#### **Palmetto** Elks

# **Palmetto Pride**

Lodge



## **Benevolent and Protective Order of**



In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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September 2015 Volume 6







#### From the Exalted Ruler

September is the month we celebrate our Patriotism. It is also a month that we remember two very special days of recognition for our military and their families.

On September 18th we give a special day of recognition to our military men in women that were and are Prisoners of War, or, Missing in Action. September 27<sup>th</sup>, we observe the Gold Star Mother's that have lost their sons and daughters in time of war.

Another special day of remembrance. Where were you on 911? I'm sure at one time in the past years we have all heard that question several time. I know I was at work having breakfast with my daughter. The whole cafeteria went silent, and then a soft prayer was heard through the room as we all bowed our heads. The first of the attacks was the North Tower of the World Trade Center,



9:03 the South Tower was hit, 9:37 the Pentagon, and at 10:03 Flight 93 went down as loyal Americans took action. The four attacks lasted for 102 minutes, 2,977 killed. On September 11<sup>th</sup> let us all bow our heads at 8:46 am when the first strike hit and pray for the souls of those lost and for the families of those that remain.

On September 7<sup>th</sup>, we give tribute to the economic achievements of American workers. A tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

All of these events show the love and determination that citizens of the United States of America show their love of God

Our new catering service has started. Those of you who have not come in and tried one of the delicious meals you are missing out. Come on by and enjoy some great food and fellowship.

Those of you that still want to volunteer see Laura in the kitchen, she will be happy to have you. Of course there will be other areas that you can volunteer your services. We will be looking for people to sell 50/50 and Queen of Hearts tickets. There will also be other fund raising events that will be going on. Stay tune as more information is on its way on what you can do to help.

I can't wait for all of our families from up North to come home. There have been so many changes at our lodge it will be great to show off what we have done while they were gone. This year is truly going to "Be the Change".

It is my honor this month to name the volunteer for this month. You see her around the lodge frequently giving of her time and talent. If you need help all you need to do is but ask this very special lady, Lorraine Baker, and she will be there. Thank You Lorraine for all you do for our lodge.

> I hope to see you all soon, until then stay cool, and have fun. Smile often and laugh a lot. It's good for you and very contagious.

Fraternally, Rose Wujcik, ER 941-962-5475

Palmetto Elks 2449

#### 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.

Do you remember the obligation we took at our initiation an Elks' faults are written on sand, their virtue are written in stone. It has become obvious that this has been changed an Elk's faults are written in stone and their virtue are written in sand. This can be one of the reasons we are still 86 that are delinquent. What does it mean to the lodge? First of all we miss seeing a lot of friends.

Secondly it means a loss of income so we can help the children and our veterans. You may ask how much could my dues do? One dues is \$77.75 but 86 is a loss of \$6,686.50. This means we have to cut back on the charities that we have helped in the past. We have sent you dues notices, letters and phone calls but there are still 86 who have not renewed. I have one question WHY?

Last month we added 1 new member to our lodge. WHY? 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. He joined because he was asked. On the delinquent list there are quite a few who have the wrong telephone number, disconnected numbers, wrong addresses, and wrong email addresses. We even found out a few of our brother/sister elks had passed away and were not reported

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

Thank you for all your help and support.

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

	BPO Elks Grand Lodge Resolutions, Voting Results									
	2015 Indianapolis,IN			Ballots Cast	2660					
Number	Description	Yes	No	%	Messages					
1	To allow organizations other than ladies to be recognized as auxillaries	1504	1144	56.80%	Failed, Constitutional amendments require a two-thirds affirmative vote to pass					
2	To eliminate the requirement that an application for Life Membership be a member in the Lodge of Application for 10 years preceding application	1609	1043		Passed					
3	To provide that social facilities of a lodge may remain open during Lodge meetings, provided that Lodge meetings are not interfered with	1004	1643		Failed					
4	To authorize a lodge to only meet regularly once a month, if provided in Lodge By-Laws; to provide for alternative nominations and election of Lodge Officers	1211	1439		Failed					
5	To clarify the number of times a Lodge is required to meet monthly	2042	598		Passed					
6	To clarify that is the Board of Directors of an incorprated Lodge that can authorize payment of recurring bills if authorized in the Lodge By-Laws	2418	228		Passed					
7	To remove the Elks National Foundation as a responsibility of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee	2252	393		Passed					
8	To remove Grand Lodge Public Relations Program as a responsibility of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee	2230	416		Passed					
9	To eliminate the requirements that the Board of Grand Trustees meet at least once annually at the Elks National Home	2425	225		Passed					
10	To reduce the maximum annual administrative fee payable by Life Members to one-half of the regular Lodge dues: to delete \$5.00 minimum annual expense.	2001	646		Passed					
11	To eliminate the requirement that the two months for a reduced reinstatement fee be consecutive	2179	463		Passed					
12	To change the 30 day increments to calendar months for the assessment of fines for late reporting	2412	233		Passed					
13	To extend the period from notice to vote from 8 to 10 weeks, and clarify other time limits for changes to the By-Laws or House Rules	1878	764		Passed					
14	To delete the option of a graduated initiation fee and to clarify that the two months for a \$1.00 fee need not be consecutive	2063	580		Passed					
15	To provide that any Member who is delinquent of any amount of dues during the month of March each year may be dropped during March	1837	799		Passed					
16	To clarify that in unincorporated Lodges the Exalted Ruler is a non-voting member of the Board of Trustees	2315	324		Passed					
17	To separate the duties of the managing body of the club into separate sections for standard duties and disciplinary proceedings	2215	429		Passed					
18	To prohibit involved Members from participating in local forum proceedings	2183	453		Passed					

#### 2015-2016 Officers











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1st Year Trustee Open

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Bar Management	Craig	Conklin, PER	447-1836
Bulletin	Rose	Wujcik	962-5475
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Drug Awareness	Mike	Wujcik	962-3682
Elks Nat'l Foundation	Chet	Syjud, PER	248-231-8674
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Investigation	Bonnie	Pruss	721-4699
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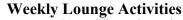
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## **Palmetto Pride**

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Sun: Open 8:00 to 1:00 Wed: Closed Sat: Closed

Mon

Mon: Open / Karaoke; Dinner Thu: Closed

Tue: Meetings Fri: Dinner

Bar to close at the discretion of the bartender

Office hours

Lodge Secretary—Treasurer Hours Monday 8:00 to 12:00 Also available by appointment

Sat

Thu



Tue

## September 2015

Sunday Breakfast

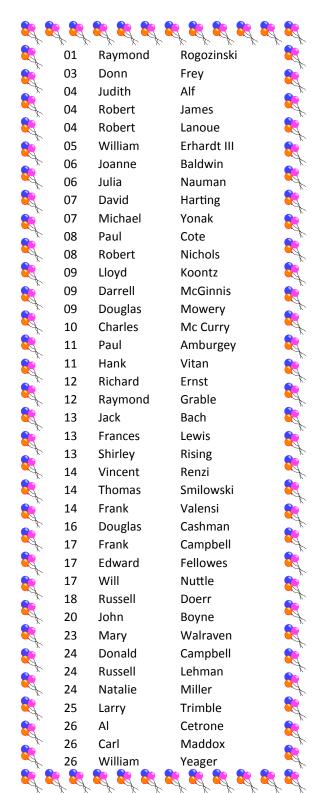
Wed

Sun	MOII	Tuc	WCu	IIIu	1.11	Sat
Patriotism Week 9/7—9/13	God Bless America	1 Open 3:00	2 Closed	3 Closed	4 Open 3:00 Dinner 4:30 to 6:45 Music 6:00 to 8:00 On A Whim	Closed Private Party 4:00 to 11:00
	- Just		Blueberry	Skyscraper Day	Wildlife Day	Be late For Something Day
8:00 to 12:15	7 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-6:45 Full Menu Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00 Lenny	8 Open 3:00  BOD Meeting 6:00  Lodge Meeting 7:30	9 Closed	Closed	Open 3:00 Dinner 4:30 to 6:45 Music 6:00 to 8:00 Tony Boeing	Closed  DD-DVP Dinner 5:00
Read a Book Day	Labor Day	Date Nut Bread Day	Teddy Bear Day	Swap Ideas Day	14 15 43 5	Chocolate Milk Day
13	14 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-6:45 Full Menu Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00 Anna	Open 3:00	Closed	17 Closed	18     Open 3:00     Dinner     4:30-6:45     Music     6:00 to 8:00     Al D Gator	Closed
8:00 to 12:15 Defy Superstition Day	Cream-Filled Donut Day	Make a Hat Day	Collect Rocks Day	Apple Dumpling Day	POW/MIA Day	Wife Appreciation Day
8:00 to 12:15	21 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-6:45 Full Menu Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00 Pete	22 Open 3:00 PER Meeting 6:30 Lodge Meeting 7:30	Closed	Closed	25 Open 3:00 Dinner 4:30-6:45 Music 6:00 to 8:00 Lorraine	Closed  DD-DVP  Dinner  Sarasota South  5:00  International
Rays Ballgame	Miniature Golf Day	Elephant Appreciation	Pot Pie Day	Cherries Jubilee Day	Native American Day	Rabbit Day
8:00 to 12:15	28 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-6:45 Full Menu Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00 Lenny	Open 3:00	30 Closed		TIME!	Let Us Not Forget 9/11/2001
Gold Star Mother's Day	Love Note Day		Mud Pack Day			9/11/2001

Sun

## **September Birthdays**

### In Remembrance







Keith Stadt August 2, 2015



Ron Heany August 20, 2015



Weston Townsend, PER August 25, 2015



## HOW WILL YOU RECOGNIZE THE ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11?



Schools will recognize the September 11 anniversary in many different ways. Some will honor the memory of those who died. Other teachers will engage students with lessons that challenge them to think or that help them put

the events of September 11 in perspective. Education World presents Remembering September 11, which includes five new lessons to help teachers reflect upon the September 11, 2001, attack on the United States. Those lessons keep alive the spirit of patriotism and tolerance stimulated by the events of 9/11.

Dorathey Meade, Americanism Chairperson 807-6177 Dora.meade@hotmail.com





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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.

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ello—remember me? I'm your flag. Some folks call me Old Glory, others call me the Stars and Stripes, the Ensign, or just....the flag. But whatever the call me, I am your flag. And as I proudly state, The Flag of the United States of America.

Something has been bothering me lately. I was wondering if I might talk it over with you. It's about you and me.

I remember some time ago (I think it was Memorial Day, or was it the 4th of July) when people lined up on both sides of the street to watch a parade. When your father saw me coming along, waving in the breeze, he took his hat off and held it against his left shoulder. His hand was directly over his heart. Remember?

And you. I remember you! Standing there – straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat on, but you gave the correct salute. They taught you in school to place your hand over your heart. Remember your little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you. I was proud, very proud, as I came down the street. Oh Yes there were some Servicemen there, standing at attention, giving the military salute. Ladies as well as men, civilians as well as military, paid me respect.....reverence.

Now, if I sound a bit conceited...Well...I have a right to. I represent the finest country in the world – The United States of America. More than one aggressive nation has tried to haul me down, only to feel the fury of this freedom loving country. Many of you had to go oversees to defend me. A lot more blood has been shed since those patriotic parades of long ago and I've had a few stars added since you were a boy, but I'm still the same old flag.

Dad is gone now...and the hometown has a new look. The last time I came down your street, I noticed that some of the old landmarks had given way to a number of new buildings and homes. Yes sir, the old town sure has changed. I guess I have too, cause I don't feel as proud as I did back then.

I see youngsters running and shouting through the streets, college boys and girls disrupting our campuses, people selling hot dogs and beer while our National Anthem is being played...everything from apathy to riots. They don't even seem to know - or care – who I am. Not too long ago, I saw a man take his hat off when I came by...he looked around, didn't see anybody else with theirs's off...so he quickly put his back on. Now – when I come down your street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets. Occasionally you give me a small glance and then look away. When I think of the places I have been...Normandy, Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, Battle of the Bulge, Viet Nam, and now the Middle East.\* I wonder what happened. I'm still the same ole flag.

How can I be expected to fly high and proud from buildings and homes when within them, there is no thought, love, or respect for me? Whatever happened to Patriotism? Your Patriotism? Have you forgotten what I stand for all the battlefields where men fought and died to keep this nation free? When you salute me, you salute them, Take a look at the Memorial Honor Rolls sometime. Look at the names of those who never came back. Some of them were friends or relatives of yours...maybe even went to school with you. That's what you are saluting – NOT ME!

Well, it won't be long before I come down your street again. So, when you see me, stand straight, and place your hand over your heart. Do this because I represent you. You'll see me wave back, my salute to you.

Escondido Elks Lodge #1687

\*I took the liberty to add the Middle East.



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U.S. ARMY	First	Last	Rank	Branch	Years Served	Locations	Disability
	Homer	Beall, Jr	1st Lt	US Army Reserve	1954—1960	Korean War Germany	
	William	Corlew	Cpl 1st CAV	US Army X Corp	3.5 years	Korea Inchon Laning	
	John "Tom"	Donnelly	M/Sgt	US Army	1947—1954	Korea x2, Okinawa, Japan, Europe, Far East	
	Richard	Ernst	Sgt	US Army	3 years	England	
	James	Hill		US Army	2 years active 2 Years Reserve		
	Donald	Kichline		US Army US Navy	1947—1982	Korea	
	Frank	Locicero	PFC	US Army	2 Years	Fort Dix Fort Bragg	
	Len	Meade	SP5	US Army	1964—1967	Fort Bragg	
	Mike	Meronek	SP5	US Army	1970—1973	Viet Nam	
	Gordon "Gordie"	Raymond	SSgt E-6	US Army National Guard	2004—2010	State Side	
	Marvin	Rice	Sgt E6	US Army	3 Years	State Sider	
	Herman	Roth	PFC	US Army	2 Years	Korea	



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U.S.ARMY	First	Last	Rank	Branch	Years Served	Locations	Disability
	Paul	Samuels	Cpl	US Army	1953—1955	Germany	
	Walter	Schneider	E5	US Army	1968—1971	Germany	
	John	Searles Jr.	SP4 E4	US Army National Guard	1962—1968	Detroit Riots 1967	
	Charles "Gil"	Shaw	Sgt	US Army Air Force	1943—1946	WWII Air Crew B-29 Gunner	
	Chet	Syjud	Spec 5	US Army Reserves	1970—1976	Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Arkansas	
new Chance	Carl	Webber		Army Air Corp	3 Years	Mediterranean 15th Air Force B-24 Bomber 38 Missions Ball Turret	
	Elmer	Wurst	E5	US Army	1961—1963	State Side	
ENNE CO	First	Last	Rank	Branch	Years Served	Locations	Disability
	Charles	Booth	Sgt SSgt	US Marine US Air Force	1949—1952 1954—1959	Korea State Side	
	Carl	Maddox	Sgt	US Marine	1951—1955	State Side Asia	
	Gary	Mink	Sgt	US Marine	1967—1970	Vietnam	
	First	Last	Rank	Branch	Years Served	Locations	Disability
	James "Jim"	Decker	ВМ3	US Coast Guard	4	State Side	
	Thomas	Emanuello	P/O 3rd Class	US Coast Guard	1958—1963	State Side	



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	First	Last	Rank	Branch	Years Served	Locations	Disability
	Elaine	Crapo	SP3/TSgt	US Army (WAC) US Air Force	3/5	Japan Libya Panama Germany Italy	10%
	Harold	Crapo	MSgt	US Air Force (Retired)	33	Japan Libya Panama Germany Italy	20%
	Richard	Dirschell	2nd Class	US Air Force	4	Korea	
	Donn	Frey	1st Lt.	US Air Force	1953—1955	ADC Selfridge AFB	
	Ricky	Koepke	E4	US Air Force	1965—1969	Thailand	
	Michael	McBride	Sgt	US Air Force	1966 - 1970		
	Frank	Roy		US Air Force	1941—1951 1951—1952	Berlin Airlift Korean War	
	Michael	Stewart	Major	US Air Force (Retired)	20	Vietnam	30% Spine
	First	Last	Rank	Branch	Years Served	Locations	Disability
	Jack	Bach	ML2	US Navy	1952 - 1957	Far East - Korea	
	Joseph	Best	Boatswain Mate	US Navy	1961 - 1965	Viet Nam	
	Frank	Campbell	YN2	US Navy	4	WWII Asiatic Pacific	Hearing Loss Ulcers
	Craig	Conklin	MM1(SS)	US Navy	8	USS Sunfish USS Fulton	
	Russell	Doerr Jr	SK2	US Navy	1955 - 1957	Atlantic Mediterranea n	
	Robert	Hintze Sr	IC2	US Navy	4	European	



First	Last	Rank	Branch	Years Served	Locations	Disability
Jim	Ноеу	ETR2 (SS)	US Navy	1967 - 1974	West Pacific Vietnam Mediterranean	
Anthony	Horman	FTGSN	US Navy	6	Viet Nam Cuban Blockade 1st Capsule Recovery Alan Shepard	
Wardie (Giles)	Hunnings Jr.	RM1	US Navy	1952 - 1956	Pacific Pearl Harbor	Back
John	Julian	LS	Royal Canadian Navy	1950 - 1955	Korea	
Robert	Lanoue	3rd Class BT	US Navy	1944—1953	Pacific State Side	Back
Richard	Moody	GM2	US Navy	1956—1961	Caribbean	
Gerald	Ray	CPO E-7	US Navy (Retired)	1964 - 1985	Vietnam	
Clifford	VanDervort	FC3	US Navy	1951 - 1953	Korea	
Michael	Wujcik	CWO4	US Navy, (Retired)	1967 - 1997	Operation Desert Shield Operation Desert Storm Antarctica Mediterranean North Atlantic South Atlantic Pacific, Far East Pacific-Rim South East Asia Indian Ocean Red Sea	







Our First Meals Served by Laura Rojas Riverside Kitchen





































## Palmetto Elks at Work and Play

ells Care - ells Share

### **Elk Of The Month**



**Lorraine Baker** 

Riverside Kitchen
Presents
Sunday Breakfast
Sunday
8:00 to 12:15
All You Can Eat
\$9.05

District Deputy—District Vice President Visits

September 12, 2015—Palmetto
September 26, 2015—Sarasota South
October 13, 2015—Venice-Nokomis
October 24, 2015—Bradenton
November 11, 2015—Lakewood Ranch-Sarasota
November 21, 2015—Manasota

Cocktails at 5:00 Dinner at 6:00

Please plan on attending these events.
Show our support to the
Mighty Southwest District

We have been asked to participate in Lakewood Ranch—Sarasota Feeding Empty Little Tummies Program

Here is the list of items being collected for the following weeks

8/29 to 9/4—Can Tuna 9/5 to 9/11—Peanut Butter 9/12 to 9/18—Fruit Cups 9/19 to 9/25—Chicken Soup

9/26 to 10/2—Whole Kernel Corn / Green Beans

There will be a box in the lodge for donations.







### **North River Event Hall**



Plan your event with us!

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Baby Showers
Birthday Parties
Private Events
Business Conferences/Meetings
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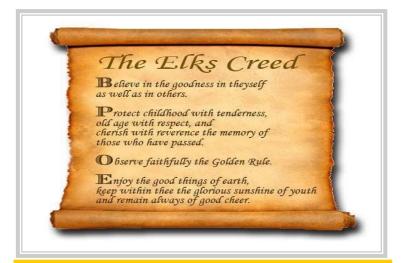


Gold Star Mother's Day September 27, 2015



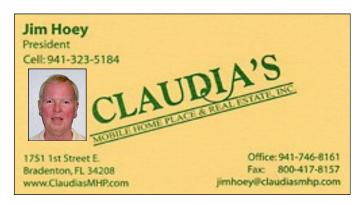
## **Monday Nights**

Lounge Opens 3:00 Food 5:00 to 6:45 Full Menu Karaoke 6 to 8





Friday Dinner 4:30 - 6:45 Music 6:00 to 8:00





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