



Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS

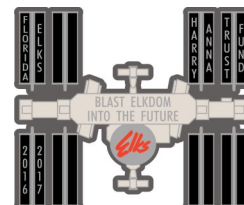


In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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July 2016

Volume 4



From the Exalted Ruler



On July 25, Palmetto 2449 hosted the DVP visitation. All seven lodges in the district were represented with close to 100 in attendance. We had a very good turnout from our lodge. A very special thank you to all that helped and those that attended.

I would like to thank Sandy Moody for spreading the mulch. It made the outside of the lodge look better for the DVP visit.

Some upcoming events:

- ♦ July 17th Christmas in July, \$5.00 at the door, bring a \$10.00 unisex gift, and your favorite Christmas dish to share.
- ♦ July 24th, Back to school party (back packs and school supplies for 200 kids), need committees to prepare and serve hot dogs, decorate, and pack the back packs.
- ♦ September 24th inside flea market,
- ♦ October 8th Semi Formal Dance, music by Lynn Spin's,
- ♦ November 12th Jazz Concert 2 to 4 pm, Turkey shoot date to be announced,
- ♦ January, AOH (Army of Hope) at the Veteran's hospital.
- ♦ February 11th, Bonnie sponsoring the Ladies Luncheon.
- ♦ February 18th Nationality food tasting.

That leaves August, December, and March with nothing planned. If you have a special function in mind or would like to help on some of the planned events let the BOD hear from you.

Rose Wujcik deserves a special thanks. At the Elks convention our newsletter took second place in the state for lodges of our size.

The lodge will be closed July 1st and July 4th to allow our members and volunteers to celebrate Impendence day.

I would like to thank Len Pruss. He is doing a Monday meal, dealing bar poker one week a month, Working the private parties, hosting karaoke and anything else that needs to be done. He is my ELK of the Month for July.

A letter has been mailed to all of our members asking for donations. The lodge is in need of air condition repairs and a backflow relief valve to be repaired or replaced. Any donation will be appreciated.

Come on out and support your lodge. Let's have a month when all Palmetto Elk members do something that is:

"FOR THE GOOD OF THE LODGE".

Fraternally,
Len Meade, ER
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lenmeade@hotmail.com

From the Desk of the Secretary



Can you believe we are already entering the heat of the summer? This is the time of year we are looking forward to seeing all the wonderful fireworks. Working with membership I am looking forward to fireworks also. We still have 65 members that have not paid their dues.

You know I would like to take each and every one of you back to when you were asked to become an elk. Why did you join? It was because you had a generous and giving heart and you wanted to share it with other people that also had generous and giving hearts. Your generous hearts are giving right now to help the needy children with school supplies and I thank each and every one of you personally. We still need more donations please don't stop. We have not reached our goal yet. By paying your dues your generosity helps our veterans. It helps to get the little necessities that they need. Just think if they hadn't given for us where would we be. Your generosity helps our Children's therapy services help children that would otherwise be left on the wayside because they have no insurance. Your generosity continues to spread to send children to camp when their families cannot afford to send them. Elksdom is about giving hearts. Generous hearts are also forgiving hearts. If the reason you have not been back to our lodge is because of hurt feelings, or misunderstandings or some petty incident. Let the generous heart that you had the day you took your oath to become an elk soften and come back. We miss you! We want you! We need you! We love you!

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



A Message from Your Kitchen



I want to thank everyone who helped make the kitchen and our DVP visitation a huge success. to All of the hard work did not go unnoticed. I hope I took the time to thank you all in person.

We had a wonderful array of appetizers and desserts. Again that does not happen by thinking about it. It happens when people take the time to make our Elk's home something to be proud of and make people want to visit often.

Please remember to thank Patrick for getting the baseball team for us. They were a big help. They also were overwhelmed by the generosity everyone showed them.

WE ARE CLOSED JULY 1, THRU JULY 4. HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY, DURING THE 4TH OF, JULY WEEK END.

We have had some wonderful volunteers stepping up to the plate, to literally, serve a wonderful dinner

Here is what we are now planning;

July 8, Cabbage Rolls
July 22, Lasagna

July 15, Grilled Pork Loin
July 29, Goulash

These specials will continue thru September, so everyone can mark their calendar for their favorite meal, or try something new. We would like to start a new policy of making reservations for our Friday dinners, so we can be prepared. Please call me and I will get your orders to the proper chef.

Thank you in advance for helping us work thru the summer schedules.

Thank you,
Sandy Mooney, P.E.R., Kitchen Manager
941-447-9424 coolmoon143@aol.com



Americanism

Independence Day



It took thirteen years, from 1754 to 1767, for the colonies to go from loyal subjects, helping the war cause, to rebels, intent on expelling Britain from the new world. There were two main reasons: One was that the colonists were intent on getting rid of King George III so they could practice religion free from the Church of England. The second was that the newly rich wanted to keep their wealth instead of sharing it with England. The French and Indian war left the colonies in debt and England wanted us to pay for keeping their colony intact. A series of taxes left us reeling: The Currency Act, The Sugar Act, The Quartering Act and the Stamp Act, a tax on everything from paint to playing cards. England employed 12,000 Hessian mercenaries to quell the uprising. Thus began the "City on the Hill" that is, the United States of America. Our Declaration of Independence was formally accepted by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776 and is celebrated with fireworks and parties. The actual signing was on August 2, 1776, when fifty members of Congress signed and six more (with Thomas McKean, Delaware, in 1781 by special permission, having served in the army in the interim). It was in the Dog Days of August 1776, when with the finality of signature, we severed our ties with England forever!

Happy July 4th!

Dorathay 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



JULY 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 	2
3 	4 Happy 4th of July	5 Open 3:00 to 6:00 	6 	7 3:00 to 6:00 4:00 to 6:00 	8 Open 3:00 to 6:00 Happy Hour Dinner 5:00 to 6:45 Terri Duncan 6:00 to 8:00	9
10 	11 Open 3:00 to 6:00 Happy Hour Shrimp Dinner 5:00 to 6:45 \$7.00	12 Open 3:00 to 6:00 	13 	14 3:00 to 6:00 4:00 to 6:00	15 Open 3:00 to 6:00 Happy Hour Dinner 5:00 to 6:45 On a Whim 6:00 to 8:00	16 DVP Visit LWR-S 6:00 too 8:30
17 Christmas Party 2:00 to 5:00	18 Open 3:00 to 6:00 Happy Hour Meatball Sandwich 5:00 to 6:45 \$7.00	19 Open 3:00 to 6:00 	20 	21 3:00 to 6:00 4:00 to 6:00	22 Open 3:00 to 6:00 Happy Hour Dinner 5:00 to 6:45 Tony Boeing 6:00 to 8:00	23
24 2:00 to 5:00 	25 Open 3:00 to 6:00 Happy Hour Philly Cheese Steak 5:00 to 6:45 \$8.00	26 3:00 to 6:00 BOD Meeting 6:00 Lodge Meeting 7:30	27 	28 3:00 to 6:00 4:00 to 6:00	29 Open 3:00 to 6:00 Happy Hour Dinner 5:00 to 6:45 Bob Moonbear 6:00 to 8:00	30 DVP Visit Sarasota South 6:00 too 8:30 Lodge Private Party 4:00 to 12:00
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July Birthdays

04	Richard	Moody	14	Russell	Ingraham	25	Charlie
05	Gary	Mink	14	Louise	Keney	26	Jerome
06	Doris	Long	16	Clarence	Krebs	27	Darby
06	Steven	Olson	16	Delores	Rudolph	27	Sandra
09	Cherie	Klepek	18	Lois	Chaney	28	William
09	Douglas	Roper	20	Clifford	VanDervort	28	Robert
11	James	Carpenter	20	Robert	Waters	28	Dannie
12	Robert	Burnside	21	David	Enos	30	Terry

Did You Know



**It is that time of year again for the annual
BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY**

I NEED HELP IN VARIOUS WAYS. The Party is on July 24 from 2-4 in the afternoon.

We will be starting to get ready for the party on July 16

Help is needed to take school supplies to the lodge.

Help is needed to Pack the Back packs.

Help is needed to arrange tables and clean up afterwards

Help cook Hot Dogs and serve the kids

Help pouring soda.

**If you have not been to one of these parties you have really missed it.
There is a lot of work to prepare for this party but many hands will
make light work.**

**If you have the time and you wish to help you can contact:
Judy Vergason 941-524-8222
Dorathey Meade at 941-807-6177**

Thanking you in advance for your generous help. Judy



Grant Money Helps The Veterans at Tidewell Hospice



Tidewell Hospice accepted a \$1,600 check from Palmetto Elks Lodge #2449 on Tuesday at the Ellenton Hospice House. Rose Wujcik, PER, presents the check to Irene Henderson Professional Services.

Picture of those in attendance, from left, are Tidewell volunteer coordinator Jeannette Richemond, Tidewell Honors Veterans volunteer Tarek Mekhail, Elks Chaplain Dorathey Meade, Elks Exalted Ruler Len Meade, Tidewell Vice President of Volunteer and Professional Services Irene Henderson, Elks 5th-Year Trustee Rose Wujcik, PER, Elks Treasurer Michael Wujcik and Tidewell Honors Veterans volunteer Gill Ruderman.

Vice President of Volunteer and Professional Services Irene Henderson and Honors volunteer veteran Gill Ruderman performed a pinning ceremony to thank Elks Exalted Ruler Len Meade for his military service. Thank you, Palmetto Elks, for your contribution!



Rose Wujcik, PER
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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.

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) _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Elk of the Month



Lenny Pruss, PER

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

All Diners start at 6:00 Cost \$5.00

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

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



Congratulations
Phyllis Stolteben

Mighty Southwest District
Elk of the Year

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
\$6.50
July 8th—Cabbage Rolls
July 15th—Grilled Pork Loin
July 22nd Lasagna
July 29th Goulash



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)



CHRISTMAS IN JULY



JULY 17, 2016

2:00 TO 5:00

\$5.00 P.P.

BRING YOUR FAVORITE
CHRISTMAS DISH TO SHARE

\$10.00

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CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION

ROSE 941-962-5475 OR DORATHEY 941-807-6177



Save the Date

July 17th
Christmas in July
2:00 to 5:00
\$5.00
\$10.00 Unisex Gift
Bring your Favorite Christmas Dish to share

July 24th
Back to School Party
2:00 to 5:00
200 Children
Receive Back Packs
Volunteers Needed
Contacted Judy Vergason
941-722-1329

You're
Invited

August 24th
Lodge Indoor
Flea Mark—Craft Show
8:00 to 2:00
\$20.00 per table—\$30 for two
Contact Lenny Pruss for Info
941-721-4699

October 8th
Semi Formal
Sweet Heart Dance
5:00 to 9:00
Music by
Lynn's Spins
Stay tuned for
Dinner menu & Cost

November 12th
Jazz & Wine Tasting
2:00 to 4:00
Stay tuned for
Price & Name of Jazz Musicians

February 11th
Ladies Luncheon
1:00 to 4:00
Stay tuned for
Menu & Cost

February 18th
Nationality Food Tasting
Stay tuned for more information

Laughter is a highly
Addictive positive
Contagious: if somebody
Starts, it's very difficult to stop.

LET'S HAVE
SOME FUN



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

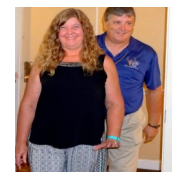
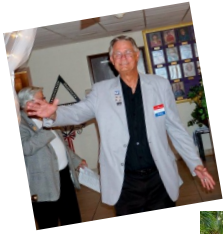
Elks Brew \$1.50 16oz

Close Out

Until Gone

Chablis \$1.50

Corona Beer \$1.50 7 1/2 oz



District Vice President Visit
Bob Erwin, DVP and Susan
June 25, 2016





The 9th Annual Florida Elks Day at the Rays Fundraiser



SUNDAY, SEP 25

VS. BOSTON

FIRST PITCH: 1:10 P.M.
GATES OPEN: 11:10 A.M.
(subject to change)



DON'T MISS:

- Free parking for cars with 4 or more people
- Rays Velcro Toss & Catch for kids ages 14 & under while supplies last
- Kids run the bases post game

★ Lower Level Tickets are \$28 (up to \$50 Value) ★

A portion of each ticket sold will benefit Elks Harry-Anna Trust Fund.

Tickets are subject to availability.

Discounted ticket price not available after the deadline.



SAVE THE DATE

This exclusive offer includes a Florida Elks personalized Rays tote bag. Participating lodges who purchase 20 or more tickets will be enrolled in the Rays Group Leader Rewards program.

For questions please contact your Harry-Anna Chairman or Rich Jacobs at:
(P): 727-430-1584 or (E): CEJEMJ0205@aol.com

Deadline to purchase is Monday, September 12, 2016.

RAYSBASEBALL.COM 888-FAN-RAYS

Offer not available through Tropicana Field box offices or Ticketmaster. Tickets subject to availability.
No refunds or exchanges. Prices subject to change.



*Happy 241 Anniversary
To the
Army Chaplain Corps
1775 to 2016*

Monday Nights

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

Karaoke 

6:00 to 8:00



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

Music
6:00 to 8:00

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Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success.

Henry Ford

”



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