

# Palmetto Pride

**Benevolent and Protective Order of  
ELKS  
MARCH 2022**



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It is hard to believe that this is, again, my final message to everyone. It has been a very interesting year. We have added new members, who have become new volunteers. That is the way we keep moving forward.

We have met our goals for both Harry/Anna and the Elks National Foundation. This will award us Grants, that we can use in our Community. We also reached the goal, set by Sharon, for the Star Program, to help with our Autism Project. You should all be proud of how we are all working together, for the good of the Elks.

We have also worked with the Community, by letting them use our building. It has come back successfully. We have new lighting in our Hall and we soon will have new fans and a new carpet for the stage.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped me make this year a special one.

Fraternally yours,

Sandra S. Mooney ER

## ACTIVITIES



March, is a special month. On the last Sunday, March 27th, we have our Installation of our new Officers. We will be holding the ceremony at 2:00. We will be serving food after the ceremony. Everyone is invited. The program does not take too long. By attending, it is a wonderful way to welcome and show support for our Officers.

Monday, is Karaoke and it is going strong. We also have our Queen of Hearts drawing. On the first and the third, Mondays, we have added Philly Cheese Steaks to the Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, and Hot Dogs.

Remember, we have two meetings this month. The second and the fourth Tuesday.

Wednesday, we have Spaghetti and Meatballs. We serve from 5:00-6:45. We also have music.

Thursday, is Bar Poker. It starts when we have six players. That usually is about 2:30.

Friday, is our Fish Fry. We have had two very busy Fridays in a row. Thank you for your support and please thank any volunteers you see. They work very hard to make everything great. We also have music. Fraternally yours,

Sandra S. Mooney

Activities Chairman

## MARCH 2022



By now you should have received your dues renewal notice for the April 22– April 23 year.

I hope all of you will send your renewals in quickly. Thank you to all who have already sent them in, it is keeping me very busy.

Our new purple key cards have not arrived yet. We will keep using the key card we have now. When the cards come in I will send one out to you. The color this year is purple.

I want to thank everyone who purchased a star for the Florida Elks Unmasking Autism event. We raised \$520 for the stars which I sent on to Florida Elks Charity along with the 500+ stars. The stars from all the lodges will be hung at the Unmasking Autism Gala event in April.

Make sure our office has your current address.

Sharon Benedict, secretary

[lodge2449secty@gmail.com](mailto:lodge2449secty@gmail.com) (this is the new lodge email address)

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SEE THAT THEY  
ARE DISPOSED  
OF PROPERLY**



## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**We have considered changing our By-Laws. Our By-Laws now read: The regular hour of meeting shall be 5:00 pm for the Board of Directors and 6:00 pm but at any time, however, the Board of Directors and the regular meeting may be held at an hour to be determined by a vote of the Lodge to that effect at the previous meeting, provided that written notice of each change of Board of Directors and meeting hour shall be given to all the Members.**

**At this time we would like to see if you agree on change to the Board of Directors time to 6:00 from 5:00. The general meeting change would be from 6:00 to a new time of 7:30.**



## 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.

Americanism Chair  
Craig Conklin, PER

### 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.

Gordon Raymond	Judy Hepler	Mary Walraven	Tom Smilouski
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Madie Herrington	Wayne Leboeuf	Steve Baker	Lorraine Baker
James Woods	Bobbie Worley	Chet Syjud	

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) \_\_\_\_\_

## VETERANS AFFAIRS

March is here. March is my birthday month. Yippee! Birthdays are awesome. I want one every year... forever. If March is your birthday month share a Birthday Hug with me. :-)

As some of you may know, this will be my last newsletter article. I am retiring from the Veterans Chairman position at the end of this Elk year. I have enjoyed serving the lodge and our veterans for 15+ years. It is time for some others to step up and serve. I will remain available in a support mode to whomever this may be.

March has some interesting military observances and events: Birthdays of the Navy Reserve, Seabees, and the American Legion, K-9 Veterans Day, Medal of Honor Day, National Vietnam War Veterans Day. Oh, and let's not forget St Patrick's Day (not military but worth celebrating...:-).

The Naval Order of the United States will be holding a luncheon at our lodge on Thursday, March 3rd. If you are Navy, Marine, Coast Guard, or Merchant Marine please join us at 11:30 AM for some camaraderie, sea stories, and a great lunch!

Please continue your donations of those necessary items that the Vets at Bay Pines need so dearly. I will continue to support that function with an occasional delivery trip there.

**Jim Hoey**  
**Veterans Chairman**





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Lodge Secretary—Monday-9:00-12:00  
Treasurer Hours-Tuesday 9:00 to 12:00  
Also available by appointment  
Call 941-722-6937

## LODGE OPENS AT 2 DAILY

### MONDAY

Hamburger/fries	\$9.00
Cheeseburger/fries	\$10.00
Hot Dog	\$6.00
Onion,Kraut,Chilli, fries .50 ea	
<b>First &amp;Third Monday- Philly Cheesesteak with fries</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>

### WEDNESDAY

Full order spaghetti / 2 large meatballs	\$10.00
Half order spaghetti/ 1 large meatball	\$ 7.00
Large Meatballs	\$4.00 ea

### FRIDAY

3 Fish Fillets, hush puppies, slaw & fries -	\$12.00
Seafood Platter-Fried fish, shrimp, fried clams, slaw, fries, hush puppies-	\$15.00
Clam dinner-fries, slaw, hush puppies-	\$14.00
Grouper, blacken or grilled, fries, veggy, hush puppies, salad-	\$20.00
Half baked chicken, potato,veggy,salad-	\$14.00
Shrimp dinner-Fried, blacken, grilled, Fries, slaw, hush puppies-	\$14.00
Order of fries-	\$5.00

## MARCH

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Eri	Sat
		1	2 Spaghetti & Meatballs  Tony Squirrel	3 Bar Poker 2:30 pm	4 FISH FRY  Jeff Leonard	5
6 Army of Hope celebra- tion- Bradenton	7 Philly Cheese steak Karaoke Queen of Hearts	8 Meetings  4:30 Trustee 5:00 BOD 6pm	9 Spaghetti & Meatballs  Jeff Leonard	10 Bar Poker 2:30 pm	11 FISH FRY  Melanie	12
13	14 Burgers,hot dogs , fries Karaoke Queen of Hearts	15	16 Spaghetti & Meatballs  Jeff Leonard	17 Bar Poker 2:30 pm	18 FISH FRY  Tony Squirrel	19
20	21Philly Cheese steak Karaoke Queen of Hearts	22 Business meeting 6 pm	23 Spaghetti & Meatballs  Al Kitchen	24 Bar Poker 2:30 pm	25 FISH FRY  Jeff Leonard	26
27 INITIATION OF OFFICERS 2 pm	28 Burgers,hot dogs , fries Karaoke Queen of Hearts	29	30 Spaghetti & Meatballs  Jeff Leonard	31 Bar Poker 2:30 pm		





# *MARCH BIRTHDAYS*

Roxanne	Jahr	03	01
Wayne	Leboeuf	03	01
Gary	Campbell	03	02
Linda	Conklin	03	02
Wayne	Bunting	03	03
David	Radliff	03	03
Lee	Dunn	03	06
Dorothy	Favorite	03	07
Helen	Sexton	03	07
Granville	Summitt	03	08
Anthony	Arnone	03	10
Elma	Atkinson	03	10
Hugh	O'Connell	03	10
Leonard	Meade	03	11
Jamie	Steinhauer	03	11
Lorraine	Baker	03	13
Robert	O'Neil	03	14
James	Hoey Jr	03	16
David	DeLong	03	17
William	English	03	17
David	Fromerth	03	18
Larry	Williams	03	18
Eddie	Carter	03	21
Morgan	Williams	03	22
Janet	Quick	03	25
Irving	Benzing	03	26
Diane	Blanchard	03	26
Thomas	Brown	03	26
Joyce	French	03	29
Gary	Brown	03	30
Janene	Thiele	03	30
Luke	Bustle	03	31





# **QUEEN OF HEARTS TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

## **8 FOR \$5.00**

**DRAWING EVERY MONDAY  
AT 7:30 PM**

## 2021—2022 Officers



**Exalted Ruler**  
**Sandy Mooney**



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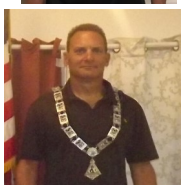
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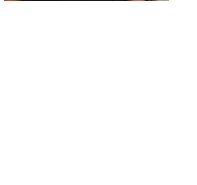
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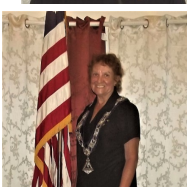
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**JOE COOPER-LODGE ADVISOR**

### **INITIATION OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2022-2023 YEAR WILL BE AT 2PM MARCH 27**

**EXAULTED RULER—JACK PEACE  
LEADING KNIGHT-ED BENEDICT  
LECTURING KNIGHT- BILL BRITT  
LOYAL KNIGHT- SCOTT MCCOMAS  
TILER-BARBARA NOLAN  
JANET QUICK- TREASURER  
SHARON BENEDICT-SECRETARY  
5 YEAR TRUSTEE-SANDY MOONEY  
GRAND LODGE ALTERNATE-SANDY MOONEY**



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# Public Invited

**Some Gave All, All Gave Some**



## The Mighty SW District Lodges:

**Bradenton, Lakewood Ranch Sarasota, Manasota, Palmetto  
Sarasota South, South Hillsborough, Venice Nokomis**

**Hosted By Bradenton Lodge #1511  
Sunday March 6, 2022 12 till 4**

**\$10.00 in advance 12.00 at the Door**

**Children under 5 Free; Children 6-12 \$6.00**

Tickets Available  
At Your Lodge  
Beginning Jan. 17th

**AMERICA HOME OF THE FREE AND LAND OF THE BRAVE**

**IT IS TIME FOR US TO GIVE BACK**

**We can give Back by helping deployed Veterans and  
Their Families while having fun at the same time**

### Menu

**Sausage & Peppers  
Hamburgers  
Bow Tie Pasta  
Corn on the Cob**

**Potato Salad  
Cole Slaw  
Bake Beans  
Dessert**



**Draft Beer \$2.00**

**Cash Bar Available  
Inside & Outside Tiki Bar**

**Special Guest Speakers**

**POW Table Tribute**

**Presentation of Military Flags**

**50/50**

**Basket Raffles**



**Bradenton Lodge #1511  
2511 75th ST W—Bradenton, FL  
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**Contact  
The Lodge  
Veterans Committee Chairman  
For More Information**



**As Long As There Is A Veteran The Elks will Never Forget Them**





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



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

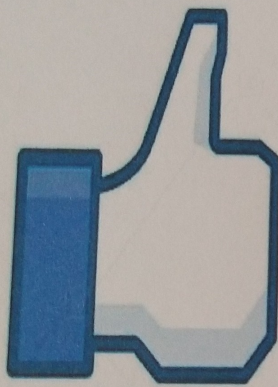
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Joseph	Best	Boatswain Mate	US Navy
Frank	Campbell	YN2	US Navy
Craig	Conklin	MM1(SS)	US Navy
Russell	Doerr Jr	SK2	US Navy
Robert	Hintze Sr	IC2	US Navy
Jim	Hoey	ETR2 (SS)	US Navy
Anthony	Horman	FTGSN	US Navy
Wardie (Giles)	Hunnings Jr.	RM1	US Navy
John	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



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
Frank	Roy		US Air Force
Michael	Stewart	Major	US Air Force (Retired)
James	Kurlinski		US Air Force



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