



Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS



In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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May 2016

Volume 2



From the Exalted Ruler



April was a very busy month and a major learning experience for me. I am anticipating a lot more in May.

I would like to send a THANK YOU to the Power Squadron for changing the lighting in the big room to the new LED bulbs. The lights are much brighter. The upgrade was done at no expense to the lodge.

Our member participation has fallen off big time in the last two weeks. We are making several changes to bring our members back and to keep our lodge exciting.

Starting in May, we will have a Happy Hour till 6:00. We will be open on Thursday for Bar Bingo and other games. We are changing the menu for Monday and Friday to reduce cost and the number of volunteers needed. Details are explained in this newsletter.

If you have any comments on these changes or ideas on how to attract our members back into the lodge or any ideas on making money for the lodge, please attend a BOD (Board of Directors) meeting on the second Tuesday, 6:00 to 7:30. We need to hear from you.

We have a suggestion box near the bulletin boards. When you leave me a suggestion, please include your name and phone number so I can contact you for additional information or request you to come to the BOD meeting so we can discuss your suggestion with the full board.

One additional discussion is an inside yard sale. We would rent tables so people could sell their own items and tables run by the lodge to sell donated items. We need your input and someone to oversee and several to volunteer to work.

Time to get off my soapbox. I hope to be able to make my comments for June on the positive side that some or all of the changes are working and have additional ideas that sound good.

My Elk of the Month is Steve Baker. He is doing an outstanding job keeping the building functioning. A sometimes very dirty job. Thanks Steve.

If we all pull together and keep saying "FOR THE GOOD OF THE LODGE" we will have a good year.

Fraternally,
Len Meade, ER
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From the Desk of the Secretary



The year 2016-2017 is off to a good start. As of writing this for the May bulletin there are still 92 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 are very important to the success of our lodge and our programs. Your dues helps to send children to camp, it also helps us to give to our Children's Therapy Services. Through your dues we can also give to the veterans what they need. Thanking you in advance for helping us to help others.

One last thing, have you been in the lodge to see the changes yet. There has been quite a number of them. We also need your ideas to help us grow and so we can be open more days. We can only do this with your help with participation and ideas. Let's get Palmetto to grow.

To our Associate Members we need a copy of your 2016-2017 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

Fraternally Yours,
Judy Vergason, Lodge Secretary
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A Message from Your Kitchen



Before I get into what will be going on this summer, I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who came out to help make our District Fund Raiser a big success. As always, we worked hard and had a good time doing it. I would also like to send a special thank you to Bob and Susan Erwin for helping us out.

For those of you that do not know what this fund raiser was for, let me explain. Every year, the Mighty Southwest District, which you are a part of, being members of Palmetto, hosts a hospitality room at the State Convention. This fund raiser was to make money to make this the best hospitality room, at the Convention. So thank you.

Now to the summer kitchen schedule. We will be cutting back on our food choices for the summer. We are hoping that we will still have food for everyone.

Our Mondays will offer one special:

May 2 Sloppy Joes with chips
May 9 Meatball Subs with French fries
May 16 Fried Shrimp with French fries
May 23 Philly Steaks with French fries
May 30 Belly Busters with chips

Our Fridays will offer two choices:

Bob's Big Boy Fried Fish with French Fries
Chicken Salad Plate



These changes make it easier for our Summer volunteers. I hope this makes your Summer, with us, enjoyable also. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you,
Sandy Mooney, P.E.R., Kitchen Manager
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Americanism



The month of May has 2 important days to fly our flag, May 21st, Armed Forces Day and May 30th, 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
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Sun: Closed
Wed: Closed
Sat: Closed

Weekly Lounge Activities

Mon: Open 3:00
Thu: Open 3:00

Tue: Open 3:00
Fri: Open 3:00

Bar to close at the discretion of the bartender



Lodge Secretary—Treasurer Hours
Monday 8:00 to 12:00
Also available by appointment
Call 941-722-6937



MAY 2016

Elks National Youth Week
May 2nd to May 6th



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  Closed Honoring Americans Wounded	2 Open 3:00 to 6:00 Happy Hour Sloppy Joes 5:00 to 6:45 \$5.00 Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00	3 Open 3:00 to 6:00 	4 Closed	5 Open 3:00 to 6:00  GAME NIGHT	6 Open 3:00 to 6:00 Happy Hour Dinner 5:00 to 6:45 Music 6:00 to 8:00 Second Time Around	7 Closed
8 Closed Mother's Day Tribute 2:00 	9 Open 3:00 to 6:00 Happy Hour Shrimp Dinner 5:00 to 6:45 \$7:00 Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00	10 Open 3:00 to 6:00  BOD Meeting 6:00 Lodge Meeting 7:30	11 Closed	12 Open 3:00 to 6:00  GAME NIGHT	13 Open 3:00 to 6:00 Happy Hour Dinner 5:00 to 6:45 Music 6:00 to 8:00 Tony Boeig	14 Closed
15 Closed	16 Open 3:00 to 6:00 Happy Hour Meatball Sandwich 5:00 to 6:45 \$7.00 Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00	17 Open 3:00 to 6:00 	18 Closed	19 Open 3:00 to 6:00  GAME NIGHT	20 Open 3:00 to 6:00 Happy Hour Dinner 5:00 to 6:45 Music 6:00 to 8:00 Holly Rae	21 Closed 
22 Closed NATIONAL MARITIME DAY 	23 Open 3:00 to 6:00 Happy Hour Philly Cheese Steak \$8.00 5:00 to 6:45 Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00	24 Open 3:00 to 6:00  PER Meeting 7:00 Lodge Meeting 7:30	25 Closed	26 Open 3:00 to 6:00  GAME NIGHT	27 Open 3:00 to 6:00 Happy Hour Dinner 5:00 to 6:45 Music 6:00 to 8:00 Shine On	28 Closed
29 Closed	30 Memorial Day Open 3:00 to 6:00 Happy Hour Belly Buster Hot Dogs \$5:00 5:00 to 6:45 Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00	31 Open 3:00 to 6:00 		V-E Day May 8th 	NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER 	May 5th 

May Birthdays

04 Shirley Williamson	13 Gary Nice	18 Wayne Boyle	26 George Helmer
06 Thomas Emanuello	15 Abigail Peck	18 Thomas Townsend	28 Ken Gravitt
10 Linda Gray	16 James McFarland	21 Richard Whinnery	31 Frank Locicero
13 William Faries	17 Frederick Sustman	23 William Thomas	31 Robert Maclarty
13 John Julian			

Did You Know



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



Do You Have A



The Lodge is always looking for new and exciting things that we can do for you to come on in and have fun.

Some of the ideas that we want to follow up on are

1. Arts and Crafts night
2. Game night—Bar Poker—Bridge Night—Euchre
3. Maybe just one night that you can come in and play whatever card game your group wants to play
4. Pot Luck luncheons or Dinners
5. Bus Trips to Hard Rock Casino
6. Picnic in the parking lot

If you are interested in doing any or all of these things, or even have other ideas let us know. If you want to help organize one of these ideas, let me know.

There are 3x5 cards in the front of each binder at the lodge. Fill one out and put it in the Suggestion Box by the door. Or you can call or email me. Tell us what you think!

**LET'S HAVE
SOME FUN**

Remember
It's for the Good of the Lodge

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**DID YOU KNOW
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PRESENTS VETERANS THE VETERANS SERVICE AWARD
TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR SERVICE**

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More information is at:
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Florida State Elks Association Historian Emeritus
Reference Library

HAVE YOU HEARD?!

The Florida Elks online encyclopedia now has a Google-like search capability!

Type a word or topic in the search box and all entries that refer to it will be pulled up for you to read.

This is useful for anyone wanting to know more about an Elks topic and is especially helpful to bulletin editors, officers, district vice presidents and district deputies.

Find it at: <http://floridaelks.org/encyclopedia-of-elksdom>

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 #2449 BULLETIN BOOSTERS
2016—2017**

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.

Ted	Roberts	Eleanor	Roberts
Carol	Smilowski	Mike	Wujcik
Rose	Wujcik		

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) _____

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Elk of the Month



Steve Baker

Plan on Attending Show how Mighty Palmetto Lodge #2449 is District Vice President Visits

All Diners start at 6:00

Cost \$5.00

6/11/2016	South Hillsborough 2672
** 6/25/2016	Palmetto 2449
7/16/2016	LW Ranch-Sarasota 2855
7/30/2016	Sarasota South 2495
8/13/2016	Venice-Nokomis 1854
8/20/2016	Manasota 2734
9/10/2016	Bradenton 1511 (VP Homecoming)



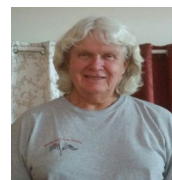
Monday's

May 2nd—Lenny's Sloppy Joes & Chips	\$5.00
May 9th—Frank's Shrimp Dinner & FF	\$7.00
May 16th—Sandy's Meatball Sandwich & French Fries	\$7.00
May 23rd—Chet's Philly Cheese Sandwich & French Fries	\$8.00

Memorial Day

May 30th—Mike's Belly Buster Hot Dog & Chips	\$5.00
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Our New Members



Myles Gee



Bob Kelly

Not Pictured

Bob Gutierrez

FOR SALE

IN THE LODGE

ELKS HATS FOR SALE: \$10.00
WHITE, PURPLE, BLUE

ELKS SHIRTS FOR SALE: \$20.00
Blue V-neck, short sleeve—size medium
Red V-neck, short sleeve—size large
Black with heart, short sleeve —size medium
Burgundy collared
1 – size Medium
2—size Large
5—size XL Large

Brown, ¾ sleeve, V-neck —size large
Black, round neck, sleeveless—size large
White, round neck, sleeveless—size large
Pink, round neck, sleeveless—size large



Friday

\$8.00

Bob's Big Boy Fried Fish & French Fries
Chicken Salad Plate

Get Involved
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to take on the challenge
Of our Lodge Property Maintenance
On the job training is available

If you are interested call
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Homer	Beall, Jr	1st Lt	US Army Reserve
William	Corlew	Cpl 1st CAV	US Army
			X Corp
John "Tom"	Donnelly	M/Sgt	US Army
Richard	Ernst	Sgt	US Army
Robert	Ernest	SP4	US Army
Oscar	Fleury	PFC (E-3)	US Army
James	Hill		US Army
Donald	Kichline		US Army US Navy
Frank	Locicero	PFC	US Army
Steve	McColm	SP4	US Army
Len	Meade	SP5	US Army
Mike	Meronek	SP5	US Army
Gordon "Gordie"	Raymond	SSgt E-6	US Army National Guard
Marvin	Rice	Sgt E-6	US Army
Herman	Roth	PFC	US Army
Paul	Samuels	Cpl	US Army
Walter	Schneider	E5	US Army
John	Searles Jr.	SP4 E4	US Army National Guard
Charles "Gil"	Shaw	Sgt	US Army Air Force
Chet	Syjud	Spec 5	US Army Reserves
Carl	Webber		Army Air Corp
Elmer	Wurst	E5	US Army



Charles	Booth	Sgt SSgt	USMC US Air Force
Carl	Maddox	Sgt	USMC
Gary	Mink	Sgt	USMC



Jack	Bach	ML2	US Navy
Joseph	Best	Boatswain Mate	US Navy
Frank	Campbell	YN2	US Navy
Craig	Conklin	MM1(SS)	US Navy
Russell	Doerr Jr	SK2	US Navy
Robert	Hintze Sr	IC2	US Navy
Jim	Hoey	ETR2 (SS)	US Navy
Anthony	Horman	FTGSN	US Navy
Wardie (Giles)	Hunnings Jr.	RM1	US Navy
John	Julian	LS	Royal Canadian Navy
Robert	Lanoue	3rd Class BT	US Navy
Richard	Moody	GM2	US Navy
Gerald	Ray	CPO E-7	US Navy (Retired)
Clifford	VanDervort	FC3	US Navy
Michael	Wujcik	CWO4	US Navy, (Retired)



Chuck	Billings	E5	US Coast Guard
Paulla	Billings	E3	US Coast Guard
Jim	Decker	B.M. 3	US Coast Guard
Thomas	Emanuello	P/O 3rd Class	US Coast Guard



Al	Cetrone	A1C	US Air Force
Richard	Dirschell	2nd Class	US Air Force
Harry	Fishwick	SAC	Royal Air Force
Donn	Frey	1st Lt.	US Air Force
Thomas	Gafner	A3C	US Air Force
Ricky	Koepke	E4	US Air Force
Michael	McBride	Sgt	US Air Force
Frank	Roy		US Air Force
Michael	Stewart	Major	US Air Force (Retired)



Starting May 2, 2016
Every Monday—Tuesday—Thursday—Friday
3:00 to 6:00
Wine—\$2.00
Well Drinks—\$1.50
Domestic Draft Beer \$1.50
Bottle Beer—\$2.00
Miller Light, Bud, Bud Light, Coors Light



Starting May 2, 2016
Every Monday—Tuesday—Thursday—Friday

Elks Brew \$1.50 16oz
Wine Close Out
Until Gone
Chablis \$1.50



Sunday
May 8, 2016
Palmetto Lodge #2449
Will be holding
Their Annual
Mother's Day Program
At
2:00

All are invited to attend
To honor all mom's



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CRACKER SNACKS**

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Thank You for Your Service!**



Monday Nights

**Lounge Opens 3:00
Food 5:00 to 6:45**

Karaoke 

6:00 to 8:00



**Lounge Opens 3:00
Friday Dinner
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**Music
6:00 to 8:00**



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**Have you asked someone to join
the Elks Lately?**

