



Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS

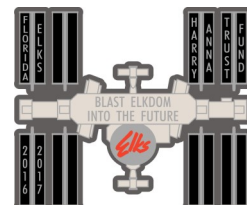


In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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August 2016

Volume 5



From the Exalted Ruler



July has come and gone. As I get older time picks up speed. I think this is what they mean by OVER THE HILL, it is all on the down slope.

The lodge activates are picking up, although slowly. We need to keep working on improving the lodge member participation.

We have a couple of new music players.

Lili Rose on AUG 12 and Tommy Arnold on Aug 19. Come on out and let us know what you think.

The scheduled activities in addition to the regular are:

September 24th, inside flea market,

October 8th Semi Formal Dance, music by Lynn Spin's,

November 12th Jazz Concert 2 to 4 pm, Turkey event 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.

Bob Ernst is sponsoring the Bucks on TV

COMING: September 11, 18, 25 and more!

BUCS FOOTBALL AT THE PALMETTO ELKS

Free admission, free hot dogs, free popcorn, smoke free, no long lines and fun.

Bring a friend, bring the neighbors, couples welcome

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.

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.

My Elk of the month for Aug is Judy Vergason. She has spent a full year on buying the goodies for the backpack for 200 needy kids to go back to school. We have just finished packing the backpacks and she is already shopping for next year.

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
941-807-0179
lenmeade@hotmail.com

TIME CHANGE
HAPPY HOUR
NOW
3:00 TO 5:00

From the Desk of the Secretary



Here we are going into the latter part of summer. I often wonder where the time goes.

This letter is not going to be about membership or dues.

This letter is about what happened on July 24, 2016

We held the back to school party for 200 needy children. Each child received a backpack filled with

All the school supplies they will need to start the year with.

If you were not a part of the party you missed a good time. You missed seeing the children downing hotdogs, chips, drink soda, breaking the piñata. Most of all you missed the smiles on their faces as they received their back pack. As well as the smiles on the faces of their parents and the tears in their eyes.

I owe a thank you to so many who volunteered their time to make this party a Huge success. To put down names I know I will forget many of you.

To those that took care of cooking and serving the food to the children and their family a BIG THANK YOU. To those who worked with the piñatas thank you, to those who filled the back packs thank you, and most of all a very BIG BIG THANK YOU to those who help transport all the supplies from my house to the lodge.

I also want to thank Robert Bolt with whom I coordinated the event. This party is over. Now we begin to prepare for next year's party. Come and be part next year. Elks Care Elks Share.

You are probably asking how this was done. Each of you participated by paying your dues. How? Your dues and by your generous donations to our Harry Anna Trust Fund and Elks National Foundation we were able to apply for grants to help these children. Even though you can't come to the lodge or participate the way you would like to by your dues you are participating. So a hearty thank you goes out to you for your help in making this a great day. Oh by the way we will begin this all over again for next year. Can we rely on your help to make these kids smile in 2017?

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

Elks Care - Elks Share

Americanism

Independence Day



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.

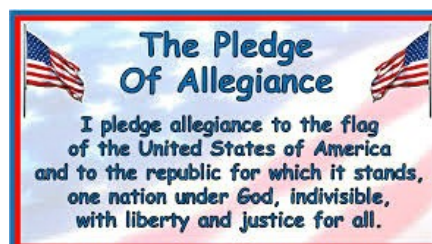
In its original version, the pledge read "my flag" instead of "the flag of the United States." the change in the wording was adopted by the National Flag Conference in 1923. The rationale for the change was that it prevented ambiguity among foreign-born children and adults who might have the flag of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



Every Monday Night
8:00
At the Lodge

Lodge Secretary—Treasurer Hours
Monday 8:00 to 12:00
Also available by appointment
Call 941-722-6937



August 2016



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

 Monday's at 3:00	1 Open Happy Hour 3:00 to 5:00 Euchre 3:00 Sloppy Joes 5:00 to 6:45 \$5.00 Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00	2 Open Happy Hour 3:00 to 5:00	3 Closed	4 Open Happy Hour 3:00 to 5:00 Bar Poker 4:00 to 6:00	5 Open Happy Hour 3:00 to 5:00 Cabbage Rolls 5:00 to 6:45 On A Whim 6:00 to 8:00	6 Closed
7 Closed	8 Open Happy Hour 3:00 to 5:00 Euchre 3:00 Shrimp Dinner 5:00 to 6:45 \$7.00 Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00	9 Open Happy Hour 3:00 to 5:00	10 Closed	11 Open Happy Hour 3:00 to 5:00 Bar Poker 4:00 to 6:00	12 Open Happy Hour 3:00 to 5:00 Grilled Pork Loin 5:00 to 6:45 Lili Rose 6:00 to 8:00	13 Closed DVP Visit Venice—Nokomis 6:00—8:00
14 Closed	15 Open Happy Hour 3:00 to 5:00 Euchre 3:00 Meatball Sandwich 5:00 to 6:45 \$7.00 Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00	16 Open Happy Hour 3:00 to 5:00	17 Closed	18 Open Happy Hour 3:00 to 5:00 Bar Poker 4:00 to 6:00	19 Open Happy Hour 3:00 to 5:00 Lasagna 5:00 to 6:45 Tommy Arnold 6:00 to 8:00	20 Closed DVP Visit Manasota 6:00—8:00
21 Closed	22 Open Happy Hour 3:00 to 5:00 Euchre 3:00 Philly Cheese Steak \$8.00 5:00 to 6:45 Karaoke	23 Open Happy Hour 3:00 to 5:00 BOD Meeting 6:00 Lodge Meeting 7:30	24 Closed	25 Open Happy Hour 3:00 to 5:00 Bar Poker 4:00 to 6:00	26 Open Happy Hour 3:00 to 5:00 Goulash 5:00 to 6:45 Holly Rae 6:00 to 8:00	27 Closed Private Party 4:00—12:00
28 Closed	29 Open Happy Hour 3:00 to 5:00 Euchre 3:00 Hot Dogs \$5.00 5:00 to 6:45 Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00	30 Open Happy Hour 3:00 to 5:00	31 Closed			

August Birthdays

01	Michael	Gunvordahl	10	Donald	Stroud	21	Woodie	Haynes
04	Lidia	Navarro	11	Daniel	Parrish	21	Beverly	Horstman
05	Elaine	Evans	11	Marvin	Rice	21	Carl	Webber
05	Duane	George	15	Larry	Collins	22	Dianne	Paul
05	Leona	Stanger	17	George	Hammond	24	Sandra	Schadwill
07	Walter	Hull	18	Dellas	Lambert	26	Douglas	Hoffman
09	Frances	Leboeuf	18	Dennis	Medley	30	Marjie	Larason
09	Diana	Mangum	18	Sonia	Trejo	30	John	Ritter
10	Paulla	Billings	19	Thomas	Culbreth	31	Alice	Gallagher
10	Robert	Meier	20	John	Czebiniak			

FYI

Palmetto Elks #2449 member, Dorathey Meade, Americanism Chairperson, went to cash in some aluminum soda tabs at Manatee Metals LLC, located at 1119 19th Ave. East in Palmetto.

When she looked up at the American flag and saw that it needed to be replaced as it was worn out. An American flag was purchased and given to Larry Oxendine III. Now he can fly the new flag proudly for the 4th of July.



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



Judy Vergason

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

All Diners start at 6:00 Cost \$5.00

8/13/2016	Venice-Nokomis 1854
8/20/2016	Manasota 2734
9/10/2016	Bradenton 1511 (VP Homecoming)



Monday's

1st Monday—Sloppy Joes & Chips	\$5.00
2nd Monday—Shrimp Dinner & FF	\$7.00
3rd Monday—Meatball Sandwich & Chips	\$7.00
4th Monday—Philly Cheese Sandwich & FF	\$8.00
5th Monday—Hot Dogs & Chips	\$5.00



Friday

\$6.50

Aug 5th—Cabbage Rolls
Aug 12—Grilled Pork Loin
Aug 19th—Lasagna
Aug 26th—Goulash

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



World War II Veterans
Honored at the
Lakewood Ranch—Sarasota
Veteran's Luncheon
July 12, 2016

Thank You for Your Service

All Veterans are invited to attend the luncheon
Held at Lakewood Ranch—Sarasota
Date for the next luncheon to be posted in the lodge
Free lunch for all veterans that attend
Guest speaker at luncheon to update you on the benefits
You are entitled to

Great Success



A BIG
THANK YOU
to these volunteers





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)

Save the Date

September 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

You're
Invited

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

Elks Care - Elks Share



Every Monday—Tuesday—Thursday—Friday

3:00 to 5:00

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



Sponsored by

Bob Ernst

Buccaneers
Football Games
at
Palmetto Elks

Free Admission
Bring a Friend
Bring your Neighbors
Couples Welcome

Free Hot Dogs
Free Popcorn
Smoke Free
No Long Lines



September 11th
Buccaneers vs Falcons
1:00



September 18th
Buccaneers vs Cardinals
4:00



September 25th
Buccaneers vs Rams
4:00



Monday



At the Palmetto Lodge #249

3:00

Come on in and enjoy the fun!



Happy Hour
&
Eucre!!!!!!!

Flea & Craft

Palmetto Elks #2499



Indoor
Flea
&
Craft
Market



September 24th
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Contact Lenny Pruss for more information
941-721-4699

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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 226 Birthday
U.S. Coast Guard
August 4th
1790—2016*

*Happy 100th Birthday
U.S. Marine Corps Reserve
August 29
1916—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

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

Henry Ford ”




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the Elks Lately?**

