

# Palmetto Pride

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MARCH 2020



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When I took the position of ER I didn't think the year would go by so fast. Thank you to previous ER's for all the guidance. Thank you to the officers and office staff for your help.

As you know we installed 8 new members in February and will bring in another 4 or 6 in March.

Thanks to Sandy Mooney and crew, we had a very successful Neil Diamond tribute a week ago. If there are other groups you would be interested in seeing and hearing, please let Sandy know and she can look into bringing them to #2449.

Watch for information on installation of new officers in March.

Keep on volunteering.

Jim Decker. ER



## ***MARCH ACTIVITIES***

Well, if you missed our Tribute to Neil Diamond, you missed a fantastic afternoon. We had great finger foods to start and a make your own sundae table. The most wonderful thing about this event, is I got to witness first hand how incredibly amazing our Lodge is and how we all came together to make this very large event such a HUGE success.

Thank you to everyone who stepped up to make our Lodge proud. So many people are still talking about this event and how much fun they had. We will be planning other events just like this in the near future.

This next month should be full of exciting things for all of us to partake in.

Brunch will be held on March 8, 2020, from 11:00-1:00. Scott has a great menu planned for us. Check your bulletin for the menu. Please use the sign up sheet so we can plan accordingly.

Monday's are doing great. We still have a room full of great singers. Stop down for a listen and give a song a try.

We are adding hamburgers and cheeseburgers to our menu on Wednesday. We have had some requests for other food.

Friday's we have some wonderful music and our new menu is a big hit. Of course, where would we be without Sully's specials. Everyone looks forward to them. We are so happy that everyone is enjoying them. Thank you Sully!

On March 29, we are having a District Fundraiser. This fundraiser will be helping to pay for our Hospitality Room at our State Convention, May 21- 23, in Orlando. All are welcome. We are hosting this fundraiser again this year. Could be an annual thing. Tickets are \$7.00, for a Spaghetti Dinner. There will be music donated by Lynn's Spins. We will also have a silent auction, a booze basket, and a 50/50 drawing. It should be a great afternoon. Doors open at 2:00. Food and music will start at 3:00 and run to 6:00.

Now the hard part. If you can help, we need some donations for the Silent Auction and some desserts. We want to keep making this a success.

Fraternaly yours,

Sandra S. Mooney, PER  
Activities Chairman



From the Secretary's Desk,

Here we are in the Month of March it is hard to believe how fast this year has gone. You will have received your membership dues notices. Pay early they are due by March 31. Your dues are very important to the continuation of our Elk Programs. Most of your dues are used to help our Children Therapy Services. We have 26 Therapist that travel all over to help children with physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy free of charge. Many of these families can't afford the professional help their children need. Another one of our children program is the Elks Youth Camp. Through your dues we are able to send children to the youth camp. And let us not forget our veterans. A statement was made many years ago as long as there is a veteran in the hospital there will be an elk to help them.

So you see how important your dues are. Thanking you in advance for reconsidering in renewing your membership.

On a personal note this will be my last report I have chosen not to run for secretary for 2020-2021. After 17 years of being secretary I am passing the torch to Doris (Kitty) Floury. Give her all your help. She will begin officially on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support. I am retiring with many fond memories and such great friends. I'll be seeing you around the lodge.

Sincerely yours  
Judy Vergason

### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

03/01	Wayne	Leboeuf	03/11	Leonard	Meade	03/22	Giles	Kiefer
03/02	Linda	Conklin	03/13	Lorraine	Baker	03/22	Morgan	Williams
03/02	Kenneth	Gradner	03/13	Alexander	Fraser	03/25	Janet	Quick
03/03	David	Radliff	03/14	Robert	O'Neil	03/26	Irving	Benzing
03/06	Lee	Dunn	03/16	Jim	Hoey Jr.	03/26	Thomas	Brown
03/07	Dorothy	Favorite	03/17	Dave	DeLong	03/27	Ted	Wedell
03/07	John	Searles	03/18	David	Fromerth	03/29	Joyce	French
03/08	Granville	Summitt	03/21	Eddie	Carter	03/30	Gary	Brown
03/10	Anthony	Amone	03/21	Bruce	Hawley	03/30	John	Maniskas
03/10	Elma	Atkinson	03/22	Jim	Baas	03/30	Janene	Thiele
03/10	Hugh	O'Connell						

# Americanism

## The Goals of Americanism

The ambition and goal of the Americanism Committee is to quicken the spirit of American patriotism and to stimulate an awareness — a genuine feeling of pride and respect toward patriotism — so that we as Members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will become constant reminders to the people of our Nation that America truly means freedom and that we care and share. The Committees on Americanism — Grand Lodge, State and Local — are charged with implementing the patriotic activities of the Order and its Subordinate Lodges. Each Lodge should take part in as many of these programs as possible in order to accomplish a diversified impact for Americanism in their area.

These words are from the Americanism Committee Manual. This manual outlines all the activities that we as Elks can do to support and promote Americanism. Here is a link that can take you directly to that manual. I encourage you to read this manual. You will not only see many of the programs we can follow, you will also find a great deal of history on our flag.

The link is as follows. Just copy and paste into your browser to see it.

[https://www.elks.org/SharedElksOrg/lodges/files/2851\\_americanismmanual.pdf](https://www.elks.org/SharedElksOrg/lodges/files/2851_americanismmanual.pdf)

Submitted by

Craig Conklin, PER

### 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.

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Happy St Patrick's Day! Put your green on. Show your Irish side. Drink the real stuff: Guinness, not that "green" stuff. ;-)

March has a few interesting dates to consider. March 1 is National Pig day. March 2 is Old Stuff day (guessing that includes some of us...). March 3 is the anniversary of my heart attack... I celebrate every year that I am still here. March 17 is St Patrick's Day for sure but it is also Submarine Day. Being a submariner myself I enjoy this day twice as much (I drink Guinness and tell sea stories).

More kudos go out to the Manatee Sail & Power Squadron for their continued support of the Elks donation program to the Veterans up at Bay Pines. You folks make it easy for we Elks to look good on those delivery trips to the hospital. Thank you very much. We also thank all of our Elks for your donations as well. This ongoing program is a valuable tool that helps those in so much need. Elks Care - Elks Share.

Jim Hoey  
Veterans Chairman

PS - March 22 is National Goof Off Day - so do something fun and goofy.

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**PALMETTO ELKS #2449**  
**Friday Night Specials for**  
**MARCH 2020**

**MARCH 6.**

Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing,  
& Vegetable

**MARCH 13.**

Liver, Bacon, Onions,  
Parsley Buttered Potatoes, & Vegetable.

**MARCH 20.**

Stuffed Peppers, Mashed Potatoes,  
& Vegetable.

**MARCH 27.**

Roast Pork with Kraut,  
Home Fried Potatoes  
& Vegetable.



**PALMETTO ELKS #2449 SUNDAY BRUNCH**  
**MARCH 8, 2020**  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT - \$13.00—11 am-1 pm**



*Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Links,  
Bacon  
French Toast/Syrup  
Biscuits & Sausage Gravy  
Shrimp Alfredo,  
Country Fried Steak,  
Herb Roasted Chicken with  
Chicken Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans  
Pork Tenderloin/Onion, Mushroom  
Allegro Sauce  
Fresh Fruit, Bruschetta Salad  
Chocolate Fountain  
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Weekly Lodge Activities

Lodge Secretary—Treasurer Hours

Monday 8:00 to 12:00

Also available by appointment

**HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

**Lodge opens daily at 3:00 pm**

**MONDAYS: 5:00-6:45**

Hamburger/FF & pickles-\$8.00

Cheeseburger/FF & pickles-\$9.00

Tossed Salad with Grilled

Chicken Breast-\$11.00

**Every Friday 5:00-6:45**

Fish Fry Dinner-\$10, Shrimp Dinner,-\$12, Clam Dinner,-\$12

Seafood Platter-\$13

Grouper Grilled or Blackened-\$14

Salad with Grilled Chicken-\$11 Salad with Shrimp -\$12

1/2 backed chicken, potato & veggies- \$12

8 oz. Rib Eye Steak, potato & veggies- \$15

Soup & Salad - \$6

Specials-\$11

## March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Lodge Opens at 3 pm	2 Meetball Subs-\$8  Karaoke with Marie- 6-9 pm	3 Lodge Opens at 3 pm	4 Spaghetti & Meatballs Hamburgers & cheeseburgers  Brian Westerman	5 Bar Poker- Starts at the discretion of the bartender	6 Roast Turkey Dinner  Tony Squirrel	7 Lodge Opens at 3 pm
8 Sunday Brunch-11-1	9 Pork Fritters-\$8  Karaoke with Marie- 6-9 pm	10 Trustees Meeting-6pm BOD meeting-6:30pm Meeting-7:30pm	11 Spaghetti & Meatballs Hamburgers & cheeseburgers  Tony Squirrel	12 Bar Poker- Starts at the discretion of the bartender	13 Liver, bacon onions dinner  Holly Rae	14 Lodge Opens at 3 pm
15 Lodge Opens at 3 pm	16 Philly Steak Sandwich-\$10  Karaoke with Marie- 6-9 pm	17 Lodge Opens at 3 pm	18 Spaghetti & Meatballs Hamburgers & cheeseburgers  Bobby Remp	19 Bar Poker- Starts at the discretion of the bartender	20 Stuffed Peppers Dinner  Fingers on Fire	21 Lodge Opens at 3 pm
22 Lodge Opens at 3 pm	23 Open Roast Beef Sandwich-\$8  Karaoke with Marie- 6-9 pm	24 Trustees Meeting-6pm BOD meeting-6:30pm Meeting-7:30pm	25 Spaghetti & Meatballs Hamburgers & cheeseburgers  Musical Memories	26 Bar Poker- Starts at the discretion of the bartender	27 Roast Pork with Kraut dinner  Bobby Remp	28 Lodge Opens at 3 pm
29 District Fundraiser 2-6 pm	30 Tuna Melt-\$8  Karaoke with Marie- 6-9 pm	31 Lodge opens at 3 pm				



### 2019—2020 Officers



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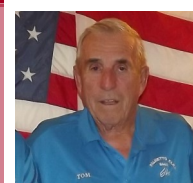
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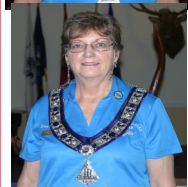
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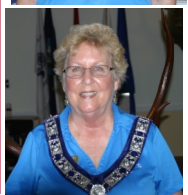
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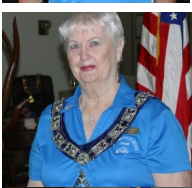
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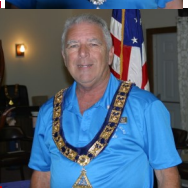
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## Friday Night



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