



Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS

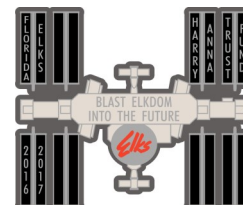


In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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June 2016

Volume 3



From the Exalted Ruler



PDD Bret Davis will be assisting Patrick Gallagher for a short time until Patrick's health improves. Brett has a lot of good ideas to bring to the lodge and will be working with us and Patrick to bring this lodge forward.

Our member participation has fallen off even more in the month of May. Way beyond what was expected for the end of the season. Just by having every member come to the lodge once a month would help us meet our financial responsibilities and help our lodge continue to have live entertainment on Fridays for the summer.

We have started new club hours and are now open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Happy hour is from 3:00 to 6:00pm with well drinks \$1.50 and a 16 oz. domestic draft \$1.50. Thursday is bar poker and other games from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Bar specials are also now available on all the days we are open. Come on by and have some fun.

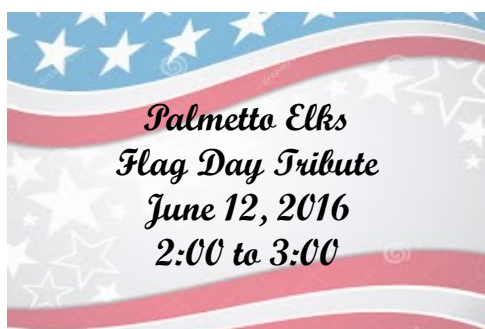
With quite a few of our members going back up north for the summer, our volunteer pool has cut down. To make things easier for the staff that remains here we have cut back on our menu items for Monday and Friday. The menus are posted in the bulletin, on the calendar and around the lodge.

We are in the process of planning activities for the rest of the year. We can always use members on a committee to help with organizing an event and decorating ideas. If you have a suggestion or are interested in helping, come to the BOD meeting or you can let any of the lodge officers know how you would like to help.

My elk of the month for June is Sandra Mooney. She is doing a great job of overseeing the kitchen and the food. She is spending a lot of time and effort. It would be very difficult to do without her.

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



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 338 active members. Only 263 have paid their dues for 2016-2017. There are still 75 that have not paid. 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 0. With your help we can do it

A reminder if you have moved or changed your phone number please contact the office I need to send this information to Grand Lodge every year. Since we are now sending our bulletin via email if you wish to receive it please send me a correct email address including your name. Thanking you in advance for all your help.

Fraternally Yours,
Judy Vergason, Lodge Secretary
722-1329 javjav42@yahoo.com

Thanks SO much
for all your
HELP!

A big shout out to Lorraine Baker and her team the "Maximizers".



Lorraine works for Humana Insurance. As with all organizations now community service has come to the forefront. She suggested to her team, that is made up of 16 registered nurses from several different states, help our lodge with collecting items for Bay Pines Hospital here in Tampa.

There generous donation of \$225 went a long way with the much needed hygiene items, clothes, and even some games and note cards that will help to make a veteran's day special.

If your park or home community is looking for a project to work on, think of taking the Maximizers as an example and let's see what we can all do as a lodge to support our veterans.

So long as there are veterans, the
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
will never forget them.



Americanism



The Pledge of Allegiance received official recognition by Congress in an Act approved on June 22, 1942. However, the pledge was first published in 1892 in the Youth's Companion magazine in Boston, Massachusetts to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America, and was first used in public schools to celebrate Columbus Day on October 12, 1892.

In its original version, the pledge read "my flag" instead of "the flag of the United States." the change in the wording was adopted by the National Flag Conference in 1923. The rationale for the change was that it prevented ambiguity among foreign-born children and adults who might have the flag of their native land in mind when reciting the pledge.

The phrase "under God" was added to the pledge by a Congressional act approved on June 14, 1954. At that time, President Eisenhower said:

"in this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war."

Let us not forget our most powerful resource.

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



JUNE 2016



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|--------------|--|--|--|
| | | | 1 Closed | 2 Happy Hour 3:00 to 6:00 4:00 to 6:00 GAME NIGHT | 3 Open 3:00 to 6:00 Happy Hour Dinner 5:00 to 6:45 Music 6:00 to 8:00 Holly Rae | 4 Closed |
| 5 Closed | 6 Open 3:00 to 6:00 Happy Hour Sloppy Joes 5:00 to 6:45 \$5.00 Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00 | 7 Open 3:00 to 6:00 Happy Hour | 8 Closed | 9 Happy Hour 3:00 to 6:00 4:00 to 6:00 GAME NIGHT | 10 Open 3:00 to 6:00 Happy Hour Dinner 5:00 to 6:45 Music 6:00 to 8:00 Franky Allan | 11 Closed DVP Visit South Hillsborough 6:00 to 8:30 Private Party 3:00 to 11:30 |
| 12 Closed Flag Day Tribute 2:00 to 3:00 | 13 Open 3:00 to 6:00 Happy Hour Shrimp Dinner 5:00 to 6:45 \$7.00 Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00 | 14 Happy Hour 3:00 to 6:00 BOD Meeting 6:00 Lodge Meeting 7:30 | 15 Closed | 16 Happy Hour 3:00 to 6:00 4:00 to 6:00 GAME NIGHT | 17 Open 3:00 to 6:00 Happy Hour Dinner 5:00 to 6:45 Music 6:00 to 8:00 Shine On | 18 Closed Private Party 4:00 to 11:30 |
| 19 Closed Happy Father's Day | 20 Open 3:00 to 6:00 Happy Hour Meatball Sandwich 5:00 to 6:45 \$7.00 Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00 | 21 Open 3:00 to 6:00 Happy Hour | 22 Closed | 23 Happy Hour 3:00 to 6:00 4:00 to 6:00 GAME NIGHT | 24 Open 3:00 to 6:00 Happy Hour Dinner 5:00 to 6:45 Music 6:00 to 8:00 Tony Boeing | 25 Closed DVP Visit Palmetto Elks 6:00 too 8:30 |
| 26 Closed | 27 Open 3:00 to 6:00 Happy Hour Philly Cheese Steak \$8.00 5:00 to 6:45 Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00 | 28 Happy Hour 3:00 to 6:00 PER Meeting 7:00 Lodge Meeting 7:30 | 29 Closed | 30 Happy Hour 3:00 to 6:00 4:00 to 6:00 GAME NIGHT | | |

June Birthdays

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| 01 | Thomas | Hanley | 08 | Steven | Baker | 14 | Henry | Ward Jr | 24 | Suzanne | Morrison |
| 01 | Harald | Nickel | 09 | Edward | Lawrance | 17 | Leonard | Pruss | 25 | Alfred | Costa |
| 02 | James | Hill | 12 | Frederick | Crooker | 18 | Bernard | Pulsifer | 25 | Ronald | Spendlove |
| 02 | William | Pfister | 13 | William | Fiacco | 19 | Richard | Garrison | 26 | Robert | Vickery |
| 03 | Nathan | Blum | 13 | David | Wetmore | 20 | Trudy | Clarke | 27 | Gretchen | Johnson |
| 06 | Ricky | Koepke | 14 | James | Allard | 21 | William | Neuhaus | 30 | Mike | Meronek |
| 06 | Robert | Lindquist | 14 | Homer | Huston | 24 | Charles | Lewis | 30 | Sandra | Mooney |
| 07 | George | Boedgieff | | | | | | | | | |

Did You Know

Flag Day

In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on that day in 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The United States Army also celebrates the Army Birthday on this date; Congress adopted "the American continental army" after reaching a consensus position in the Committee of the Whole on June 14, 1775.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; in August 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. Flag Day is not an official federal holiday. However, it is at the President's discretion to officially proclaim the observance. On June 14, 1937,



Elks Care - Elks Share

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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Palmetto Elks 2449 and Blackburn Elementary Team up to improve student learning

Blackburn Elementary is a PBS (Positive Behavior Support) school. Positive behavior is used as a means to provide effective research-based methods to increase the occurrence of safe and respectful behaviors, which fosters an increase in academic performance. Blackburn uses Class Dojo, an electronic management application, to reward students with points in class and around the school when students are exhibiting positive behavior and meeting school expectations. Students redeem their points each quarter when shopping at the school store for items such as school supplies, books, and tickets to eat lunch with a friend or the principal. Students also have the opportunity to purchase a raffle ticket to enter a drawing for a new bike! The bikes are donated by the Palmetto Elks 2449 to help the school achieve student learning and to improve positive behavior with the students.



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**Get Ready
Christmas is Coming
July 17th
2:00 to 5:00**



Lowell Tyler
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-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.

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.

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| Ted | Roberts | Eleanor | Roberts |
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Name (s) _____

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City, State Zip _____

Elk of the Month



Sandy Mooney

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

All Diners start at 6:00 Cost \$5.00

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|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| 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

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| 1st Monday—Lenny's Sloppy Joes & Chips | \$5.00 |
| 2nd Monday—Frank's Shrimp Dinner & FF | \$7.00 |
| 3rd Monday—Sandy's Meatball Sandwich & FF | \$7.00 |
| 4th Monday—Chet's Philly Cheese Sandwich & FF | \$8.00 |

we might feel we cannot make a
difference on our own but..

**TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD
BRIDGES AND MOVE
MOUNTAINS**

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IN THE LODGE

ELKS HATS FOR SALE: \$10.00
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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

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Involved
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**We need a volunteer
to take on the challenge
Of our Lodge Property Maintenance
On the job training is available**

**If you are interested call
Len Meade, PER
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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 |



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



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| 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 |
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| 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) |



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



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| 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 |
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| Frank | Roy | | US Air Force |
| Michael | Stewart | Major | US Air Force (Retired) |

Palmetto Elks #2449

Welcomes

Bob Erwin, DVP and Susan



The "Mighty" Southwest District
Offical Visit



**Saturday
June 25th**



Cocktails & Hors d' oeuvres

6:00 to 6:30 PM

Dinner

6:30 to 7:30

Baked Potato Bar

\$5.00

Program

7:30 to 8:30



CHRISTMAS IN JULY



JULY 17, 2016

2:00 TO 5:00

\$5.00 P.P.

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\$10.00

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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



Every Monday—Tuesday—Thursday—Friday

Elks Brew \$1.50 16oz

Close Out

Until Gone

Chablis \$1.50

Corona Beer \$1.50 7 1/2 oz



*Happy 241st Birthday
United States Army
1775—2016*

*Happy 77th Birthday
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
1939—2016*



Monday Nights

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



6:00 to 8:00



Lounge Opens 3:00
Friday Dinner
5:00 to 6:45

Music
6:00 to 8:00

*What's the difference between
a Northern fairy tale and a
Southern fairy tale? A
Northern fairy tale
begins, "once upon
a time". A
Southern fairy
tale begins,
"Y'all ain't gonna believe this".*



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the Elks Lately?**

