

Palmetto Pride

**Benevolent and Protective Order of
ELKS**



In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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From the Exalted Ruler



Hope all our members are enjoying this nice summer. It has been a quiet month at the Lodge, we have missed all of you. Our Loyal Knight, Alice Davis, is leaving to be near her children and has accepted a job with the Sheriff Department in Taylor County. Our prayers go out to her. Alice has been a wonderful member and a very

good Lodge Officer. We all are going to miss her, I know I will. Since our Loyal Knight is leaving us, we need someone to step forward and submit their name to the lodge for consideration for the position, which will then be voted on by the membership. So if you are interested or if you know a member who is interested please have them submit their name.

At the Grand Lodge Convention the loss of our membership from 2011-2012 year was 2.3 percent or 20,307 this leaves us with only 848,712 members. The Annual Charity Report had 1,984 Lodges file over \$348,000.000 in charitable donations of time, mileage, donations and gifts in kind. We are down about \$1.0 million from last year.

We need to continue our support in any way we can by signing a new member, give to ENF and Harry-Anna, and support your Veterans. Your Lodge needs your support.

Football season is here, we have the football package with DirecTV so come out and watch your team on our big wide televisions in the lounge.

Still looking for volunteers, if you have a few hours to help your lodge we all would appreciate it. Remember only you can help your lodge to continue to survive. Did you know that Volunteers get a free dinner and two free drinks? Contact the lounge if you are interested in joining this fine group of dedicated people. Elks Care-Elks Share

Fraternally
John JD Daniel
Exalted Ruler

**The Mighty Southwest District Official Visitation
Lu Smith, DDGER & Patrick Gallagher, DVP**



Sept. 15th

Venice Nokomis 1854

Sept. 29th

Manasota 2734 Homecoming



Did you know?
The Lodge will
have the NFL
football package
starting on
September 9th at 12:30
Bring a Snack
Hot dogs 50 cents

Elks Care - *Elks* Share

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.

Last month we added 7 new members to our lodge. That is the largest number we have had in quite awhile. There are probably a lot of your friends that would like to join but they have not been asked. One example was at one of our Monday night suppers there was a visitor new to our lodge. He was brought in by some guest. One of the officers approached him and after talking for awhile he asked him if he would care to join. He enthusiastically replied yes. All we have to do is ask. We need to see in our lodge is the number of unpaid dues decrease, we have 54 members that have not paid their dues. On the delinquent list there are quite a few who have the wrong telephone number, wrong address, wrong email address. This makes the task of contacting these members impossible. I am asking for your help. If you know of a member who has not paid their dues contact them and encourage them to pay their dues. If you don't feel comfortable in doing this contact me or one of the other officers with the information and we will contact them.

I realize each and every one of these members probably has a reason for not renewing their 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.

Working together for membership hopefully this year we will have a positive number. It will take ALL of us to do the job.

Thank you for your help and support.

Judy Vergason
Lodge Secretary

Good Luck and Farewell Alice



Elks Care - *Elks* Share

Exalted Ruler	JD Daniel, PER	776-3835
Leading Knight	Chet Syjud	721-4284
Loyal Knight		
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	813-390-8614
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— 813-390-8614
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
Presiding Justice	John Redding	813-258-4401
Property Maintenance	Jim Gard, PER Jim Allard	729-0971 729-4566
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



September 2012

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

September 10-14 National Patriotism Week 						1
						Open 1:00-4:00 Bar Poker Dice Game
2 Breakfast 9:30 - 12:30	3 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Bob Dunn	4 Open 3:00	5 Closed	6 Closed	7 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Beef Tips Music 6-8 Lee & Char	8 Open 1:00-4:00 Bar Poker Dice Game Swing Dance
9 NFL Football 12:30 Bring a snack Hot Dog 50 cents	10 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Karaoke C.J.	11 Open 3:00 P.E.T.S Meeting 6:30 Lodge Meeting 0730	12 Open 3:00 5:00—7:00 Spaghetti Veterans Dinner Lee & Char	13 Closed	14 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Salisbury Steak Music 6-8 Lenny Pruss	15 Open 1:00 - 4:00 Swing Dance Birthday/ Anniversary 3:00
16 Breakfast 9:30 - 12:30 NFL Football 12:30 Bring a snack Hot dogs 50 cents	17 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Philly Cheese Karaoke Lenny Pruss	18 Open 3:00 PER Meeting 6:00 6:30 BOD	19 Closed	20 Closed	21 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Chick Cordon Blue Music 6-8 Seabreeze	22 Open 1:00-4:00 Bar Poker Dice Game Swing Dance
23 NFL Football 12:30 Bring a snack Hot Dog 50 cents	24 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Lorraine	25 Open 3:00 7:30 Lodge Meeting Initiation	26 Open 3:00 5:00—7:00 Spaghetti Bobby Remp	27 Closed	28 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 15Peel & Eat Shrimp Music 6-8 Lorraine	29 Open 1:00-4:00 Bar Poker Dice Game Swing Dance
30 NFL Football 12:30 Bring a snack Hot Dog 50 cents	Did you know: Volunteers get a free meal and two drinks. Contact Dorathey Meade to volunteer your time. 					

National Patriotism Week

September 10-14



The purpose of Elks National Patriotism Week is to honor all of our nation's protectors and heroes, both past and present. In addition, the week of Sept. 10-14 encompasses the day of Sept. 11 (9/11) which has been nationally proclaimed as Patriot's Day. This special week promotes the idea that the people of this great Nation live in freedom, won through the great sacrifices by our Armed services and the sweat and toil of its citizens.

Everyone has a story to tell of family or someone they know who is in the service, has been in the service, died in the service to our country. Now is the time to pause and think of what the sacrifice was that made for us and the people of the United States to keep our freedoms. Please keep in mind these people and their families during the

Patriotism week and help keep Americanism a priority in our lives by wearing flag pins, displaying the flag outside your home, flag emblems on your car, etc.

Thank you

Americanism chairperson,
Dorathey Meade



September 12th Spaghetti dinner will be in honor of our Veterans. Plan on coming to show your appreciation for those who fought for our freedom.



Save the Date

Halloween Dance

10/27/2012

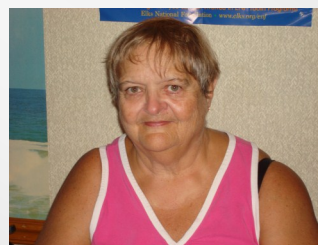
Get your customs ready for annual
Halloween Dance and ENF fundraiser.

Save your \$\$\$ and
lets make our ENF Goal that month
Music by Lenny Pruss

Bring your own snacks



Volunteer of the Month



Rosie

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



September Birthdays

01	Janice	Dean
01	Raymond	Rogozinski
03	Donn	Frey
03	Thomas	Funk
03	Elmer	Mc Skimming
03	Michael	Phillips
04	Judith	Alf
04	Robert	James
04	Robert	Lanoué
05	William	Erhardt III
05	George	Taylor
06	Joanne	Baldwin
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	Raymond	Randall
12	Richard	Ernst
12	Raymond	Grable
12	Alan	Pettapiece
13	Jack	Bach
13	Frances	Lewis
14	Vincent	Renzi
14	Thomas	Smilowski
16	Douglas	Cashman
17	Frank	Campbell
17	Lawrence	Cornell
22	Harold	Stephan
22	John	Thomas
24	Donald	Campbell
24	Russell	Lehman
25	Theodore	Dunham
26	Al	Cetrone
26	Alfred	Flannery
26	Carl	Maddox
26	William	Yeager
27	Stephen	Bradford
27	Frank	Luongo
27	L	Swearingen
30	Gregory	Harrod
30	Carl	Young

Elks Care - Elks Share

Several years ago the Grand Lodge started to keep statistics on all the work the Lodge's did in supporting the Veteran's Program.

This past year from April 1 2011 to March 31, 2012 the Lodge's with the help of members, friends and other donations, had a total of \$40,689,179.00 in contributions. This came from cash, non-cash, and hours worked, miles traveled.

We all should be proud of this. As a Veteran I am proud of you

John JD Daniel



Save the Date
November 3rd
Forever Young Dancers
Ladies come and enjoy the 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 be welcoming the Northerners back on October 4th with a Pot Luck dinner. Hope to see everyone there. Lorraine will be playing Karaoke. Plan on bringing a

dish to share and having a good time. If you like to join the P.E.T.S come to our meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 in the Lodge. Hope to see you there. Rose Wujcik, Chairman



October 4th 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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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 _____

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Sully's Corner Friday \$8.00 Specials

9/7 Beef Tips & Noodles, Vegetable

9/14 Salisbury Steak with Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable

9/21 Chicken Cordon Bleu with Parsley Buttered Potatoes, Vegetable

9/28 15 Peel & Eat Shrimp served Hot or Cold with French Fries, Vegetable

Starting September 1st there will be a sales tax added to all meals served at the lodge.



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.



Camp Fun



Four boys that were sent to camp this summer!
Looks like a good time was had by all.

Elks Care - *Elks* Share



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.

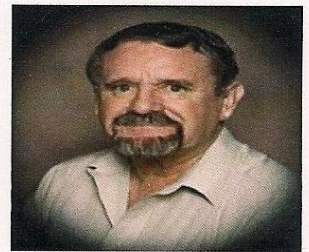
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Step Forward "Extend the Hand of Elkdom"

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

Save the Date



Welcome Home
Pot Luck
October 4th
Bring a dish to
share to welcome back
our Northern Friends.
Karaoke by Lorraine

September 15, 2012

September 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

