



Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS



In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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From the Exalted Ruler

June is a month of special military holidays. June 6th D-Day, we pay tribute to those who fought and those who gave their lives on the beaches of Normandy. Our Korean War Veterans are honored on June 25th. June 27th is awareness day for those who suffer from P.T.S.D.

These special days bring back so many memories for those who have been touched by these events. We read the stories of WWII, some of us are old enough to remember the Korean War, and some of us have family members suffering from P.T.S.D.

These events, and so many more, is the reason why the veterans are so special to us as Elks. In June I will be sending out a letter to our members requesting information as to if you or your spouse, who may no longer with us, served in the military. Once all the information has been returned to me, there will be a special place of honor in our lodge that all may know the brave men and women that have served their country and protected our freedom. These names will also have a special place in our bulletin. Please, when you get this letter fill it out, send it back to me, give your lodge the chance to say thank you for all you have done.

Also this month we give tribute to our American Flag. The lodge will be having a ceremony on June 14th presenting the American Flags with their history. All are invited to attend and learn about why all these flags are important to the history of America. Following the tribute a lunch will be served of hot dogs, chili, and baked beans all for \$2.50. The festivities start at 2:00. Put the date on your calendar and join us for this great ceremony and spend time with family and friends. There is a sign up sheet at the lodge for all those who wish to attend.

May 22nd – May 24th the Florida State Elks had their convention at Disney World. This was a great opportunity to see how the Elks are doing state wide. The generosity of the Elks to Harry Anna and ENF has allowed our State to help veterans and children, that's what Elkdom is all about. It was amazing to listen to the speeches of the winners of the scholarships and what they will be able to accomplish with their education. Special awards were also given to two of our state's finest. The winner of the Enrique Camerena award was a detective from Fort Meyer for his outstanding work involved with internet sites targeting our children. A deputy from the Taylor County Sheriff's department was named the law enforcement of the year for his heroic action during an armed robbery at a car dealer ship. He was one of the three people at the dealership suffering major injuries. But his action saved many others that were by standards. The suspect was killed at the scene.

Carl Ledig was elected as our new State President. His motto for this year is: BE THE CHANGE. You can read his article in the bulletin. Ken Davis, DVP from the Manasota Lodge was sworn in as our new District Vice President. Ken will make a wonderful DVP and an asset to our district.

Bradenton Lodge participated in the state ritual contest and came in first place. Six officers from the team received first place awards for their parts. Michael Carter, PER received the Jolly Corker award for the 4th year in a row.

Our lodge received first place for our bulletin for the second year in a row. This couldn't have happened without everyone doing great things for our lodge. I am fortunate to be your bulletin editor sharing information about the Elks with you.

My Elk of the month for June is a very special lady that we all know and love. Madeline Herrington is always there volunteering, she helps on Thursday preparing for Friday night dinners, and then comes back on Friday to help when needed, that great smile on her face and wonderful sense of humor is always welcomed. Thank you Maddie for all you do.

See you soon at the lodge. If I can do anything for you, or have ideas on how we can make our lodge better, please feel free to contact me.

Fraternally,
Rose Wujcik, ER
941-962-5475

*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



There is an old song "June is busting out All Over"! That is true here in Florida. Many of our Northern Neighbors have left. It is always sad to see them go. As we see their tail lights we look forward to when we see the head lights. As of this writing we have 416 active members, 317 have paid their dues for 2015-2016. There are still 99 that have not. We have called many of you personally some we have not been able to reach because of bad telephone numbers, it would be great to see the delinquent number be zero. With your help we can do it.

A reminder if you have moved or changed your phone number contact the office. I need this information to inform Grand Lodge so they can continue to send you your Elks Magazine.

Since we are sending out bulletins by email if we do not have your email address and you wish to receive your bulletin on line, or, if you have changed your email address send your email address with your name to me. Thanking you in advance for all your help.

If I can be of assistance all you need to do is either call, write or send me an email I will try to assist you in any way I can.

Fraternally Yours,
Judy Vergason, Lodge Secretary
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State President's Message

BE THE CHANGE



Welcome to the Elks 2015-2016 year. I hope all Elks take advantage of the FSEA website to answer all their Florida Elks questions. The website has a plethora of information – something for everyone. I hope all Elks take to heart my motto, BE THE CHANGE. It has several meanings. First would be money, the crispy crinkly kind that you are looking for when you ask the hotel manager to break a large bill trying to get change to tip the bellman. This is what you can use to make a donation to the Harry-Anna Trust Fund promoting our two major projects, Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services and the Florida Elks Youth Camp. Without your support we would not be able to help all the Floridians we assist through these two great projects.

The second meaning for BE THE CHANGE is for each of us to re-focus ourselves to make our lodges better through what we do, to improve our lodges through volunteerism, to eliminate negativism, and avoid the infighting and snarky members and become the prosperous friendly, family lodge that we want. Get involved with volunteering in the community and attend community meetings and social events to reach out and deliver the Elks message – **Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Visible**.

The third is to for you to BE THE CHANGE in recruiting new members. Get involved in proposing new members yourself and preparing our new members to be able to respond to the question, 'What are Elks?'. As the Grand Lodge May newsletter says, "get your elevator speech ready." Develop a business card for your lodge with the Membership Committee's information or your personal data on the front. On the back, include your lodge's community involvement; our FSEA two major projects that reach out to the Florida residents; and the Grand Lodge's ENF grants, scholarships and veterans involvement in our nation. Letting others know what Elks do will impress everyone. Commit the elevator speech to memory so you will be able to speak with ease and certainty, and then invite the individual to become an Elk. If you can't find the elevator speech let me know and I will send it to you.

We all have to pick up the gauntlet to meet the challenges ahead. We need to strive to make our organization better than when we joined so that when we look in the mirror at the end of the day, each of us can say confidently, "this order is better because I was here; I AM THE CHANGE!"

Fraternally,

Carl Ledig

State President
Florida State Elks Association

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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
Call 941-722-6937

June 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

**ALL MEAL ORDERS TO BE PLACED
15 MINUTES BEFORE THE KITCHEN CLOSSES**

**To Reserve Meals for Friday
Call the Lodge on Thursday after 3:00**

	1 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-6:45 Full Menu Philly Cheese Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00 Pete Flip a Coin Day	2 Open 3:00 Rocky Road Day	3 Closed Repeat Day	4 Closed National Cheese Day	5 Open 3:00 Dinner 4:30 to 6:45 Chicken Pharm Music 6:00 to 8:00 Lorraine Doughnut Day	6 Closed
	7 Closed Chocolate Ice Cream Day	8 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-6:45 Full Menu Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00 Lenny Best Friend's Day	9 Open 3:00 BOD Meeting 6:00 Lodge Meeting 7:30 Donald Duck Day	10 Closed Iced Tea Day	11 Closed Corn on the Cob Day	12 Open 3:00 Dinner 4:30 to 6:45 Shepard's Pie Music 6:00 to 8:00 Lani C & Co Band Red Rose Day
14 Flag Day Tribute 2:00 Hot Dogs Baked Beans \$2.50	15 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-6:45 Full Menu Philly Cheese Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00 Anna Smile Power Day	16 Open 3:00 Fudge Day	17 Closed Eat Your Vegetables Day	18 Closed Picnic Day	19 Open 3:00 Dinner 4:30 to 6:45 Sausage Pepper Onion Grinders Music 6:00 to 8:00 Shine On Eat an Oreo Day	20 Closed
21 Closed 	22 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-6:45 Full Menu Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00 Pete Chocolate Éclair Day	23 Open 3:00 BOD Meeting 6:00 Lodge Meeting 7:30 Pink Day	24 Closed Fairy Princess Day	25 Closed 06/25/1950-07/27/1953	26 Open 3:00 Dinner 4:30-6:45 Chicken Piccata Music 6:00 to 8:00 Tony Boeing Chocolate Pudding Day	27 Closed Awareness Day
28 Closed Tapioca Day	29 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-6:45 Full Menu Philly Cheese Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00 Lenny Hug Holiday	30 Open 3:00 Sky Day	 June 14 National Flag Week			

June Birthdays

01	Thomas	Hanley
01	Harald	Nickel
02	James	Hill
02	William	Pfister
02	John	Purcell
03	Nathan	Blum
04	James	Hager
04	Thomas	Tuttle
06	Ricky	Koepke
06	Robert	Lindquist
07	George	Boedgieff
08	Steven	Baker
09	Edward	Lawrance
09	Sandra	McCartney
12	Connie	Crist
12	Frederick	Crooker
13	William	Fiacco
13	David	Wetmore
14	James	Allard
14	Homer	Huston
14	Henry	Ward Jr
16	John	Chandler
17	Harold	Crapo
17	Dutch	Prins
17	Lenny	Pruss
18	Bernard	Pulsifer
19	Richard	Garrison
20	Trudy	Clarke
21	William	Neuhaus
21	Larry	Schindell
22	Gale	Hartwell
24	Charles	Lewis
24	Suzanne	Morrison
25	Robert	Remp
25	Ronald	Spendlove
25	Caroline	Tyler-Powers
26	Robert	Vickery
27	Gretchen	Johnson
30	Mike	Meronek
30	Sandra	Mooney



History of Father's Day

Grace Golden Clayton may have been inspired by Anna Jarvis' crusade to establish Mother's Day. After the success obtained by Anna Jarvis with the promotion of Mother's Day in Grafton, West Virginia, the first observance of a "Father's Day" was held on July 5, 1908, in Fairmont, West Virginia, in the Williams Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church South, now known as Central United Methodist Church.

Clayton's event did not have repercussions outside of Fairmont for several reasons, among them: the city was overwhelmed by other events, the celebration was never promoted outside of the town itself and no proclamation was made in the City Council.

In 1910, a Father's Day celebration was held in Spokane, Washington, at the YMCA by Sonora Smart Dodd. Its first celebration was in the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1910. Her father, the Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who raised six children. After hearing a sermon about Jarvis' Mother's Day in 1909 at Central Methodist Episcopal Church, she told her pastor that fathers should have a similar holiday honoring them. Although she initially suggested June 5, her father's birthday, the pastors did not have enough time to prepare their sermons, and the celebration was deferred to the third Sunday of June. Several local clergymen accepted the idea, and on 19 June 1910, the first Father's Day, "sermons honoring fathers were presented throughout the city."

However, in the 1920s, Dodd stopped promoting the celebration because she was studying in the Art Institute of Chicago, and it faded into relative obscurity, even in Spokane. In the 1930s, Dodd returned to Spokane and started promoting the celebration again, raising awareness at a national level. She had the help of those trade groups that would benefit most from the holiday, for example the manufacturers of ties, tobacco pipes, and any traditional present to fathers. By 1938 she had the help of the Father's Day Council, founded by the New York Associated Men's Wear Retailers to consolidate and systematize the commercial promotion. Americans resisted the holiday for its first few decades, viewing it as nothing more than an attempt by merchants to replicate the commercial success of Mother's Day, and newspapers frequently featured cynical and sarcastic attacks and jokes. However, said merchants remained resilient and even incorporated these attacks into their advertisements. By the mid-1980s, the Father's Council wrote that Father's Day has become a Second Christmas for all the men's gift-oriented industries."

A bill to accord national recognition of the holiday was introduced in Congress in 1913. In 1916, President Wilson went to Spokane to speak in a Father's Day celebration and wanted to make it official, but Congress resisted, fearing that it would become commercialized. President Coolidge recommended in 1924 that the day be observed by the nation, but stopped short of issuing a national proclamation. Two earlier attempts to formally recognize the holiday had been defeated by Congress. In 1957, Maine Senator Margaret Chase Smith wrote a proposal accusing Congress of ignoring fathers for 40 years while honoring mothers, thus "singling out just one of our two parents". In 1966, President Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Six years later, the day was made a permanent national holiday when President Nixon signed it into law in 1972.



Why do we fly our flag?

TO HONOR those who give the last full measure of devotion in the service of their country.



FLAG-FLYING CALENDAR

1 ST JAN.	NEW YEAR'S DAY
20 TH JAN.	INAUGURATION DAY
3 RD MON JAN.	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S BIRTHDAY
12 TH FEB.	LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
3 RD MON FEB.	PRESIDENTS' DAY
22 ND FEB.	WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY
MARCH/APRIL	EASTER
2 ND SUN MAY	MOTHER'S DAY
3 RD SAT MAY	ARMED SERVICES DAY
LAST MON MAY	MEMORIAL DAY (FLY AT HALF-STAFF UNTIL NOON)
14 TH JUNE	FLAG DAY
3 RD SUN JUNE	FATHER'S DAY
4 TH JULY	INDEPENDENCE DAY
1 ST MON SEPT.	LABOR DAY
11 TH SEPT	PATRIOT DAY (FLY AT HALF-STAFF)
17 TH SEPT.	CONSTITUTION DAY (CITIZENSHIP DAY)
2 ND MON OCT	COLUMBUS DAY
1 ST TUES NOV.	ELECTION DAY
11 TH NOV	VETERANS' DAY
4 TH THURS NOV	THANKSGIVING DAY
25 TH DEC	CHRISTMAS DAY

These are the days we especially need to fly the flag, please take the time to fly your flag.

Dorathey Meade, Americanism Chairperson
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The past four years our lodge has received the Gratitude grant with our contributions to ENF. The money from this grant was given to Tidewell Hospice Center for their work veterans and their families during their last stages of life. Sadly this year we did not meet the quota that we need to apply for this grant. Our ENF per capita this year is \$4.60 per member. Any donation would be accepted. Please help us help our veterans.

Gratitude Grants are \$2,000 grants available to Lodges that meet the National President's pre-member goal for giving to the ENF. These grants can be used to serve a variety of community needs.

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Lowell Tyler

Florida State Elks Association Historian Emeritus

Reference Library

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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-elkdom>

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.

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Palmetto Elks at Work and Play

Elk Of The Month



Madeleine Harrington

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Sunday
July 5, 2015
Pulled Pork BBQ
Pulled Pork Sandwich,
Baked Beans
1:00—5:00
\$8.00
Music
Al D Gator
2:00—4:00

Palmetto Elks #2449 Elk's Flag Day Ceremony

June 14, 2015
Hot Dogs, Chili, Baked Beans
\$2.50
2:00 pm

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Our New Member



Ron Rauen

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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

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Volunteers Are Needed
For Private Parties
Contact Craig Conklin 447-1836



Friday Night Dinners

\$8.00

June 5th—Chicken Pharm

June 12th—Shepard's Pie

June 19th—Sausage, Peppers,
Onion Grinders

June 26th—Chicken Piccata





Happy 240th Birthday

Monday Nights

Lounge Opens 3:00

Food 5:00 to 6:45

Full Menu

Karaoke 6 to 9

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Friday Dinners

4:30 - 6:45

Music

6:00 to 8:00



Have you asked someone to join the Elks Lately?

