



## Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS



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

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### From the Exalted Ruler



April is here and that means the starting of our new fiscal year. Membership dues are due, for your convenience you can pay by cash, check or credit card. Please support your lodge and renew your dues. It was a struggle this past year, we all

went through a lot, but you know what, you all hung together and that should make you want to renew your membership.

Our friends are leaving us and heading north, I want to thank all of them for their dedication to their lodge, the long hours they volunteered and received no pay. Also, I want to thank all those who will stay and continue to work through the summer. We are going to continue with our scheduled menu on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We are also going to have special events through the summer so watch for them.

Since it is not realized just what is involved in the cost you pay for meals and events. I have heard that, "we can go to other places and get our meals cheaper". Let's look at what you get at your lodge, everything that you purchase plus the tax is figured in. Breakfast, you get all you can eat, plus coffee and juice for \$7.00, Wednesday spaghetti the same way. At the Lodge, you are with your friends in a relaxed atmosphere and at the same time supporting it. Just a thought!

There are times when changes are not really understood and no one gets the true facts, WHY! The officers make decisions that they feel are better to keep the lodge in a profitable and operable condition. In the summer we have to try and cut corners without taking anything away from the members to keep the lodge operating. You all know yourselves, when things change we have to adjust, so please understand. If you feel that we are doing something right or wrong come to the meetings and express your idea(s), we will listen. It is here that we will let you know why the changes were made. Come to the meetings and find out.

I want to wish all our mother's a HAPPY MOTHER's Day where ever you are.

Fraternally Yours  
John JD Daniel, PER  
Exalted Ruler

### April Volunteer of the Month



*Sue Tennant*

### Welcome our New Members

JoAnne Baldwin, Joan Andro, Linda Sanford  
Dannie Whiteman, Michael Phillips,  
James Kaufman, Jon Deacon, Robert Gould



## From the desk of the Secretary



Greeting,

The year 2012-2013 is off to a good start. As of writing this for the May bulletin there are still 142 members that have not paid their dues.

Just a gentle reminder that you will not be able to partake in the events of the lodge until you have a current membership card.

You might be saying I can't do much for the lodge because of my age and health situation but by paying your dues you are doing your part in the team to help others. Please pay your dues. We love each and everyone one of you as a member of our team. Your dues is very important to the success of our lodge and our programs. Your dues help to send children to camp it also helps us to give to our Children's Therapy Services. Through you dues we can also give to the veterans what they need.

Thanking you in advance for helping us to help others.

To our Associate Members we need a copy of your 2012-2013 membership card and \$10 to issue you a new Associate's Card.

Widow's Cards must be requested in writing and be signed by an Elk.

Thank you for your understanding and support this past year, I am looking forward to serving you again this year.

Faternally,  
Judy Vergason  
Lodge Secretary

### Why did you join the Elks? Charitable programs!

Last month's Elks.org poll asked **Why did you join the Elks?** Out of 591 votes cast between March 15 to April 13, the overwhelming result was **To advance the charitable programs of the Order** (53%, 314 votes), followed by a close second between socializing with friends/family (21%, 127 votes) and meeting new people (18%, 108 votes), and finally using Lodge facilities (7%, 42 votes) coming in last

*Elks* Care - *Elks* Share

Exalted Ruler	JD Daniel, PER	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 Pruss, PER	721-4699
Four Year	Wes 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	447-1836
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
Investigation	Lenny Pruss, PER	721-4699
Indoctrination	Greg Harrod	776-9997
Kitchen Management	Bill Herrington - 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	447-1836
Mediator	Craig Conklin, PER	447-1836
Membership	Judy Vergason	722-1329
Memorial Sunday	Alice Davis	737-3776
Nat'l Veterans	Pat Murphy	729-2876
PER Association	Craig Conklin, PER	447-1836
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	Dorathay Meade	807-6177



# 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



# May 2012

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

**Sun**

**Mon**


**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

		1 Open 3:00	2 Closed	3 Open 3:00 Pot Luck 5:30	4 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Peel/Eat Shrimp Music 6-9 Cyndi	5 Open  1:00 Derby Day
6 9:30—12:30 Breakfast	7 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Nola	8 Open 3:00 6:30 P.E.T.S. 7:30 Lodge Meeting	9 Open 3:00 5:00—7:00 Spaghetti Bobby Remp	10 Open 3:00	11 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Chicken Cordon Blue Music 6-9 Myakka Band	12 Open 1:00-4:00 3:00 May Birthday Anniversary Party
13 <b>Mother's Day</b>  Breakfast 9:30 - 12:30 Program at 1:00	14 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Karaoke Lenny	15 Open 3:00 PER Meeting 6:00 6:30 BOD	16 Closed	17 Open 3:00	18 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Stuffed Cabbage Music 6-9 Seabreeze	19 Open 1:00-4:00 Bar Poker Dice Game Swing Dance
20 Closed	21 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Philly Cheese Steak Karaoke C.J.	22 Open 3:00 7:30 Lodge Meeting Initiation	23 Open 3:00 5:00—7:00 Spaghetti Bobby Remp	24 Open 3:00	25 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Picadillo Music 6-9 Tony Boeing	26 Open 1:00-4:00 Bar Poker Dice Game Swing Dance
27 Closed	28 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Bob Dunn	29 Open 3:00	30 Closed	31 Open 3:00	Return all Tel-connect cards by the 15th.	



## ***Fast American Revolution Facts***

The words we say every day at school right after T.V. Production does the morning announcements. Most people would answer that they say the Pledge just because it's a requirement at school, the reason of that is because they most likely don't even know what it means! Now, why do I say the Pledge of Allegiance...that's a different story. As an individual I say the Pledge to dedicate and honor my love and devotion for our country. The Pledge is a symbol of freedom and has a purpose. We do say the Pledge of Allegiance for a reason; to not only bring us together as a community, but also as a nation. We try to say the Pledge with pride and dignity of our country and thinking that we are blessed by God and can't be divided. Freedom is having the right to live your life without threats and fear of any sort, and having a pursuit of happiness, that we can live with every day. When the first version of the Pledge was written in 1893 by a Christian socialist, it was re-written four times with four different versions just to get it the words right to represent what the Pledge was going to mean in the future. When the Congress adopted the Pledge in 1942 they knew it represented a strong message when each person would say it for generations and generations. Overall, I say the Pledge of Allegiance not because I have to, because I want to!

Written by Ally Robo - 8th grade

2nd Place - Division II

Carlos E. Hale Middle School



Dorathy Meade, Americanism



***MACHINE GAMES  
WILL BE REMOVED ON  
MAY 15, 2012***

***Those wishing to cash in their  
Tel connect cards must do  
so before that date!!***

Mother's Day May 13, 2012

Celebrate Mother's Day with breakfast 9:30 - 12:30

Mother's Day Program 1:00

All are welcome to attend



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



## May Birthdays

01	Erwin	L	Griswold
02	Lh	(Butch)	Glasgow
03	Charles	H	Chambers
04	Lawrence		Crocker
05	Stewart	W	Tobias
06	Thomas	S	Emanuello
06	Marvin	W	Stump
08	Joseph	E	Rodgers
11	Don	L	Hendrickson
12	Jon	W	Deacon
13	William		Faries
13	Gary	T	Nice
16	James	C	McFarland
16	John	E	Oldham
17	Frederich	H	Sustman
18	Wayne	R	Boyle
18	Frank	J	Sullivan
18	Thomas	W	Townsend
21	Richard	B	Richardson
21	Richard	J	Whinnery
23	William	S	Belejack
27	Wardie		Hunnings Jr
27	Constance	M	Thompson
28	Ann	M	Arnold
28	Ken		Gravitt
28	Herbert	W	Isaac
31	Paul		Bianca
31	Frank		Locicero



### *Mission of the Elks National Foundation*

Is to help Elks build stronger communities. The ENF funds Elks charitable programs including the Elks National Drug Awareness Program, Elks National Hoop Shoot-Free throw Contest and Elks National Veterans Service Commission. The foundation also provides three scholarship programs, two solely for Elks families, and grants to state Elk associations. Through the ENF's Community Investments Program, Lodges can apply for grants to improve the quality of life in Elks communities.

### *Mission of Harry Anna Trust Fund*

The Florida Elks Charities, Inc, supports the charitable programs of its two primary recipients: Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services, Inc, and the Florida Elks Youth Camp, Inc.

### *Support ENF and Harry Anna charities*

*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.

## P.E.T.S.



We are always looking for new members and ideas. Come join us and see what we are all about. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30. Your comments are always

welcome .

Rose Wujcik, Chairman  
rmwujcik@yahoo.com

The Army of Hope fundraiser held on Sunday, March 4, 2012 at the Bradenton 1511 Elks Lodge raised over \$6,000. These funds will be used to help families of deployed, disabled and deceased military members in Florida by assisting with medical emergencies, school lunches, telephone cards, and minor home and auto repairs (these are only a few ways military families are helped through Army of Hope funds). If you know of any military families that are in need of such assistance, please complete a request form and submit to your local Elks lodge. Remember, sometimes it only takes a little extra help to get someone through a difficult time.

Pat Murphy, Veterans Committee

### 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.

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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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Memorial Day May 28, 2012



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Looking for something new to do. The West Coast Swing Class will start on May 19, 2012, 1:00 - 4:00 Cost \$5.00 per person. Come out and learn a new style of dancing with friends.



### Elks National Youth Week

May 1st to May 7th





# Fish Fry Fun



## 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.

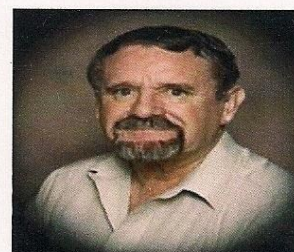
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## Monday Nights



**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**



**Derby Day**

**May 5, 2012**  
**1:00**

**Ham to be served**  
**bring a dish to share.**  
**Contest for the best Bonnet!**

**May 12, 2012**

**May 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**

