



Palmetto Pride

**Benevolent and Protective Order of
ELKS**



In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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March 2011

No. 3



Exalted Ruler's Message

CHANGES! Change is something that starts from the day we are born and continues to the day we die.

As all of you are aware, we have had a lot of changes at our Lodge in a very short time. "Changes" bring about different opportunities and it is up to those of us who were voted into the officer positions "to be in charge" and take on the responsibilities of those positions. It is our responsibility to move the Lodge "forward" for the benefit of all the members.

Do we still have unresolved problems? Yes. Will our officers make wrong decisions? Yes. Will we always agree with them? No. Still, we are lucky to have officers of the highest caliber putting their hearts into making things work. Trash talk becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy, as people get discouraged by the negativity of some. So next time you feel the urge to make a negative comment about the lodge or its leadership, take a moment to consider what you are truly upset about. Be part of the solution, not the problem. Remember the motto of the Elks "The faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tables of love and memory"

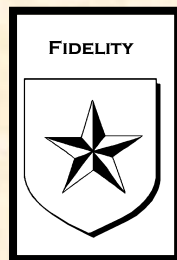
With all this said, ALL the officers wish to express their thanks to those who have continued supporting this lodge. We appreciate the many years of service and dedication that our members and volunteers have given to this lodge.

You are the ones that have kept the lodge going. Let's all resolve, this year, to have fun and "to do unto others as we would they should do unto us."

This is an open invitation to all members to attend the meetings. By attending you have the opportunity to be a part of the "running" of your lodge. Speak your mind, give suggestions, and see where we are struggling and where we are succeeding. Check the calendar each month for the dates and times of these meetings. Look over the bulletin each month to see what else is going on.

I want to also say "Thank You" to Bob McDonald and Steve Deer for their donation of a new POW/MIA flag for the lodge. Take a moment to stop and admire it. Remember our pledge to our Veterans. "We will never forget them."

Yours Fraternally;
Glenn Davis – Exalted Ruler



From the desk of the Secretary

Dues notices were sent out on the 7th of Feb. If you have not received your notice by the end of Feb. please notify the office. We would like to ensure that everyone has received their notice. You can contact me at the lodge 941-722-6937, at my home 941-722-1329, on my cell at 941-524-8222, or my email javjav42@yahoo.com or palmetto-elks2449@yahoo.com. Remember your dues help our major projects - The Florida Youth Camp and The Children's Therapy Services. They also go to help our Veterans. Each and every one of you is very important to the 2449 team. I know 2011-2012 will be a fantastic year for renewals, demits, reinstatements and new members.

I would also like to address widow cards. Request for widow cards should be made in writing and also signed by the widow and Elk who is sponsoring her. We need to have it in writing so our records can be kept up to date. The address of the lodge is PO Box 272, Palmetto, FL 34220-0272.

For those that are associate members I will need a copy of your 2011-2012 cards and \$10.00 and the address you want your Associate card sent to.

Last year seemed to be a banner year for lost cards so we have instituted the policy. If you lose your card there will be a \$5.00 charge for a new one. If your card has become destroyed in some way you must return a portion of the card and \$5.00 for a new card.

Just a little reminder if you have changed your home address, email address, or phone number, please inform the lodge so we can change our records. It is important not only for our lodge, but I need to send your address to the State as well as Grand Lodge. It takes a lot of time and money to track down these members.

Looking forward to a great year.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Judy Vergason

Officers for 2010—2011

Exalted Ruler	Glenn Davis, PER	737-3776
Leading Knight	Wes Townsend, PER	737-3776
Loyal Knight	John H. Daniel	776-3835
Lecturing Knight	Steven Baker	962-6853
Secretary	Judy Vergason	722-1329
Treasurer	Judy Alf	721-7069
Tiler	Open	
Esquire	James Mooney	729-3145
Chaplain	Katherine Chadwell	729-4913
Inner Guard	Alice Davis	737-3776
Organist	David Radliff	813-641-2064
Alternate	Sandra Mooney, PER	729-3145

Trustees

Five-year	Frank Conseglia, PER	531-3911
Four-year	Sandra Mooney, PER	729-3145
Three-year	Ronald Alf	721-7069
Two-year	Len Mead, PER	
One-year	Craig Conklin, PER	776-5832

2010-2011 Committee Chairs

Accident Prevent	Jud Connelley	721-3943
Americanism	Katherine Chadwell	729-4913
Auditing & Accounting	Gary Bischoner	926-9509
Bulletin	David Schofield	224-9478
Community Activities	Craig Conklin, PER	776-5832
Drug Awareness	Katherine Chadwell	729-4913
Elks Nat'l Foundation	Wes Townsend, PER	722-2551
Flag Day	Glenn Davis, PER	737-3776
Government Relations	Leonard Meade, PER	807-0179
Harry Anna Trust	Sandra Mooney, PER	729-3145
Hoop/Soccer Shoot		
Indoctrination	Gregory Harrod	776-9997
Investigation	Glenn Davis, PER	737-3776
	John H. Daniel	776-3835
	Steve Baker	721-4015
Lapsation	Judy Vergason	722-1329
Lodge Activities	Sandy Mooney	729-3145
Mediator	Craig Conklin, PER	776-5832
Membership	Judy Vergason	722-1329
Memorial Sunday	Glenn Davis, PER	737-3776
Mothers Day	Sandy Mooney, PER	729-3145
Nat'l Veterans Service	John H. Daniel	776-3835
PER Association	Leonard Meade, PER	807-0109
Presiding Justice		
Property Maintenance	Jim Gard, PER	729-0971
	Jim Allard	729-4566
Public Relations	Glenn Davis, PER	737-3776
Relief	All Chair Officers	
Visitation Coordinator	James Mooney	729-3145
Webmaster	Jim Hoey	323-5184
Youth Activities		
Youth Camp	Jud Connelley	721-3943

Aluminum Cans/Pull Tab Collection Program

Bring in your aluminum cans/pull tabs. Please dispose of your cans behind the Lodge in the enclosed area beside the trash dumpster. If you know of other organizations that will donate their cans and pull tabs, let us know so we can include them as well.

Thank you for your effort.

From the Desk of the Secretary

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday
From 9 to 12
or by Appointment.
Phone : 941-722-6937 Fax: 941-722-6246

PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

CANDIDATE

PROPOSER

Rickey Eugene Rocco	Robert Nichols
Tim Ronald Chaney	Sandra Mooney
William J. Gilbert	Glen Dalton

Demit

Mike Meronek	From Pinellas Park Lodge #2217
Bill George	From Bradenton Lodge #1511

Proposed for Life Membership

Frank Luongo

Carol Sirianni, DDGER

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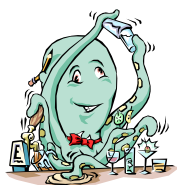
DD SCHEDULE 2011

Associate Membership

Remember that we now offer associate memberships in the Lodge. All you need is to be a member in good standing in any Lodge in the Country. Please see the Secretary to submit your \$10.00 and receive a key card and the bulletin.

Copy Deadline is noon on the **15th** of the month preceding publication (Information typed if possible or written legibly.) All material is subject to an editing process, which may include omission or revision, due to lack of space or late submission.

March 2011 Activity Calendar



Palmetto Elks Lodge #2449
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 Telephone (941) 722-6937



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Lounge Open Board of Directors Meeting 6:30	2 Lounge Open	3 Lounge Open Pot Luck 5:30 Line Dancing 7:00 to 8:30	4 Lounge Open Fish Fry Extra Meal Beef Tenderloin Music 6-9 PM Squirrel	5 Investigation Indoctrination 10:30
6 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 - 12:00 \$7.00	7 Lounge Open Food 5-7 PM Full Menu Karaoke C. J.	8 Lounge Open Town Hall Meeting 6:30 Lodge Meeting to follow	9 Lounge Open Italian Night Music 6-9 Bobby Remp Ash Wednesday	10 Lounge Open Line Dancing 7:00 to 8:30	11 Lounge Open Fish Fry Extra Meal Fish Cakes or Meat Loaf Music 6-9 PM Mus. Mem.	12
13 Boom-Ba Food 12:30 to 2:30 Music 2:00 to 4:00	14 Lounge Open Food 5-7 PM Full Menu Karaoke Dee	15 Lounge Open Board of Directors Meeting 6:30	16 Lounge Open Cocktail Party CO-OP Private Party	17 Lounge Open St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance Mus. Mem.	18 Lounge Open Fish Fry Extra Meal Stuff. Chix Breast Music 6-9 PM Dave Harris	19
20 Breakfast Buffet 9:00-12:00 \$7.00	21 Lounge Open Food 5-7 PM Full Menu w/ Philly Steak Karaoke Bob Dunn	22 Lounge Open LODGE MEETING Initiation 7:30	23 Lounge Open Italian Night Music 6-9 Bobby Remp	24 Lounge Open Line Dancing 7:00 to 8:30	25 Lounge Open Fish Fry Extra Meal Shrimp & Scallops Scampi Music 6-9 PM Tony Boeing	26
27 Officer's Installation And Awards 1:00 Bring a Hors d'oeuvres To share	28 Lounge Open Food 5-7 PM Full Menu Karaoke Lenny	29	30	31 Lounge Open Line Dancing 7:00 to 8:30		

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National
Foundation**

Today's Date - -

LODGE AFFILIATION

Lodge Name

State

Lodge Number

Lodge Membership Number

Please
Print:

Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms

Title (Check One)

Address

Street

Apt. No.

City

State

Zip Code

Email Address

Gift
Types:

☐ Enclosed is my donation of ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 (Peace) ☐ \$250 (Justice) Other \$ _____

☐ I would like to pledge: \$ _____ (total amount) I have enclosed my initial payment of \$ _____

Please send me reminders: ☐ Annually ☐ Semi-Annually ☐ Quarterly ☐ Monthly for installments of \$ _____

☐ I would like to make a tribute of: \$ _____ In Memory/Honor Of: _____

Notification Of Gift Should Be Sent To: Name _____

Address _____

☐ I would like to make a monthly donation to the ENF by:

☐ Charging my credit card the agreed monthly amount of \$ _____ (Enter card information below.)

☐ Drafting my bank account monthly. (Please enclose a voided check for accuracy.)

Bank Draft Start Date _____ Monthly Draft Amount \$ _____

Payment
Method:

☐ I have enclosed a check. Please Mail Checks Payable To:

Elks National Foundation 2750 N. Lakeview Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614-2256

☐ Please charge my credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover Account No. _____

Your Signature _____ Expiration Date _____

Florida State Elks Association Major Projects

Founder's Certificate Subscription

Harry -Anna Trust Fund



I, (we), subscribe to a Founder's Certificate in the Harry-Anna Trust Fund, Series _____ and submit the initial payment of \$ _____

☐ Automatically bill my credit card annually ☐ Sent a statement annually

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Lodge Name: _____

Lodge Number: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please indicate method of payment. (Make checks payable to **Harry-Anna Trust Fund**)

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☐ Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Series Options

Series L: \$50.00

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If you are unable to purchase a subscription, but would like to make a donation:

☐ \$20 ☐ \$40 ☐ \$60

Postal Regulations

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Breakfasts Buffets in March

March 6 & 20

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

All you can eat including scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, biscuit and gravy, eggs Benedict, omelets, pancakes, waffles, grits, toast and English muffins, juice and coffee.

\$7.00

Officer's Installation & Awards

Program at 1:00 on Sunday, March 27

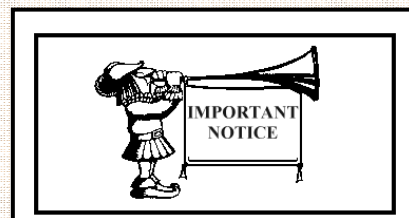
Hors d'oeuvres served after

Come out to support your new Lodge officers.

Bring an hors d'oeuvres to share

March Birthdays

2 Glenn Hayes	20 Louis Celli
3 Margery Lou Pearson	Carol Lambert
David Radliff	21 Bruce Hawley
Cecil Roth	22 Giles Kiefer
4 Daryl Hover	23 Hugh Fleming
7 Dorothy Favorite	Joseph Remillard
Bill Pfister	Ivan Skaggs
9 John Dalielowicz	24 Raymond Carter
10 Herman Roth	Thomas Nowak
12 Howard Hinkle	25 Nancy Russell
13 Marjorie Baldwin	26 Ted Hoodlum
James Delesie	27 Herbert Cherry
14 Bill Fawcette	William Laudert
James Gard	Leslie Swadling
Leonard Meade	28 Deborah Corbin
Robert O'Neil	29 William Corlew
Civita Schilling	Joyce French
16 James Hoey	Frank Roy
Barbara Jones	30 Gary Brown
Raymond Niles	John Maniskas
Alan Skadan	Dan McCauley
Donald Weyer	31 Robert Bickert
18 Bert Blanchard	
Richard Nielson	
19 Marjorie Kerr	
Rudolph Racine	



A representative from the Pittsburg Pirates will be at our Lodge meeting on Tuesday March 22nd at 7:30pm
Make plans now to attending



Leading Knights Corner

The next time you get behind the wheel of your automobile, you can thank the Elks for:

- our modern day traffic laws
- traffic control devices
- roads designed to keep us safe.

From the first recorded traffic fatality in 1899 the annual toll continued to rise to 39,643 in 1937. Deeply concerned with the tragic aspects of automotive travel, the Order of Elks took the bold step of conducting a media blitz for thirteen continuous weeks. Safe driving messages were broadcast over a third of the nation's radio stations from November 1, 1937 through the holiday season. The campaign heightened public awareness, led to vastly improved laws and promoted safer road and automobile planning.

This wakeup call to the American public was immediately apparent as a 27 percent drop in fatalities over the preceding year was recorded. The Elks received praise from major newspapers and President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Having seen the need for change the Elks took decisive action. The next time you get behind the wheel and fasten your seat belt, remember that the Elks were thinking of your safety long before you were. Please drive safely. From Elks.org website/history, By Mike Kelly, Grand Lodge Historian

Leading Knight
Wes Townsend

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE BY-LAWS OF PALMETTO LODGE # 2449 AS FOLLOWS (Vote will take place on March 8):

The amendment to ARTICLE IX: HOME, CLUB OR OTHER FACILITY

Section 1. (now reads)

The operation, management and control of the Home, Club or other facility owned and/or occupied by this Lodge shall be supervised and conducted by the Board of Directors of the Home (Club, etc) Corporation, incorporated under Section 16.030, of the Laws of the Order, consisting of seven members.

Section 1. (to be amended)

The operation, management and control of the Home, Club or other facility owned and/or occupied by this Lodge, incorporated under the provisions of Section 16.020, of the Laws of the Order, shall be managed, supervised and controlled by The Exalted Ruler, Esteemed Leading Knight, Esteemed Loyal Knight, Esteemed Lecturing Knight, and the five Trustees of the Lodge.

BOOM-BA SCHEDULE

March 13, 2011

April 10, 2011--- Last of Season

Attention PERs

If you are a member of Palmetto, 2449, and are a PER from this lodge or any other lodge and have not joined our PERs we would like to tap into your experiences by having you join us.

Palmetto's PERs sit in on the trustee's meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 and will have a short PER meeting following the trustee's.

Please join us or call Len Meade, PER, (941) 807-0179 for more information.

Highlights for March

- March 3 - Pot Luck @ 5:30
- March 6 - Breakfast Buffet from 9:00 to 12:00
- March 9 - Italian Night
- March 13 - Boom-Ba
- March 17 - St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance
- March 20 - Breakfast Buffet from 9:00 to 12:00
- March 23 - Italian Night
- March 27 - Installation of Officers

Line dancing classes on Thursday nights

Coming in April

- April 3 - Breakfast Buffet from 9:00 to 12:00
- April 10 - Boom-Ba
- April 13 - Italian Night
- April 17 - Breakfast Buffet from 9:00 to 12:00
- April 27 - Italian Night
- April 30 - District Fundraiser with food, music & games

Line dancing classes on Thursday nights

St. Pat's Dinner Dance

Thursday, March 17

Music by Musical Memories
from 5:00 to 9:00

Choice of: Corned beef, cabbage & all the trimmings or Shepherd's Pie
Served from 4:00 to 7:00

Cost: \$10

For tickets call: (941) 447-9424

Hall Rentals

Your hall is for rent to both members and non-members for weddings, parties and anniversaries, or other special events. We also 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. She/he will call me with the information and I will call you as soon as possible as to when we can meet and discuss the rental at length.

Barbara Blackwell, Rental Agent

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) _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

PALMETTO #2449 BULLETIN BOOSTERS

2010-2011

Due to increased costs for the 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.

Cal and Jean Hendrick

Ronald Heaney

Jean Strike

Wally & Pat Heim

Martha Lewis

Carlo Knight

Anita Tessler

Wanted and Desperately Needed!

Deodorant • Paperback Books • Playing Cards • Hobby Kits • Table Games • Writing Supplies • Stamps •

Disposable Razors • Comfort Items • Toothpaste •

Denture Supplies • Combs • New Socks (13)

• New Men's Briefs (S,M,L) •

New Tee Shirts (L & XL) •

Clothes Washing Soap, Powder Only.

No Mouthwash or Aftershave

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. Magazines must be less than three months old.

Thank you, Sandy Mooney, Lodge Activities

Dear Members All,

What a great opportunity we have to show our dedication and desire to support our military personnel during this most difficult time in our lives.

The proud and courageous members of our military are making sacrifices every day for us. It's our turn to show them that we will care for them and their families.

On March 6, 2011 the Elks of the Southwest District will hold a picnic to raise funds for the families of deceased military personnel, the families of deployed members who may need some financial help and for those returning to us injured from the war conflicts of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Our Florida military personnel need our help now...let's show them what the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is all about and what we stand for and believe in.

I am asking each of you to participate in raising funds through your Lodge events. But right now, would you please consider making a donation to this most important event?

All donation checks should be written to Florida State Elks Charities and sent to our lodge secretary.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Fraternally,

Your name here

Lodge Veterans Chairman

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

LODGE _____

DONATION \$ _____

Gary Beschoner

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Loan Officer*
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Pot Luck is Back

March 3
April 7

Don't forget to mark your calendar on the first
Thursday of each month
5:30 PM

Good Food - Good Friends
Good Music

Manufacturer Coupons

Cut and save all manufacturer coupons and bring to the Lodge. They are sent to our Veterans overseas.

Thanks:
J.D. - Veterans Lodge Chairman



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Italian Night

March 9 & 23

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Music from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

All you can eat spaghetti and meatballs. Also serving Lasagna or Four Cheese Pasta with Garlic Bread and Dessert.

Salad - \$2.00

\$6.00

Also serving **Palmetto's Combo Platters**

Three Combo - \$7.00

Stuffed Shells - \$7.00

Music
Bobby Remp

Fish Fry Friday

All you can eat Fried Pollock for \$6.00

Also serving Baked Pollock, Fried Clam Strips or Fried Shrimp-\$7.00

Combination of Fish, Clams and Shrimp \$8.00,

Half Baked Chicken-\$8.00, or an additional Dinner Entrée

\$7.00

Soup or Salad Bar - \$2.00

Every Friday

Check your calendar to see what extra entrée we are serving.