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In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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**In Memory of
Glenn Davis PER
Exalted Ruler**



I'm sure if Glenn were able to write this message to you, he would say thanks to all the officers for "taking care of business" at the Lodge. I know he is very proud of everyone for the great job they are doing. The Lodge continues to thrive thanks to our Hall Rentals bringing in some much needed income to carry us through the summer months.

We are looking forward to seeing our snowbird friends come back in a couple of months, when we will be able to resume our Breakfasts, our Italian Night and other functions which we have not enjoyed for a while.

A special thanks to the PETS group. They are doing a marvelous job and have a lot of things planned in the future for your enjoyment and entertainment. This truly was a dream come true for Glenn.

Don't forget, invite a friend to our Lodge, and encourage them to become members of this great organization. Lets continue to move this lodge forward for Glenn would want this to be the best lodge in America.

***To our good Friend Glenn, until
we meet again may god bless you.***

Yours in Elldom,
Patrick Gallagher, Special Representative



I would like to express my heart-felt gratitude to everyone for their prayers, visits, calls, cards and help during Glenn's illness and passing. You all hold a special place in our hearts. God Bless You.
Alice Davis

The Firefighters Prayer

When I'm called to duty, God, wherever flames may rage;
give me strength to save a life, whatever be its age.

Help me to embrace a little child before it is too late or
save an older person from the horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert to hear the weakest shout, and
quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me, to
guard my neighbor and protect his property

And if, according to your will I have to lose my life; bless
with our protecting hand my children and my wife.



Shenagh and I were honored to represent Glenn and Alice Davis, and Palmetto Lodge #2449 at the 147th Grand Lodge convention held in Phoenix Air. Phoenix is a very clean and friendly city, also **very** hot. Our Florida Delegation was housed at the Sheraton Downtown Phoenix which was also the Headquarter hotel for the convention, and within walking distance to the convention center.

The main focus at this year's convention was the voting on the 36 Resolutions, many of which had to do with modernizing our organization. Most of the resolutions passed, two that did not had to do with District Deputies not having to attend Grand Lodge Session, and to replace the word "Grand" with the word "National" throughout the Constitution and the Statutes enacted by Grand Lodge. All the Resolutions and voting results can be found on the Grand Lodge Web site. The address is www.elks.org/members/.

Another item that was stressed was that all Lodges put in a renewed effort to get involved in Local Community projects. It was stated that the more we do on a local level, and promote what we do, the more local people would want to join our organization.

Fraternally Yours, Wes Townsend PER

From the desk of the Secretary



Can you believe we are heading into September? Where has the time gone? Heading into the fall season there are many changes new birds are arriving. The temperatures are cooling down a little. Beautiful flowers that we have not seen for awhile are starting to bloom.

There are changes in our lodge also the P.E.T.S. are in full swing they are planning a function each month. They need our help to make these functions a huge success. By all of us working together these events will be great success. If you wish to be part of these great changes call Rose Wujcik 962-5475. She will be glad to explain the goal for the P.E.T.S. If you have not been in to see the sweepstakes machines come in and take a look get your free card from the bar tender and join the many others that play the machines. They are loads of fun.

For you computer buffs we now have WIFI in our lodge. Another change we need to see in our lodge is the number of unpaid dues decrease we have 55 members that have not paid their dues. I realize each and every one of you probably has a reason for not renewing your dues but is it a really a good reason? Your dues helps the lodge continue to help make changes. It will help us with giving the Children another great Christmas Party. It also helps us to get essentials that our vets need at Bay Pines. These are two totally different groups of loving people that can't help themselves. The changes we make in the children's lives will help us continue to grow and help others. Our veterans gave the ultimate sacrifice for us so we can be free. They need your help!

By paying your dues you can help make the small changes needed to change tears and frowns into smiles and laughter. Thank you for helping to make these changes.

Judy Vergason
Lodge Secretary

Elks Care - Elks Share

PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP

Soma Trejo Proposed by Craig Conklin

Demit to Proposition

Harry L. Davis Norwin #2313

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Exalted Ruler		
Leading Knight	JD Daniel	776-3835
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Treasurer	Judy Alf	721-7069
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Esquire	Mike Wujcik	962-3682
Chaplain	Katharine Chadwell	729-4913
Inner Guard	Chet Syjud	721-4284
Organist	David Radcliff	813-641-2064
Five Year	Wes Townsend, PER	722-2551
Four Year	Frank Conseglia, PER	531-3911
Three Year	Sandy Mooney, PER	729-3145
Two Year	Ron Alf	721-7069
One Year	Len Meade, PER	807-0179
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	776-5832
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
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Indoctrination	JD Daniel	776-3835
Investigation	JD Daniel	776-3835
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Mediator	Craig Conklin, PER	776-5832
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Memorial Sunday	Alice Davis	737-3776
Nat'l Veterans	JD Daniel	776-3835
PER Association	Len Meade, PER	807-0179
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Public Relations	Chet Syjud	721-4284
Volunteer	Nola Sanborn	721-3397
Web Master	Jim Hoey	323-5184
Youth Activities	Katharine Chadwell	729-4913

September 2011 Activity Calendar



Palmetto Pride Join the Fun



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>CREDIT CARD MACHINES COMING SOON TO YOUR LODGE</p> <p><i>Elks Care - Elks Share</i></p>				1 Open 4:00 Pot Luck 5:30	2 Open 4:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Music 6-9 Seabreeze	3 
4 	5 Open 4:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Lorraine	6 Open 4:00	7 Lounge Closed	8 Lounge Closed	9 Open 4:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Music 6-9 Musical Memories	10 
11 Elks Day at the Rays Baseball Game Bus leaves the lodge at 11	12 Open 4:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Lenny	13 Open 4:00 P.E.T.S. meeting 6:30 Lodge meeting 7:30	14 Lounge Closed	15 Lounge Closed	16 Open 4:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Music 6-9 Dave Harris	17 DVP Dinner 5:00 Music 6-9 Seabreeze
18 	19 Open 4:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Just Us	20 Open 4:00 BOD meeting 6:30	21 Lounge Closed	22 Lounge Closed	23 Open 4:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Music 6-9 Tony Boeing	24 Pizza Party 5- 6:30 Music Lenny 6:00-?
25 	26 Open 4:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Reminisce	27 Open 4:00 Lodge meeting 7:30	28 Lounge Closed	29 Lounge Closed	30 Open 4:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Music 6-9 Musical Memories	

All Soldiers Are Heroes 2004



I am new to the army. I have only been in for a little over a year. I come from a long line of soldiers. My father, Robert Ables is an Iraqi war veteran. I found out a month ago that I will be going as well in just a few months.

I was scared out of my mind, as I had been keeping up with all the news since the war started. I talked to my dad about the war. He was there just before, during, and after the initial bombing of Iraq.

I will never forget what he told me. He said, "Honey, you would be silly not to be scared. Being over cautious is what keeps most soldiers alive. Remember that courage is not the absence of fear, but the willingness to face it. It is in my opinion that every soldier is already a hero. People who join the military know that someday, sooner or later, will face conflict. That is heroism. I was in charge of a platoon, and one thing we did was go around and let everyone tell the story of why they joined. Most answers were for college money, for opportunity, to see the world... but one soldier told me something I rarely hear, He said that he lived in New York when 9-11 happened. His whole world died. His wife worked in the trade center, and his 11-month-old son was there at day care. They didn't make it out alive. He had no one to live for. His parents died when he was 17. He decided that he could live for his country and continue to fight for the freedom that his father and grandfather fought for him."

With a hug and a good night, I went into my room and reflected on what my father said. He was right you know... I AM scared, but I am also ready to fight for my country, and for everything that our veterans fought for before my time.

Christel Ables,
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Dorathey Meade, Americanism Chairman

Help Us Help our Veterans

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.

September Birthdays

01	Janice	Dean
01	Harold	McDougall
01	Raymond	Rogozinski
03	Donn	Frey
03	Elmer	Mc Skimming
04	Judith	Alf
04	Robert	James
04	Robert	Lanoue
05	William	Erhardt III
05	George	Taylor
07	David	Harting
08	Paul	Cote
08	Jim	Gregory
08	Robert	Nichols
09	Lloyd	Koontz
09	Gerald	Kubeck
09	Darrell	McGinnis
10	Charles	Mc Curry
11	Paul	Amburgey
11	Fred	Forbes
11	Raymond	Randall
12	Richard	Ernst
12	Raymond	Grable
12	Alan	Pettapiece
13	Jack	Bach
13	Frances	Lewis
14	Vincent	Renzi
14	Thomas	Smilowski
15	Pat	Baker
15	Lowell	Holmes
16	Douglas	Cashman
17	Frank	Campbell
17	Lawrence	Cornell
17	Floyd	Smock
22	Harold	Stephan
22	John	Thomas
23	Melvin	Schnepp
24	Donald	Campbell
24	Russell	Lehman
25	Theodore	Dunham
26	Al	Cetrone
26	Alfred	Flannery
26	Carl	Maddox
27	Stephen	Bradford
27	Frank	Luongo
27	L	Swearingen
28	Marion	Hendrix
30	Gregory	Harrod
30	Carl	Young

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Florida State Elks Association HOPE Scholarship Program

The mission of the FSEA HOPE Scholarship is to provide financial support for the education needs of Florida high school seniors without which they would not be able to achieve their educational goals.

From August through December 2011, the FSEA HOPE Scholarship program will receive and process applications which can be found on the FESA web site at felks.org. HOPE Scholarship will be awarding approximately \$30,000 to \$40,000 to deserving students. This program is made possible by your continuous support of the Elks National Foundation and the Harry - Anna Trust fund. Without your generous contributions, we would lack the funds needed to further the goals of our future leaders.

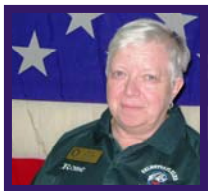
All applications must be turned into the Lodge Secretary no later than November 30, 2011. Please if you know a high school student share this information with them.



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 776-5832



P.E.T.S.

We have several new events coming up. This month is the Pizza Party September 24th, that I hope to see you all at. We are also working on the dinner for the DVP

Lu Smith on September 17th. Tickets for both events can be purchased at the bar. October, November and December look to be just as busy.

Word is out about our "fashion" show and we have been asked to take it on the road. So we have a lot of new and exciting adventures ahead.

Our little group is growing and I appreciate everybody's input and suggestions. See you at the next meeting!

Rose Wujcik. Chair
Fraternally Yours



P.E.T.S. COMING EVENTS

9/24 Pizza Party

10/29 Halloween / October
Fest

11/19 Harvest Ball

12/10 Adult Christmas
Party

2/11 Valentine Party

Tickets for events can be purchased at the bar. Plan on coming for a good time!

Join the P.E.T.S. call Rose at 962-5475 To be part of this fun group.

Elks Care - Elks Share

PALMETTO #2449 BULLETIN BOOSTERS

2010-2011

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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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 \$ _____.

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VICE PRESIDENT VISITATION LUCRETIA "LU" SMITH Saturday September 17, 2011

Menu

Cocktails - Hors d'oeuvres

Baked Potato Bar

Caesar Salad

Desert Bar

5:00 - 10:00

\$5.00 per person

Tickets for sale at the Lounge

Deadline for tickets September 14, 2011

Music

Seabreeze

Come out and show your support



The obligation you assumed as a member of the Order, is an essential part of initiation, involves certain duties that are implied, as well as those expressed outright.

By taking that obligation, you became not only a member of your Lodge but of the entire Order of Elks. The privilege conferred upon you includes the opportunity to attend meetings of other Lodges and to avail yourself of the social facilities maintained by other Lodges, in accordance with their rules and regulations.

You are entitled to participate in the planning and decision making in your own Lodge. It is your duty to attend its meetings for that purpose, unless your other commitments to family, faith and such similar matters take precedence on a given day. You share the responsibility for your Lodge's acts and should, by your vote and influence, attempt to have those acts reflect your own viewpoint. But once the will of the majority has been made known, you are required to accept it with levelheadedness and maturity.

Each member should be ready to cooperate with a request for volunteer service within reasonable capabilities. Only by generously dedicating yourself to the work of your Lodge and association will you gain the greatest satisfaction and happiness possible from your membership in the Order of Elks.

Leading Knight
John Daniel

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Veterans Report

On Sept 26, 2011 the Army of Hope (AOH) will meet to discuss this coming year's calendar at the Manasota Elks. Issues will be fund raisers and the Bay Pines Picnic Nov. 6

Please be ready to support your Veterans and their families here and away.

"So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them"

Veterans Chairman
John Daniel
776 3835

Gary Beschorner

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Step Forward "Extend the Hand of Elkdom"

Friday Fish Fry

4:30 to 7:00

Fried Pollock for only \$7.00

Also serving Baked Pollock, Fried Shrimp,

Half Baked Chicken \$8.00

Soup and Salad \$5.00

Music 6 to 9

Monday Nights



Lounge Opens 4:00

Come out and join

Chef Bill

Food 5:00-7 Full Menu

Karaoke 6 to 9



**P.E.T.S. SEPTEMBER
EVENT
PIZZA PARTY**



September 24th

5:00 - 6:30

Music by Lenny

6:30 - ?

Come and show your support!

Palmetto Elks #2449

District Vice President's Visit

September 17, 2011 5:00 pm - ??



\$5.00

**Hors d'oeuvres, Baked Potato Bar
Caesar Salad, Desert Bar**

Music by Seabreeze