



## Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS



### In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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### From the Exalted Ruler



Can't believe it is May already. Many of you are leaving or already have left for your northern summer residences. Please make it a safe trip and come back early next fall.

The Elks fiscal year, 2013 – 2014, began on April 1<sup>st</sup>. That means that if you have not paid your dues by now, you are delinquent and not in good standing with the Elks. Look at your membership cards and if they are expired, get your check in right away. Your new card will be mailed out immediately. Where else can we gather for a great meal and beverages at extremely reasonable prices, fine entertainment, dancing and fellowship with our Elks family.

On Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, there was a fitting Memorial Service for John "JD" Daniel PER. JD passed away on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. He was a terrific ER, a true Elk through and through and will be missed by everyone he touched. The Elks Memorial Service followed the Bradenton American Legion Honor Guard service which included a 21 gun salute, Taps, and presentation the American Flag to family members. Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken. "To Our Absent Members"

Many of you were unaware that JD had passed away. The decision of when to hold the Memorial Service was made on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Notice went out by email immediately to all on the Palmetto Elks email list. I apologize to all who did not receive this notice. Approximately 200 members have not given us their email addresses, or the address we have is not current. Calls were made to 100 of these members to inform them. If you did not receive this email announcement, please send your current email address to [palmettoelks1@aol.com](mailto:palmettoelks1@aol.com) and request to be placed on the list to receive future notices.

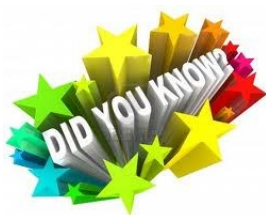
Have you ever pulled up to the lodge and thought how nice the grounds look? The grass is always manicured to perfection, shrubs are trimmed, parking lot is clean. Ever wonder who does all of this work? It is done by our co-volunteers of the month, PER Jim Gard and Jim Allard. Next time you see them in the lodge, tell them how much appreciate the work they do all year long.

Hope to see you all at Cinco de Mayo celebration on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Manny and Maggie have planned a nice event with Mexican food, beer and Margarita specials from 1:00PM to 3:00PM, followed by games from 3:00PM to 4:00PM. Something about a Mexican horse race?? Can't wait to see this one!

Please continue to welcome our new members into the Elks family, say hello to visiting Elks, and make our lodge the friendliest lodge in the Mighty Southwest District.

Fraternally Yours,







Chet Syjud  
Exalted Ruler  
721-4284



Every time you buy a 50/50 ticket  
You help send a child to camp



## 2013—2014 Officers

 Leading Knight Lenny Pruss, PER 721-4699	 Loyal Knight Rose Wujcik 962-5475	5th Year Trustee
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## Leading Knights Corner



My name is Len Pruss. I am your newly installed Leading Knight for the Elk year 2013-2014. In years past, the Leading Knight was permitted to submit short articles in order to hone his skills, for the next year duties as the Exalted Ruler, the most important leadership role in our lodge. I start these articles by giving you my thoughts, on the importance, of the three chairs leading to the highest, Exalted Ruler. The first chair is that of Lecturing Knight, who's Motto is Brotherly Love. This chair should inspire within us, tolerance, forgiveness, the willingness to work together, and the respect of another's ideas and thoughts. It means those in need in our community, helping Veterans, and finally supporting our States Major Projects, Children's Therapy Services and Children's Summer Camp. Next month, Loyal Knight.

Respectfully Submitted  
Len Pruss  
Leading Knight  
721-4699



## From the desk of the Secretary



### Greetings

The year 2013-2014 is off to a good start. As of writing this for the May bulletin there are still 100 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. Another reminder as we are going through the list of delinquent membership there are so many disconnected numbers, wrong numbers, wrong email address, and wrong address. If you are one of these members that have changed your phone number, email address, or home address in the past 6 months or so please inform the office so we can keep in touch with you.

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 every one of you as a member of the 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 your dues we can also give veterans what they need. Thank you in advance for helping others. To our Associate Members, we need a copy of your 2012-2013 card and \$10 to issue you a new Associate Card. Widow's card must be requested in writing and be signed by an Elk.

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

Judy Vergason  
Lodge Secretary  
722-1329

### Harry-Anna Trust Fund

Did you  
know...

"Of everything that the Florida Elks do, perhaps nothing is more important than our work with the state's youth. Sowing the seeds of accomplishments and commitment through our Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services and Florida Elks Youth Camp programs, children are given the opportunity to grow and learn beyond their wildest imaginations.

The Harry-Anna Trust Fund was established in 1951. The purpose of this charitable trust was, and continues to be, the collection of donations, the selling of trust fund certificates, and the acceptance of endowed gifts. The trust fund is restricted, which means that only the income derived from it may be used to support our major projects: the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Service and Florida Elks Youth Camp Programs."

Rose Wujcik  
Public Relations Chairperson  
962-5475

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# 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**



# May 2013

**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

If you would like chicken or a special meal please contact the lodge to reserve your order. 941-722-6937 		 National Youth Week May 1st—7th		1  Closed	2  Closed	3  Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Stuffed Peppers Music 6:00—9:00 Shine On	4  Closed  Private Party
5  Cinco de Mayo 1:00—3:00 Lunch 3:00—4:00 Games	6  Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7:00 Full Menu Karaoke Bob Dunn	7  Open 3:00	8  Open 3:00 5:00—7:00 Spaghetti	9  Closed	10  Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Chicken Marsala Music 6:00—9:00 Lenny	11  Closed  Private Party	
12  Closed Happy Mother's Day 	13  Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7:00 Full Menu Karaoke Lenny	14  Open 3:00 P.E.T.S Meeting 6:30 Lodge Meeting 7:30	15  Closed	16  Closed	17  Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Roast Pork Loin Music 6:00—9:00 Seabreeze	18  Closed Armed Forces Day  Private Party	
19  Closed	20  Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7:00 Full Menu Philly Cheese Karaoke Mark	21  Open 3:00 PER Meeting 6:00 BOD 6:30	22  Open 3:00 5:00—7:00 Spaghetti	23  Closed	24  Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Memorial Day Celebration Hot Dogs / Brats Music 6:00—9:00 Karen Greenley	25  Closed  Private Party	
26  Closed 	27  Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7:00 Full Menu Karaoke Nola	28  Open 3:00 Lodge Meeting 7:30	29  Closed	30  Closed	31  Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Meat Loaf Music 6:00—9:00 Musical Memories		

## Salute Our Veterans

The month of May has 2 important days to fly our flag, May 18th, Armed Forces Day and May 27<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day. On August 31, 1949, Louis Johnson, who was the United States' Secretary of Defense, announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The event stemmed from the armed forces' unification under one department – the Department of Defense. The Army, Navy and Air Force leagues adopted the newly formed day. The Marine Corps League declined to drop support for Marine Corps Day but supports Armed Forces Day too. Armed Forces Day was a day for the military to show "state-of-the-art" equipment to Americans. It was also a day to honor and acknowledge Americans in the armed forces. Parades, open houses, receptions and air shows were held at the inaugural Armed Forces Day. Armed Forces Day is still celebrated nationwide today and is part of Armed Forces Week.

Memorial Day started when General Logan gave his official proclamation in 1868, to have a day set aside to remember and honor those who gave their all for their country. Moina Michael conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial day in honor of those who died. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to help servicemen in need.

This is a time to give to Veterans in need. Bring items to the lounge area, they go to Veterans at Bay Pines. Items needed: New Men's and Women's Underwear (S,M,L) ▪ New Tee Shirts (L & XL) ▪ New Socks (13)

Dorathey Meade  
Americanism Chairperson  
807-6177



*Elks Care - Elks Share*

*All Veterans  
&  
Lodge Members  
Are Cordially Invited  
To a Celebration  
In Honor of  
The Flag of the  
United States of America*



*Sunday  
June 9, 2013  
1:00 pm  
Palmetto Elks #2449 Lodge*

## Welcome to our New Members



**Jim Sholtis, Douglas Mowery,  
Fred Lazard, Caroline Tyler-Powers**

## Volunteers Of The Month



**Jim Allard & Jim Gard**



## May Birthdays

01	Georgia	Drakopoulos
02	Lh (Butch)	Glasgow
03	Charles	Chambers
04	Lawrence	Crocker
05	Stewart	Tobias
06	Marvin	Stump
07	David	Colburn
12	Jon	Deacon
13	William	Faries
13	John	Julian
13	Gary	Nice
15	Tim	Healy
16	James	McFarland
16	John	Oldham
17	Ivan	Hartwell
17	Cecelia	Perkins
17	Frederich	Sustman
18	Wayne	Boyle
18	Frank (Sully)	Sullivan
18	Thomas	Townsend
21	Richard	Whinnery
23	William	Belejack
23	Leslie	Sutton
23	William	Thomas
26	George	Helmer
27	Wardie	Hunnings Jr
27	Constance	Thompson
28	Ann	Arnold
28	Ken	Gravitt
28	Herbert	Isaac
31	Paul	Bianca
31	Frank	Locicero

## 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
Drug Awareness	Katherine	Chadwell	729-4913
Elks Nat'l Foundation	Wes	Townsend, PER	722-2551
Government Relations	Judy	Vergason	722-1329
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Investigation	Lenny	Pruss, PER	721-4699
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	Bill	Harrington	962-3273
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Mediator	Craig	Conklin, PER	447-1836
Membership	Judy	Vergason	722-1329
	Stacey	Rau	465-1568
Memorial Sunday	Lorraine	Baker	962-6853
Nat'l Veterans			
PER Association	Craig	Conklin, PER	447-1836
P.E.T.S.	Anna	Syjud	721-4284
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Property Maintenance	Jim	Gard, PER	729-0971
	Jim	Allard	729-4566
Public Relations	Rose	Wujcik	962-5475
Volunteers	Dorathay	Meade	807-6177
Web Master	Chet	Syjud	721-4284
Youth Activities	Mike	Wujcik	962-3682



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**2nd and 4TH Wednesdays**  
**To Help With**  
**Spaghetti Preparations**  
**10:00—12:00**  
**IF YOU CAN HELP**  
**CONTACT**  
**DORATHEY MEADE**  
**807-6177**



### 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 447-1836  
 Frank Coseglia, PER 531-3911

## P.E.T.S.



Our calendar is all set for the year. We are adding a Senior Prom to it, as we all had such a good time. More and more are heading back north and wish you all safe travels see you in the fall. Thanks to all our volunteers we are going to miss you lots. Our meeting went well and we would like more participation especially in the fall. Bring a friend to a meeting, all inputs are appreciated. We discussed at length at the last meeting how we can advertise our wonderful fundraisers and events, so we will be working on that this year.

Don't forget on May 5<sup>th</sup> is our Cinco de Mayo pay at the door. Maggie and Manny are hosting and serving homemade tacos, rice and beans, there will be music and games all for only \$5.00. extra tacos \$1.00. Come out and have some fun. Save the date on September 28<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Gourmet dinner and wine tasting. We have a great meal planned. More details in the upcoming newsletters.

Anna Syjud  
P.E.T.S. Chairperson  
721-4284



### PALMETTO #2449 BULLETIN BOOSTERS 2013—2014

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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Dennis Wood  
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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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## Sully's Corner Friday \$8.00 Specials



- 05/03 Stuffed Peppers, Mashed Potatoes, & Vegetable
- 05/10 Chicken Marsala, Roasted Potatoes, & Vegetable
- 05/17 Roast Pork Loin, Sauerkraut, & Mashed Potatoes
- 05/24 Memorial Day Celebration  
Hot Dogs, Brats, Potato Salad, & Baked Beans
- 05/31 Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, & Vegetable

### 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

### May Hall Rentals Private Parties

5/4/13	Quinceanera	4:00 - 12:00
5/11/13	Power Squadron	7:00 - 4:00
5/18/13	Juanita Party	5:00 - 12:00
5/25/13	Birthday Party	5:00 - 12:00

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

## John "JD" Daniel



May his Soul rest in Peace



## Cinco de Mayo

May 5, 2013

1:00 to 4:00

\$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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## Support our Veterans Wanted and Desperately Needed!

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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## 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**



**Flag Day Ceremony**

**June 9, 2013**

**1:00**

**All Are Invited**

**Come and learn about  
the history of our flag**

