



Members,

Wow. It doesn't seem possible, but this is my last message. It seems like I just started. I believe it has been a very good year for our Lodge. This is not because of me, but because of all of you. Your support has been greatly appreciated. I leave knowing that you will all give Jim Decker the same support and we will continue to prosper.

We've accomplished many things this year and made many changes. Some not wanted but necessary, like raising prices necessitated by rising costs. But most changes were in response to your requests and needs. We will continue to be open every day starting at 3:00 pm. To reduce costs we will use volunteer bartenders to a greater extent. I encourage you to come to the Lodge and support us and them. Many people have expressed interest in using the Lounge bar on Fridays. We will now open the Lounge Bar on Fridays in addition to the Banquet Hall bar.

The entire kitchen staff has worked tirelessly to bring you great meals. I don't think our meals have ever been better. But your staff continues to strive to make them even better. Remember, all our kitchen and support staff are volunteers. They do it for the love of the Lodge. Please thank them. In addition, Sandy Mooney has worked diligently to bring quality entertainment to our Lodge. She will continue in this regard.

Next year's officers will be installed on March 24, 2019 at 1:00 PM. This will be followed by our annual awards ceremony. I encourage you to attend and welcome your new officers and honor your award winners. After the awards ceremony, Linda and I will be hosting a Volunteer Party. All volunteers and their spouses are invited.

Finally, I again ask for your support for Jim Decker and his officers in the coming year. And again I thank you all for your support. It is greatly appreciated.

Craig Conklin, PER

Exalted Ruler



Dear Bother/Sister Elk,  
From the Secretary's Desk,

Dues notices were sent out in February sorry they were a little late. If you have not received your notice by the middle of March. 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](mailto:javjav42@yahoo.com) or palmettoelks2449@yahoo.com Remember you 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 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 cards and \$10.00 and the address you want your Associate card sent to.

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 you 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 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.

*Fraternally Yours,*  
Judy Vergason, Lodge Secretary  
941-722-1329 [javjav42@yahoo.com](mailto:javjav42@yahoo.com)

**From the Desk Of The Veterans Chairman— Jim Hoey**

Last month Palmetto Elks participated in the Army of Hope event held at the Sarasota South Lodge. Good food, good times, and good money was raised for the program. It is important to note that a large percent of the funds raised stay right here in our region to assist veterans and their families in need. A program "based on the musical South Pacific" was directed by Lynn's Spins. The audience provided lots of applause, and laughter too. This show was a hoot to see. Here is a quote from the directors after the show: "All of your constant dedication to the Elks Organization and Our Veterans makes both of us proud to say that we are members of one of the finest organizations out there." I say DITTO...!

As I stated earlier, it has been good Elks year. I now look forward to working with our incoming Exalted Ruler, Jim Decker, in the new Elks year.



## ***MARCH ACTIVITIES***

We had a very busy February. We going to move straight into March keeping you as active with different functions as you want to be.

We start with March 3, Sunday, \$7.00. We have a basket of Cheer and we will have a silent auction. Please get your tickets in advance. The profits from this Dinner will help fund our Hospitality Room at the State Convention, at the end of May.

For Lent, we will be adding a meat free pasta dish on Thursdays. This will add to the other favorites. I have had some requests for this over the past few years.

Our famous Brunch is back on Sunday, March 10. Cost is still \$12.00 for all you can eat. We serve from 11:00-1:00. The menu is in the Bulletin and hanging in the Lodge. Please sign up so we can keep our food cost down.

Don't forget St. Patrick's Day, March 17, from 2:00-5:00. Tickets are on sale for \$12.00. We are serving Corn Beef and Cabbage, along with red potatoes, carrots and Irish Soda Bread.

Our New Elk's Year is just around the corner. We are going to have Installation of Officers on Sunday, March 24, at 1:00. Immediately following will be a Party for the Volunteers. Craig and Linda Conklin will be your Host and Hostess. Please join us in supporting your new Officers.

I am sorry so many of you missed our Carpenter's Tribute, on Sunday, April 24th. It was an amazing concert. This company will be back with us next year with a Neil Diamond Tribute.

At this time I want to say, without a doubt, what a wonderful opportunity it has been to work with outgoing Exalted Ruler, Craig Conklin. We had a great year. Thank you also to all the incredible volunteers, who have worked with me in the Kitchen and Dining Rooms. Also thank you to Dorathey for making all those phone calls. Thank you to Sharon for putting up with all the last-minute changes in the Bulletin and Calendar.

I look forward to working with our new Exalted Ruler Jim Decker.

Fraternally yours,

Sandra S, Mooney P.E.R.  
Activities Chairman

## 2018—2019 Officers



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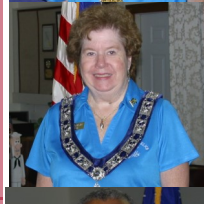
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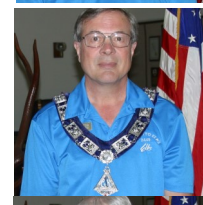
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# **MARCH MENU**



**Every Monday**  
**1/4 lb. Frank/fries-\$7**  
**w/chili or sauerkraut-\$9**  
**Hamburgers-\$8, w/cheese -\$9**  
**Salad with Grilled Chicken -\$9**

## **SPECIALS**

March 4      Sloppy Joes - \$8.00  
March 11     Pulled Pork Sliders-\$8.00  
March 18     Philly Steaks - \$9.00  
March 25     Pork Tenderloin- \$8.00

**Every Thursday**  
**Bar Poker**  
**4:00 pm**

**5:30 pm**  
Spaghetti & Meatballs with small salad-\$8.00  
Pasta/ Vodka sauce -\$8.00  
Hamburgers with fries-\$8.00  
Cheeseburgers with fries-\$9.00

## **Brunch- Sunday, March 10-\$12**

SCRAMBLED EGGS,  
EGGS BENEDICT/HOLLANDAISE,  
BACON, SAUSAGE LINKS, POTATOES  
WITH ONIONS & PEPPERS, WAFFLES/  
SYRUP, SHRIMP ETOUFFEE/RICE, POT  
ROAST OF BEEF, MASHED POTATOES,  
BISCUITS, SAUSAGE GRAVY, SYRUP,  
BEEF GRAVY, FRIED CHICKEN, FRESH  
FRUIT, CINNAMON ROLLS



**Every Friday**

Fish Fry	\$9.00
Seafood Platter	\$12.00
Shrimp Dinner	\$11.00
Clam Dinner-	\$10.00
Grouper Grilled or Blackened w/baked potato	\$14.00
Garden Salad with Grilled Chicken	-\$9.00
Garden Salad with Shrimp	—\$11.00

**Specials- All Specials are \$10**  
**ALL SPECIALS ARE SERVED WITH VEGETABLES**

**March 1 - Swiss Steak, Parsley Buttered Potatoes**

**March 8 - Fried Chicken, Rosemary Roasted Potatoes**

**March 15 - Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes**

**March 29- Cabbages Rolls, Mashed Potatoes**

**Please Call & Reserve a Meal 941-722-6937**

Extra plate charge is \$1.00

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

01 Wayne LeBouf	16 James Hoey Jr.	22 Morgan Williams
02 Linda Conklin	16 Raymond Niles	25 Janet Quick
03 David Radliff	17 Dave DeLong	26 Irving Benzing
06 Lee Dunn	18 David Fromerth	26 Thomas Brown
07 Dorothy Favorite	21 Eddie Carter	27 Ted Weddell
08 Granville Summitt	21 Bruce Hawley	29 Joyce French
11 Len Meade	21 Jeff Nunes	30 Maureen Ashley
13 Lorraine Baker	22 Jim Bass	30 Gary Brown
14 Robert O'Neil	22 Giles Kiefer	30 John Maniskas
		30 Janene Thiele

## AMERICANISM - Craig Conklin

I will close the year with this definition of Americanism. I believe it says everything we need to know about it.

**Americanism** is a set of the United States patriotic values aimed at creating a collective American identity, and can be defined as "an articulation of the nation's rightful place in the world, a set of traditions, a political language, and a cultural style imbued with political meaning". According to the American Legion, a U.S. veterans' organization, *Americanism* is an ideology, or belief in devotion, loyalty, or allegiance to the United States of America, or to its flag, traditions, customs, culture, symbols, institutions, or form of government. In the words of Theodore Roosevelt, "Americanism is a question of spirit, conviction, and purpose, not of creed or birthplace."

*Americanism* has two different meanings. It can refer to the defining characteristics of the United States and can also signify loyalty to the United States and a defense of American political ideals. These ideals include, but are not limited to self-government, equal opportunity, freedom of speech, and a belief in progress. This collection of ideals that forms the modern ideology of *Americanism* holds an enduring appeal to people from lands throughout the globe.

## PALMETTO #2449 BULLETIN BOOSTERS 2018-2019

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.

Gordon Raymond	Judy Hepler	Mary Walraven	Tom Smilouski
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Madie Herrington	Wayne Leboeuf	Steve Baker	Lorraine Baker
James Woods	Ed Benedict		

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) \_\_\_\_\_



**Happy Saint  
Patrick's Day**

***SAINT PATRICK'S  
DAY PARTY***

***MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> –  
2-5PM***

***Corned Beef &  
Cabbage, Red  
Potatoes, Carrots  
& Irish Soda Bread***

***\$12.00***





Homer	Beall, Jr	1st Lt	US Army Reserve
John	Bargas	CW5	US Army-35 yrs
William	Corlew	Cpl 1st CAV	US Army
			X Corp
John "Tom"	Donnelly	M/Sgt	US Army
Richard	Ernst	Sgt	US Army
Robert	Ernest	SP4	US Army
Oscar	Fleury	PFC (E-3)	US Army
James	Hill		US Army
Donald	Kichline		US Army/US Navy
Frank	Locicero	PFC	US Army
Steve	McColm	SP4	US Army
Len	Meade	SP5	US Army
Mike	Meronek	SP5	US Army
Gordon "Gordie"	Raymond	SSgt E-6	US Army National Guard
Marvin	Rice	Sgt E-6	US Army
Larry	Riegle	Sp4	US Army
Herman	Roth	PFC	US Army
Paul	Samuels	Cpl	US Army
Walter	Schneider	E5	US Army
John	Searles Jr.	SP4 E4	US Army National Guard
Charles "Gil"	Shaw	Sgt	US Army Air Force
Chet	Syjud	Spec 5	US Army Reserves
Carl	Webber		Army Air Corp
Elmer	Wurst	E5	US Army

Jack	Bach	ML2	US Navy
Joseph	Best	Boatswain Mate	US Navy
Frank	Campbell	YN2	US Navy
Craig	Conklin	MM1(SS)	US Navy
Russell	Doerr Jr	SK2	US Navy
Robert	Hintze Sr	IC2	US Navy
Jim	Hoey	ETR2 (SS)	US Navy
Anthony	Horman	FTGSN	US Navy
Wardie (Giles)	Hunnings Jr.	RM1	US Navy
John	Julian	LS	Royal Canadian Navy
Robert	Lanoue	3rd Class BT	US Navy
Richard	Moody	GM2	US Navy
Gerald	Ray	CPO E-7	US Navy (Retired)
Clifford	VanDervort	FC3	US Navy



Chuck	Billings	E5	US Coast Guard
Paulla	Billings	E3	US Coast Guard
Jim	Decker	B.M. 3	US Coast Guard
Thomas	Emanuello	P/O 3rd Class	US Coast Guard



Charles	Booth	Sgt SSgt	USMC US Air Force
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Gary	Mink	Sgt	USMC
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Ricky	Koepke	E4	US Air Force
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Michael	McBride	Sgt	US Air Force
Frank	Roy		US Air Force
Michael	Stewart	Major	US Air Force (Retired)
James	Kurlinski		US Air Force





**Every Monday—Tuesday—Wednesday —Thursday—Friday  
3:00 to 6:00**

**HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

**Wine—\$2.25  
Well Drinks—\$2.25  
Domestic Draft Beer \$2.25  
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Miller Light, Bud, Bud Light, Coors Light**



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# Palmetto Pride



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**HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY SATURDAY & SUNDAY**  
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**Happy Hour Daily 3:00 to 6:00**  
**Bar to close at the discretion of the bartender**

**Every Monday**  
1/4 lb. Frank/fries-\$7  
w/chili or sauerkraut-\$9  
Hamburgers-\$8 w/cheese -\$9  
Salad with Grilled Chicken -\$8

**Every Friday 5:00-6:45**  
Fish Fry Dinner-\$9, Shrimp Dinner,-\$11, Clam Dinner,-\$10  
Seafood Platter-\$12  
Grouper Grilled or Blackened-\$14  
Salad with Grilled Chicken-\$9, Salad with Shrimp -\$11  
Specials-\$10

Extra plate charge—\$1.00

## March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm Swiss Steak  Brian Ashley	2 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm
3 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm	4 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm  Sloppy Joes  Karaoke 6-9 Dave Martin	5 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm	6 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm	7 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm Bar Poker 4pm  Pasta/Vodka sauce, spaghetti or Burgers 5pm Bobby Remp	8 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm  Fried Chicken Breast/potatoes/ veg Lynn's Spins	9 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm
10 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm  Brunch 11-1 pm	11 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm  Pulled Pork Sliders  Karaoke 6-9 Dave Martin	12 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm  Board Meeting 6:30pm Meeting 7:30 pm	13 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm	14 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm Bar Poker 4pm  Pasta/Vodka sauce, spaghetti or Burgers 5pm Dave Martin	15 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm  Meatloaf/ potatoes/veg Tony Squirrel	16 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm
17 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm  St. Patrick's Day Party 2-5pm	18 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm  Philly Steak  Karaoke 6-9 Dave Martin	19 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm	20 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm	21 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm Bar Poker 4pm  Pasta/Vodka sauce, spaghetti or Burgers 5pm Bobby Remp	22 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm  French Dip/ potatoes/veg Holly Rae	23 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm
24  Installation of Officers- 1 pm  Volunteer Party	25 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm  Pork Tenderloin  Karaoke 6-9 Dave Martin	26 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm	27 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm	28 Lodge Open 3:00 pm Bar Poker 4pm  Pasta/Vodka sauce, spaghetti or Burgers 5pm Bobby Remp	29 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm  Cabbage Rolls/ Potatoes/veg Brian Ashley	30 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm
31 Lodge Open 3:00 Pm						

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IN THE LODGE

**ELKS HATS FOR SALE: \$10.00**  
WHITE, PURPLE, BLUE

**ELKS SHIRTS FOR SALE: \$20.00**

Blue V-neck, short sleeve—size medium

Red V-neck, short sleeve—size large

Black with heart, short sleeve—size medium

Burgundy collared

1 – size

Medium

2—size

Large

5—size

XL Large

Brown,  $\frac{3}{4}$   
sleeve, V-neck—  
size large

Black, round neck, sleeveless—size large

White, round neck, sleeveless—size large

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**Lounge Opens 3:00**



**6:00 to  
9:00**

## **Friday Night**



**Lounge Opens 3:00**

**Music**

**6:00 to 9:00**

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**Have you asked someone to join  
the Elks Lately?**

