

# Palmetto Pride

**BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS****September 2021**

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September is a very big month for us.

We will have our District Vice President Darrin Simone and his wife Deborah, here on September 25th. This is a very important night for us. The six Lodges will be in attendance also. We will be having our Potato Bar. It will be served with a salad and dessert. We are asking for everyone to attend. Please bring an Appetizer to share. Other details to follow. There is a sign up sheet in the Lodge. We really need a big turnout. It will make everyone feel welcome. When you see Sharon, Ed, Steve and Lorraine in the Lodge, please thank them for all their hard work. The Lounge really looks great.

We are also hosting an "All you Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast for Palmetto High School. It will be held on Saturday, September 18th, from 8:30-11:00. I should have tickets for sale on Monday evening.

Our kitchen will be serving food starting September 25th. We will be back, with food, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If you can help out please let me know. Thank you in advance for any time you can give us.

Fraternally yours,

Sandra S. Mooney ER



## SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

*Welcome back to some of our Northern friends. I hope you had a wonderful and safe summer.*

*We are getting things up and running for our next Season. Lorraine has been a God send helping with the planning of our entertainment for the Season. After September 25th, we will be back with Monday nights, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, and Hot Dogs. Wednesday, will be our Pasta night. Friday, will be our Fish Fry.*

*Please remember we are closed on September 6th, Labor Day.*

*Our Potato Bar will be on Saturday, September 25th. We are asking that you please sign up and bring a heavy appetizer. We need your appetizers to be ready by 4:30. We will have appetizers from 6:00-6:45. The Potato Bar and salad will follow. Then dessert and finally the program will commence. This is a great opportunity to meet members of other Lodges. Remember, we are all working for the same goals.*

*Fraternally yours,*

*Sandra S. Mooney ER*



THANK YOU to all who got their dues up to date. We all really appreciate that.

There will be a commemoration ceremony at Sarasota National Cemetery on 9/11 beginning at 6pm. If you plan to attend, please let me know so I can give a count. There 120 seats set aside for the Elks. This is an outdoor event but masks are recommended.

October is ENF month! I will be getting out more information as we get closer including what ENF does and what our goal is for our lodge.

Fraternally Yours,

Sharon Benedict, Secretary  
sbene160@gmail.com

## *GIVE US YOUR TIRED YOUR TORN*



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## AMERICANISM

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.

Americanism Chair,

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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## ***9/11 Twenty Year Commemoration***

**Saturday, September 11, 2021**

**6:00 - 7:30 pm**

**Open Air Patriot Plaza**

**Sarasota's National Cemetery**

**9810 State Road 72, Sarasota, FL 34241**

Congressman Greg Steube, Bishop Frank J. Dewane,  
Bishop Dabney Tyler Smith,  
NAACP President Trevor Harvey, Sheriff Kurt Hoffman,  
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**Public Is Recommended to Wear Masks at this OUTSIDE Commemoration.**

The Mighty Southwest District Elks will be participating in the Commemoration

Darrin Simone, DVP will be bringing in the 911 Flag

Jack Cantwell, DDGER will be introducing First Responder and Keynote Speaker

Danny Tabor, PSP District Leader will be passing out the Commemorative Coins

## **LET US KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND**

**CALL SHARON BENEDICT 941-981-3533**

## **VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Below is a Veterans related message I wish to pass along to our Elks Lodge 2449 members. If you are a Veteran interested in traveling with this group please contact me. I will also be contacting our local youth groups and offering them the opportunity to participate with this program as described below.

Mary Lou Scribner/PER of the Brandon #2383 Elks Lodge is a member of the “Parade of Heroes” team. She has sent the following message:

Our Elk organization will once again be taking a group of WW II, Korean, and Vietnam Veterans as honored guests on an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. November 11th – 13th . All branches of our services will be represented by our attending Veterans. This is an annual event that is put on by our Elk association through generous donations and fund raising events of our Elk members.

I have been delegated the honored task of gathering thank you/appreciation cards, postcards and/or letters to our Veterans. These are then distributed to our Veteran guests during “mail call” on our return flight back home on Sunday, November 13th via Southwest Airlines.

I am reaching out to the lodges that have a Veteran(s) that will be on this 2021 trip to see if you could help me in overwhelming our Veterans with well-wishing cards and letters. If your lodge happens to have a youth group, scout group, schools that you support, you may wish to reach out to them to see if they would be interested in being part of this special project. In years past we have had great successes in getting children involved..... their letters and thoughts to our Veterans were touching. Also, our own Elk members may wish to be involved and write a few appreciation letters or cards.

Jim Hoey

Veterans Chairman

941-323-5184



**You are cordially invited to the official visit of the Mighty Southwest District Vice President, Darrin Simone Sr. and his wife Deborah on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

**The Program is as follows:**

**6:00pm – 6:45pm Social Hour w/ Hors d'oeuvres**

**6:45pm- Dinner**

**DVP Program to follow**

**Dinner will be a Baked Potato Bar with all the fixings, salad, and dessert. The donation is \$10 per person. Dress is business casual, no shorts, tank tops or hats, please.**

**RSVP to Lodge Secretary Sharon Benedict at [sbene160@gmail.com](mailto:sbene160@gmail.com) no later than Monday, September 20<sup>nd</sup> 2021.**

**Fraternally,**

**Sandy Mooney, ER**



## FRONT PAGE NEWS AGAIN!



On August 10th, Palmetto Elks presented a \$5500 check to the Mayor's Feed the Hungry Program. Along with local Food Banks, a portion of the grant money will be given to the National PTSD Service Association. The association, run by Mark & Sandra LaFlamme, will use the money to help feed, care and train dogs who will go service veterans suffering from PTSD. The Belgian Malinois are trained at Euro Pros K-9 in Myakka.

Participating in the presentation L-R are:

Jack Peace, Esquire, Elks; Ed Benedict, Leading Knight, Elks; Jim Decker, Elks Head Trustee; Rev. Al Jackson from Family of God Methodist Church; Sandy Mooney, Exalted Ruler, Elks; Dorie Jackson, Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant; Marvin Chenault, First United Methodist Church, Joel Swallow, Mayors Feed the Hungry organization; Carol Johnson Smith, Life Changers; Elks Trustee Tom Gafner; kneeling in front are Mark & Sandra LaFlamme with Cowgirl & Allie.





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Lodge Secretary— Monday 9-12  
Treasurer Hours—Tuesday 9-12  
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**MASKS ARE MANDATORY TO ENTER**

## LODGE OPEN DAILY 2-8 pm September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 BAR POKER Starts at discretion of the bartender	3	4
5	6 Karaoke/Marie 5-8	7	8	9 BAR POKER Starts at discretion of the bartender	10	11 9/11 20th Commemora- tion ceremony Sarasota Nat'l Cemetery
12	13 Karaoke/Marie 5-8	14 Meetings- 4:30 Trustee 5:00 BOD 6:00 Business	15	16 BAR POKER Starts at discretion of the bartender	17	18
19	20 Karaoke/Marie 5-8	21	22	23 BAR POKER Starts at discretion of the bartender	24	25 Lodge 2449 DVP Dinner- \$10 6 pm-Please RSVP
26	27 Hamburgers Hot dogs, French Fries Karaoke/Marie 5-8	28	29 Spaghetti & Meatballs	30 BAR POKER Starts at discretion of the bartender		

**OUR LODGE WILL BE CLOSED SEPT. 6, LABOR DAY**

## 2021-2022 Officers

	<b>Exalted Ruler</b> <b>Sandy Mooney</b> 231-557-7603 coolmoon143@aol.com		<b>Treasurer</b> <b>Janet Quick</b> 419-654-1587 blackvelvet9500@yahoo.com		<b>5th Year Trustee</b> <b>Jim Decker</b> 231-557-7603 deckerjames68@yahoo.com
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## 2021-2022 Committee Chairs

Americanism	Craig	Conklin	941-447-1836	Lodge Activities	Sandra	Mooney	941-447-9424
Community Activity	Sandra	Mooney	941-447-9424	Lodge Advisor	Joe	Cooper	
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**IT'S SEPTEMBER!**  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM YOUR PALMETTO ELK FAMILY**

William	Britt	09	02
Judith	Alf	09	04
Ronald	Fronk	09	04
William	Erhardt III	09	05
Jack	Harkleroad	09	05
Mary	Heading	09	06
Lee	Kermode	09	07
Robert	Nichols	09	08
Matthew	Braatz	09	09
Charles	Cozby	09	09
Darrell	McGinnis	09	09
Jack	Peace	09	09
David	Servary	09	09
Raymond	Grable	09	12
Frances	Lewis	09	13
Douglas	Cashman	09	16
Will	Nuttle	09	17
Russell	Doerr	09	18
Roberta	Worley	09	18
Kenneth	Howard	09	19
John	Boyne	09	20
Guy	Farrison	09	22
John	Cline	09	23
Paula	Perrott	09	23
Mary	Walraven	09	23
Angela	Silva	09	25
Eugene	Murphy	09	27



Homer	Beall, Jr	1st Lt	US Army Reserve
John	Bargas	CW5	US Army-35 yrs
William	Corlew	Cpl 1st CAV	US Army
			X Corp
John "Tom"	Donnelly	M/Sgt	US Army
Richard	Ernst	Sgt	US Army
Robert	Ernst	SP4	US Army
Oscar	Fleury	PFC (E-3)	US Army
James	Hill		US Army
Donald	Kichline		US Army/US Navy
Frank	Locicero	PFC	US Army
Steve	McColm	SP4	US Army
Scott	McComas		US Army
Len	Meade	SP5	US Army
Mike	Meronek	SP5	US Army
Gordon "Gordie"	Raymond	SSgt E-6	US Army National Guard
Marvin	Rice	Sgt E-6	US Army
Larry	Riegle	Sp4	US Army
Herman	Roth	PFC	US Army
Paul	Samuels	Cpl	US Army
Walter	Schneider	E5	US Army
John	Searles Jr.	SP4 E4	US Army National Guard
Charles "Gil"	Shaw	Sgt	US Army Air Force
Chet	Syjud	Spec 5	US Army Reserves
Carl	Webber		Army Air Corp
Elmer	Wurst	E5	US Army

Jack	Bach	ML2	US Navy
Joseph	Best	Boatswain Mate	US Navy
Frank	Campbell	YN2	US Navy
Craig	Conklin	MM1(SS)	US Navy
Russell	Doerr Jr	SK2	US Navy
Duane W.	George		US Navy
Robert	Hintze Sr	IC2	US Navy
Jim	Hoey	ETR2 (SS)	US Navy
Anthony	Horman	FTGSN	US Navy
Wardie (Giles)	Hunnings Jr.	RM1	US Navy
John	Julian	LS	Royal Canadian Navy
Robert	Lanoue	3rd Class BT	US Navy
Richard	Moody	GM2	US Navy
Gerald	Ray	CPO E-7	US Navy (retired)
Clifford	VanDervort	FC3	US Navy



Chuck	Billings	E5	US Coast Guard
Paulla	Billings	E3	US Coast Guard
Jim	Decker	B.M. 3	US Coast Guard
Thomas	Emanuello	P/O 3rd Class	US Coast Guard
Richard	Marston		US Coast Guard



David	Allen	MSgt	US Air Force (Retired)
Al	Cetrone	A1C	US Air Force
Richard	Dirschell	2nd Class	US Air Force
Harry	Fishwick	SAC	Royal Air Force
Donn	Frey	1st Lt.	US Air Force
Thomas	Gafner	A3C	US Air Force
Ricky	Koepke	E4	US Air Force
Stephen	Collopy		US Air Force
Michael	McBride	Sgt	US Air Force
Frank	Roy		US Air Force
Michael	Stewart	Major	US Air Force (Retired)
James	Kurlinski		US Air Force



Charles	Booth	Sgt	SSgt	USMC	US Air Force
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Have you asked someone to join  
the Elks Lately?

