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Welcome to September

I am writing this article sitting in the Gerald R Ford airport in Grand Rapids, MI. I took a couple of weeks off from my ER job to check on my home and visit my daughter and family. Thank you everyone who held down the lodge in my absence.

A reminder to everyone. We have a visit on the 19th from the district vice-president. Please plan on coming out to support your district and your lodge.

Lodge meeting will September 8. Board of Directors at 5:00 and Lodge meeting at 6:00. All are welcome.

Thank you and stay healthy.

Jim Decker, ER



50
GOLDEN YEARS

**PALMETTO LODGE #2449
WILL PROUDLY BE
CELEBRATING IT'S
50TH BIRTHDAY ON
SEPTEMBER 27TH 2-6 PM.
WE WILL HAVE POTLUCK &
CAKE SO BRING A DISH TO
SHARE AND CELEBRATE OUR
50 YEARS OF SERVING OUR
VETERANS AND COMMUNITY**



SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Welcome to the Fall! Already!

We are going to try Karaoke again starting September 14 and again on September 28. It will run from 3:00-6:00. Our kitchen is still closed. We are in the process of getting it back up and running.

Please feel free to bring in food, snacks, or order and have something delivered.

Please remember that on Saturday, September 19, we are having a visit with our Vice President, Jack Cantwell. This year is going to be a little different due to the virus. We will be the only Lodge at our Lodge. Dorathey has been kind enough to make calls asking for appetizers or desserts. These are the cost of attending this year. We will be socially distanced, have a thermometer available along with hand sanitizer. Please try and come out and show your support. The fun begins at 6:00. Appetizers begin at 6:45.

Our Pot Luck on Saturdays is going well. This month we are having them on Saturday, September 5 and September 12.

Now, Sunday, on September 27 we are having a Lodge Pot Luck Birthday Party. Our Lodge turns 50 years old. So, we are moving our Pot Luck to Sunday in honor of this very special day. It should be a wonderful celebration. Birthday cake will be served. We open at 2:00. We will start serving at 3:00.

Don't forget our Bar Poker every Thursday afternoon. Also we have been playing Left, Right, and Center, a dice game, on Friday afternoon.

We are hoping to get a Brunch going for October! Fingers crossed.

Fraternally yours,

Sandra S. Mooney, PER

Activities Chairman



Hi to all my fellow Elks. This has been a very different world for all of us. It's so strange to see everyone wearing a mask and using hand sanitizer after touching door knobs, and staying 6 feet or more away from other shoppers. But it may be our new normal for now at least. I think we've been very fortunate so far, that we haven't had a Covid 19 epidemic at our lodge.

Everyone I see coming into the lodge takes their own temperature and uses hand sanitizer, and wears a mask and moves their bar chair a safe distance from others. The only thing new I need to tell you, is that we signed up for the new billing system operated by the Grand Lodge. So, those of you who have not yet paid your dues for 20-21, will be receiving a reminder letter in the mail. Per information provided us, they will send bills in August, October, and December. The new billing system accepts credit cards and electronic checks. You will still be able to donate to ENF, Harry Anna, bulletin, etc. Please let me know how this system works for you. I would love feedback. Please give me a call on my cell if you like, or don't like the new system. My cell # is 850 982-4412. Thanks.

Doris C (Kitty) Flourney, Secretary
BPOE 2449

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/04	Judith	Alf	9/09	Mat	Braatz	9/22	Guy	Farrison
9/04	Ron	Frank	9/12	Raymond	Grable	9/23	Mary	Walraven
9/04	William	Hays	9/13	Jack	Bach	9/23	Paula	Perrott
9/05	William	Emhardt III	9/13	Frances	Lewis	9/23	John	Cline
9/06	Julia	Nauman	9/14	Tom	Smilowski	9/24	James	Pecoraro
9/07	Lee	Kermode	9/16	Douglas	Cashman	9/25	Angela	Silva
9/08	Robert	Nichols	9/17	Will	Nuttle	9/26	William	Yeager
9/09	Danrell	McGinnis	9/18	Russ	Doerr	9/26	Timothy	McCormack
9/09	Charles	Gozby	9/19	Ken	Howard	9/27	Eugene	Murphy
9/09	David	Servary	9/20	John	Boyne	9/29	John Paul	Jones

AMERICANISM—SEPTEMBER

For many of us, Labor Day means the end of summer vacation, a guilt-trip for anyone wearing white, and an excuse for department stores to have sales. But, it's important to keep in mind the true history behind this holiday: Labor Day is a celebration of laborers, of workers. And, it was introduced at a time when labor meant something far more grueling than it generally does today.

The first Labor Day celebration took place in New York City on September 5, 1882. About 10,000 union workers marched in a parade to honor American workers, who at the time were without the labor laws we now take for granted. This early celebration was the catalyst that spread Labor Day sentiment across America.

Beginning with Oregon in 1887, a number of states adopted Labor Day as a legal holiday. Unfortunately, the holiday alone didn't remedy the labor situation in Industrial Revolution era America. In 1894, the entire railroad system was compromised by the strike and boycott against the Pullman Palace Car Company, a railroad company guilty of terrible treatment of their workers. In response to the Pullman Strike, President Grover Cleveland ordered federal troops to take action, which escalated the violence and caused several deaths. It was in the midst of this strike that President Cleveland helped push through a bill that made Labor Day a national holiday.

Elsewhere in the world, laborers are honored on May Day (May 1), also known as International Workers' Day. Oddly enough, the events that inspired this holiday also happened in the United States. Countries worldwide adopted the holiday in response to the Haymarket Riot of 1886. Although it began as a peaceful labor protest, the demonstration turned violent when police retaliated against the Chicago workforce.

Whether you're barbecuing with friends and family, or just enjoying some rest and relaxation, now you have the knowledge to take a moment and remember what Labor Day is all about.



**Submitted by Craig Conklin, PER
Americanism Chairperson**

PALMETTO #2449 BULLETIN BOOSTERS 2018-2019

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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Name (s) _____



Wow, September already. 2020 has been one heck of a year. And August went by so quickly. As usual in the Fall our northern members start showing up at the lodge. Welcome back! Let's hope all this COVID stuff is gone soon so we can be "normal" again; whatever that is now days.

Remember our missing brothers and sisters on September 18th: POW-MIA Recognition Day, Third Friday of September.

Jim Hoey
Veterans Chairman



Drug Awareness

An article from the National Institute on Drug Abuse

Many people don't understand why or how other people become addicted to drugs. They may mistakenly think that those who use drugs lack moral principles or willpower and that they could stop their drug use simply by choosing to. In reality, drug addiction is a complex disease, and quitting usually takes more than good intentions or a strong will. Drugs change the brain in ways that make quitting hard, even for those who want to. Fortunately, researchers know more than ever about how drugs affect the brain and have found treatments that can help people recover from drug addiction and lead productive lives.

What Is drug addiction?

Addiction is a chronic disease characterized by drug seeking and use that is compulsive, or difficult to control, despite harmful consequences. The initial decision to take drugs is voluntary for most people, but repeated drug use can lead to brain changes that challenge an addicted person's self-control and interfere with their ability to resist intense urges to take drugs. These brain changes can be persistent, which is why drug addiction is considered a "relapsing" disease—people in recovery from drug use disorders are at increased risk for returning to drug use even after years of not taking the drug.

It's common for a person to relapse, but relapse doesn't mean that treatment doesn't work. As with other chronic health conditions, treatment should be ongoing and should be adjusted based on how the patient responds. Treatment plans need to be reviewed often and modified to fit the patient's changing needs.

We are waiting to hear from the school board on whether the Elks can go into the schools with our program for Red Ribbon Week.

Dorathey Meade
Chairperson for Drug Awareness Committee

Palmetto Pride



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Weekly Lodge Activities

Lodge Secretary—Treasurer Hours

Monday 10:00 am —1:00 pm

Also available by appointment

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LODGE OPENED DAILY 2:00-6:00 PM

Bar to close at the discretion of the bartender

SUNDAY- 3:00-6:00pm

Hamburger/FF & pickles-\$8.00

Cheeseburger/FF & pickles-\$9.00

Every Friday

2:30 –5:00 pm

DICE GAME

September 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1	2	3 BAR POKER Begins at the discretion of the bar tender	4 DICE Game 2:30-5:00 pm	5 Pot Luck 2-6
6 <u>3:00-6:00pm</u> Hamburger/ Cheeseburgers	7 	8 <u>Meetings:</u> Trustee's-4:30pm BOD- 5:00 pm Business Meeting- 6:00 pm	9	10 BAR POKER Begins at the discretion of the bar tender	11 DICE Game 2:30-5:00 pm	12 Pot Luck 2-6
13 <u>3:00-6:00pm</u> Hamburger/ Cheeseburgers	14 Karaoke 3-6 BYO Food	15	16	17 BAR POKER Begins at the discretion of the bar tender	18 DICE Game 2:30-5:00 pm 	19 Vice President visit 6-9 pm
20 <u>3:00-6:00pm</u> Hamburger/ Cheeseburgers	21	22	23	24 BAR POKER Begins at the discretion of the bar tender	25 DICE Game 2:30-5:00 pm	26
27 50th Birthday Pot Luck 2-6 	28 Karaoke 3-6 BYO Food	29	30			

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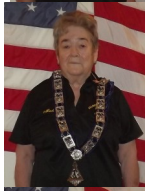
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