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In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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From the Exalted Ruler



Hello to all members of Palmetto Elks #2449. It is a pleasure to write my first article for the bulletin as your newly installed Exalted Ruler. I'll do the best job I can keeping you informed of lodge functions and successes. JD has left some very large shoes to fill. I am thankful for his past service and continuing guidance in his role as trustee. We have a great lodge here in Palmetto. I would love to learn the names of all of our members, so please, introduce yourselves to me and test me for learning names.

Congratulations to all of our new members as we just initiated 17 Elks. This is on top of the 25 new members from February. The membership campaign has gone very well. Already a number of them have volunteered their time for the good of the lodge. Let's give them a true Elks welcome. Many thanks to Stacey Rau for taking the reins in this membership drive.



I'd like to address volunteering, we have many opportunities available with so many ways to help out. Dorathey Meade has the task of scheduling all of the kitchen and dining room help. If you can volunteer some time in any way, be it bussing tables, cooking on the grill and fryers, assembling dinner plates, cooking our special meals, cashiers, wait staff, we need you. If you are not available in the evening, Sully needs help during the afternoons preparing for dinners. With the exception of our bartenders, cleaning and dishwashing staff, we are a volunteer organization and do not exist without our volunteers.

You probably know that finances have been tight at our lodge for several years. Income from weekly dinners, events and our annual dues are not enough to sustain the lodge. Our roof is leaking and is in need of continual repairs. Steve Baker has done a valiant job taking care of this but we do need to plan for roof replacement. As a result, our lodge had to go into the hall rental business for income to make future plans for lodge improvements. We are critically in need of volunteers to chaperone these Saturday night parties and keep an eye on lodge assets. Three shifts are needed for each party; 4pm to 8pm, 6pm to 10pm and 8pm to 12am. Very little physical effort is required, just keeping your eyes open in most cases. Any time you could volunteer would be greatly appreciated.

And last, but not least, thank you, Lenny Pruss, Rose Wujcik, Steve Baker, Judy Vergason, Judy Alf, Bonnie Pruss, Mike Wujcik, Carol Smilowski, Dave Radliff, JD Daniel, Len Meade, Wes Townsend, Frank Coseglia, and Sully Sullivan, for your service to the Palmetto Elks in your chair positions and the wisdom and leadership you bring to meetings.

Fraternally Yours,
Chet Syjud
Exalted Ruler



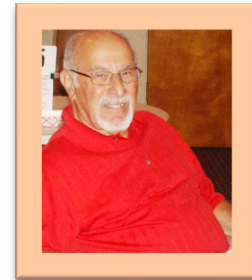
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Volunteer Of The Month



Frank



From the desk of the Secretary



Happy New Year!

Thank you to those that call to let the office know of changes to 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 buff 2013-2014 card you are considered delinquent. Please send your dues in so your card can be sent immediately. If you do not have a current card you are unable to take part in the lodges activities and buy any beverages.

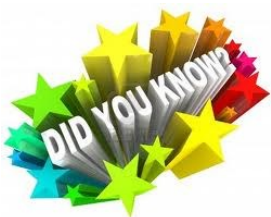
This time of year there are so many things to think of and this matter may have slipped your mind. Last year we were able to get our delinquent list down to 43. I am hoping for a much lower number this year. With everyone working together we can make it work. Yes we are beginning a new Elk Year.

A reminder for widows card a 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 loses 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

Elks Care - Elks Share



When you become an Elk you join an elite group of members dedicated in serving it's community. As a member of our lodge, you are able to support the organizations that we are involved with. Your contribution to the Harry-Anna Fund helps the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Program. By supporting Elks National Foundation, (ENF), you are able to give back to our veterans that have given so much to us. With ENF you are also providing services to your community with participation in the Hoop Shoot competition, scholarships, and drug awareness in our schools.

In the up coming months a description of these different services that we support will be explained in this area so you will know where your money goes.

Rose Wujcik
Public Relations Chairperson

Palmetto Pride



Sun: Closed
Wed: Spaghetti 2nd & 4th
Sat: Closed

Weekly Lounge Activities

Mon: Open menu / Karaoke
Thu: Closed



Tue: Meetings
Fri: Fish Fry

Bar to close at the discretion of the bartender



April 2013

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7:00 Full Menu Karaoke Lenny Pruss	2 Open 3:00	3 Closed	4 Open 3:00	5 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Beef Tips Music 6-9 Seabreeze	6 Closed Private Party
7 Closed	8 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7:00 Full Menu Karaoke Wayne & Deborah	9 Open 3:00 P.E.T.S Meeting 6:30 Lodge Meeting 7:30	10 Open 3:00 5:00—7:00 Spaghetti Bobby Remp	11 Open 3:00	12 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Cabbage Rolls Music 6-9 Dee	13 Closed Private Party
14 Boom-Ba Food 12 - 2 Party 2 - 4 Musical Memories	15 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7:00 Full Menu Philly Cheese Karaoke Bob Dunn	16 Open 3:00 PER Meeting 6:00 BOD 6:30	17 Closed	18 Open 3:00	19 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Roast Turkey Music 6-9 Shine On	20 Closed Private Party
21 Closed	22 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7:00 Full Menu Karaoke Nola	23 Open 3:00 Lodge Meeting 7:30	24 Open 3:00 5:00—7:00 Spaghetti Bobby Remp	25 Open 3:00	26 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Salmon Fillet Music 6-9 Tony Boing	27 Closed Private Party
28 Closed	29 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7:00 Full Menu Karaoke Lenny Pruss	30 Open 3:00	If you would like chicken or a special meal please contact the lodge to reserve your order. 			

Patriotism and Americanism go hand in hand

Ronald Regan gave a tribute to Henry Clay, he said: *"He loved his country partly because it was his own country, but mostly because it was a free country, and he burned with a zeal for its advancement, prosperity and glory, because he saw in such, the advancement, prosperity and glory, of human liberty, human right, and human nature."*

John F. Kennedy said: *"Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country"* What are you doing for your country, and what are you doing to promote Americanism?

Suggestions: Fly a flag on the appropriate days, wear a flag pin, attend the different lodge functions: Flag Day, Army of Hope, visitation to Bay Pines, and donations needed for veterans.

Dorathey Meade
Americanism Chairperson

New Members February 2013



James	Carpenter
David	Clark
Dennis	Esken
Geraldine	Gironda
Lawrence	Gunn
Ivan	Hartwell
Madeline	Harrington
Barbara	Inglese
Sandra	Kinner
Mary	Lietz
James	Lietz
Terry	Muxlow
Robert	O'Hanlon
Barbara	Pawlicki
Joseph	Phelan
Stacey	Rau
Karen	Rodgers
Thomas	Rodgers
Kenneth	Scheer
Donald	Stiers
Anna	Syjud
William	Thomas
Carol	Tracy
Henry	Ward
David	Whitmore



New Members March 2013



Joanne	Capinski
Judith	Cutway
Arla	Decker
Dwight	Depru
Millard	Flint
Marti	Follin
Richard	Fuller
Richard	Justice
Gaylord	Kennedy
Ken	Miller
Andrew	Possehl
Marylou	Rypel
Robert	Sager
John	Searles
Sandra	Slyder
Mary	Walraven
Marilyn	Wetmore

Volunteers are always needed
If you can help
Contact Dorathey Meade
807-6177



April Birthdays

03	Benito	Lopez
04	Stephen	Collopy
04	Frank	Veeder
05	Marilyn	Doxey
05	Ralph	Hajek-Jr
06	Lars	Bjurholm
06	Steven	Harwick
09	Chester	Grocki Jr
10	Zelmon	Fuller
10	Marcel	Grenier
11	Linda	James
12	Thomas	Gafner
12	Dennis	Leber
13	James	Alphin
13	Joseph	Calore
13	David	Clarke
13	Michael	McEvoy
15	Jeannette	Hafely
17	Peter	McGee
17	Michael	Wujcik
18	Robert	Bruner
20	Thomas	Baum
20	Paul	Fudally
20	Thomas	Wolff
22	Sharon	Galuszka
23	Barbara	Inglese
23	Barry	Kastel
24	Douglas	Gifford
24	Lawrence	Gunn
25	Paul	Cutway
25	Merlyn	Fish
26	Robert	Minter
26	Anthony	Santoro
27	Sandra	Kinner
28	Oscar	Fleury
28	Larry	Mekus
29	Steve	Heywood
29	Frederick	Schoenberg
30	Karen	Rodgers



Support ENF and Harry Anna charities



2013—2014 Committee Chairs

Accident Prevention	Rose	Wujcik	962-5475
Americanism	Dorathay	Meade	807-6177
Auditing Accounting	Robert	O'Hanlon	981-9778
Bulletin	Rose & Mike	Wujcik	962-3682
Community Activities	Barbara	Jones	722-3362
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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
Investigation	Lenny	Pruss, PER	721-4699
Indoctrination	Lenny	Pruss, PER	721-4699
Kitchen Management	Sully	Sullivan	813-390-8614
	Bill	Harrington	962-3273
Bar Management	Lenny	Pruss, PER	721-4699
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Web Master	Chet	Syjud	721-4284
Youth Activities	Mike	Wujcik	962-9682

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.

Judy Vergason, 722-1329
 Craig Conklin, PER 447-1836
 Frank Coseglia, PER 531-3911

P.E.T.S.



Happy New Year! We are looking forward to a great year. Goals for this year is participation and of course membership in the club and in PETS. Invite a friend to a meeting. I will be filling the chairperson position for Rose, big shoe's to fill. We really appreciate all the time and effort that she and Mike do for our PETS committee and for the club. It is a group effort. We need lots of volunteers to run our club. Our most recent meeting, we have a good start on some great functions. Hope to see everyone there. Thank you for a warm welcome. It's a pleasure to be working towards the same goals. Let's have a fantastic and prosperous year.

Here's to a successful year!

Anna Syjud
P.E.T.S. Chairperson



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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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Name (s) _____
Address _____
City, State Zip _____

Sully's Corner Friday \$8.00 Specials



- 04/05 Beef Tips over Noodles & Vegetables
- 04/12 Cabbage Rolls, with Mashed Potatoes, & Vegetables
- 04/19 Roast Turkey, with Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, & Vegetables
- 04/26 Salmon Fillet served on Vegetables, with Parsley Buttered Potatoes

2013—2014 P.E.T.S. Up coming events

5/5/13	Cinco De Mayo	1:00 -3:00
9/28/13	Gourmet Dinner / Wine Tasting	5:00 - 10:00
10/27/13	Halloween / October Fest	2:00 - 5:00
12/15/13	Holiday Cocktail Party	3:00 - 6:00
12/22/13	Kids Christmas Party	11:00 - 2:00
1/12/14	Army of Hope Fund Raiser	5:00 - 12:00
2/14/14	Valentine Deserts with Fish Fry	5:00 - 7:00
3/4/14	Mardi Gras	7:00 - 10:00
3/13/14	St. Patty's Day	5:00 - 9:00

Stay tuned for more Information

April Hall Rentals Private Parties

4/6/13	Sweet 15	4:00 - 12:00
4/13/13	Sweet 15	4:00 - 12:00
4/20/13	Texas Holdum	4:00 - 12:00
4/27/13	Sweet 15	4:00 - 12:00

Volunteers Needed in 4hr blocks
Contact Dorathey Meade if you can help
807-6177

Senior Prom



Cinco De Mayo

May 5, 2013

1:00 to 3:00

\$5.00 p.p.

2 Tacos

Rice

Refried

Beans

Soapillas

Extra Tacos available for \$1.00

Tickets available at the bar

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New Men's and Women's Underware (S,M,L) ▪

New Tee Shirts (L & XL) ▪

▪ New Socks (13)

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.

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Step Forward "Extend the Hand of Elkdom"

Monday Nights



Lounge Opens 3:00

Food 5:00-7:00

Full Menu

Karaoke 6 to 9



**2nd and 4th
Wednesday
Spaghetti Night
5:00 to 7:00**



Friday Fish Fry

4:30 - 7:00

Music

6:00 - 9:00



Cinco De Mayo

May 5, 2013

1:00 to 3:00

\$5.00 p.p.