

Palmetto Pride



Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS



In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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July 2012

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From the Exalted Ruler



The State Convention was very educational, but also a happy one since two of our Lodge Chairman received awards. Alice Davis for District Training and Katherine Chadwell for Youth Activities, I want to thank them both for their dedication. At the convention our lodge was

commended by our top dignitaries in the work that we all accomplished in keeping your lodge moving forward. I am proud of all of you officers, members and volunteers; this is what Elkdom is all about.

The State President Sean D. Magurie and the First Lady Barbara visited our Lodge along with the VPAL Brian T. Burns and his lovely wife Mary Kay on June 15. A lovely time was had by all and we should be proud that we had that privilege of their visitation.

Want to thank all the kitchen help for their outstanding work they did in preparing for this event and thanks to Lenny Pruss for his music. Just goes to show what you as Elks can do.

Members, we need your help. The lodge had to put a new a/c in the back room at a cost of \$3,600.00. Now our convection oven in the kitchen is also in need of replacement, the cost is going to be somewhere around \$3 to \$4 thousand. We already have one of our members willing to donate \$1,000.00 towards the oven. So I am asking if you can see it in your heart to contribute towards these two items. I know you will feel good about it, as the saying goes Elks Care-Elks Share.

I will be leaving to attend the Grand Lodge National Convention in Austin, Texas. There are a few amendments to vote on, which was discussed by all the members at our last lodge meeting.

Again I want to thank all of you for doing what you do for your lodge. I know you all have your lodge at heart.

Fraternity Yours,
John JD Daniel
Exalted Ruler

The Mighty Southwest District Official Visitation

Lu Smith, DDGER & Patrick Gallagher, DVP



- July 14th Palmetto 2449
- July 28th South Sarasota 2495
- August 11th South Hillsborough 2672
- August 18th Bradenton 1511
- Sept. 15th Venice Nokomis 1854
- Sept. 29th Manasota 2734 Homecoming

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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 3 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.

Your dues are very important to the lodge. It helps us do the charitable work that we do. It helps to give under privilege children the therapy they need. Your dues also give us the help to send children to summer camp that would not otherwise have the opportunity. It also gives us the means to send toilet articles to veterans as well as underwear. The government does not provide these articles for the veterans. If they don't have families that will help them they have to rely on us. So even if you feel that you don't get the "use" out of your dues you are doing so much more with your dues. So if you have not renewed please send in your dues so you can help us to help others.

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

Volunteer of the Month



Carol Smilowski

Elks Care - *Elks* Share

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|-----------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Exalted Ruler | JD Daniel, PER | 776-3835 |
| Leading Knight | Chet Syjud | 721-4284 |
| Loyal Knight | Alice Davis | 737-3776 |
| Lecturing Knight | Steve Baker | 962-6853 |
| Secretary | Judy Vergason | 722-1329 |
| Treasurer | Judy Alf | 721-7069 |
| Tiler | Raymond Martel | 721-7344 |
| Esquire | Mike Wujcik | 962-3682 |
| Chaplain | Lorraine Baker | 962-6853 |
| Inner Guard | Rose Wujcik | 962-5475 |
| Organist | David Radcliff | 813-641-2064 |
| Five Year | Lenny Pruss, PER | 721-4699 |
| Four Year | Wes Townsend, PER | 722-2551 |
| Three Year | Frank Coseglia, PER | 531-3911 |
| Two Year | Sully Sullivan | 813-641-3592 |
| One Year | Ron Alf | 721-7069 |
| Accident Prevention | Katharine Chadwell | 729-4913 |
| Americanism | Dorathay Meade | 807-6177 |
| Auditing Accounting | Dale Daugherty | 803-8172 |
| Bulletin | Rose & Mike Wujcik | 962-3682 |
| Community Activities | Craig Conklin, PER | 447-1836 |
| Drug Awareness | Katharine Chadwell | 729-4913 |
| Elks Nat'l Foundation | Wes Townsend, PER | 722-2551 |
| Government Relations | Judy Vergason | 722-1329 |
| Harry Anna Trust | Ron Alf | 721-7069 |
| Hoop Shoot | Mike Wujcik | 962-3682 |
| Investigation | Lenny Pruss, PER | 721-4699 |
| Indoctrination | Greg Harrod | 776-9997 |
| Kitchen Management | Bill Herrington - Sully Sullivan | 962-3273— 813-641-3592 |
| Lounge Management | Wes Townsend, PER Frank Coseglia, PER | 722-2551 531-3911 |
| Lapsation | Dorathay Meade | 807-6177 |
| Lodge Activities | Craig Conklin, PER | 447-1836 |
| Mediator | Craig Conklin, PER | 447-1836 |
| Membership | Judy Vergason | 722-1329 |
| Memorial Sunday | Alice Davis | 737-3776 |
| Nat'l Veterans | Pat Murphy | 729-2876 |
| PER Association | Craig Conklin, PER | 447-1836 |
| P.E.T.S. Activities | Rose Wujcik | 962-5475 |
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| Public Relations | Rose Wujcik | 962-5475 |
| Volunteer | | |
| Web Master | Chet Syjud | 721-4284 |
| Youth Activities | Dorathay Meade | 807-6177 |

Palmetto Pride




Lounge Hours

Sun: Closed Mon: 3 Open menu / Karaoke Tue: 3 Meetings
 Wed: 3 Spaghetti 2nd & 4th Thu: Closed Fri: 3 Fish Fry
 Sat: 1 Bar Poker & Swing Dance

Bar to close at the discretion of the bartender

July 2012

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| 1 9:30—12 :30 Breakfast | 2 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Lorraine | 3 Open 3:00 | 4 Closed Independence Day | 5 Closed | 6 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Peel Eat Shrimp Music 6-8 Seabreeze | 7 Open 1:00-4:00 Bar Poker Dice Game Swing Dance |
| 8 Closed | 9 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Karaoke Nola | 10 Open 3:00 | 11 Open 3:00 5:00—7:00 Rigatoni | 12 Closed | 13 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Beef Tips Music 6-8 Lee & Char | 14 Open 1:00-4:00 Swing Dance 3:00 VP Dinner 5:00 |
| 15 Breakfast 9:30 - 12:30 | 16 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Philly Cheese Steak Karaoke Lenny | 17 Open 3:00 PER Meeting 6:00 6:30 BOD | 18 Closed | 19 Closed | 20 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Chicken Parmesan Music 6-8 Lenny Pruss President Din- | 21 Open 1:00 - 4:00 Swing Dance Birthday/ Anniversary July Christmas |
| 22 Closed | 23 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Bob Dunn | 24 Open 3:00 7:30 Lodge Meeting Initiation | 25 Open 3:00 5:00—7:00 Spaghetti | 26 Closed | 27 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Swiss Steak Music 6-8 Lorraine | 28 Open 1:00-4:00 Bar Poker Dice Game Swing Dance |
| 29 Closed | 30 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Philly Cheese Steak Karaoke Lenny | 31 Open 3:00 |  <p>The Mighty Southwest District Official Visitation July 14, 2012 5:00 Cocktails 6:00 Dinner</p> | | | |

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!



Dorathy Meade, Americanism chairperson



Judy Vergason Presented a check to Sean Maguire on behalf of her late husband Dave Vergason for Harry Anna



June 15, 2012 Award Presentations



President Sean Maguire, Michael Jernigan, JD Robert Bolt, Wes Townsend

New games daily at the bar!



Bar Poker
\$1.00 Five Card Poker
Highest Hand Wins



Dice Game
\$1.00 for 2 rolls of the dice
4 of a kind - win a free drink
5 of a kind - win the jackpot
Minimum jackpot \$100.00
Maximum jackpot \$500.00
See bartender for rules



July Birthdays

| | | | |
|----|----------|---------|------------|
| 01 | Doris | A | Huff |
| 01 | Jon | W | Koller |
| 04 | Richard | H | Moody |
| 05 | Ray | | Martel |
| 06 | Doris | | Long |
| 06 | Steven | C | Olson |
| 07 | Mark | V | Payette |
| 07 | James | | Pierson |
| 08 | Peter | J | Dunckel |
| 11 | William | M | Hollick |
| 11 | Gary | F | Seeber |
| 12 | Robert | D | Burnside |
| 14 | James | W | Bretherick |
| 14 | Louise | | Keney |
| 16 | Delores | J | Rudolph |
| 17 | Nelson | C | Smith |
| 18 | Lois | Lucille | Chaney |
| 18 | Linda | | Sanford |
| 20 | Clifford | C | VanDervort |
| 20 | Robert | D | Waters |
| 21 | David | A | Enos |
| 22 | Thyra | M | Decarlo |
| 22 | Carl | | Deruiter |
| 23 | John | J | Holmes |
| 23 | Gordon | E | Raymond |
| 26 | Darrell | | Fair |
| 26 | C | Jack | Messmore |
| 27 | Darby | | Coogan |
| 27 | James | P | Mooney |
| 28 | John | | Brennan |
| 28 | William | L | Columbia |
| 28 | William | E | Goebel |
| 28 | Robert | T | Groom |
| 28 | Dannie | E | Whiteman |
| 30 | Robert | F | Andrews |
| 30 | John | A | Hemstreet |
| 30 | George | H | Sweeney |
| 30 | Gerard | | Szczygiel |
| 31 | Charles | D | Booth |
| 31 | Bonnie | | Lang |
| 31 | Mike | A | Trollo |

Elks Care - Elks Share

Palmetto Elks 2249 held its Flag Day Ceremony on Sunday, June 17th. Manatee High School ROTC Sophomore cadets pictured from left to right; Nick Paserillo, Connor Powers, Josh Zawistowski and Jonathan Banks assisted in the ceremony carrying the six flags as history of each flag was being read. The six flags included the Pine Tree Flag, the Snake Flag, the Continental Flag, the Grand Union Flag, and flags with 48 stars and the current 50 stars. It was a humbling ceremony attended by approximately 50 Elks and guests.



Take Me Out to the Ball Game

On September 9th the Mighty Northwest District will be going to the ball game to see the Rays v.s. the Texas Rangers. Tickets are available for \$28 or \$48 to ride on the bus both ways. The are in the lower box. This is a great opportunity to join your friends and meet new ones. The sign up is in the Lodge. Plan on attending for a day of fun.



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

P.E.T.S.



On July 21st we will be hosting a Christmas in July. Come bring a dish to share and a toy for our Children's Christmas Party. Hope to see you there!

Rose Wujcik, Chairman
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941.962.5475

Meet Our New Members



Carol Smilowski Cici Perkins

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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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Independence Day July 4, 2012



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Looking for something new to do. The West Coast Swing Class will meet on Saturday 1:00 - 4:00 Cost \$5.00 per person. Come out and learn a new style of dancing with friends.



Christmas in July Celebration July 21, 2012

1:00 to 4:00

Pot Luck

Bring a Toy for

the

Children's
Christmas Party

Music by

Lenny Pruss



Presidential Visit



Wanted and Desperately Needed!

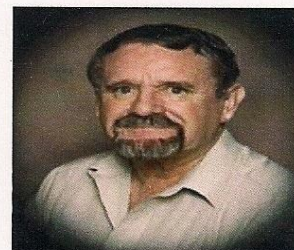
- Deodorant ▪ Paperback Books ▪ Playing Cards ▪ Hobby Kits ▪ Table Games ▪ Writing Supplies ▪ Stamps ▪
- Disposable Razors ▪ Comfort Items ▪ Toothpaste ▪ Denture Supplies ▪ Combs ▪ New Socks (13)
 - New Men's Briefs (S,M,L) ▪
 - New Tee Shirts (L & XL) ▪
- Clothes Washing Soap, Powder Only.
- No Mouthwash or Aftershave

These are items, that as Elks, we need to provide for our Veterans. If you can help with any of these items, please drop them off at the Lounge so we can gather them together and deliver them. Magazines must be less than three months old.

Gary Beschorner

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Monday Nights



Lounge Opens 3:00
Come out and join
Chef Bill
Food 5:00-7 Full Menu
Karaoke 6 to 9



2nd and 4th
Wednesday
Spaghetti Night
5:00 to 7:00



Friday Fish
Fry
4:30 - 7:00
Music

July 21, 2012

July Birthday / Anniversary Party

If you have a birthday or celebrating an Anniversary
Come and join us at 3:00
Bring a snack to share

Cake will be provided

