



## Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS



**In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason**

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Volume 1

### From the Exalted Ruler



With great pleasure on April 1st, I will continue to represent you as your Exalted Ruler for 2012-2013. We have all come a long way this past year, and you continue to believe in your Lodge, this is what ELKDOM is all about. I do hope that you will continue to support your officers, committee's and great volunteers. We all

need them.

On March 2nd we attended the Army of Hope picnic at Bradenton Lodge, it was a fair showing. We heard from some good speakers, and a fine soldier from the Wounded Warriors. This soldier was shot five times and lived to tell us about his experience. It made my eyes water to just see him and hear his story.

Our members, Stacy and Tex Rau and other members and guests from Tropic Isle raised \$2,050.00 to support this fund raiser; we should all thank them when we see them. They have donated over \$3000.00 to the Army of Hope, it makes your Lodge stand out over all the rest.

We are going to start something new for you, a monthly Birthday and Anniversary party beginning April 14<sup>th</sup> at 3PM. The Lodge will furnish the cake, if you want to bring a snack to share that will be fine. This is a good way to meet members and celebrate your great event.

Our St. Patty's dinner and music was outstanding, the great kitchen crew and the volunteers as always did a great job. Thanks go out to Lorraine Baker and her PETS crew. ELKS care!

We are always looking for some new event; if you have any ideas bring them to the PETS meeting. They meet the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM.

It was nice to see the members and guests come out, as the new officers were installed, our volunteers gathered together, and all of us had a good time.

Please no liquid of any type is allowed to be brought into the Lodge for any event! This is a violation of Liquor laws and we do not want to be sighted for this or even lose our license. So please abide by the rules.

To all our northerners going home, have a safe return up north, and we hope to see you this fall.

Again I want to thank all of you for your support this past year, and hope you continue to support your lodge, this is your home!

Fraternally Yours,  
Exalted Ruler  
John "JD" Daniel

### *Your New Officers*



*Elks* Care - *Elks* Share

Welcome our New Members  
Bernard Pulsifer, Karen Sikoski  
Dennis Medley, Harold Coates



## From the desk of the Secretary



Happy New Year!

Thank you to those that call to let the office know of changes of address, phone numbers and deceased members.

This was very helpful in updating our records. I received seven undeliverable letters this year. If you are reading this and you do not have a purple 2012-2013 card you are considered delinquent. Please send your dues in so your card can be sent to you immediately. If you do not have a current card you are unable to take part in the lodges activities and buy any beverages.

This time of year there are so many things to think of and this matter may have slipped your mind. Last year we were able to get our delinquent list down to 46. I am hoping for a much lower number this year. With everyone working together we can make it work. Yes we are beginning a new Elk Year. A reminder for widows card the request must be made in writing and an Elk in good standing must sign off on it.

Associate members if you would like a new associate card I must have a copy of your 2012-2013 Card and \$10.00.

If a member losses his card or if a duplicate card has to be made there will be a charge of \$5.00. If your card has been partially destroyed the remainder of the card is to be returned to the office.

Looking forward to serving you another year.

Judy Vergason  
Lodge Secretary

On March 18th the following Elks were presented with awards to thank them for their hard work for the 2011 - 2012 year.

Wes Townsend and Bill Harrington for Outstanding Service. Len Meade was presented with Officer of the Year, and Rose Wujcik was named as the Elk of the Year.



Exalted Ruler	JD Daniel	776-3835
Leading Knight	Chet Syjud	721-4284
Loyal Knight	Alice Davis	737-3776
Lecturing Knight	Steve Baker	962-6853
Secretary	Judy Vergason	722-1329
Treasurer	Judy Alf	721-7069
Tiler	Raymond Martel	721-7344
Esquire	Mike Wujcik	962-3682
Chaplain	Lorraine Baker	962-6853
Inner Guard	Rose Wujcik	962-5475
Organist	David Radcliff	813-641-2064
Five Year	Lenny Prus	721-4699
Four Year	Wed Townsend, PER	722-2551
Three Year	Frank Coseglia, PER	531-3911
Two Year	Sully Sullivan	813-641-3592
One Year	Ron Alf	721-7069
Accident Prevention	Katharine Chadwell	729-4913
Americanism	Dorathay Meade	807-6177
Auditing Accounting	Dale Daugherty	803-8172
Bulletin	Rose & Mike Wujcik	962-3682
Community Activities	Craig Conklin, PER	776-5832
Drug Awareness	Katharine Chadwell	729-4913
Elks Nat'l Foundation	Wes Townsend, PER	722-2551
Government Relations	Judy Vergason	722-1329
Harry Anna Trust	Ron Alf	721-7069
Hoop Shoot	Mike Wujcik	962-3682
Indoctrination	Pat Murphy	729-2876
Investigation	JD Daniel	776-3835
Kitchen Management	Bill Harrington - Sully Sullivan	962-3273— 813-641-3592
Lounge Management	Wes Townsend, PER Frank Coseglia, PER	722-2551 531-3911
Lapsation	Dorathay Meade	807-6177
Lodge Activities	Craig Conklin, PER	776-5832
Mediator	Craig Conklin, PER	776-5832
Membership	Judy Vergason	722-1329
Memorial Sunday	Alice Davis	737-3776
Nat'l Veterans	Pat Murphy	729-2876
PER Association	Len Meade, PER	807-0179
P.E.T.S. Activities	Rose Wujcik	962-5475
Presiding Justice	John Redding	813-258-4401
Property Maintenance	Jim Gard, PER Jim Allard	729-0971 729-4566
Public Relations	Rose Wujcik	962-5475
Volunteer		
Web Master	Chet Syjud	721-4284
Youth Activities	Katharine Chadwell	729-4913



# Palmetto Pride

## Lounge Hours

Sun: Closed

Mon: 3 Open menu / Karaoke

Tue: 3 Meetings

Wed: 3 Spaghetti 2nd & 4th Thu: 3 Socialize

Fri: 3 Fish Fry

Sat: 3 Socialize

Bar to close at the discretion of the bartender



# April 2012

**Come on in and try our new games! *Bar Poker and Dice Game***

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

1 9:00—11 :30 Breakfast 12:00—2:00 Food 2:00—4:00 Boom Ba	2 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Dee	3  Open 3:00	4  Closed	5 Open 3:00 Pot Luck 5:30 Line Dancing 7:00	6 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Salisbury Steak Music 6-9 Musical Memories	7  Open 1:00 2:00 Bar Poker Dice Game
8  Closed  Happy Easter!	9 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Karaoke Lorraine	10  Open 3:00 6:30 P.E.T.S. 7:30 Lodge Meeting	11  Open 3:00  5:00—7:00 Spaghetti Bobby Remp	12  Open 3:00  Line Dancing 7:00	13 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Beef Tips Music 6-9 Myakka Band	14  Open 1:00 3:00 Lodge Birthday Anniversary Party
15  9:00—11 :30 Breakfast	16 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Philly Cheese Steak Karaoke Lenny	17  Open 3:00 PER Meeting 6:00 6:30 BOD	18  Closed	19  Open 3:00  Line Dancing 7:00	20 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Roast Pork Music 6-9 Seabreeze	21  8:00-12:00 Indoor Yard Sale Open 1:00 2:00 Bar Poker Dice Game
22  Closed	23 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Nola	24  Open 3:00 7:30 Lodge Meeting Initiation	25  Open 3:00  5:00—7:00 Spaghetti Bobby Remp	26  Open 3:00  Line Dancing 7:00	27 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Meat Loaf Music 6-9 Nick at Night	28  Open 1:00 2:00 Bar Poker Dice Game
29  Closed	30 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Reminisce	<b>Bring this coupon to the bar to receive 500 points for every \$10.00 you add to your card</b>  				



## Fast American Revolution Facts

### Q: When did the war begin?

A: Officially, the war began on April 19, 1775 on the grounds at Lexington and Concord. However, the first man killed was an African American named Crispus Attucks, in 1773 at the Boston Massacre.

### Q: What night of the week did Paul Revere make his ride?

A: It began on Tuesday night, April 18, 1775 and ended on Wednesday, April 19, 1775. At about 10:00 pm, Dr. Joseph Warren sent for Paul Revere and William Dawes, Jr. to ride to Lexington to warn Samuel Adams and John Hancock of the planned march of the British.

At 11:00 pm, Joshua Bentley and Thomas Richardson rowed Revere across the Charles River to Charlestown, where a horse awaited. Meanwhile, Dawes took the longer land route through Roxbury. At 11:30 pm, Revere took the Medford Road, awakening all the people in houses along the path.

At midnight, Dawes caught up to Revere at the Hancock-Clark House in Lexington. Dr. Samuel Prescott joined the other two riders on the road to Concord.

At 1:00 am, Revere was captured by British soldiers, while Dawes and Prescott escaped. Prescott made it to Concord to alert the militia there.



SPECIAL EVENT IN APRIL 1775, HISTORICAL FACTS

Dorathey Meade, Americanism

*Support ENF and Harry Anna charities*

### Awards

Exalted Ruler John Daniel present a pin to ENF Chairman Wes Townsend for his dedication in raising funds to meet our per capita for ENF. He also presented a membership pin to Frank Coseglia for his outstanding achievement in signing up over three or more members for 2011-2012. Great work. Judy Vergason was presented a pin for her contribution of \$2,000.00 to the ENF fund. We all thank you. Leading Knight Chet Syjud presented a pin to Exalted ruler for his outstanding achievement in signing up over three or more members in 2011-2012.



*Elks Care - Elks Share*



New games daily at the bar!



Bar Poker  
\$1.00 Five Card Poker  
Highest Hand Wins



Dice Game  
\$1.00 for 2 rolls of the dice  
4 of a kind - win a free drink  
5 of a kind - win the jackpot  
Minimum jackpot \$100.00  
Maximum jackpot \$500.00  
See bartender for rules

## April Birthdays

02	Richard	Emery
03	Benito	Lopez
04	Frank	Veeder
05	Marilyn	Doxey
05	Ralph	Hajek-Jr
06	Lars	Bjurholm
06	Steven	Harwick
08	Pat	Cuppernell
09	Chester	Grocki Jr
10	Zelmon	Fuller
10	Marcel	Grenier
11	Linda	James
12	Thomas	Gafner
12	Suzette	McMahon
13	James	Alphin
13	Joseph	Calore
13	Linda	Fesh
13	Michael	McEvoy
14	Donald	Walker
15	Jeannette	Hafely
16	John	Rogue
17	Peter	McGee
17	Michael	Wujcik
18	Robert	Bruner
20	Thomas	Baum
20	Theodore	Huesing
20	Thomas	Woff
22	G Leon	Bateman
22	Sharon	Galuszka
23	Barry	Kastel
24	Douglas	Gifford
25	Paul	Cutway
25	William	Thomson
26	Anthony	Santoro
28	Oscar	Fleury
28	Walter	Heim
29	Steve	Heywood
29	Frederick	Schoenberg

*Elks Care - Elks Share*

The Southwest District of the Florida Elks Association held their Annual Army of Hope fund raiser at Bradenton 1511 Elks Lodge this past weekend. Tropic Isle all timers club through their association with the Palmetto Elks Lodge was recognized for their continued support. Tropic Isle community collected funds throughout the year raising \$2,050.00 dollars. Stacy and Tex Rau said the community enjoys being part of Army of Hope projects because of what Elks do for our Military



Army of Hope is a program of Florida State Elks Association which was established in 2008. Our mission is to provide aid and assistance to the families of deceased, disabled, and deployed members of the military in Florida. Examples of aid assistance are, school lunches, medical or dental emergencies, minor home repairs, auto repairs, phone cards and many much. Individual aid requests may be made by submitting a completed request form to your local Elks Lodge. Local Lodges will review the request and submit it to the district Veterans Services Chairman who will submit the request for final approval. Only families of Florida active duty military personnel, military reservists, Coast Guard, the National Guard and/or their dependents are eligible to apply. An active duty member stationed in Florida with his dependents would qualify as a Florida resident. Palmetto Elks thanks the community for their continued support. Helping our Veterans and children is what the Elks are all about. Because Elks Care Elks Share.



## Hall Rentals



Your hall is for rent to both members and non members for weddings, anniversaries, parties, or other special events. We would be glad to host your business meetings. Please leave your name, phone number, and a brief message regarding the event, with the bartender on duty. They will call me with the information. I will call you as soon as possible as to when we can meet and discuss the rental at length.

Craig Conklin, PER 776-5832  
Hall Rental Chairman



## P.E.T.S.



This past year we have enjoyed many events. Next year promises to be more fun. Our thanks to all who participated, we look forward to seeing you in 2012-2013 season.

Rose Wujcik, Chairman  
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### Mardi Gras Fun



### PALMETTO #2449 BULLETIN BOOSTERS 2012-2013

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.

Calvin Hendrick  
Hugh & Ruth Igo  
Frank Casalaina  
Don Jahns

Mike & Rose Wujcik  
Frank J. Roy  
Barbara Hutcheson  
Nicholas Curcio

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) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### Country Western Party



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**CREDIT CARD MACHINES  
Now Available in the Lodge**



Smokey's Bomba Mummies



# Army Of Hope Volunteers



## Wanted and Desperately Needed!

- Deodorant ▪ Paperback Books ▪ Playing Cards ▪
- Hobby Kits ▪ Table Games ▪ Writing Supplies ▪
- Stamps ▪
- Disposable Razors ▪ Comfort Items ▪ Toothpaste ▪
- Denture Supplies ▪ Combs ▪ New Socks (13)
- New Men's Briefs (S,M,L) ▪
- New Tee Shirts (L & XL) ▪
- Clothes Washing Soap, Powder Only.
- No Mouthwash or Aftershave

These are items, that as Elks, we need to provide for our Veterans. If you can help with any of these items, please drop them off at the Lounge so we can gather them together and deliver them. Magazines must be less than three months old.

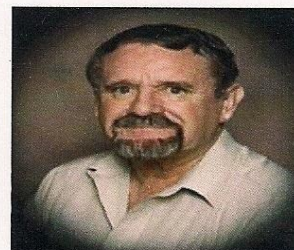
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## Monday Nights



**Lounge Opens 3:00**  
**Come out and join**  
**Chef Bill**  
**Food 5:00-7 Full Menu**  
**Karaoke 6 to 9**



**2nd and 4th**  
**Wednesday**  
**Spaghetti Night**  
**5:00 to 7:00**  
**Music by Bobby Remp**



**INDOOR YARD SALE**  
**PALMETTO ELKS LODGE**

**APRIL 21, 2012**  
**8:00 to 12:00**

**\$20.00 per table**  
**Accepting donations for the Elks Table**  
**Please drop off treasures at the lodge**

**April 14, 2012**

**Lodge Birthday / Anniversary Party**

**If you have a birthday or celebrating an Anniversary**  
**Come and join us at 3:00**  
**Bring a snack to share**

**Cake will be provided**

