

# Palmetto Pride

**Benevolent and Protective Order of  
ELKS**



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

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## From the Exalted Ruler



I recently had the privilege to go to the Youth Camp, what an awesome place. We had our quarterly meeting there. What I saw would make all of us very proud to see how our donations have expanded the services for the children. The camp is growing and is adding new cottages, which are just something to see. As an Elk you have a

vested interest, if you haven't been there you should take a ride and visit the camp.

We have reached the goal for all of our charities. This is great; all who receive these benefits will remember us. We must continue our commitment for 2012-2013.

Soon the snow birds will be heading back up north. Along with the officer's, I want to thank all of you for supporting your lodge this past year. Without the volunteers we could not have accomplished all of our many activities. We have come a long way, and with your help and participation we succeeded in making your lodge what it is today.

We must continue to attend our P.E.T.S. meetings who plan and organize our activities. This group of men and women have put a lot of their time and effort into making your Lodge grow in all aspects, so please continue to support them in any way you can. There are several activities planned for this summer, please read the bulletin and the shorts. If you do not receive the shorts, we need your e-mail address.

This election year is soon to end; I will be running to be your Exalted Ruler for the upcoming year. I would not think about leaving when everyone has supported me in the past months. Dedication is what Elkdom is all about.

I hope you continue to have faith in me and your officer's in 2012-2013. Remember this is your Lodge, so if there are things that upset you, come to the meetings. They are not closed, and everyone will be heard.

Please continue to pay your dues in support of your lodge.

Have a safe trip back up north and hope to see you this fall.

Exalted Ruler,  
John "JD" Daniel



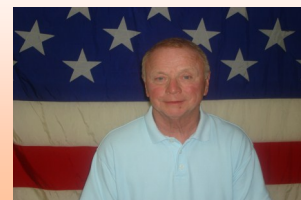
*March 18, 2012*

*Installation of Officers  
&  
Volunteer Appreciation  
Pizza Dinner*

**3:00**

*Elks Care - Elks Share*

Welcome our New Member  
Tom Townsend



**St Patty's Day  
Dinner Dance**

**March 17, 2012**

**5:00**

**Cocktails**

**6:00 to 7:00**

**Dinner**

**Corn Beef and Cabbage**

**7:00 to 10:00**

**Music by**

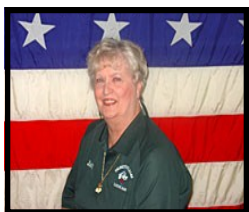
**Musical Memories**

**\$12.00 per person**

**Tickets available at the bar**



## From the desk of the Secretary



Dues notices were sent out on the in 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, my cell at 941-524-8222, or

my email [javjav42@yahoo.com](mailto:javjav42@yahoo.com) or [palmettoelks2449@yahoo.com](mailto:palmettoelks2449@yahoo.com)

Remember your dues helps 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 2012-2013 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 2012-2013 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 a new policy this year. 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, 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 Sate 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  
Lodge Secretary

### Attention Friday Night Bakers



If you are unable to bring your desert on Friday night please give me a call.

Thanks,  
Judy Alf,  
941-721-7069



Exalted Ruler	JD Daniel	776-3835
Leading Knight	Chet Syjud	721-4284
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Tiler	Dorathay Meade	807-6177
Esquire	Mike Wujcik	962-3682
Chaplain	Katharine Chadwell	729-4913
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Five Year	Wes Townsend, PER	722-2551
Four Year	Frank Coseglia, PER	531-3911
Three Year	Sully Sullivan	813-641-3592
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One Year	Len Meade, PER	807-0179
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Bulletin	Rose & Mike Wujcik	962-3682
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Mediator	Craig Conklin, PER	776-5832
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PER Association	Len Meade, PER	807-0179
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Volunteer		
Web Master	Chet Syjud	721-4284
Youth Activities	Katharine Chadwell	729-4913

# Palmetto Pride



## Lounge Hours

Sun: Closed

Mon: 3 Open menu / Karaoke

Tue: 3 Meetings

Wed: 3 Spaghetti 2nd & 4th Thu: 3 Socialize

Fri: 3 Fish Fry



Sat: 3 Socialize

Bar to close at the discretion of the bartender



# March 2012

Come on in and try our new games! *Bar Poker and Dice Game.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Bring this coupon to the bar to receive 500 points for every \$10.00 you add to your card</b>  				<b>1</b> Open 3:00 Pot Luck 5:30 Line Dancing 7:00	<b>2</b> Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Salmon / Shish-ka-bob Music 6-9 Tony Boeing	<b>3</b> Open 1:00 2:00 Bar Poker Dice Game
<b>4</b> 9:00—11:30 Breakfast	<b>5</b> Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Lenny Prus	<b>6</b> Open 3:00	<b>7</b> Closed	<b>8</b> Open 3:00 Line Dancing 7:00	<b>9</b> Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Meat Loaf Music 6-9 Musical Memories	<b>10</b> Closed Private Party
<b>11</b> 12:00—2:00 Food 2:00—4:00 Boom Ba Daylight Savings Time	<b>12</b> Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Karaoke Nola	<b>13</b> Open 3:00 6:30 P.E.T.S. 7:30 Lodge Meeting	<b>14</b> Open 3:00 5:00—7:00 Spaghetti Bobby Remp	<b>15</b> Open 3:00 Line Dancing 7:00	<b>16</b> Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Shrimp Scampi Music 6-9 Dee	<b>17</b> Open 1:00 2:00 Bar Poker Dice Game 5:00 St. Patty's Party
<b>18</b> 9:00—11:30 Breakfast 3:00 Installation of Officers Appreciation Dinner	<b>19</b> Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Philly Cheese Steak Karaoke Dee	<b>20</b> Open 3:00 PER Meeting 6:00 6:30 BOD	<b>21</b> Closed	<b>22</b> Open 3:00 Line Dancing 7:00	<b>23</b> Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Beef Brisket Music 6-9 Dave Harris	<b>24</b> Open 1:00 2:00 Bar Poker Dice Game
<b>25</b> Closed	<b>26</b> Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Bob Dunn	<b>27</b> Open 3:00 7:30 Lodge Meeting Initiation	<b>28</b> Open 3:00 5:00—7:00 Spaghetti Bobby Remp	<b>27</b> Open 3:00 Line Dancing	<b>30</b> Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Cabbage Rolls Music 6-9 Seabreeze	<b>31</b> Open 1:00 2:00 Bar Poker Dice Game



# Soldier risks life to rescue civilian caught in the crossfire

**'We've got to get her off that bridge'**

By Jeordan Legon CNN

(CNN) -- The elderly woman got stuck in a haze of smoke and bullets as she tried to cross a bridge south of Baghdad. Capt. Chris Carter did not hesitate. He ordered his Bradley armored vehicle onto the bridge while he and two men followed on foot. Taking cover from Iraqi bullets behind the bridge's iron beams, Carter tossed a smoke grenade for cover and dashed toward the crying woman. Then the 31-year-old company commander pointed his M-16 rifle and provided cover for his men to carry the wounded woman to the safety of an ambulance.

Details of the rescue impressed readers around the world who read the account written by an Associated Press reporter riding with Carter and his troops. But to his parents back in Watkinsville, Georgia, Carter's feat was not surprising.

"You can see they showed a lot of compassion," said his father, Michael Carter, 63. "That's Chris all the way."

The stocky soldier, who loves to hunt, fish and sing Hank Williams Jr. songs, told CNN a few weeks before he was sent into Iraq that he was ready for war. "If our country asks us to go, we are absolutely ready to go," Carter said, looking confident standing in front of a tank in the Kuwaiti desert. After rescuing the woman, Carter's unit -- the 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment of the 3rd Infantry Division -- took control of the bridge and the whole town, Hindiya, within a matter of hours. Searching the town's police station, they found three men who claimed they were taken prisoner for deserting the Iraqi army. Carter handed them some food rations after hearing they had not eaten in three days.

Before the day was over, Carter's troops also destroyed tons of ammunition and weapons found at the area's Baath Party headquarters.

In the days that followed, a constant stream of reports filed by The Associated Press turned Carter into a semi-battlefield celebrity -- a combination of deadly fighting machine, insightful commentator and quipster.

Take the comment he made to the AP after his troops seized Saddam Hussein's seat of power, the sprawling New Presidential Palace in central Baghdad: "I do believe this city is freakin' ours." And then on April 14, the unit uncovered what one soldier called "Saddam's love shack," the '60s-style home of the deposed dictator's longtime mistress.

"Yeah, baaabee," Carter joked with an AP reporter, doing his best imitation of film character Austin Powers.

His parents are collecting many of the news clippings for their son to see once he returns to Fort Stewart in Georgia.

Even though much has been reported about Carter, who joined the ROTC while attending the University of Georgia, his parents say there are still many acts of kindness the public does not know about. Case in point: the "adopt-a-soldier" program he asked them to organize at their church in December so that his troops -- all 160 of them -- could have a wrapped present in Kuwait in time for Christmas.

"Captain Chris Carter displayed unparalleled bravery on the battlefield to save an innocent Iraqi woman," said U.S. Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Georgia. "He loves his family, his country, not to mention fishing and Hank Williams Jr., too. Now that's my kind of all American hero."



Dorathey Meade, Americanism



Have you seen the new TV's that Charlie set up in the lodge? It's the perfect place to watch March Madness.

Come on in and check it out!!



New games daily at the bar!



Bar Poker  
\$1.00 Five Card Poker  
Highest Hand Wins



Dice Game  
\$1.00 for 2 rolls of the dice  
4 of a kind - win a free drink  
5 of a kind - win the jackpot  
Minimum jackpot \$100.00  
Maximum jackpot \$500.00  
See bartender for rules

## March Birthdays

02	Glenn	Hayes
03	Patricia	Houle
03	David	Radliff
03	Cecil	Roth
04	Daryl	Hover
07	Dorothy	Favorite
07	Bill	Pfister
09	John	Danielowicz
10	Elma	Atkinson
10	Herman	Roth
12	Howard	Hinkle
13	Lorraine	Baker
13	Marjorie	Baldwin
13	James	Delesie
14	James	Gard
14	Leonard	Meade
14	Robert	O'Neil
14	Civita	Schilling
16	Kay	Adcock
16	James	Hoey Jr
16	Barbara	Jones
16	Raymond	Niles
16	Alan	Skadan
16	Donald	Weyer
17	David	DeLong
18	Bert	Blanchard
19	Marjorie	Kerr
20	Carol	Lambert
21	Bruce	Hawley
22	Giles	Kiefer
23	Hugh	Fleming
23	N	Remillard
23	Ivan	Skaggs
24	Tom	Nowak
25	Nancy	Russell
27	Herbert	Cherry
27	Ewilliam	Laudert
27	Leslie	Swadling

## March Birthdays

28	Deborah	Corbin
28	Wayne	Forler
29	William	Corlew
29	Joyce	French
29	Frank	Roy
30	Gary	Brown
30	John	Maniskas
30	Dan	Mc Cauley
31	Robert	Bickert

Army of Hope Picnic March the 4th at Bradenton Lodge Noon to 4PM to benefit the families of our soldiers over seas! Come and support your troops and families.

Cost: 5 and under free

6 to 11 \$6.00

12 and over \$12.00

***"So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them"***

Veterans Chairman  
John Daniel  
776-3835

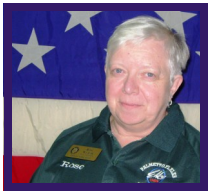
## Hall Rentals



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 776-5832

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## P.E.T.S.

The Valentine / Sock Hop, and Mardi Gras were a great success. Thank You to all that attended and volunteered your help.

It is sad to see our Northern friends going back. Hopefully you were able to attend at least one of our functions. We look forward to having you back next season when we have more activities planned for you.

Rose Wujcik, Chairman  
rmwujcik@yahoo.com  
941.962.5475

Men's Review Jan. 29, 2012 Harry Anna Fund Raiser



### **PALMETTO #2449 BULLETIN BOOSTERS 2012-2013**

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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### **Safety Award Appreciation Ceremony February 19, 2012**

In appreciation for all the hard work of our safety forces

*Elks Care - Elks Share*

**CREDIT CARD MACHINES  
Now Available in the Lodge**



**Smokies String Band**



# Sock Hop Fun



## 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.

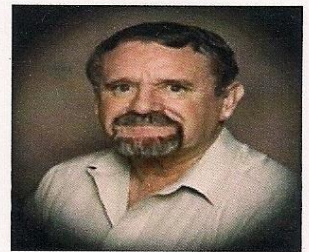
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## Monday Nights



**Lounge Opens 3:00**  
**Come out and join**  
**Chef Bill**  
**Food 5:00-7 Full Menu**  
**Karaoke 6 to 9**



**2nd and 4th**  
**Wednesday**  
**Spaghetti Night**  
**5:00 to 7:00**  
**Music by Bobby Remp**



**Rummage Sale**  
**April 21, 2012**  
**12:00 to 4:00**  
**\$20.00 per table**

More information will Be available soon



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