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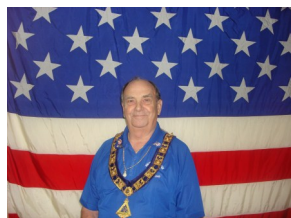
In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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March 2013

Volume 12

From the Exalted Ruler



I recently had the pleasure to visit our youth camp in Umatilla for our quarterly meeting. Our Grand Exalted Ruler, Thomas S. Brazier and his lovely wife Venita were in attendance.

At the meeting we learned that Our Therapy Program started in 1999 supported by the Harry-Anna Fund. Since inception, the Elks have hired 23 Therapists in the State of Florida, utilizing 24 vans, have traveled 5,968,595 miles, and treated over 6,575 children, averaging about 372 children a week. These are very dedicated employees rendering 164,630 hours of patient therapy. This is what your Harry Anna donations have accomplished. Please consider making your Harry Anna Fund donation this year. If everyone gave a little and we could achieve 100% participation in giving, the children would be the winners.

The Florida Elks Youth Camp is once again upgrading their facilities. A second pool is being built to accommodate the park's population expansion. If you have not visited the camp yet I urge you to consider taking a drive and see it firsthand. Your donations enable our fraternal organization to change the lives of so many children from all walks of life.

Our Town Hall meeting was outstanding. I was so glad to see many of you in attendance. The ideas that came out of that meeting were positive, insightful and encouraging hope for the future. Our next Town Hall meeting is going to be on March 5th at 6:30 PM so mark your calendar.

Our campaign for new members and reinstatements is going well. We still must reach out and ask one of our past members, our sons, our daughters, and our friends to join. Remember to join you must be asked. Let's be number one in our District and Florida. Let's GO -Go-Go!!!!

Members are saying that around the area happy hour, with the 2 for 1 drinks, are less expensive than our bar prices. Are they really getting a good deal? Ask how many ounces do they pour and compare it to ours. Plus you pay a tax on your drinks, where ours is figured in. No one gives things away at a loss. Just think about it. Where else can you get an inexpensive dinner for under \$8.00, drinks at a reasonable price, and enjoy an evening with fiends.

The Volunteer Appreciation luncheon went well. Lenny Pruss was awarded Officer of the Year, and Dorathey Meade was awarded Elk of the Year. These were very difficult decisions to make on my part. We have so many dedicated volunteers, and officers that do an outstanding job making it hard to pick just one. I would like to congratulate Lenny and Dorathey for their outstanding year.

In other news, a member from Manasoto Lodge, Jim Larson, jogged on New Year's Eve at the Umatilla camp. His run lasted 24 hrs., raising \$4,100.00 for the Harry-Anna foundation. This goes to show you how dedicated Elks can be.

Our Mighty Southwest leader Danny Tabor, put together a great 2012-2013 Hoop Shoot Free Throw contest, at the State level, held recently at the Florida Elks Youth Camp. Our entry, Kayla Bell, came in second place in the Girls 12-13 year age group. It was a great event for Elksdom.

I want to thank all you for your dedication, without all of you where would we be. Also, thank you for supporting me as your Exalted Ruler this year. I know things have occurred, both good and bad, but we all stuck together to make your Lodge what it is. This is why we say, Elks Care - Elks Share.

This will be my last bulletin editorial; I love you all from the bottom of my heart for supporting your Lodge, and me. Please continue to support your new incumbent Exalted Ruler Chet Syjud.

I want to take this opportunity to say goodbye to our northerners, and hope you all have a safe trip home and safe trip back next year.

Please pay your dues, your lodge, the children, the veterans, and all our charities need your help.

God Bless all of You!!!!

Fraternally Yours,
John JD Daniel
Exalted Ruler

From the desk of the Secretary



Dues notices were sent out in. If you have not received your notice by the end of February, 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

palmettoelks2449@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 2013-2014 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 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 card, \$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, 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

Lodge Secretary



The Grand Lodge assessment has increased by \$2.00. As a result our dues will be increased by \$2.00. These changes will be reflected on the next dues statement.

Life Member Dues \$35.00
Regular Member Dues \$77.75



Town Hall Meeting
March 5, 2013
In the lodge.
Starting at 6:30 PM
Please Plan on Attending

Exalted Ruler	JD Daniel, PER	776-3835
Leading Knight	Chet Syjud	721-4284
Loyal Knight	Rose Wujcik	962-5475
Lecturing Knight	Steve Baker	962-6853
Secretary	Judy Vergason	722-1329
Treasurer	Judy Alf	721-7069
Tiler	Carol Smilowski	729-6474
Esquire	Mike Wujcik	962-3682
Chaplain	Lorraine Baker	962-6853
Inner Guard	Bonnie Pruss	721-4699
Organist	David Radcliff	813-641-2064
Five Year	Lenny Pruss, PER	721-4699
Four Year	Wes Townsend, PER	722-2551
Three Year	Frank Coseglia, PER	531-3911
Two Year	Sully Sullivan	813-390-8614
One Year	Ron Alf	721-7069
Accident Prevention	Katharine Chadwell	729-4913
Americanism	Dorathay Meade	807-6177
Auditing Accounting		
Bulletin	Rose & Mike Wujcik	962-3682
Community Activities	Craig Conklin, PER	447-1836
Drug Awareness	Katharine Chadwell	729-4913
Elks Nat'l Foundation	Wes Townsend, PER	722-2551
Government Relations	Judy Vergason	722-1329
Harry Anna Trust	Ron Alf	721-7069
Hoop Shoot	Mike Wujcik	962-3682
Investigation	Lenny Pruss, PER	721-4699
Indoctrination		
Kitchen Management	Bill Herrington - Sully Sullivan	962-3273— 813-390-8614
Bar Management	Lenny Pruss, PER	721-4699
Lapsation	Dorathay Meade	807-6177
Lodge Activities	Craig Conklin, PER	447-1836
Mediator	Craig Conklin, PER	447-1836
Membership	Judy Vergason	722-1329
Memorial Sunday		
Nat'l Veterans	Pat Murphy	729-2876
PER Association	Craig Conklin, PER	447-1836
P.E.T.S. Activities	Rose Wujcik	962-5475
Presiding Justice	John Redding	813-258-4401
Property Maintenance	Jim Gard, PER Jim Allard	729-0971 729-4566
Public Relations	Rose Wujcik	962-5475
Volunteer	Dorathay Meade	807-6177
Web Master	Chet Syjud	721-4284
Youth Activities	Dorathay Meade	807-6177

Palmetto Pride



Weekly Lounge Activities

Sun: Boom-ba 2nd

Mon: Open menu / Karaoke

Tue: Meetings

Wed: Spaghetti 2nd & 4th

Thu: CW Dance Lessons

Fri: Fish Fry

Sat: Closed

Bar to close at the discretion of the bartender

Come on in and try our games! *Dice Game - Queen of Hearts*



March 2013

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				1	Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Salmon Fillet Music 6-9 Lenny Pruss	2	Closed						
3	Closed	4	Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7:00 Full Menu Karaoke Lenny Pruss	5	Open 3:00 Town Hall Meeting 6:30	6	Closed	7	Open 3:00 CW Dance Lessons 7:00 - 9:00	8	Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Cabbage Rolls Music 6-9 Lorraine	9	St. Patty's Day Party 7:00 - 10:00 \$5.00pp. Music Patsy & Magells Direct from Ireland
10	Boom-Ba Food 12 - 2 Party 2 - 4 Musical Memories	11	Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7:00 Full Menu Karaoke C.J.	12	Open 3:00 Lodge Meeting 7:30	13	Open 3:00 5:00—7:00 Spaghetti Bobby Remp	14	Open 3:00 CW Dance Lessons 7:00 - 9:00	15	Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Meat Loaf Music 6-9 Nickels & Dimes	16	Closed
17	Closed	18	Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7:00 Full Menu Philly Cheese Karaoke Lorraine	19	Open 3:00 PER Meeting 6:00 BOD 6:30	20	Closed	21	Open 3:00 Senior Prom \$12.00pp. 5:00 to 10:00 Music Lenny Pruss	22	Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Shrimp Scampi Music 6-9 Sea Breeze	23	Closed Private Party
24	Closed	25	Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7:00 Full Menu Karaoke Nola	26	Open 3:00 Officer Installation 7:00 Lodge Meeting 7:30	27	Open 3:00 5:00—7:00 Spaghetti Bobby Remp	28	Open 3:00 CW Dance Lessons 7:00 - 9:00	29	Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Roast Pork Music 6-9 Dee	30	Closed Private Party
31	Closed	<div><div>Palmetto Elks #2449 Senior Prom Fund Raiser Semi - Formal March 21, 2013</div><div>St. Patty's Day Party March 9, 2013 \$5:00pp. 7:00 to 10:00 Com and enjoy music from a real Irish Band</div></div>											

What is Americanism

Excerpted from an unsigned essay

“These are times that try men’s souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country. But he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.” Thomas Paine 1776. What forceful words, their eloquence matched only by their power! But what is Americanism?

It’s much more than patriotism alone, and it’s more sincere than attitudes of self-righteousness. Americanism is the guardian of our Constitution. It’s the driving force behind America’s desire to prosper as a free nation. We notice this intense love of our country most during eras of crisis. At such times, Americanism urges our countrymen to action, rallying them into a single, strongly united force. However, this special emotion isn’t something that’s whipped up in a moment’s notice. It’s something that thrives in the souls of true patriots every day. The foremost characteristics of Americanism are the willingness of so many of our citizens to make sacrifices, as individuals...for the good of our nation’s people, as a whole. Patriotism is another trait of Americanism. But true patriotism goes beyond the waving of our country’s flag and the singing of our National Anthem. These are important gestures to be sure, but true patriotism demands loyalty to the ideals that lie *behind* those gestures. It calls forth loyalty to the traditions, the institutions and the courage that made our country great. We are a great nation today, not only because of our vast natural resources, but also because of our great national character. Americanism is the willingness to make personal sacrifices for the good of all of our nation’s people. And, in the depths of our souls, it’s the feeling of devotion that overwhelms us as we place our hands over our breasts during our National Anthem. God Bless each of you. And God bless this wonderful nation of ours, America!

Dorathey Meade
Americanism Chairperson

PALMETTO ELKS
SENIOR PROM
CHARITY EVENT
MARCH 21, 2013

5:00 COCKTAILS
6:00 DINNER
7:00 MUSIC
\$12.00 PP.

ATTIRE IS SEMI FORMAL

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE BAR

Volunteers are always needed
If you can help
Contact Dorathey Meade
807-6177



Dice Game

\$1.00 for 1 roll of the dice
Full house - win a free well drink
4 of a kind - win a free well drink
5 of a kind - win the jackpot
Minimum jackpot \$100.00
Maximum jackpot \$500.00
See bartender for rules



Queen of Hearts Started December 1st
Drawing every Friday at 7:30
Rules Posted in Lounge

March Birthdays

02	Glenn	Hayes
03	Patricia	Houle
03	David	Radliff
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
14	James	Gard
14	Leonard	Meade
14	Robert	O'Neil
14	Civita	Schilling
16	James	Hoey Jr
16	Barbara	Jones
16	Raymond	Niles
16	Donald	Weyer
17	David	DeLong
19	Marjorie	Kerr
20	Carol	Lambert
21	Donald	Aull
21	Bruce	Hawley
22	Giles	Kiefer
23	Hugh	Fleming
23	N	Remillard
23	Ivan	Skaggs
25	Leo	Robertson
25	Nancy	Russell
26	Irving	Brnzing
27	Herbert	Cherry
27	Ewilliam	Laudert
28	Deborah	Corbin
28	Wayne	Forler
29	William	Corlew
29	Joyce	French
29	Frank	Roy
30	Gary	Brown
30	John	Maniskas
30	Janene	Thiele

Support ENF and Harry Anna charities



Volunteer Of The Month



Duane Booth



**Congratulations
Kayla Bell
For coming in 2nd Place
At the State Hoop Shoot Finals!**



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.

Judy Vergason, 722-1329
Craig Conklin, PER 447-1836
Frank Coseglia, PER 531-3911

P.E.T.S.



March is upon us and another year is coming to an end. We have had a lot of entertaining events over the past season, and it looks like next year promises to be the same.

But it's not over yet. This month we do have two great events to close out the year.

March 9th we will be having a pre-celebration for St. Patty's day. For only \$5.00 you can come out and enjoy some real Irish music with our band direct from Ireland. Tables are available to reserve. You can contact myself or Lorraine Baker, 962-6583. The festivities start at 7:00, so bring a dish to share at your table and let the party begin!

On Thursday, March 21st, we will be having our first annual semi formal charity fund raiser "Senior Prom". Tickets are \$12:00pp. Festivities start at 5:00 with cocktail, 6:00 dinner is served. The menus is Sully's famous Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, and a vegetable. At 7:00 music will be provided by Lenny and two special guest Deborah, and Lorraine. Tickets are available at the bar. So come and enjoy the memories of your first prom for an evening that promises to be a great time and help a worth cause. Hope to see your all there!

Thanks for all your support this year.
Rose Wujcik, Chairman
rmwujcik@yahoo.com
941.962.5475

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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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 _____

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Sully's Corner Friday \$8.00 Specials

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| 03/01/13 | Salmon Fillet served on Vegetables, with Parsley Buttered Potatoes. |
| 03/08/13 | Cabbage Rolls, with Mashed Potatoes, & Vegetables. |
| 03/15/13 | Meat Loaf, with Mashed Potatoes, Mushroom Gravy & Vegetables. |
| 03/22/13 | Shrimp Scampi on Spaghetti, and Vegetable |
| 03/29/13 | Roast Pork Sauerkraut, with Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables. |

Elks Care - Elks Share



*You are Invited to
Palmetto Elks 2449
Installation of Officers
For
2013-2014
March 26, 2013
7:00 pm*

Volunteer Appreciation



Manatee County Fair

150 thousand plus people went through the gates at the Manatee county Fair January 17 through January 27th. Our Elks Lodges from Bradenton #1511, Lakewood Ranch/ Sarasota #2855, Manasota #2734, and Palmetto #2449 were there to greet them with information about all our charitable work within our communities. We also handed out information on Drug Awareness, Therapy Services, our Florida Youth Camp, and Membership Applications. We were very visible, and it was all about getting the Elks program to the public.
Wes Townsend PER

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Celebrate
St. Patty's Day
Palmetto Elks #2449

Saturday
March 9, 2013

\$5:00 pp.

Music

7:00 pm to 10:00

Music by

Patsy & Magella

Direct from Ireland

Bring a snack to share at your table

Tickets Available at the Bar

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Elks Care — Elks Share

Step Forward "Extend the Hand of Elkdom"

Monday Nights



Lounge Opens 3:00
Food 5:00-7:00
Full Menu
Karaoke 6 to 9



2nd and 4th
Wednesday
Spaghetti Night
5:00 to 7:00



Friday Fish
Fry
4:30 - 7:00
Music
6:00 - 9:00

Support our Veterans
Wanted and Desperately Needed!

- New Men's and Women's Underware (S,M,L) ■
- New Tee Shirts (L & XL) ■
- New Socks (13)

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