



Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS

In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason



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From the Exalted Ruler

It's hard to believe that my year as your Exalted Ruler is over. This year has been like a roller coaster on the fast track. Changes were made, some for the good, some not so much. Many of you have come forth with suggestions on how to better our lodge. All of your comments were taken to heart and I appreciate every one of them. There were some suggestions that we were able to implement and others that were just not feasible. Please continue to come up with ideas on what you want to see happen at your lodge. No idea is too small or too big. Take advantage of the suggestion box in the lounge, put your comments in there. Let your voice be heard. I would also like to thank the lodge officers for all the support that they showed me this past year. Your help through the year and presence at all the various district and lodge functions did not go unnoticed.



The lodge officers for the 2016 – 2017 year are: Exalted Ruler Len Meade, PER, Leading Knight Sandy Mooney, PER, Loyal Knight Bonnie Pruss, Lecturing Knight Jim Decker, Secretary Judy Vergason, Treasure Mike Wujcik, 1st Year Trustee Frank Cosgelia PER, 2nd Year Trustee Steve Baker, 3rd Year Trustee Chet Syjud, PER, 4th Year Trustee Lenny Pruss, PER, 5th Year Trustee Rose Wujcik PER, Esquire Paulla Billings, Inner Guard Madeleine Harrington, Chaplin Dorathey Meade, Tiler Judy Alf, Organist Dave Radliff. Plan on coming to the lodge meeting on March 22nd at 7:30 to see your new officers installed.

On Sunday March 6th all of this year's volunteers are invited to attend an appreciation luncheon at the lodge starting at 2:00. If I missed sending out an invitation to you and you volunteered this year, please let me know if you can come and I'm sorry if I missed anybody. You are all important to our lodge.

My final Elk of the month is my husband Mike. He was always there for me and jumped in wherever he was needed to keep the lodge going strong. His love, commitment, and knowing he always had my "back" helped me get through.

I would also like to thank all of you for your support and friendship during this past year. We are a team at this lodge, and without you our lodge would not have accomplished as much as it did. Thank You.

May you all have a Great St. Patty's Day, and a Happy Easter.

The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance".
Alan W Watts.

Fraternally,
Rose Wujcik, ER
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From the Desk of the Secretary



Dues notices were sent out in Jan. if you have not received your notice by the end of February. please notify the office. If you have not received your notice yet, 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 2016-2017 year 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 an 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 2015-2016 cards and \$10.00 and the address you want your associate card sent to.

As in the past if you lose your card there will be a \$5.00 charge to replace it. Damaged or destroyed cards will also have a \$5.00 charge for replacement, you must return a portion of the card before it can be replaced

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 you 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.

Fraternally Yours,
Judy Vergason, Lodge Secretary
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A Message from Your Kitchen



I want to thank everyone for the compliments on the food from our kitchen. We are trying very hard to keep it up to high standard. We are glad to be able to have baked potatoes again. We are also grilling our fish upon request.

Unfortunately, we will not be having any Blue Plate Specials for March. We are in desperate need of help. We need people to step up and help us. All kitchen jobs are trainable. We need people to learn to fry, people to buss, help on our line for setting up the plates.

Since I have been working in the kitchen, I have made so many dear friends. We share a common bond. Getting the food out hot and making sure our members and their guests have an enjoyable evening.

There are lots of laughs and good hearted teasing which makes our night go quickly. I know we are reaching the end of the Season and you may be getting ready to head back. Please put us in mind for next Season. We really could use the help.

If you would like to help, please contact either Dorathey at [941-807-6177](tel:941-807-6177) or myself, Sandy, at [941-447-9424](tel:941-447-9424). We look forward to meeting you and working with you to keep our great Lodge moving forward.

Thank you,
Sandy Mooney, P.E.R., Kitchen Manager
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2015—2016 Officers

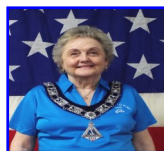


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Sun: Closed
Wed: Closed
Sat: Closed

Weekly Lounge Activities

Mon: Open / Karaoke
Thu: Closed

Tue: Meetings
Fri: Dinner

Bar to close at the discretion of the bartender



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



March 2016



Call Sandy to reserve special meals or baked potato for Friday
941-447-9424



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Open 4:00	2 Closed	3 Closed	4 Open 4:00 Fish Fry 5:00 to 6:45 Music 6:00 to 9:00 Lani C & Co	5 Closed
6 Volunteer Lunch 2:00 to 4:00	7 Open 4:00 Diner 5:00 to 6:45 Karaoke Pete 6:00 to 9:00	8 Open 4:00 BOD Meeting 6:00 Lodge Meeting 7:30	9 Closed	10 Closed	11 Open 4:00 Meat Loaf 5:00 to 6:45 Music 6:00 to 9:00 Dee	12 Closed
13 Closed 	14 Open 4:00 Dinner 5:00 to 6:45 Karaoke Lenny 6:00 to 9:00	15 Open 4:00	16 Closed	17 St. Patty's Day Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 \$12.00	18 Open 4:00 Fish Fry 5:00 to 6:45 Music 6:00 to 9:00 Shine On	19 Closed
20 Closed	21 Open 4:00 Dinner 5:00 to 6:45 Karaoke Anna 6:00 to 9:00	22 Open 4:00 Installation of Officers 7:30	23 Closed	24 Closed	25 Open 4:00 Fish Fry 5:00 to 6:45 Music 6:00 to 9:00 Tony Boeing	26 Closed
27 Closed 	28 Open 4:00 Dinner 5:00 to 6:45 Karaoke Pete 6:00 to 9:00	29 Open 4:00	30 	31 Closed		

March Birthdays

01	Wayne	Leboeuf
02	Linda	Conklin
02	Glenn	Hayes
03	Robert	Kreiling
03	David	Radliff
04	Barry	Delaney
07	Dorothy	Favorite
07	William	Pfister
07	John	Searles
08	Granville	Summitt
10	Elma	Atkinson
10	Herman	Roth
11	Leonard	Meade
12	Howard	Hinkle
13	Lorraine	Baker
13	Marjorie	Baldwin
14	James	Gard
14	Robert	O'Neil
16	James	Hoey Jr
16	Raymond	Niles
16	John	Salvaggio
16	Donald	Weyer
17	David	DeLong
17	Walter	Schneider
18	Richard	Nielsen
19	Clarence	Frayar
19	Marjorie	Kerr
21	Donald	Aull
21	Eddie	Carter
21	Bruce	Hawley
21	Joseph	Sydenstricker
22	Giles	Kiefer
23	Hugh	Fleming
23	Ivan	Skaggs
25	Nancy	Russell
26	Thomas	Brown
27	Ken	Almeida
28	Deborah	Corbin
28	Wayne	Forler
29	William	Corlew
29	Joyce	French
29	Frank	Roy
30	Gary	Brown
30	John	Maniskas
30	Janene	Thiele



Did You Know



A leprechaun is a diminutive fairy, a supernatural creature about whom tales were passed down within the rich history of Irish oral storytelling. Many European countries have fairy lore, but according to *A Treasury of Irish Folklore*, the Emerald Isle is unique because “the fairy powers in Ireland have been endowed with names and personalities they are not a nameless commonality.” Irish folklore described leprechauns as crotchety, solitary, yet mischievous creatures. They were said to be shoemakers who socked away their profits in pots at the end of rainbows, or scattered them around in mountains, forests, or rocks.

According to Katharine Briggs’ *An Encyclopedia of Fairies*, though the leprechaun now represents a generalized Irish fairy, this figure may be an amalgam of several individual fairies who have been conflated over time. W.B. Yeats, in *Irish Fairy and Folk Tales*, describes three fairies: the leprechaun, cluricaun, and far darrig, and indeed the latter two seem to have vanished from the popular lexicon.

Leprechauns originally were said to wear red, and it has been theorized that after green began to be associated with everything Irish in the 20th century, the color of his garments transformed. But there may also be another explanation for the sartorial choice: green helps the little men to blend into the grass and the leaves as a sort of camouflage. This small fairy is often elusive, his presence only marked by a faint hammering sound. William Allingham’s poem “The Lepracaun,” describes man’s particular fascination with this fairy as essentially driven by greed: “Get him in sight, hold him tight, and you’re a made man.” Of course, his pots of gold provide plenty of motivation for men to seek him out, though usually the human who tries to capture a leprechaun is foiled in the end, made to look away by some invented distraction while the leprechaun escapes. But aside from the treasure he holds, spotting a leprechaun is also considered good luck...so listen just a bit more closely while you’re hoisting a pint of Guinness this St. Patrick’s Day.



AMERICANISM



Promoting Americanism in our lodge will be of primary concern this year. Our freedoms are slowly being taken away and we must stand up for the rights we want to keep. Promote Americanism by flying your flag, wearing flag pins, thanking veterans when we see them for their service, supporting the Veterans committee at the lodge with donations to the Bay Pines Veterans fund. We truly thank all the members of our lodge who are veterans for their service to keep us free.



Dorathey Meade, Americanism Chairperson
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In 2011 the U.S. Senate unanimously passed a resolution to provide Vietnam Veterans with the chance at a proper welcome. Recognizing the final withdrawal date of all combat and combat-support troops from Vietnam, March 30 honors these veterans by its designation as

“Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.”

Senator Richard Burr, ranking member of the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, introduced the resolution, calling it “a day to give our Vietnam veterans a warm, long overdue welcome home.”

To all Viet Nam Veterans,
March 30th is your day!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

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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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	First	Last	Rank	Branch	Years Served	Locations	Disability
	Homer	Beall, Jr	1st Lt	US Army Reserve	1954—1960	Korean War Germany	
	William	Corlew	Cpl 1st CAV	US Army X Corp	3.5 years	Korea Inchon Landing	
	John "Tom"	Donnelly	M/Sgt	US Army	1947—1954	Korea x2, Okinawa, Japan, Europe, Far East	
	Richard	Ernst	Sgt	US Army	3 years	England	
	Robert	Ernest	SP4	US Army	1956—1962	New Jersey, Michigan, Canada	
	Oscar	Fleury	PFC (E-3)	US Army	1953—1959		
	James	Hill		US Army	2 years active 2 Years Reserve		
	Donald	Kichline		US Army US Navy	1947—1982	Korea	
	Frank	Locicero	PFC	US Army	2 Years	Fort Dix Fort Bragg	
	Steve	McColm	SP4	US Army	2 years	Vietnam	Hearing Loss
	Len	Meade	SP5	US Army	1964—1967	Fort Bragg	
	Mike	Meronek	SP5	US Army	1970—1973	Viet Nam	
	Gordon "Gordie"	Raymond	SSgt E-6	US Army National Guard	2004—2010	State Side	
	Marvin	Rice	Sgt E-6	US Army	3 Years	State Side	
	Herman	Roth	PFC	US Army	2 Years	Korea	


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	Paul	Samuels	Cpl	US Army	1953—1955	Germany	
	Walter	Schneider	E5	US Army	1968—1971	Germany	
	John	Searles Jr.	SP4 E4	US Army National Guard	1962—1968	Detroit Riots 1967	
	Charles "Gil"	Shaw	Sgt	US Army Air Force	1943—1946	WWII Air Crew B-29 Gunner	
	Chet	Syjud	Spec 5	US Army Reserves	1970—1976	Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Arkansas	
	Carl	Webber		Army Air Corp	3 Years	Mediterranean 15th Air Force B-24 Bomber 38 Missions Ball Turret	
	Elmer	Wurst	E5	US Army	1961—1963	State Side	



	First	Last	Rank	Branch	Years Served	Locations	Disability
	Charles	Booth	Sgt SSgt	USMC US Air Force	1949—1952 1954—1959	Korea State Side	
	Carl	Maddox	Sgt	USMC	1951—1955	State Side Asia	
	Gary	Mink	Sgt	USMC	1967—1970	Vietnam	

	First	Last	Rank	Branch	Years Served	Locations	Disability
	Chuck	Billings	E5	US Coast Guard	1970—1974	Vietnam SE Asia Portland Me	
	Paulla	Billings	E3	US Coast Guard	1970—1978	Vietnam Era Cape May Air Station Gov Isl, NJ	

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	First	Last	Rank	Branch	Years Served	Locations	Disability
	James "Jim"	Decker	BM3	US Coast Guard	4 Years	State Side	
	Thomas	Emanuello	P/O 3rd Class	US Coast Guard	1958—1963	State Side	

	First	Last	Rank	Branch	Years Served	Locations	Disability
	Al	Cetrone	A1C	US Air Force	1960—1963	W Pakistan Germany	
	Richard	Dirschell	2nd Class	US Air Force	4 Years	Korea	
	Donn	Frey	1st Lt.	US Air Force	1953—1955	ADC Selfridge AFB	
	Thomas	Gafner	A3C	US Air Force	1953—1956	Selfridge AFB	
	Ricky	Koepke	E4	US Air Force	1965—1969	Thailand	
	Michael	McBride	Sgt	US Air Force	1966 - 1970		
	Frank	Roy		US Air Force	1941—1951 1951—1952	Berlin Airlift Korean War	
	Michael	Stewart	Major	US Air Force (Retired)	20 Years	Vietnam	30% Spine

	First	Last	Rank	Branch	Years Served	Locations	Disability
	Jack	Bach	ML2	US Navy	1952 - 1957	Far East - Korea	
	Joseph	Best	Boatswain Mate	US Navy	1961 - 1965	Viet Nam	
	Frank	Campbell	YN2	US Navy	4 Years	WWII Asiatic Pacific	Hearing Loss Ulcers
	Craig	Conklin	MM1(SS)	US Navy	8 Years	USS Sunfish USS Fulton	
	Russell	Doerr Jr	SK2	US Navy	1955 - 1957	Atlantic Mediterranean	
	Robert	Hintze Sr	IC2	US Navy	4 Years	European	

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	First	Last	Rank	Branch	Years Served	Locations	Disability
	Jim	Hoey	ETR2 (SS)	US Navy	1967 - 1974	West Pacific Vietnam Mediterranean	
	Anthony	Horman	FTGSN	US Navy	6 Years	Viet Nam Cuban Blockade 1st Capsule Recovery Alan Shepard	
	Wardie (Giles)	Hunnings Jr.	RM1	US Navy	1952 - 1956	Pacific Pearl Harbor	Back
	John	Julian	LS	Royal Canadian Navy	1950 - 1955	Korea	
	Robert	Lanoue	3rd Class BT	US Navy	1944—1953	Pacific State Side	Back
	Richard	Moody	GM2	US Navy	1956—1961	Caribbean	
	Gerald	Ray	CPO E-7	US Navy (Retired)	1964 - 1985	Vietnam	
	Clifford	VanDervort	FC3	US Navy	1951 - 1953	Korea	
	Michael	Wujcik	CWO4	US Navy, (Retired)	1967 - 1997	Operation Desert Shield Operation Desert Storm Antarctica Mediterranean North Atlantic South Atlantic Pacific, Far East Pacific-Rim South East Asia Indian Ocean Red Sea	



Palmetto Elks at Work and Play

Elk Of The Month



Mike Wujcik

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Len Meade, PER
941-907-0179**

Some Irish Facts

The Shamrock

St. Patrick is credited with taking Christianity to Ireland around A.D. 432. To sell his message, Irish legend says he chose the shamrock as a symbol of the Christian church. Its three leaves were meant to represent the Holy Trinity: God, Son and the Holy Spirit, joined together by a common stalk. Apparently, the shamrock campaign worked: by the time of St. Patrick's death on March 17, 461, he had created a number of churches, schools and monasteries dedicated to the faith.

March 17

St. Patrick died more than 1,500 years ago on March 17. It's now the saint's designated feast day. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, we have theologian Luke Wadding to thank for the celebration's permanence: "Each year Wadding kept the Feast of St. Patrick with great solemnity, and it is due to his influence ... that the festival of Ireland's Apostle was inserted on 17 March in the calendar of the Universal Church." While "great solemnity" has clearly not persisted, the date has held firm.

St. Patrick's Blue

Saint Patrick's color was blue, not green, say historians. The hue — St. Patrick's blue, a lighter shade — can still be seen on ancient Irish flags and was used on armbands and flags by members of the Irish Citizen Army, whose 1916 Easter Rising attempted to end British rule. But the use of green on St. Patrick's Day began during the 1798 Irish Rebellion, when the clover became a symbol of nationalism and the "wearing of the green" on lapels became regular practice. The green soon spread to uniforms as well. That evolution, combined with the idea of Ireland's lush green fields, eventually made blue a thing of the past.

The Legendary Snakes

According to legend, St. Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland in the 5th century. But, of course, there weren't any slithering reptiles to drive off the island. The reference is thought to be metaphorical: St. Patrick — who converted pagans to Christianity — was the man who supposedly drove "evil" non-Christians from the land.

Irish Bars Were Closed

Ireland has been officially celebrating St. Patrick's Day since 1903, when Irish politician James O'Mara introduced a bill in Westminster that made it an official public holiday back in his homeland. But not until the 1960s could you find revelers celebrating at a bar. Ireland is heavily Catholic, and St. Patrick's Day falls during Lent, which means that although celebratory feasts and drinks were allowed, an all-night party seemed a little too sinful. Fearing excessive drinking, Ireland introduced a law that forced all pubs to close on March 17. Luckily for beer makers, the law was repealed in 1961. The Irish are now free to get as drunk as the Americans who use the day to get drunk celebrating the Irish.

St. Patrick: Neither Irish nor Named Patrick

St. Patrick, Ireland, St. Patrick's Day. Simple, right? The man wasn't even Irish! He was actually born in Britain around the turn of the 4th century. At 16 years old, Irish raiders captured him in the midst of an attack on his family's estate. The raiders then took him to Ireland and held him captive for six years. After escaping, he went back to England for religious training and was sent back to Ireland many years later as a missionary. St. Patrick was actually born Maewyn Succat, according to legend; he changed his name to Patricius, or Patrick, which derives from the Latin term for "father figure," when he became a priest.

The Blarney Stone

It's supposed to give you "the gift of gab," but it can also give you a stiff neck — and countless germs. The Blarney Stone is a must-see tourist destination in Blarney Castle, near Cork, Ireland, and 400,000 visitors line up every year to kiss it in hopes of boosting their eloquence. But it isn't so easy to smooch the stone — you must sit on a ledge while someone holds down your legs, then bend over backward while holding iron rails until your face is level with the stone. Congrats, you've now kissed a surface similarly kissed by hundreds of thousands of others. Hopefully the gift of gab is worth the bacteria.



lots o' luck
Will come your way
If you join us for
St. Patty's Day!
Thursday March 17
5:00 to 7:00

Serving
Corn Beef & Cabbage
Potatoes—Carrots
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\$12.00

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the shortest
distance
between
two people

- VICTOR BORGES

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