

# Palmetto Pride

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Good Morning Everyone!

I want to start by thanking you all for the honor of being your ER for the past two years. It has been a struggle in the lodge both personally and financially. Thank you to the members and friends who have made contributions to the lodge. Without your help it would have been a more difficult time. Who would have thought we would be dealing with something like the Covid. It appears the virus is finally going to let up. Don't forget to pay your dues.

I would especially like to thank Past Exhaulted Ruler Sandy Mooney for her many hours of work in the lodge training me with my job. Also with the many hours in the kitchen doing a yeoman's job. If you haven't thanked her lately, it is time you did. As you may or may not have heard, she will be the ER for next year. Thank you Sandy.

I would also like to thank "Miss Kitty" Flournoy for being the secretary for the past year. She has needed to give up her part-time job and take of a full-time job for personal reasons. She will stay on as the Inner Guard.

Sharon Benedict will take over the Secretary position. Thank you Sharon.

Please be aware that it is important that members step forward to take on the "volunteer jobs" within the lodge. You might see the same faces involved in the business of the lodge and think that the lodge is just a Good Ole Boys club. That is far from the truth. It is just that you are not stepping up to do your part. I hear people talk about their lodge back home and be proud of it. We are trying to be that same kind of lodge.

Remember, this is your lodge. Come out and support it.

Thank you all. Give Sandy and Your Board all of your support

Jim Decker, ER



## MARCH ACTIVITIES

Happy St. Patrick's Day, a little early! This year we are going to celebrate the day on Saturday, March 20. We have been having a birthday celebration every month. So we thought it would be fun to combine them for a fun day. We will be having music with Marie.

Marie is doing a fabulous job with Karaoke on Monday nights. We serve food from 5-7. Everyone is sounding great.

Wednesdays are Spaghetti Night.

Thursdays we play Bar Poker. If you have not tried it come on down. There is always room for more. We are socially spaced and deal at the tables also.

Friday are Fish Fry. They are going very well. We don't always have live music. We will be working on getting music back.

March is the month we elect our new Officers. We will be Installing them on Sunday, March 28, at 2:00. We will be serving pizza after the ceremony.

I would also like to thank everyone who has made a donation to the Lodge during this very tough year. It is greatly appreciated and has helped us out.

Dues notices are starting to arrive from Grand Lodge. You still pay at our Lodge. You can have the option of having your card mailed to you or picked up at the bar. Remember, our Elk's year is ending and the new year begins April 1st. Please sign your cards so they are valid. You will also be receiving your new key card, for the door. This will not work until April 1st.

We still require face masks when entering the building or when you are out of your seats. We want everyone to be safe and feel comfortable in our Lodge. Thank you.

Fraternally yours,

Sandra S. Mooney, PER

Activities Chairman



Secretary letter March 1, 2021

This is my last secretary letter. Starting April 1, 2021, you will have a new secretary of the Palmetto Elks Lodge, #2449. Her name is Sharon Benedict. She is the secretary of her home owners group, and wife to Ed Benedict, our very successful grant coordinator. She also sends our blasts and newsletters out each month. I know she will do a good job for us, and Judy V. has volunteered to help with any questions she has. I also will be available to help with any questions I can help with. So please join me in welcoming Sharon into the secretary roll. Please be patient with her. It's a big job, with lots of responsibilities.

Thanks for your patience.

Doris C (Kitty) Flourney

Secretary BPOE 2449

### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

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

## AMERICANISM

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.

*Craig Conklin, PER*

*Americanism Chairman*

### PALMETTO #2449 BULLETIN BOOSTERS 2021-2022

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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|------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Gordon Raymond   | Judy Hepler   | Mary Walraven | Tom Smilouski    |
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| Ed Benedict      | Eddie Carter  | James Woods   | Leonard Mulligan |
| Madie Herrington | Wayne Leboeuf | Steve Baker   | Lorraine Baker   |
|                  |               |               |                  |

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) \_\_\_\_\_

## Significant Days in March for the Armed Forces

March is the month of the Military Caregiver, when we recognize & honor the sacrifices they make to help our Veterans in need. If you know someone who is involved in such caregiving be sure to "thank them for their service!"

March 3rd is the Navy Reserve's birthday, and March 5th is the Seabees' birthday. Do we have any Reserve or Seabee members in the Palmetto Lodge? Speak up and let us know so we can give you an extra hardy handshake of thanks. Oh wait... we aren't shaking hands any longer; a knuckle bump will have to do!

March 13th is K9 Veterans Day. I'm pretty sure we have none of these veterans in Palmetto Lodge. But they would deserve no less of a "thank you for their service" handshake (and a dog treat as well ;-).

March 29th is Vietnam Veterans Day. That would be me, and I'm sure many other Palmetto Elks members. We all seriously appreciate that "Welcome Home" message today that we did not get on our return from 'Nam in the 60s.

To all of our Palmetto veterans: thank you for your service.

Jim Hoey  
Veterans Chairman



# DRUG ABUSE ARTICLES

Written by: [American Addiction Centers Editorial Staff](#)

Reviewed by: [Lizmarie Maldonado, MSPH](#)

Last updated on June 11, 2019

Drug abuse articles can provide you with an incredible amount of valuable information. The drug abuse articles provided on this website offer you insight into drug abuse denial, warning signs of teenage drug abuse, drug abuse prevention techniques and more.

The articles listed below are additional resources to check out. To read the entire submission, simply click on the associated link.

“Millions of Americans in denial about drug abuse.” This article poses the question, how can we stop a drug abuse problem when millions of Americans don’t even recognize they have a problem to correct?

“Facts about substance abuse and risky sexual behavior”. This link debunks myths about substance abuse and the at-risk behaviors associated with it. This drug abuse article includes great eye-opening facts that teens need to know.

[“The risks of party drugs”](#). Party drugs such as ecstasy are becoming extremely popular among teens and adolescents. It is imperative that parents not only help their children understand the risks associated with using these drugs, but the associated risks such as rape and assault.

[“Early Detection of Illicit Drug Use in Teenagers”](#). This article equips parents with a foundation of what to look for if they suspect their teen is doing drugs. Even though the goal is to prevent drug abuse, parents will find it is much easier to confront and overcome a problem if they know the signs to look for ahead of time.

[“What to Do If Your Teen or Young Adult Has a Problem with Drugs”](#). This article reiterates the importance of parental involvement and responsibility. It also highlights measures you can take to get treatment for your child if you think there’s a problem.

[“Family Checkup: Positive Parenting Prevents Drug Abuse”](#). This article on drug abuse prevention is aimed at parents and discusses positive parenting methods to create effective family communication and healthy limit setting.

The [“Index of drugs of abuse”](#) is a great resource and provides information on every type of drug, alcohol and substance abuse problem.

Dorathey Meade  
Drug Awareness Chairperson





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**LODGE OPEN DAILY  
2-8PM**

**MASKS ARE MANDATORY TO ENTER**

## Monday Serving

5:00-7:00

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Grouper Grilled or Blackened-\$17

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

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

## March 2021

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri                      | Sat   |
|--|--|---|--|--|--------------------------|---|
|  | 1 Monday<br>Menu<br>Karaoke /Marie<br>5-8pm                    | 2 Open 2-8  | 3 Spaghetti<br>dinner- \$8<br>half dinner-\$5  | 4 Bar Poker<br>Game starts at<br>the discretion<br>of the bartender  | 5 Friday<br>Dinner Menu  | 6 Open 2-8  |
| 7 Open 2-8<br>Burgers served   | 8 Monday<br>Menu<br>Karaoke /Marie<br>5-8pm                    | 9 Meetings<br>4:30– Trustee<br>5:00– BOD<br>6:00-General<br>Meeting | 10 Spaghetti<br>dinner- \$8<br>half dinner-\$5 | 11 Bar Poker<br>Game starts at<br>the discretion<br>of the bartender | 12 Friday<br>Dinner Menu | 13 Open 2-8                                       |
| 14 Open 2-8<br>Burgers served  | 15 Monday<br>Menu &<br>Philly<br>Cheesesteak<br>Karaoke /Marie | 16 Open 2-8   | 17 Spaghetti<br>dinner- \$8<br>half dinner-\$5 | 18 Bar Poker<br>Game starts at<br>the discretion<br>of the bartender | 19 Friday<br>Dinner Menu | 20 Birthday &<br>St. Pat's<br>Celebration-<br>2pm |
| 21 Open 2-8<br>Burgers served  | 22 Monday<br>Menu<br>Karaoke /Marie<br>5-8pm                   | 23 Open 2-8   | 24 Spaghetti<br>dinner- \$8<br>half dinner-\$5 | 25 Bar Poker<br>Game starts at<br>the discretion<br>of the bartender | 26 Friday<br>Dinner Menu | 27 open 2-8                                       |
| 28 Installation<br>of Officers-2 pm<br>Serving Pizza<br>after installation | 29 Monday<br>Menu<br>Karaoke /Marie<br>5-8pm                   | 30 Open 2-8   | 31 Spaghetti<br>dinner- \$8<br>half dinner-\$5 |  |                          |   |

## 2020-2021 Officers



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|                         |                   |                   |                              |                       |               |                      |                              |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Americanism             | Craig             | Conklin           | 941-447-1836                 | Lodge Activities      | Sandra        | Mooney               | 941-447-9424                 |
| Community Activity      | Sandra            | Mooney            | 941-447-9424                 | Lodge Advisor         | Joe           | Cooper               |                              |
| Drug Awareness          | Dorothea<br>Kitty | Meade<br>Flournoy | 941-807-0179<br>850-982-4412 | Membership            | Kitty<br>Judy | Flournoy<br>Vergason | 850-982-4412<br>941-524-8222 |
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# **PALMETTO HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL BANQUET CELEBRATED AT PALMETTO ELKS**





|                 |             |             |                        |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 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          | Ernst       | 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                |
| Scott           | McComas     |             | 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                |



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|---------|------------|-----|------|--------------|--------------|
| Charles | Booth      | Sgt | SSgt | USMC         | US Air Force |
| Carl    | Maddox     | Sgt |      | USMC         |              |
| Gary    | Mink       | Sgt |      | USMC         |              |
| Armand  | Barrieault |     |      | US Army/USMC |              |
| James   | Scheidler  |     |      | USMC         |              |

|                |              |                |                     |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 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 |
| Paula   | Billings  | E3            | US Coast Guard |
| Jim     | Decker    | B.M. 3        | US Coast Guard |
| Thomas  | Emanuello | P/O 3rd Class | US Coast Guard |
| Richard | Marston   |               | US Coast Guard |



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| David   | Allen     | MSgt      | US Air Force (Retired) |
| Al      | Cetrone   | A1C       | US Air Force           |
| Richard | Dirschell | 2nd Class | US Air Force           |
| Harry   | Fishwick  | SAC       | Royal Air Force        |
| Donn    | Frey      | 1st Lt.   | US Air Force           |
| Thomas  | Gafner    | A3C       | US Air Force           |
| Ricky   | Koepke    | E4        | US Air Force           |
| Stephen | Collopy   |           | US Air Force           |
| Michael | McBride   | Sgt       | US Air Force           |
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the Elks Lately?

