminders to the people of our Nation that America truly means freedom and that care and share. The Committees on Americanism — Grand Lodge, State and Local — are charged with implementing the patriotic activities of the Order and its Subordinate Lodges. Each Lodge should take part in as many of these programs as possible in order to accomplish a diversified impact for Americanism in their area.

These words are from the Americanism Committee Manual.

This manual outlines all the activities that we as Elks can do to support and promote Americanism. Here is a link that can take you directly to that manual. I encourage you to read this manual. You will not only see many of the programs we can follow, you will also find a great deal of history on our flag.

The link is as follows. Just copy and paste into your browser to see it.

https://www.elks.org/SharedElksOrg/lodges/files/2851_americanismmanual.pdf

Americanism Chair
Craig Conklin, PER

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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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

As I write this article it feels like we are back up in Pennsylvania... it's cold here in Florida today! But February brings us hints of Spring. And don't forget your Valentine on Feb 14. It originated as a Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine. Through later folk traditions it has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.

The week of Feb 13th is "National Salute to Veteran Patients" week. As you know, we support those patients at Bay Pines all year long. But let's make it a special event this time of year. Please be extra generous with your donated items for them this month. Remember: only new clothing, underwear, socks, etc. And of course the needed toiletries.

The Coast Guard Reserves birthday is Feb 19th. Be sure to thank all of our Coast Guard Elks for their service (even if they are not in the reserves :-).

As a heads-up for next month, there are two events I'd like to mention: First: the annual Elks "Army of Hope" event will be on March 6th at the Bradenton Elks Lodge. There are flyers displayed on our bulletin board with more information. We have tickets available for purchase too. Just ask a bartender.

Second: for those Elks who are veterans of the Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and US Merchant Marines we will be hosting a luncheon at our lodge for the "Naval Order of the United States" on March 3rd. The NOUS is an association dedicated to preserving the history of the US Maritime Services. Please join us for lunch and a short meeting of the association. Social gathering starts at 11:30, with lunch & meeting following. Price of lunch to be announced.

Finally, during these last few cool days of winter: be safe, stay warm, and Happy Valentine's Day.

Jim Hoey
Veteran's Chair





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

LODGE OPENS AT 2 DAILY

MONDAY

Hamburger/fries	\$9.00
Cheeseburger/fries	\$10.00
Hot Dog	\$6.00
Onion,Kraut,Chilli, fries .50 ea	
First & Third Monday- Philly Cheesesteak with fries	\$12.00

WEDNESDAY

Full order spaghetti / 2 large meatballs	\$10.00
Half order spaghetti/ 1 large meatball	\$ 7.00
Large Meatballs	\$4.00 ea

FRIDAY

3 Fish Fillets, hush puppies, slaw & fries - \$12.00
Seafood Platter-Fried fish, shrimp, fried clams, slaw, fries, hush puppies-\$15.00
Clam dinner-fries, slaw, hush puppies-\$14.00
Grouper, blacken or grilled, fries, veggy, hush puppies, salad-\$20.00
Half baked chicken, potato, veggy, salad- \$14.00
Shrimp dinner-Fried, blacken, grilled, Fries, slaw, hush puppies-\$14.00
Order of fries-\$5.00

February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Spaghetti & Meatballs Tony Last	3 Bar Poker Starts at the discretion of the bar tender	4 Fish Fry Jeff Leonard	5
6 Football 1 pm	7 Philly Cheese steak Karaoke Queen of Hearts	8 Meetings. Trustee-4:30pm BOD: 5:00pm Business: 6pm	9 Spaghetti & Meatballs Melanie Masell	10 Bar Poker Starts at the discretion of the bar tender	11 Fish Fry Al Kitchen	12
13 Valentines Dance/\$5 Senile Delinquents	14 Burgers & hot dogs Karaoke Queen of Hearts	15	16 Spaghetti & Meatballs Al Kitchen	17 Bar Poker Starts at the discretion of the bar tender	18 Fish Fry Tony Last	19
20	21 Philly Cheese steak Karaoke Queen of Hearts	22	23 Spaghetti & Meatballs Jeff Leonard	24 Bar Poker Starts at the discretion of the bar tender	25 Fish Fry Ken Almeida	26
27	28 Burgers & hot dogs Karaoke Queen of Hearts					



QUEEN OF HEARTS TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

8 FOR \$5.00

**DRAWING EVERY MONDAY
AT 7:30 PM**

2021—2022 Officers



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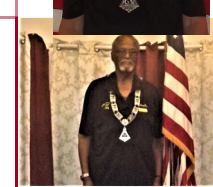
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JOE COOPER-LODGE ADVISOR

Be a Star

The Florida Elks will be holding their second annual **UNMASKING AUTISM GALA** April 23, 2022 “An Evening Under the Stars” event at the Carillon Hilton in St. Petersburg, Fl. Contact Dan Masi for more info on how to attend this event at 352-805-0823.

We will support this event by selling stars to be hung on the tree of AWARENESS at the event. We will be hanging the stars on the board at the lodge. The stars are \$5 each. Those wishing to donate more can make a check payable to FLORIDA ELKS CHARITIES. I will then send the checks in along with the stars.

You may request a name to be put on the Star, or put Lodge 2449.

Florida Elks Children's Elks Children's Therapy Services has 30 therapists treat over 560 children **per week at no charge to the patient's families.**

I hope we fill our board full with stars. My thanks to those who have already come forward.

I always say, the most important accomplishment you can make in life, is to make the difference in the life of a child who needs our help. I hope you can help.

Sharon Benedict
Lodge Secretary
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Public Invited

Some Gave All, All Gave Some



The Mighty SW District Lodges:

**Bradenton, Lakewood Ranch Sarasota, Manasota, Palmetto
Sarasota South, South Hillsborough, Venice Nokomis**

**Hosted By Bradenton Lodge #1511
Sunday March 6, 2022 12 till 4**

\$10.00 in advance 12.00 at the Door

Children under 5 Free; Children 6-12 \$6.00

Tickets Available
At Your Lodge
Beginning Jan. 17th

AMERICA HOME OF THE FREE AND LAND OF THE BRAVE

IT IS TIME FOR US TO GIVE BACK

**We can give Back by helping deployed Veterans and
Their Families while having fun at the same time**

Menu

**Sausage & Peppers
Hamburgers
Bow Tie Pasta
Corn on the Cob**

**Potato Salad
Cole Slaw
Bake Beans
Dessert**



Draft Beer \$2.00

**Cash Bar Available
Inside & Outside Tiki Bar**

Special Guest Speakers

POW Table Tribute

Presentation of Military Flags

50/50

Basket Raffles



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**Contact
The Lodge
Veterans Committee Chairman
For More Information**



As Long As There Is A Veteran The Elks will Never Forget Them



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



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

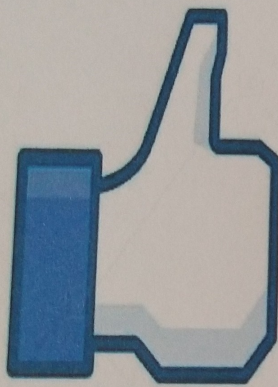
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Joseph	Best	Boatswain Mate	US Navy
Frank	Campbell	YN2	US Navy
Craig	Conklin	MM1(SS)	US Navy
Russell	Doerr Jr	SK2	US Navy
Robert	Hintze Sr	IC2	US Navy
Jim	Hoey	ETR2 (SS)	US Navy
Anthony	Horman	FTGSN	US Navy
Wardie (Giles)	Hunnings Jr.	RM1	US Navy
John	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	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



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
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Frank	Roy		US Air Force
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