

# Palmetto Pride

**Benevolent and Protective Order of  
ELKS  
MAY 2019**



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Members,

Here we are into May already. Many of you have traveled into the cold northern climes, hoping for warm days. You could have stayed here where the weather is always warm and having fun at BPOE #2449. We are busy planning for Derby Day, Cinco de mayo, Men's Luncheon, and other fun things to do here at the lodge.

As the new ER, I will have to attend the Florida State Elks Convention in Orlando at the end of the May, and the National Elks Convention in St. Louis, MO at the end of June. My plan is to head to MI for a while after the National. We will be in good hands with the lodge PER's looking after things.

I am sure you have noticed that the bartenders are asking to see your membership cards recently. It is important to see that we have our cards with us and also that they are signed. We are a non-profit club and to keep that status we cannot allow non-members to purchase alcohol. Please follow the directions of the barkeepers or the bar manager.

As always, thank you to the many volunteers that work weekly in the club. A special thank you to Lorraine and Steve Baker for power washing the white fence, to Craig and Linda Conklin for cleaning the lodge, and to others who do a great job. Please thank them personally when you see them.

Jim Decker,  
Exalted Ruler

## **ELKS COMMUNITY SERVICE! From Jim Hoey**

Palmetto Elks 2449 has been providing community service to children in a local (soon to be state-wide) Dive Into Reading program. The program is designed to help children in Title One schools from first through third grade raise their reading skills. Sadly, 51% of Manatee County, FL children in the third grade cannot read at the third grade level. These statistics are similar throughout the south Florida Title One school system.

The Anna Maria Oyster Bar piloted this program after they heard the statistics above (from school employees) and realized that from birth to third grade we “Learn to Read” and from third grade onward we “Read to Learn.” Children who cannot read at grade level after third grade usually do not make it through high school. And their future is dim with regards to being a productive member of society after that.

In its third year now, the Dive Into Reading program has proven to be successful at raising the reading levels of children who participate in the program. The local school system brings children to the restaurant for breakfast with a Mentor. The mentors assist the children by reading with and to them from grade level books, then having the children read back from the same book. The program runs for one month in June. Children are tested by the school system at the end of the school year and then again at the beginning of the next school year. After attending the Dive Into Reading program the results show positive improvement, or at least no loss of reading skills, throughout the summer months. Statistically, these children would normally lose up to 3 months of reading skills during summer break.

Palmetto Elks involvement started at the Mentor level. Then in year two the Elks Lodge donated over 200 backpacks with school supplies to the attending children. This year, 2019, there will be over 400 children attending. The program is growing, and other local restaurants are now participating. Sarasota County school system has also joined the program. The need for more support is growing along with the program. Palmetto Elks Lodge has committed to providing an adequate number of backpacks for the program. The Lodge is working with other Elk Lodges in the district to expand participation.

**From the Desk Of The Veterans Chairman– Jim Hoey**



Memorial Day is May 27th this year. Memorial Day is dedicated to the service men and women who gave their lives for Freedom and Country. I encourage you to follow a Memorial Day tradition: attend a parade, visit a military cemetery, honor the remembrance of those fallen service men and women. It is fine to wish current active, retired, and veterans a Happy Memorial Day; but keep in mind the true reason we celebrate this day.

It may also be interesting to note that almost every day in May is dedicated to some thing or event. Here are a few to ponder:

May 3: International Tuba Day. May 4: Kentucky Derby Day. May 5: Hoagie Day (very important if you are from Philly 😊) May 12: Mother's Day. And of course Star Wars Day - May the 4th be with you.



## ***MAY ACTIVITIES***

Our April events were great. Thank you to everyone who helped to make them a success. I hope everyone enjoyed all the functions. We are off to a running start in May.

Our first event will be Derby Day, on May 4th. We will start our party at 3. The cost is \$10.00. There is more information hanging on the tripod at the front door also a sign up sheet.

The next event will be Sunday, May 5th. We will be hosting Cinco de Mayo. We will start at 2. Cost is \$10.00. There will be \$5.00 Margaritas. Again, please use the sign-up sheet. It is so important so we do not over buy, at this time of year. It helps keep our food cost down.

Sunday, May 12, we will have our Brunch. This is also Mother's Day. We will be serving from 11:00-1:00. Cost is \$12.00, for all you can eat.

Saturday, May 18, we will be hosting a Facial Skin Care Party from 11:30. We will be offering the ladies a free lunch. Come join the fun.

Sunday, May 26th from 2:00-5:00, we will have our Steak Dinner Night. There will be tickets available to this function. The last time we did this, it was a huge success.

Our kitchen crew are going to be taking a much needed break for the summer. We will still have some food, but the choices will be limited.

Monday night Karaoke will still be going strong. Please feel free to bring in your own food. We will be back serving in September.

I sincerely hope you have enjoyed our functions this year. If you think of something we can improve on, please let me know. We are working very hard to make your Lodge a place you want to come visit and bring friends.

Fraternally yours,

Sandra S. Mooney, P.E.R.  
Activities Chairman

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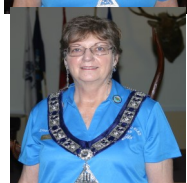
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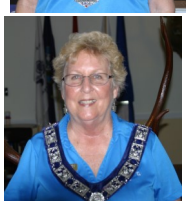
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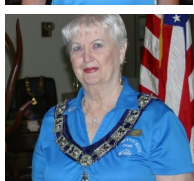
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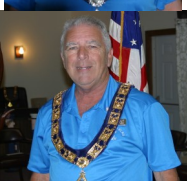
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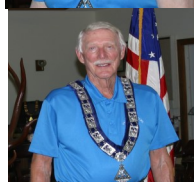
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# **MAY MENU**



**Every Monday**  
**1/4 lb. Frank/fries-\$7**  
**w/chili or sauerkraut-\$9**  
**Hamburgers-\$8, w/cheese -\$9**  
**Salad with Grilled Chicken -\$9**

## **SPECIALS**

May 6– Swiss Steak

May 13– Chicken Quesadillas

May 20– Ham



## **Every Friday**

Fish Fry	\$9.00
Seafood Platter	\$12.00
Shrimp Dinner	\$11.00
Clam Dinner-	\$10.00
Grouper Grilled or Blackened w/baked potato	\$14.00
Garden Salad with Grilled Chicken	\$9.00
Garden Salad with Shrimp	\$11.00

## **SPECIALS**

May 3– Meatloaf  
 May 10– Chicken Marsala  
 May 17– Salisbury Steak

**ALL SPECIALS SERVED WITH POTATOES &  
 VEGETABLES**

**Please Call & Reserve a Meal 941-722-6937**

**Thursday May 2, May 9, May 16**  
**Bar Poker**  
**4:00 pm**

**5:30 pm**  
 Spaghetti & Meatballs with small salad-\$8.00  
 Pasta/ Meatballs-\$8.00  
 Hamburgers with fries-\$8.00  
 Cheeseburgers with fries-\$9.00

## **Brunch– Sunday, May -11-1 pm-\$12**

Scrambled Eggs, Eggs Benedict, Bacon,  
 Sausage Patties, Hash Brown Casserole,  
 Blueberry Pancakes, Lemon Grouper/  
 Butter Sauce, Roasted Turkey/gravy,  
 Chicken, Sausage Gravy/syrup, Carved  
 Baked Glazed Ham, Fresh Fruit,  
 Assorted Desserts, Clam Chowder/  
 Oyster Crackers

Extra plate charge is \$1.00

## Americanism

### Flag Day – June 14

Flag Day celebrates the adoption of the flag the official symbol for the United States: our Stars and Stripes. This day was first recognized by Congress on June 14, 1777, which became known as Flag Day. Congress first stated that there should be a star and stripe for every state. Our first flag had 13 stars, and 7 red and 6 white stripes. In 1794, two new states were added and we had a flag with 15 stars and 15 stripes.

By 1818 there were 20 states, but our county was still using the flag with 15 stars and 15 stripes. Congress thought about having 20 stripes and agreed that it might become a problem because of its size so they passed a law that said there would be 13 stripes for the original 13 states, and they would add a star for each new state that joined the union. The U.S. flag has 13 stripes: seven red and six white. A blue field with 50 stars is located next to the staff in the upper left corner of the flag. The stars do not represent any given state. The colors used in the flag give special meaning to the flag: Red for valor and zeal; white for hope and cleanliness of life; and blue — the color of heaven — for reverence and loyalty.

Flag day is also a mandatory service in the Elks. Please check your calendar and come to our service. It is informative and very interesting.

Craig Conklin, PER



#### **PALMETTO #2449 BULLETIN BOOSTERS 2018-2019**

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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3:00 to 6:00**

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Bottle Beer—\$2.25  
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Weekly Lounge Activities  
HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Lodge opens Monday - Friday 3:00pm

Happy Hour Daily 3:00 to 6:00

Bar to close at the discretion of the bartender

## Monday May 6, 13, 20 only

1/4 lb. Frank/fries-\$7

w/chili or sauerkraut-\$9

Hamburgers-\$8 w/cheese -\$9

Salad with Grilled Chicken -\$9

## Friday May 3, 10, 17 only 5:00-6:45

Fish Fry Dinner-\$9, Shrimp Dinner,-\$11, Clam Dinner,-\$10

Seafood Platter-\$12

Grouper Grilled or Blackened-\$14

Salad with Grilled Chicken-\$9, Salad with Shrimp -\$11

Extra plate charge—\$1.00

Specials-\$10

# May 2019

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

			1 Lodge Opens at 3 pm	2 Lodge Opens at 3 pm Bar Poker Pasta/Meatballs, Or Burgers  Melanie	3 Lodge Opens at 3 pm  <b>Meatloaf</b>  Brian Ashley	4 Lodge Opens at 3 pm  <b>DerbyParty</b> 3-? <b>\$10</b>
5 <b>Cinco de Mayo 2-5</b> <b>\$10</b>	6 Lodge Opens at 3 pm  <b>Swiss Steak</b>  Karaoke- 6-9 Dave Martin	7 Lodge Opens at 3 pm	8 Lodge Opens at 3 pm	9 Lodge Opens at 3 pm Bar Poker Pasta/Meatballs, Or Burgers  Melanie	10 Lodge Opens At 3 pm  <b>Chicken Marsala</b>  Lynn's Spins	11 Lodge Opens at 3 pm
12 <b>Brunch- 11-1</b> <b>\$12</b>	13 Lodge Opens at 3 pm <b>Chicken Quesadillas</b>  Karaoke- 6-9 Dave Martin	14 Lodge Opens at 3 pm  6:30pm-Board Meeting 7:30- Meeting	15 Lodge Opens At 3 pm	16 Lodge Opens at 3 pm Bar Poker Pasta/Meatballs, Or Burgers  Melanie	17 Lodge Opens 3 pm  <b>Salisbury Steak</b>  Holly Rae	18 Lodge Opens at 3 pm
19 Lodge opens At 3pm	20 Lodge Opens at 3 pm  <b>Ham</b>  Karaoke- 6-9 Dave Martin	21 Lodge Opens at 3 pm	22 Lodge Opens At 3 pm	23 Lodge Opens at 3 pm Bar Poker  Kitchen Closed	24 Lodge Opens 3 pm  <b>Fish &amp; Chips</b>  Lani C & Co.	25 Lodge Opens at 3 pm
26  <b>Sousvie Steak or Chicken Dinner 2-5pm</b> <b>\$12</b> <b>(Reservations needed)</b>	27 Lodge Opens at 3 pm  <b>Kitchen Closed</b> <b>Bring your own meal</b>  Karaoke- 6-9 Dave Martin	28 Lodge Opens at 3 pm	29 Lodge Opens at 3 pm	30 Lodge Opens at 3 pm Bar Poker  Kitchen Closed	31 Lodge Opens At 3 pm  <b>Kitchen Closed</b>	



## **DERBY DAY AT THE ELKS-MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>- 3PM**

**Benedictine Spread with crackers,  
Pretzels & Beer cheese,  
Salmon with Bourbon Sauce,  
Kentucky Hot Browns(opened  
faced Turkey,Bacon & Mornaise)  
Country Ham on Biscuits  
Bourbon Balls  
Bread Pudding/ Decatur Whisky  
Sauce**

**Tickets -\$10**

**(call for reservation or sign up at the lodge)**

**941-722-6937**



**MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> – 2-5 PM**

**Chips & Salsa, Chicken  
Quesadillas, Steak  
Strips/pepper & onion Fajitas,  
Fried Shrimp over green Chile  
& Cheese Tamales, mixed  
Refried Beans, Mexican Rice,  
Sopapillas with Cinnamon  
Sugar**

**Tickets -\$10**

**(call for reservation or sign up at the lodge)**

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***MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>***  
***STEAK NIGHT- 2PM***

House salad with vinaigrette  
dressing, Sous Vied Grilled  
New York Steak strips or  
Chicken Breast  
Baked potatoes/toppings,  
green beans  
Rolls, Butter & Dessert

**Tickets -\$10**  
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**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,  $\frac{3}{4}$   
sleeve, V-neck—  
size large

Black, round neck, sleeveless—size large

White, round neck, sleeveless—size large

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**6:00 to  
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## **Friday Night**



**Lounge Opens 3:00**

**Music**

**6:00 to 9:00**

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the Elks Lately?**

