

# Palmetto Pride

**Benevolent and Protective Order of  
ELKS**



**In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason**

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## From the Exalted Ruler



My first experience to our National Convention was something; it was a great convention with over 6500 in attendance. There were 18 resolutions to vote on, of which 17 passed. Unfortunately I was in Austin longer than I wanted to be. They discussed membership and how we as members must reach out and secure a member, but we must also keep the

members that we ourselves signed up. It was heartwarming to hear how the Elk's have supported the various organizations this year. Elks Care Elks Share.

Some information I learned was that 'The Elks Rest' in the Mt. Greenwood Cemetery was rededicated on June 10, 2012. The new bronze and aluminum Elk Memorial Statue, commissioned after last year's convention in Phoenix, now sits on a base that was created for the US Centennial in Philadelphia in 1876, features the four cardinal virtues of Elkdom, Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity.

I was very fortunate to meet the oldest member Albert Kehrer of WV #482, age 88 and a member for 63 years. Also the youngest, Marci Noss, of Blairsville, Pa. #406, 21 years old and attending her first Grand Lodge convention.

I visited the Ohio Hospitality room, and to my surprise the State President Dan Beasley is from my home town, Fremont, Ohio. We had a nice talk about Fremont and his dad. Also the Austin Elks needed a new set of antlers and the Show Low Elks of Arizona #2090 shipped a set to Dallas. They were put on top of a car and driven to the Austin Elks, what a story.

I really want to thank all our volunteers and members and of course the kitchen staff for what they did for our lodge. Even though I was in the hospital, all of you came forward to see that the DD-DVP visit came off. Just goes to show their love for their lodge. Elks Care-Elks Share. I was also happy at the attendance of our members at the event.

Just a reminder about the help that is needed in securing items for use and repair of your Lodge; just a few dollars would help. I want to THANK all of you for your concern and your prayers during my illness.

Faternally yours,  
John JD Daniel

## The Mighty Southwest District Official Visitation

**Lu Smith, DDGER & Patrick Gallagher, DVP**



**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 would like to thank all of you who have paid your dues.

We still have a list of 58 that have not been in communication with the office about their dues. We are such a mobile society that when we

change address or phone numbers it is so easy to forget to inform everyone. We have many members that have the wrong telephone number if you know of a member that has not paid their dues take the time to talk with them and find out the reason then let us know. **All members of Palmetto Elks 2449 are very important to the organization.**

We need you and your help to ensure the future of Elkdom in the Palmetto Lodge. I would hate for anyone to be left out of these exciting times. Each of you has a unique gift in making the lodge a huge success. There is something for everyone to do at the lodge.

Thank you in your efforts in helping the lodge to keep our members active and adding new members to our roles.

Judy Vergason  
Lodge Secretary

### Support ENF and Harry Anna charities



#### Volunteer of the Month



Bill Harrington

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Exalted Ruler	JD Daniel, PER	776-3835
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Lecturing Knight	Steve Baker	962-6853
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Treasurer	Judy Alf	721-7069
Tiler	Raymond Martel	721-7344
Esquire	Mike Wujcik	962-3682
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Inner Guard	Rose Wujcik	962-5475
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Two Year	Sully Sullivan	813-390-8614
One Year	Ron Alf	721-7069
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Indoctrination	Greg Harrod	776-9997
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Mediator	Craig Conklin, PER	447-1836
Membership	Judy Vergason	722-1329
Memorial Sunday	Alice Davis	737-3776
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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**



# August 2012

**Sun**

**Mon**


**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

DD-DVP Visit South Hillsborough 8/11 DD-DVP Visit Bradenton 8/18 Cost \$5.00 Plan on coming to support your lodge			1  Closed	2  Closed	3 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Chicken Breast Music 6-8 Lenny Pruss	4  Open 1:00-4:00 Bar Poker Dice Game Swing Dance
5  Breakfast 9:30 - 12:30	6 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Lenny Pruss	7  Open 3:00	8  Open 3:00 5:00—7:00 Spaghetti	9  Closed	10 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Salmon Filet Music 6-8 Lorraine	11  Open 1:00-4:00 Swing Dance
12  Closed	13 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Karaoke C.J.	14  Open 3:00 P.E.T.S Meeting 6:30	15  Closed	16  Closed	17 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Meat Loaf Music 6-8 Seabreeze	18  Open 1:00 - 4:00 Swing Dance Birthday/ Anniversary 3:00
19  Breakfast 9:30 - 12:30	20 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Philly Cheese Karaoke Lenny Pruss	21  Open 3:00 PER Meeting 6:00 6:30 BOD	22  Open 3:00 5:00—7:00 Rigatoni	23  Closed	24 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Cabbage rolls Music 6-8 Lee & Char	25  Open 1:00-4:00 Bar Poker Dice Game Swing Dance
26  Closed	27 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Nola	28  Open 3:00 7:30 Lodge Meeting Initiation	29  Closed	30  Closed	31 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Pork Chops Music 6-8 Musical Memories	





To me, freedom means each moment, of each day, of every year, I can do all things, or at least try all things that I desire. To me, freedom means being able to show sadness, happiness, and anger in public. To me, freedom means feeling safe, confident and secure in my country. Freedom is being able to have a voice and to let it be heard. To me, freedom means having the right to make my own decisions and choices. Freedom allows me to pray to and worship the God of heaven. Freedom allows me to love and hate. Freedom allows me to buy, own and sell. It allows me to come and to go places. Freedom allows me to obtain the things I want and discard the things I don't. Freedom is waking up in

the morning with sunshine even when the sun's rays aren't penetrating through the clouds. Because of freedom I can dream of being the President of the United States one day or the mother of many children, unlike others in different countries. Freedom is possible for me and everyone in the United States of America because of our countrymen and women who have and still are sacrificing, bleeding and dying for it. I realize that my freedom came with a great price. For all the men and women who fought for my freedom I do greatly appreciate you and what you have sacrificed for me and the people of this great nation. To me, freedom is a promise that I can live my life.

written by Anna F. Grade 6, Centreville Middle School  
Dorathey Meade, Americanism Chairperson



DD-DVP Dinner



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

## August Birthdays

01	James	Tuffy
02	Eric	Matthiesen
02	Howard	Morrell
03	Loren	Brown
04	Wilbur	Wyrick
05	Harry	Barker
05	William	Bird
05	Duane	George
05	Wadsworth	Karr
09	Diana	Mangum
10	Virginia	Appleton
10	Donald	Stroud
11	William	Hanley
11	Daniel	Parrish
11	T	Rice
14	Raquel	Ward
15	C	Ford
17	Bernard	Ciganek
18	Dellas	Lambert
18	Dennis	Medley
18	Sonia	Trejo
19	Thomas	Culbreth
19	Edward	Gensler
20	John	Czebiniak
20	Gloria	Patton
20	Winfield	Stromberg
21	Woodie	Haynes
21	Beverly	Horstman
21	Carl	Webber
22	Dianne	Paul
24	Joseph	Ogle
26	Douglas	Hoffman
26	Lawrence	Sheathelm
27	Evert	Nyhof
28	Troy	Pendley
30	Tim	Chaney
30	Marjie	Larason
30	John	Ritter
30	James	Weinman
31	Donald	Applegate
31	Robert	Aziz
31	Alice	Gallagher
31	Mark	Reiter

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Scott King a former Corporal in the US Marine Corps and a member of Portland, OR Lodge #142 embarked May 7th 2011 for a ride to raise funds for wounded veterans. His ride will take 2



years and cover 48 states. He has covered already over 6,000 miles and was in attendance at the Grand Lodge convention; His second leg started in April and will end in Sept. He hopes to ride 8,000 more miles. More information is available at [www.rtwr.org](http://www.rtwr.org).

The ENF is honoring the ELKS pledge to never forget our veterans by designating \$1.135 million to fund the Order's Veterans Service Program providing care and comfort to American's veterans.

These are two articles that were published at the Grand Lodge convention news bulletin  
JD Daniel

### 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 vs the Texas Rangers. Tickets are available for \$28 or \$48 to ride on the bus both ways. They 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.



The P.E.T.S. will bringing the season back starting on September 6th with a Pot Luck to welcome back our Northerners. Lorraine will be playing Karaoke. Plan on bringing a dish to

share and having a good time.

Rose Wujcik, Chairman  
rmwujcik@yahoo.com



September 6th Pot Luck to welcome back the Northerners. Bring a dish to share and your Karaoke voice music to be supplied by Lorraine.

## PALMETTO #2449 BULLETIN BOOSTERS 2012-2013

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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## Sully's Corner Friday \$8.00 Specials

- 8/3 Boneless Chicken Breast with Red Bell Pepper Sauce topped with Crumbled Feta Cheese, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetables
- 8/10 Salmon Filet choice of Blackened Style or Baked over Vegetables, Scalloped Potatoes.
- 8/17 Meat Loaf with Mushroom & Onion Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable.
- 8/24 Cabbage Rolls, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable.
- 8/31 Pork Chops with Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Apple Sauce



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



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## 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.

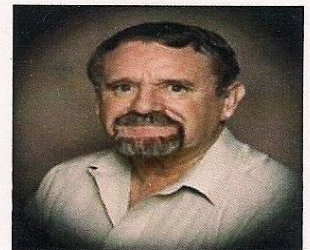
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## Monday Nights



**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**

**August 18, 2012**

**August 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**

