Palmetto Elks

Palmetto Pride

Lodge #2449



Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS



In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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Shooting for our Goals To Protect the Future



From the Exalted Ruler



March first and this Elk year has flown bye. It is now time to thank those who have helped and supported our effort in keeping our Lodge a viable part of this community. First we must thank our Leading Knight, Rose Wujcik, for the hard work on the bulletin, (first in the state again) all the committees she chairs, and for being secretary of the Board of Directors. Pete Cutway, Loyal Knight, for his work as indoctrination chairman, cook, karaoke host, singer, and "Mister if you need me and I can do it, I will". A special thank you to Bonnie Pruss, Lecturing Knight, for being there when needed

for being Interview chair and chairman of drug awareness, and for coordinating 50/50 and Queen of Hearts. She also helped by being there for me as my wife and fellow officer. Next I would like to thank our Trustees 5th. year Trustee Chet Syjud, for helping in the kitchen, bar inventory, veteran's chair, and E.N.F. chairman. 4th. year Trustee Steve Baker, our accident prevention chair and the guy who keeps an eye on building maintenance. P.E.R. Len Meade, 3rd year Trustee for his many years as cash register guru and chairman of lodge committees. 2yr. Trustee Wes Townsend for his help in the kitchen our secretary's alternate, and his many years of service on so many committees. And of course, last but certainly not least, 1yr. Trustee Frank Coseglia, who also helped in the kitchen chaired many committees and has been a respected Officer in the Elks for many years. Secretary Judy Vergason whose job is never ending, is the heartbeat of our Lodge's business. Treasurer Judy Alf, our money manager who has sailed through the many changes of Grand Lodge Rules and Regulations and of course paid all our bills. Thank you to our Tiler Anna Syjud, for being activities chair and for scheduling entertainment and for being one of our karaoke hosts. Thanks to Inner Guard Carol Smilowski, for taking the undaunted task of kitchen manager, giving us great meals and for spending so much time ordering food and coordinating kitchen help. Thanks to our Chaplain Dorathey Meade for your special prayers to all Elks and for being our volunteer chairman. Thanks to Mike Wujcik, Esquire, chairman of hoop shoot, and youth activities and for taking over the cash register duties when the need arose. Thank you Dave Radliff, our organist for the beautiful music you provide for initiation. These Officers have contributed many hours above and beyond the call of duty. THANK YOU!



Those I haven't thanked are all the volunteers who without their help this Lodge would not exist. THANK YOU! Thanks to all those who have contributed time money and support to help keep this lodge together. After saying that I ask that as good Elks you continue your support by paying your dues on time. Remember they are due before April 1st. Do not be that guy that says I'll wait to see what happens. Paying your dues will keep you a member in good standing in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Palmetto Lodge #2449.

There will be a volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and Award Ceremony on Sunday March 29th from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00p.m. I urge all those who volunteer to sign up so we can order enough food for the luncheon. Sign up sheet is posted in the Lodge.

February was very busy. Mardi Gras was a success. Thank you, Maggie and Manny and all who helped. March will be as busy as February. On March 7th a P.E.R. Dinner Dance with Blue Velvet providing the music. Dinner will be Shrimp or Ham. Dinner 5:00 until 7:00 with music 7:00 to 10:00. March 15th is a St. Patrick's day celebration from 1:00 to 4:00, Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner \$10.00 music by Dan Mobley. March 21st we will be hosting the Florida State President luncheon. Danny's welcome home dinner will be at the Bradenton Lodge. Anyone that is interested in going to the dinner please contact me so that we can give a count to Bradenton. On the menu for that night is Prime Rib Dinner for \$17.00 and Chicken Piccata for \$14.00 per ticket. Reservations are required and tickets will not be available at the door for the dinner. Hopefully we can have a lot of members from our lodge to go in recognition to Danny Tabor and Rachael welcoming back home.

March 24th is the installation of 2015-2016 officers. March 29th Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Luncheon. Awards will be presented to the Officer and Elk of the Year along with others that have donated their time in helping me throughout this past year.

It is now time to name the 12th and final Elk of the Month for the Elk year 2014-2015. It was my idea to make the final honoree the volunteer of the Month because this individual was not an Elk, but has worked very hard, not just this year but for many previous years. In February she became a member of our lodge and is one of the most deserving of this honor. I name Linda Conklin Elk of the Month for March.

I humbly THANK YOU for your faith in me as you're Exalted Ruler and look forward to serving this Lodge as Trustee in the years to come.

> All Elks should Remember THE FAULTS OF OUR MEMBERS ARE WRITTEN IN THE SAND THEIR VIRTUES ARE WRITTEN IN THE TABLET OF LOVE AND MEMORY!

Fraternally Yours, Len Pruss, Exalted Ruler 721-4699 thado17@live.com





2014—2015 Officers



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Officer Of the Year Sully Sullivan





Elk Of the Year Bill Harrington

2013-2014

Outstanding Service Commendation Len Meade





Outstanding Service Commendation Mike Wujcik

2014—2015 Committee Chairs

Accident Prevention	Steve	Baker	962-6859
Americanism	Dorathey	Meade	807-6177
Auditing Accounting	Robert	O'Hanlon	981-9778
Bulletin	Rose	Wujcik	962-5475
Community Activities	Carol	Smilowski	729-6474
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Elks Nat'l Foundation	Chet	Syjud, PER	248-231-8674
Government Relations	Chet	Syjud, PER	248-231-8674
Harry Anna Trust	Judy	Alf	721-7069
Hoop Shoot	Mike	Wujcik	962-3682
Investigation	Bonnie	Pruss	721-4699
Indoctrination	Pete	Cutway	734-308-4545
Kitchen Management	Carol	Smilowski	729-6474
Bar Management	Open		
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Lodge Activities	Bonnie	Pruss	721-4699
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Lodge Advisor	Patrick	Gallagher PDD	704-5382
Honorary Lodge Advisor	Hugh	Igo PDDGER	723-0193
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Membership	Judy	Vergason	722-1329
Memorial Sunday	Wes	Townsend, PER	722-2551
Nat'l Veterans	Chet	Syjud, PER	248-231-8674
PER Association	Craig	Conklin, PER	447-1836
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Property Maintenance	Jim	Gard, PER	729-0971
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Public Relations	Rose	Wujcik	962-5475
Volunteers	Dorathey	Meade	807-6177
Web Master	Chet	Syjud, PER	248-231-8674
Youth Activities	Mike	Wujcik	962-3682

From the desk of the Secretary

Dues notices have been sent out. 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, 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 2014-2015 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. For those that are associate members I will need a copy of your 2014-2015 cards and \$10.00 and the address you want your Associate card sent to. The address of the lodge is PO Box 272 Palmetto, Fl. 34220-0272.

Last year seem 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.

Fraternally Yours, Judy Vergason, Lodge Secretary 722-1329 javjav42@yahoo.com

Membership Matters!

Palmetto Pride



Sat: Closed

Weekly Lounge Activities

Mon: Open menu / Karaoke

Thu: Open

Tue: Meetings

Fri: Fish Fry





Lodge Secretary—Treasurer Hours Monday 8:00 to 12:00 Also available by appointment

March 2015

Tue Thu Mon Wed Fri Sun Sat

ALL MEAL ORDERS TO BE PLACED **5 MINUTES BEFORE THE KITCHEN CLOSES**

To Reserve Meals for Friday Call the Lodge on Thursday after 3:00 or Friday Before 4:00 941-722-6937

1	2 Open 3:00	3	4	5	6	7
	Food 5:00-6:45 Full Menu Philly Cheese	Open	Open 3:00 to 8:00	Open 3:00 to 8:00	Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30—6:45	Country Western Dance 5:00 to 10:00
Closed	Karaoke 6:00 to 9:00 Lorraine	3:00	Bar Poker Open Mic	Games 6:00 to 8:00	Music 6:00 to 9:00 Dee	S12.50 Ham or Shrimp Dinner Music by
Peanut Butter Lovers Day	Banana Cream Pie Day	I want you to Be Happy Day	Pound Cake Day	Cheese Doodle Day	White Chocolate Cheese Cake Day	Black Velvet
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Working Women's Day	Get Over It Day	Blueberry Pop Over Day	Johnny Appleseed Day	Plant a Flower Day	Jewel Day	Potato Chip Day
15	16 Open 3:00	17	18	19	20	21
St. Patty's Day Party 1:00 to 4:00 \$10.00 Corn Beef & Cabbage Music by Dan Mobley Ticket at the Bar	Food 5:00-6:45 Full Menu Philly Cheese Karaoke 6:00 to 9:00 Pete	Open 3:00 PER Meeting 6:00 BOG/BOD Meeting 6:30	Open 3:00 to 8:00 Bar Poker Open Mic	Open 3:00 to 8:00 Games 6:00 to 8:00	Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30-6:45 Music 6:00 to 9:00 Lynn's Spins	State of Florida Presidential Luncheon 12:00 to 3:00
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Closed	Full Menu Karaoke 6:00 to 9:00 Lenny	Sandwiches & Cake 7:30 Installation of Officers	Bar Poker Open Mic	Games 6:00 to 8:00	Music 6:00 to 9:00 Shifts End	Private Party 4:00 to 11:00
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A Day of Recognition Vietnam Veterans March 29, 2015



March Birthdays

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may your birthday bring you as much happiness as you give to everyone who knows you Happy Birthday

What it Means to be an Elk

For over 140 years, the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks has been dedicated to serving our fellow citizens.

Here in Florida, the 60,000 men and women of the Elks in over 100 Lodges from the panhandle to the Keys are enjoying the camaraderie, compassion, community outreach, and support that are all part of being an Elk.

Although you may already be aware of the social benefits of our great fraternal organization, you may not know that each Lodge has its own unique amenities. Florida Elks enjoy indoor and outdoor sports activities, entertainment, parties, dances, dining, and much more.

More importantly, Florida Elks take great pride in giving back to our communities. Nationally, each year, the nearly one million Elks working together with the Elks National Foundation provide over \$80 million for charitable programs such as the Hoop Shoot competition, scholarships, drug awareness in our schools, and assistance for veterans of all wars.

- ♦ The Army of Hope provides assistance to veterans and military families
- ♦ The Elks Children's Therapy Program brings mobile, in-home therapy services to children across the state
- The 400-acre Elks Youth Camp in Umatilla builds character while simultaneously inspiring Florida's youth by teaching respect and responsibility

Florida Elks are living our creed...



Together we can do great things



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 447-1836

President's Day



AMERICANISM ARTICLE

In the meeting room, on the bulletin board, there is a heritage corner. Listed in order are the following documents:

The Bill of Rights, the Declaration of Independence, the Elks Resolution on Law and Order, the Elks Declaration of American Principles, the Constitution, the Monroe Doctrine, and the Gettysburg Address. This month, take the time to view the historic documents that formed the history of our country. Our basic Freedoms rest on the first two documents.

This can help you rededicate yourselves to the full performance of your duties as American Citizens.

Dorathey Meade, Americanism Chairperson 807-6177 Dora.meade@hotmail.com







The Florida Elks Youth Camp is dedicated to enriching the lives of children from the state of Florida. The camp staff presents a safe camp experience that contributes to each camper's mental, physical, and social growth. The Florida

Elks Youth Camp, a project of the Florida State Elks Association, is located on 405 acres of rolling hills, forests, lakes, and open space in Marion County, Florida. The Florida Elks are proud that our camp is accredited by the American Camping Association and is recertified every three years to assure compliance and a safe camping environment for children.

The camp has a ratio of one counselor and one counselor in training to every seven campers. The camp opened its doors in 1991 to all of the children of Florida and has played a pivotal role in the development of so many children. It offers them countless opportunities that have not previously been available to them. Their team-building skills are improved, they have access to state of the art recreational equipment, and they have a chance to enjoy themselves in a caring, social setting where the good of the children is always the priority.

Who uses the camp? We offer summer camp opportunities to any Florida child as well as Elks' children and grandchildren at a modest cost for one or two weeks. However, we don't turn away those unable to pay. Additionally, the camp is used year-round by a wide variety of organizations dedicated to enriching the lives of children in general and underprivileged and disabled children in particular.

The camp has become one of the finest of its kind in the country. It is already a facility that Florida Elks take pride in, and it is a popular place for Florida's young people, as thousands use it every year. We hope that, at some point, you are able to visit the youth camp when visiting in the area.

Applications are now being accepted for this years participants. If you know of someone that could benefit from this wonderful experience contact the lodge.

Rose Wujcik, Public Relations Chairman 962-5475 rmwujcik@yahoo.com





HAVE YOU HEARD?!

The Florida Elks online encyclopedia now has a Google-like search capability!

Type a word or topic in the search box and all entries that refer to it will be pulled up for you to read.

This is useful for anyone wanting to know more about an Elks topic and is especially helpful to bulletin editors, officers, district vice presidents and district deputies.

Find it at: http://floridaelks.org/encyclopedia-of-elkdom

WANTED:

Encyclopedia updates!

If you see an entry that could use some updating and you have the correct information, please send it to State Historian Truman Bass at tabass1@comcast.net.

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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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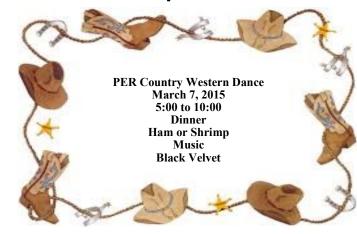
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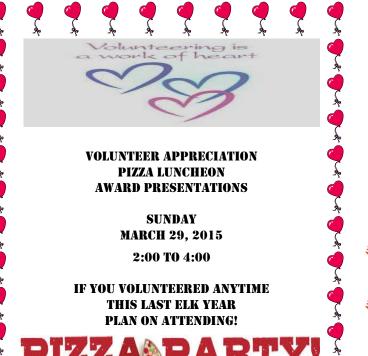


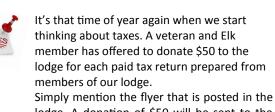




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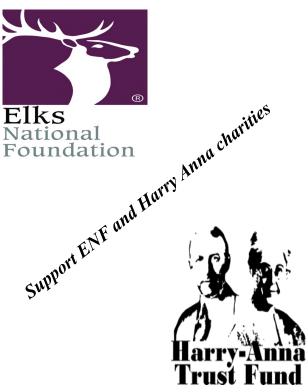
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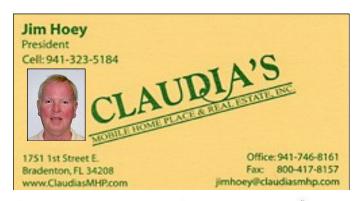
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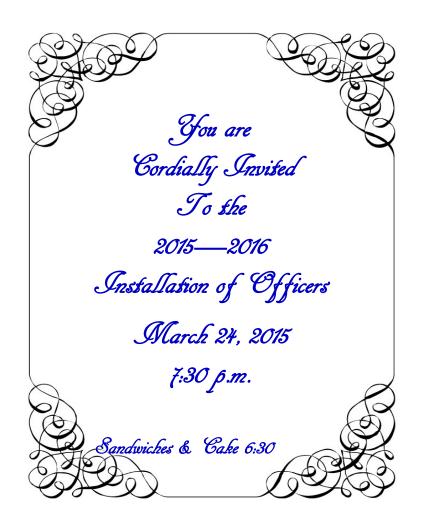


Support our Veterans Wanted and Desperately Needed!

New Men's and Women's Underware (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 deliver them.



Monday Nights



Food 5:00 to 6:45
Full Menu
Karaoke 6 to 9



Every Wednesday & Thursday

Wednesday 6:00 to 8:00 Open Mic

Thursday Game Night 6:00 to 8:00



Friday Fish Fry 4:30 - 6:45 Music 6:00 to 9:00 Spaghetti Night 2nd Wednesday of the Month 5:00 to 6:45





Music
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Bobby Remp
6:00 to 9:00