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The Summer is flying by. We have had a good summer and we are the proud owners of two new air conditioners. Many thanks to both Jim Decker and Tom Gafner.

We have some clean up to do during the first week of August. We need some weeding and some painting. Many hands make light work. You don't have to plan to give the whole week or the whole day. Just some time. Lorraine and Steve will be moving their RV over to manage the work program.

We are planning a Town Hall meeting on Sunday, August 22, 2021. We will meet from 12:00-2:00. We will provide a light lunch. It is especially important that all members plan to attend. We need your support and to hear your views on where you see Palmetto #2449 heading in our future. Everyone has some ideas. We just need to hear them.

Please add September 25th to your calendar. That is the Saturday when our District Vice President will be visiting our Lodge. We need to show him our support. We will be asking for a donation of heavy appetizers to start and then we will be having our famous Baked Potato Bar served with a salad. We will provide the dessert. It really is a fun evening and we get to spend some time with the members and Officers of the other Lodges.

Fraternally Yours,

Sandra S. Mooney, ER



AUGUST ACTIVITIES

Our Mondays are still doing great. We have a lot of wonderful singers. Marie has a good following. Please make our visitors feel welcome. They may just become our new Members.

The second Tuesday of every month is our General Meeting. All members are encouraged to come to these meetings. They start at 6:00. This month we are going to install five new Members. What a wonderful way to welcome them, by coming out and showing your support.

Bar Poker, on Thursdays, is so much fun. Especially when you win. We start between 2:00 and 2:30. There is always room to play. We are booking parties right and left. It would be wonderful to have some more volunteers to help with them. There is no heavy lifting involved. I would be happy to let you know what is needed.

Please remember our Town Hall meeting on Sunday, August 22, from 12:00-2:00. We will be serving a light lunch. All members are encouraged to attend. Your opinion matters.

Fraternally yours,

Sandra S. Mooney, ER



Here we are in the Dog Days of August.

I am happy to see some dues payments coming in, but we still have a ways to go. Our dues are needed to keep our lodge going and be prosperous.

We have provided several grants already in the 2021-2022 season which we are proud of, but none of that can happen without support from our members and the wonderful programs at the Grand Lodge. I hope to hear from more of our members soon.

Fraternally Yours,
Sharon Benedict,
Lodge Secretary

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WE WILL TAKE FOR A PROPER DISPOSAL*

AMERICANISM

Americanism winner 2013 American Legion Auxiliary
By Declan Jensen

Freedom. It's a great concept, but what does it really mean? People talk about it all the time, but one wonders if citizens have really taken the time to examine what it means to be free. In the United States, we are overwhelmed with freedoms we take for granted on a daily basis, not the least of which is freedom of speech.

It sounds like such a small thing – freedom of speech. I can speak as I choose without the constant fear of being punished. How liberating it can be to have an opinion and voice it freely. However, there are some countries where, when one speaks their mind, there is the risk of imprisonment or execution. That is not to say that one does not have responsibility when exercising the right. For example, one cannot yell, "Fire!" in a crowded building if there is no real fire. It also does not mean they all must agree that what is being said is true. Voicing opinions can lead to creative thought which otherwise might be suppressed.

Imagine a place where personal opinions are suppressed, communication is lacking, and problems are not resolved quickly or at all. There would be no "outside the box" thinking, and ideas would not be shared. Progress would cease. With the first amendment of the United State Constitution, this is no longer a problem, but it is something else citizens take for granted.

There is a group of citizens who seem to have a deeper understanding of the freedom of speech, and that would be journalists. A journalist's function is to question everything, but they seem to focus on the government. They proclaim to advocate for the public's right to know, and act as a sort of check to keep the government honest. How much of that is true, the people will never really know, but I can imagine a society where the government is not held in check, and they manage the flow of information to the people. How informed are the people really going to be, if information is suppressed?

The freedom of speech is one right for which I am grateful, and will try not to ever take for granted. I like the idea that I live in a society where there is a free exchange of ideas and thoughts and that those ideas and thoughts will be responsible for moving the country forward.

Declan Jensen is an eighth-grader at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School.

Lets hope these kids are the next generation running our country.

Submitted by Craig Conklin, PER

PALMETTO 2449 BULLETIN BOOSTERS 2021-2022

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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South Hillsborough Elks

July 16, 2021

To: Danny E. Tabor, PSP, District Leader

Frank Malatesta, PSP

All Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers

Jack Cantwell, DDGER

Darrin Simone, Sr., DVP

All Lodge Exalted Rulers

All Lodge Secretaries

All District Chairman

Members and Guests

You are cordially invited to the official visit of the Southwest District Vice President, Darrin Simone, Sr. on **August 7, 2021**.

The program is:

6:00PM to 6:45PM Social Hour

6:45PM Dinner followed by DVP program

Dinner will be Chicken Parmesan. Donation is \$10.00 per person. Dress code is business casual. No shorts, tank tops or hats, PLEASE.

Lodge Secretaries must RSVP with their Lodge headcount to South Hillsborough Lodge, Nora Baker 813-634-2332 or email noraperx2@yahoo.com by August 4th.

Fraternally,

Steve Conrad, Exalted Ruler





IT'S AUGUST!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM YOUR
PALMETTO ELKS FAMILY

John	Coda	08	01
Michael	Gunvordahl	08	01
David	Spitnale	08	02
Larry	Yeager	08	02
Duane	George	08	05
Robin	Moore	08	06
Thomas	Parker	08	06
Walter	Hull	08	07
Diana	Mangum	08	09
Dennis	Boyle	08	10
Roger	LeClair	08	10
Daniel	Parrish	08	11
Douglas	Werstler	08	11
Richard	Smith	08	12
Dennis	Medley	08	18
Sonia	Trejo	08	18
Jerald	Huffman	08	19
Beverly	Horstman	08	21
Beth	Michaels	08	21
Christopher	Diegnau	08	22
Anne	Farrer	08	22
Sandra	Schadwill	08	24
Sheila	Bates	08	25
Tim	Chaney	08	30
Frank	Farino	08	30
John	Ritter	08	30
Dan	Mobley	08	31



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Lodge Secretary—Treasurer Hours

Monday 10:00 am —1:00 pm

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MASKS ARE MANDATORY TO ENTER

LODGE OPEN DAILY 2-8 August 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 Karaoke- 5-8 /Marie You can bring snacks	3	4	5 Bar Poker- Game starts at the discretion of the bartender	6	7 South Hillsboro dinner— 6pm
8	9 Karaoke- 5-8 /Marie You can bring snacks	10 MEETINGS: 4:30-Trustee 5:00— BOD 6:00- Business-	11	12 Bar Poker- Game starts at the discretion of the bartender	13	14
15	16 Karaoke- 5-8 /Marie You can bring snacks	17	18	19 Bar Poker- Game starts at the discretion of the bartender	20	21
22 Town Hall Meeting— 12-2	23 Karaoke- 5-8 /Marie You can bring snacks	24	25	26 Bar Poker- Game starts at the discretion of the bartender	27	28
29	30 Karaoke- 5-8 /Marie You can bring snacks	31				

2021-2022 Officers

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2021-2022 Committee Chairs

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the Elks Lately?

