



Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS



In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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Shooting for our Goals
To Protect the Future



From the Exalted Ruler

May is a very special month for us. We start the month off with Mother's Day giving thanks to those who gave us life. End with Memorial Day, giving thanks to those who gave their lives so that we may be free.

Our lodge will be paying a tribute to our mothers and all the mothers in our lodge by honoring a special Mother's Day Ceremony on May 10th at 2:00. This will be followed by a luncheon. I hope you all plan on attending.

On Memorial Day, at 3:00pm local time there is a National Moment of Remembrance. All are encouraged as Americans to pause for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation. As Moment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada states: "It's a way we can all help put the memorial back in Memorial Day."



You may have noticed a few changes in the food at the lodge this past month. Sandy Mooney is back and is now our kitchen manager. Sandy has helped in getting the kitchen back on track and already has made some improvements. Friday's now will be no longer be advertised as "Fish Fry". We will be serving "Friday Night Dinners". Special meals will now be available on Fridays. Fish will only be served if Sandy approves the quality. We are currently trying out cod both baked and fried. Come on by for dinner on Friday and let us know what you think of the changes made. Your input is always welcomed, good or bad. That's the only way we know what you like and how we are doing.

I would like to thank Carol Smilowski for all of her hard work and commitment to our lodge in the kitchen. She has done a wonderful job but it's time for her to start taking care of herself. Of course she will be here to help Sandy out especially when Sandy goes up north to spend time with her family. Sandy and Carol make a wonderful team in our kitchen.

A big thank you also needs to go out to Craig and Linda Conklin and their team for cooking on Monday Karaoke. Another great night to come to the lodge to spend time with your friends, enjoy a good dinner, and entertainment. Who knows you may even want to go up to the mic and share your talents. Monday's are always a lot of fun.



I would also like to thank Craig for stepping forward to take over as our bar manager. He plans on having drink specials throughout the year. Stop by the bar and let him know what changes to the bar you would like to see happen.

Elks Care - *Elks* Share

There are many more changes and improvements that will be going on this year to make your lodge a place that you can come and feel at home. We will be having special fund raisers in the upcoming months to give our lodge a face lift. You may have noticed that the lounge has already been painted. There are more changes like this coming forward. Please plan on attending the fund raisers and give your support in updating your lodge.



At this time I would like to honor my Elk of the month, Rose Sturgeon. We can always depend on Rosie to come forward to help in the kitchen whenever she is called. Thank you for all you do for our lodge, your smile and laughter make everyone around you happy.

We are known as the *friendliest lodge in the district*. Let's keep this going. Greet members and visitors at our lodge. Take the time to participate in your lodge functions. If you have ideas on what we can do to make your lodge a place that you want to come to, please let me know. It's your lodge, help us know what you would like to see take place here.

Fraternally,
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*If you see a new member or someone you don't know, say hi.
Give them a smile they just might need one!*

From the desk of the Secretary

Greetings



The year 2015-2016 is off to a good start. As of writing this for the May bulletin there are still 102 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 were going through the list of delinquent membership there are so many disconnected numbers, wrong numbers, wrong email addresses, wrong addresses. If you are one of these members that have changed your phone number email address or home address in the past 6 months, 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. 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 your dues we can also give 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 2015-2016 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.

Fraternally Yours,
Judy Vergason, Lodge Secretary
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Palmetto Pride



Sun: Closed
Wed: Closed
Sat: Closed

Weekly Lounge Activities

Mon: Open menu / Karaoke
Thu: Closed

Tue: Meetings
Fri: Dinner

Bar to close at the discretion of the bartender

Office hours

Lodge Secretary—Treasurer Hours
Monday 8:00 to 12:00
Also available by appointment



May 2015

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

 <div>Elks National Youth Week May 1, 2015 to May 7, 2015</div>				1 Open 3:00 Dinner 4:30 to 6:45 Salsbury Steak Music 6:00 to 8:00 Dan Mobley Mother Goose Day		2 Closed Private Party 4:00 to 11:00 Brothers & Sisters Day
3 Closed World Laughter Day	4 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-6:45 Full Menu Philly Cheese Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00 Anna Respect for Chickens Day	5 Open 3:00  Cinco di Mayo Day Dinner \$8.00 5:00 to 7:00	6 Closed 	7 Closed 	8 Open 3:00 Dinner 4:30 to 6:45 Beef Stir Fry Music 6:00 to 8:00 Shine On No Socks Day	9 Closed Private Party 4:00 to 11:00 Lost Sock Memorial Day
10  Tribute 2:00 Luncheon \$8.00	11 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-6:45 Full Menu Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00 Pete Eat What You Want Day	12 Open 3:00 PER Meeting 6:00 BOD Meeting 6:30 Lodge Meeting 7:30 Limerick Day	13 Closed Frog Jumping Day	14 Closed Dance Like a Chicken Day	15 Open 3:00 Dinner 4:30 to 6:45 Shepard's Pie Music 6:00 to 8:00 Lani C & Co Band Chocolate Chip Cookie	16 Closed 
17 Closed Pack Rat Day	18 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-6:45 Full Menu Philly Cheese Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00 Anna Cheese Soufflé Day	19 Open 3:00 Devil's Food Cake Day	20 Closed Pick Strawberries Day	21 Closed 	22 Open 3:00 Dinner 4:30-6:45 Chicken Piccata Music 6:00 to 8:00 Tony Boeing Don't Fry Day	23 Closed Luck Penny Day
24 Closed Scavenger Hunt Day	25 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-6:45 Full Menu Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00 Lenny Memorial Day	26 Open 3:00 BOD Meeting 6:30 Lodge Meeting 7:30 Blueberry Cheese Cake Day	27 Closed Grape Popsicle Day	28 Closed Hamburger Day	29 Open 3:00 Dinner Meatloaf 4:30-6:45 Music 6:00 to 8:00 Holly Rae Paper Clip Day	30 Closed My Bucket's Got a Hole in it Day
31 Closed Speak in Complete Sentences Day	<div><p>As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. --John F. Kennedy</p></div> <div><p>Memorial Day May 25, 2015</p></div> <div><p>"They fell, but o'er their glorious grave Floats free the banner of the cause they died to save." - Francis Marion Crawford</p></div>					

May Birthdays

02	Lh	Glasgow
03	Charles	Chambers
04	Shirley	Williamson
06	Thomas	Emanuello
07	Francis	Labar
10	Linda	Gray
13	William	Faries
13	John	Julian
13	Gary	Nice
16	James	McFarland
17	Cici	Perkins
17	Frederich	Sustman
18	Wayne	Boyle
18	Thomas	Townsend
21	Richard	Whinnery
23	William	Belejack
23	William	Thomas
26	George	Helmer
27	Wardie	Hunnings Jr
28	Ken	Gravitt
28	Herbert	Isaac
31	Frank	Locicero
31	Robert	Maclarty

Did You Know

The history of Mother's Day, as Americans now know, started as a seed in the mind of activist Julia Ward Howe, the lyricist behind the patriotic anthem "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Severely disturbed by the effects of the Civil War on soldiers and their families, Howe determined that women, mothers especially, have an express duty to promote peace in the world. In 1870, she issued a "Mother's Day Proclamation" to unify the women of the world against the devastation and brutality of war, lobbying unsuccessfully for an official observance of a Mother's Day for Peace.

The attempts to establish a nationally recognized holiday for mothers didn't die with Howe, nevertheless. In 1907, Anna M. Jarvis, a Philadelphia school teacher, initiated her own crusade for Mother's Day, bombarding legislators and other influential men to bring this important day to fruition. The campaign to memorialize mothers was dear to Jarvis' heart. As a young girl, she heard her mother express hope that an official Mother's Day would one day be sanctioned. Jarvis never forgot her mother's words and vowed after her mother died that she would somehow make the establishment of Mother's Day come to pass. Jarvis' efforts were eventually successful; President Woodrow Wilson formally pronounced the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day in 1914, fulfilling Jarvis' promise to her mother and initiating a holiday that is celebrated by millions each year.



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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

may your birthday bring
you as much happiness
as you give to everyone
who knows you
Happy Birthday



The month of May has 2 important days to fly our flag, May 16th, Armed Forces Day and May 25th, 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)



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In the 1940s, the Elks made a commitment to "lay a solid foundation for the future; building the moral and physical character of American boys and girls, the leaders of tomorrow." Since then, the Elks have done much to fulfill that self charged responsibility and not for fanfare or publicity, but simply because they know it is the right thing to do.

In fact, of everything the Elks do, perhaps nothing is more important than their work with the country's young people. Like no other fraternal organization, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks celebrates the accomplishments of the country's youth. The efforts of the Elks on behalf of the young through youth organizations and scholarships, and by sponsoring athletic and artistic endeavors, summer camps, and drug awareness programs sow the seeds of accomplishment and commitment that benefit the whole nation. This work and the generosity of the Elks help today's young people become tomorrow's scientists, industrialists, academic, artists, athletes, and much more.

The first week in May each year, the Order holds its Elks National Youth Week, recognizing young people for their involvement with the achievements in the community. Traditionally the Elks present awards and plaques to outstanding youngsters during this week, in addition to hosting teams—similar to those that are held all year—that provide young people with ever greater chances to play an active role in their communities.

By their sponsorship of youth fairs, career nights, student government days, athletic and educational programs, clubs, and more, the Elks truly make a difference in the lives of many young people. It is this caring commitment that makes the BPO Elks the fraternal organization most actively engaged in promoting strong and healthy futures for young people.

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WANTED:

Encyclopedia updates!

If you see an entry that could use some updating and you have the correct information, please send it to State Historian Truman Bass at tabass1@comcast.net.

Palmetto Elks at Work and Play

Elk Of The Month



Rose Sturgeon

Elks Care - Elks Share

Friday Night Dinners

\$8.00



- 1st Friday—Salsbury Steak
- 2nd Friday- Beef Stir Fry
- 3rd Friday—Shepard's Pie
- 4th Friday- Chicken Piccata
- 5th Friday- Meatloaf

Our New Member



Terry Miller

Elks Care - Elks Share

PALMETTO ELKS #2449

ELK'S MOTHER'S DAY TRIBUTE

MAY, 10, 2015

FOLLOWED BY

LUNCHEON

FRENCH TOAST, BACON, ASSORTED QUICHE
SPINACH PIES, ROLLS LUNCH MEAT AND PASTRIES'

\$8.00

2:00 PM

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Palmetto Elks #2449
Elk's Flag Day Ceremony

June 14, 2015

2:00 pm

Hot Dogs, Chili, Baked Beans

\$2.50

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**Tuesday
May 5, 2015**

\$8.00

Chicken or Beef Enchiladas

Chicken or Beef Tacos

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Refried beans

Or

Chicken or Beef Taco Salad

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Chips and Salsa

A Salute to all our Men and Women in Uniform
Thank You for Your Service!



National Military Appreciation Month

Monday Nights

Lounge Opens 3:00

Food 5:00 to 6:45

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Karaoke 6 to 9



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