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In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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Exalted Rulers Message



Greetings everyone, summer is here and the weather is, well HOT!

We have plans for a 2nd of July Picnic with all the traditional fixings. We will be eating inside for your comfort. Come on out around

noon on that Saturday and enjoy some good eats and friendly atmosphere.

The State President Visit is the following weekend, starting on Friday the 8th with a dinner at Bradenton Lodge. On Saturday there are a few outings planned with lunch here at our lodge. Then a dinner at South Hillsborough Saturday night. Please check with Judy V. or the sign up sheets on the bulletin boards.

We have the Lodge rented out a few nights this month. This brings some much needed revenue into our lodge. Please get with Craig Conklin. He could use some members to help with these rental events. By law and for the good of our lodge we need members to "chaperone"

The new Ladies' & Men's committee, "the PETS" have taken off with lots of enthusiasm. They are busy making plans for lots of fun and exciting times for our Lodge. Please join with me by supporting these events. There is a lot of effort put into coming up with ideas, planning and carrying out these events. Lots of blood, sweat and tears go into making fun and interesting programs for our enjoyment.

I missed saying thanks to everyone that put on the May 5th Taco Party. This was a very nice dinner. Once again a few folks put their whole hearts and labor into making this a success. Plus the food was excellent.

On a more sober note, I will not be able to attend the National Convention this year due to my health. I am saddened by this, because I won't be able to represent our Lodge there. I want to thank everyone for their support and prayers.

This lodge truly is a God Send, I have many members calling to check on me and offering to take me places. You can't imagine how this makes me feel. I hope someday in the future I can repay the kindness to someone in need.

THANKS TO ALL, there are too many to name and if I tried I would leave someone out and I would not want to do that.



Yours Fraternally;
Glenn Davis – Exalted Ruler

P.E.T.S

Palmetto Elks Team Socializers

Our first official meeting was a great success. A lot was accomplished in a short period of time. Our mission statement is: *Striving to have fun while building funds for our lodge and charities.* This is something that we all plan to work on.



The first event will be on July 9, 2011. The lodge will be hosting a Luncheon for the State President's wife and her guests. All are invited to attend. The cost is \$10 for an all you can eat salad bar and some very special entertainment. Tickets can be purchased at the lodge bar until July 2nd. Plan on attending. A good time will be had by all.

We have some other exciting events in the works, a BBQ in August, Pizza Party in September and much more, so watch for more information.

Our next meeting is on July 21, 2011 at 6:30pm. All are invited to attend. New members are always welcome and encouraged to attend.

Fraternally
Rose Wujcik, Chair

From the desk of the Secretary



We have entered into the heat of the summer. We are in the heat of recruiting new members as well as contacting those of you that have not paid their dues. As of now there are 77 that have not renewed their dues. Of the 77 there are 8 that are not able to be reached because of wrong address, wrong or disconnected phones and email address that are return to us.

You may have noticed that the bulletin is again being sent to those of you that either do not have a computer or prefer to have a hard copy. If you want the bulletin by email please send in your address. You will have a chance to see it in color. The bulletin has really come alive.

I have received phone calls asking if you should pay your dues because of rumors that we are in "bad shape". My answer is that we are changing things that need to be changed so that we can begin to grow again. But we cannot do it without your help. The officers of your lodge cannot do it alone; we need all of our members. You are our greatest asset. We value each and every one of you.

For those of you that have paid your dues thank you and thank you for all you are doing to make this a great lodge.

Looking forward to seeing you at the lodge and opening more paid dues notices.

Fraternally

Judy Vergason

Lodge Secretary

Elks Care - Elks Share

PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP

CANDIDATE

PROPOSER

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Two Year	Ron Alf	721-7069
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Web Master	Jim Hoey	323-5184
Youth Activities	Katharine Chadwell	729-4913

July 2011 Activity Calendar



Palmetto Pride Join the Fun



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>  <p style="text-align: center;"> Saturday July 9, 2011 Luncheon for the State President's Wife Linda Hayes Soup & Salad Bar with a Special Fashion Show \$10.00 Per Person Advance tickets by Tuesday July 5th Tickets are available in the Lounge see your bartender The event is sponsored by our new PETS Group both Ladies and Gentleman are encouraged to attend this special function and show our Lodge Pride </p>  </div>						
3 	4 Lounge Opens 4:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Lenny	5 Lounge Opens 4:00	6 Lounge Closed	7 Lounge Opens 4:00 Pot Luck 5:30 Line Dancing 6:00—7:30	8 Lounge Opens 4:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Music 6-9 Musical Memories Tony Boeing	2 July 4th Celebration 1 to 4 come out see ad on back page
10 	11 Lounge Opens 4:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Just Us	12 Lounge Opens 4:00	13 Lounge Closed	14 Lounge Closed 6:00 - 7:30 Line Dancing	15 Lounge Opens 4:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Music 6-9 Dave Harris	16 
17	18 Opens 4:00 Philly Steak Night Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Reminisce	19 Lounge Opens 4:00 BOD meeting 6:30	20 Lounge Closed	21 Lounge Closed 6:00 - 7:30 Line Dancing PETS Meeting 6:30	22 Lounge Opens 4:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Music 6-9 Seabreeze	23 DVP Visit Sarasota South 2495
24  31	25 Lounge Opens 4:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Bob Dunn	26 Lounge Opens 4:00 Lodge Meeting 7:30	27 Lounge Closed	28 Lounge Closed 6:00 - 7:30 Line Dancing	29 Lounge Opens 4:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Music 6-9 Nichols & Dimes	30 



Operation Second Chance,
Incorporated



On behalf of Operation Second Chance and a grateful group of seven Wounded Warriors I want to personally thank you and the patriotic members of the Elks for the incredible support you provided to our recent trip to Sarasota. The support provided by you and your team was without a doubt the "key element" to this successful trip.

The amazing reception at SRQ airport was the most impressive that any OSC trip has ever received, and the final "salute to heroes" dinner at your club facility was a class act and a genuine display of patriotism and admiration for these American "heroes".



We can't thank you enough for all that the Elks especially Sarasota South #2495 have done in support of this amazing "get away from the hospital" trip. From the very beginning of the agenda planning, you served a vital role, and when something was needed - you were quick to provide the support or resolve the problem. I could not have accomplished such a successful mission without your dedication and assistance ... thank you so much for a job well done!

Please convey to all the members of the Elks our sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,


Benjamin M. Knisely
Colonel, USA (ret)
Trip Coordinator



Elks Care - Elks Share

July Birthdays

01 Doris Huff, Jon Koller
 04 Richard Moody,
 06 Doris Long, Steven Olson
 07 John Gittler, Mark Payette
 07 James Pierson, Jack Willson
 08 Peter Dunckel
 09 Arthur Connelley
 11 William Hollick, Gary Seeber
 12 Robert Burnside
 13 Carl Meinardus
 14 James Bretherick, Louise Keney
 15 Ronald C Hart, Ernest Meeks
 15 William Wagner
 16 Delores Rudolph
 17 Nelson Smith
 18 Lois Chaney
 19 George Falconer
 20 Sue Galoni, Clifford VanDervort
 20 Robert Waters
 21 David Enos, Brenda Raysbrook
 22 Thyra Decarlo, Carl Deruiter
 23 John Holmes , Gordon Raymond
 26 Darrell Fair, C Jack Messmore
 27 Darby Coogan, James Mooney
 28 John Brennan, William Columbia
 28 William Goebel, Robert Groom
 30 Robert Andrews, Mary Jane Arvidson,
 30 John Hemstreet, George Sweeney
 30 Gerard Szczygiel
 31 Charles Booth, Bonnie Lang, Mike Trollo

Happy Birthday

All Volunteers please contact Nola
 Sanborn at 941-721-3397

She is putting together the summer
 volunteers list and she needs your
 help. She needs to hear from you
 as to when you can help and your
 contact phone numbers. Thanks so
 very much for your dedication and
 hard work.

DISTRICT VP LUCRECIA SMITH'S OFFICIAL VISITATION SCHEDULE

July 8 & 9 State President Visits
 Southwest District
 July 17-21 Grand Lodge Convention
 July 23 Sarasota South
 Aug 6 Bradenton
 Aug. 13 Manasota
 Sept. 17 Palmetto
 Oct. 1 South Hillsborough homecoming



Elks Day with the
 Rays Sunday September 11th



September 11, 2011 is Elk's Day at Tropicana field. Tampa Bay Rays vs. Boston Red Sox. Tickets are \$20.00, which \$4.00 will be donated to Harry Anna Trust Fund, since this will be the 10th. Anniversary of 9/11. The Elks have invited Police, Firemen and our local Veterans to this game. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket let me know, I will contact our Veteran's Representative at Bay Pines for the tickets. If you are unable to attend, you can purchase a ticket and donate it to our representative, to be given to one of our Veterans.

Thanks,
 John J.D. Daniel
 Lodge Veterans Chairman, Phone 776-3835



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Craig Conklin, PER 776-5832
 Hall Rental Chairman

GREAT CONVENTION! Membership is Everyone's Priority

I Attended the Liaison Officer's meeting on Sunday the 29th. This committee's objective is to find out what other Lodges do to retain their members, bring in new members, and how friendly our lodges are. It was very inspiring and we received a lot of ideas. My objective is to visit other Lodges in our district or even in the state and survey their membership programs. Please come forward with your ideas of how we can improve our membership. Your Lodge is like a ship, everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm or to strive to make your ship stay afloat. Your input is vital to sailing our ship in the right direction.

John J.D. Daniel, Leading Knight



Presenting the Flags at the Palmetto 2449 Flag Day Ceremony were members of the Manatee High School JROTC, l-r, Carolina Martinez, Mileen Li, Beverly Calderon, and Jasmine Rosales.



On Sunday afternoon, June 12 members of Palmetto Elks 2449 held a Flag Day Ceremony which highlighted the history of the United States "Stars and Stripes." Assisting in the presentation were members of the Manatee

High School JROTC. Wes Townsend displayed a flag which flew in combat mission in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The flag was presented to him by his son, Major Keith Townsend. This year's Flag Day Ceremony was attended by approximately 50 Elks and guests who enjoyed a pot luck dinner following the ceremony.

PALMETTO #2449 BULLETIN BOOSTERS

2010-2011

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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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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Elks Care - Elks Share

Meet Your One Year Trustee Len Meade



I joined the Elks approximately 30 years ago in Martinsville, VA, lodge #1752. I went through the chairs and became the ER in 1987. I joined the Trustees and transferred, due to work, to Charlottesville, VA to lodge # 389. Due to the fact that I was in a new job and a new marriage I was not active.

My company transferred me to Sarasota, FL in 2000, and I demitted to Palmetto lodge #2449. I became active in the Palmetto lodge when I met Dave Vergason. I was elected to the trustees in 2010 and I have become very active in the Palmetto lodge because I am concerned with making our lodge an ongoing progressive lodge. My wife Dorathey Meade became a full member about 5 years ago.

Elks Care - Elks Share

Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services, Inc. was born on March 1, 1999

Services provided now include Evaluation, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Neuro-Development Treatment, Sensory Training, and Therapeutic Listening. All of these services are absolutely free for up to six months (26 treatments) or until therapy goals have been met or need to be met in another way. Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services currently provides services to an average of 330 children a month.

Do you know a child between birth and 18 years of age who could benefit from this type of service, but just can't afford it? It is so easy to make a referral. Simply call the FECTS office at 800-523-1673 Ext. 241 and advise them you have a child in need of these services.

When you make a \$50 donation to the Harry-Anna Trust Fund, you receive a certificate as well as the State President's Pin. In addition to Therapy Services, funds from the Harry-Anna Trust Fund support the Florida Elks Youth Camp. That is another, completely awesome story! To be continued....

So now you know where your donations for Harry-Anna go and why they are so vitally important. To make a donation please visit the web site at www.flelks.org or drop your donation off at the Lodge and we will send it in for you. Thank you for your consideration. Palmetto Elks helping our Children and Veterans.

Gary Beschorner

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Friday Fish Fry

4:30 to 7:00

Fried Pollock for only \$7.00

Also serving Baked Pollock, Fried Shrimp,

Half Baked Chicken

Soup and Salad

Music 6 to 9

Monday Nights



Lounge Opens 4:00

Come out and join

Chef Bill

Food 5:00-7 Full Menu

Karaoke 6 to 9

Luncheon for the State President's Wife

Linda Hayes Saturday July 9, 2011

12:00 P.M. - ?

Soup & Salad Bar with a Special Fashion Show



\$10.00 Per Person



Advance tickets by Tuesday July 5th

Tickets are available in the Lounge see your bartender

The event is sponsored by our new PETS Group



4th of July Barbeque

Saturday July 2

1 to 4

Bill's Famous

1/4# Hot Dog Only \$5.00 Or 1/3# Burger \$7.00

Both come with corn on the cob and baked beans

Advance tickets by Thursday June 30th

Tickets are available in the Lounge see your bartender