



Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS



In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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From the Exalted Ruler



Another month has gone which means our friends from the North will be returning and it is always nice to see them. Our pot luck on Oct 4th is to welcome back our northern friends, so bring a dish to

share.

The Rays baseball game I heard was great, and over 500 Elks and guests watched our President Sean Maguire throw out the first ball. This was a great fund raiser for our Harry-Anna fund. We all need to thank Richard "Jake" Jacobs PER from the Tampa area he says next year will be even better.

Our Lodge has a new Loyal Knight Rose Wujcik; she stepped forward to take on a challenge. I know she will do a great job. Ray Martel is also moving from Tiller to the position of Inner Guard. If someone is interested in the Tiller position let the Lodge know.

The lodge really struggled this summer to find volunteers to serve us. The lodge asked if you can find time in your heart to help, Elks Care-Elks Share. This is your lodge, just call Dorathey Meade at 807-0179 she is our lodge chairman of volunteers.

A few months back I talked about meeting the oldest member of the Elks, well I got to meet the oldest in our lodge, Nathan Blum says he is 19 but reverse that, he has been an Elk for 64 years. If anyone has that beat let me know.

On Oct 3 at 4:30PM we will have our Lodge Hoop-Shoot at the Boys and Girls club in Palmetto, we will need volunteers for the event if you have time please let me know.

Elks Care - Elks Share

Did you ever sit back and think why you became a member of this great organization, just take a moment and think about it. Do you know what the Elks really do? We help our children, veterans, schools, our seniors, and more. This all happens through your contributions to our charities. The lodge gave \$2000.00 to the Paws for Patriots, so wounded warriors with a need would have a seeing eye dog. The Elks National Foundation awards scholarships to teens in the community, supports the Hoop-Shoot and Soccer, Drug Awareness, and Veterans. This is what the Lodge does with your contributions. Please continue to support your lodge charities.

We will be having a fund raiser for the Army of Hope (AOH) soon. Last year with the help of Stacy and Tex Rau and their community raised over \$2000.00 for the AOH, an organization that helps Veteran's families with replacing essential items that are needed in their household. Look for their upcoming event and plan to support a worthy cause. Elks Care – Elks Share.

As you come in you will notice a collection box, we are collecting perishable food for the needy families who have children that go hungry when not in school. Support our District fundraiser of Elks Feeding Empty Little Tummies.

We are still having our birthdays and anniversary parties on the second Saturday of every month, come celebrate and have a piece of cake with friends.

Come out and join us on Saturdays for bar poker and college football; on Sunday we have our great NFL football package. Watch your favorite teams on our three wide screen TV's. The Hot Dogs are 50 cent and bring a snack to share.

Please if you have time to spare we need you.

Fraternally,
JD. Daniel
Exalted Ruler

Amendment to By- Law for Palmetto Lodge 2449

Article VI-A: Exemplification of Rituals:

Sec. 1 The Officers of this lodge are authorized to use alternative forms of the Opening, Closing and Initiatory Rituals as approved by the Grand Lodge.

At any time, the lodge may utilize the original Rituals. The Presiding Officers of the meeting and/or Initiation Ritual would determine which form (original or shortened) would be used during that meeting.

Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution, Paragraph 3 states

“A Local Lodge, by appropriate amendment to its By-Laws, may recognize an organization (s) such as a recreational vehicle group or motorcycle group, provided its (their) aims and purposed are consistent with those of the order. See also Statute 13.200

The following is a proposed amendment to the By-Laws of Palmetto Elks Lodge # 2449.

Article VIII: Committees: Section 7: The Lodge shall have a motorcycle group auxiliary, known as the Palmetto Elks Riders, and shall have the following duties, subject to the limitations imposed by the Constitution and Statutes of the Order.

- a. Only members and associate members may be members.
- b. Only members of the Lodge in good standing may be officers of the Palmetto Elks Riders.
- c. The Palmetto Elks Riders may charge it’s members Ten Dollars (\$10.00) Annual Dues.
- d. All funds generated by the Palmetto Elks Riders, excluding dues, belong to the Lodge and may be used by the Elks Riders and must be approved by the Lodge.
- e. The Elks Riders shall have their own By-Laws.
- f. All members of the Palmetto Elks Riders shall execute and deliver to the Lodge a membership application which shall contain an agreement to indemnify and hold harmless the Lodge from loss, claim or liability arising from participation in activities associated with membership in the Elks Riders.

Note: This By-Law to take effect upon approval of Grand Lodge.

House Rules for Palmetto Lodge 2449

House rule #7 reads:

Conduct and dress in the Lodge building are expected to reflect the high ideals of Elkdom keeping in mind that Elks are nice people doing great things together. Certainly loud, boisterous vulgar or obscene language is prohibited and shall not be tolerated. Gentlemen are expected to remove headgear while in the Lodge.

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Welcome our New Members
Robert Vickery, Olivia Green, Larry Schindell
Suzanne Tyler-Morrison, Donald Kichline, Tim Healy



Elks Care - Elks Share



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



**Save the Date
Halloween Dance
10/27/2012
6:00 to 10:00pm
\$5.00**

**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



**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
"THE FOREVER YOUNG DANCERS"
COMING TO PALMETTO LODGE
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3
SHOW STARTS AT 7:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM
\$10.00**

**TICKETS AVAILABE AT THE BAR
AS WELL AS ALL PETS MEMBERS
GET YOUR FRIENDS TOGETHER
FOR A FUN NIGHT
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT BUILDING FUND**



From the desk of the Secretary



Dear Brother/Sister Elk,

The homeless and hospitalized veterans and our active duty military personnel that we support need your help: the physically and mentally challenged children of Florida whom we provide for need your help; and those less fortunate and in need of our assistance nationwide and throughout our local communities need your help.

Elks of Palmetto Lodge are proud of our meals, functions and activities that we provide at the lodge and within and outside of the federal health care facilities for our homeless and hospitalized veterans at Pay Pines Veterans' Medical Center in St. Petersburg. This is in keeping with our long time commitment that "As long as there are veterans, the Elks will never forget them."

Nationwide we are the third largest provider of college scholarships to high school seniors. Our Hoop Shoot (free throw) contest had over 3 million contestants last year. The American Essay contest and Soccer Shot Outs attracts hundreds of thousands of participants last year.

Our professionally trained physical and occupational therapist employees are currently treating over 300 physically and/or mentally challenged children per week at the parent's residences and numerous others with major hearing impairments are being related on a contact basis. We provide these services free of charge to families who have no insurance and are unable financially to afford professional treatment.

We have developed far and beyond on of the finest youth camps in the USA. Each year we provide camping experience and other facility usage for thousands of children and adults to include physically and/or mentally challenged children, sever burn victims and free camping to children whose families are unable to afford such service. Our swimming pool has a special ramp where wheelchair confined children can be lowered into the pool to join their parents. and siblings. "No Man Stands As Tall As He Who Stoops to Help A Child

For these reasons I urge you to renew your Elks membership. It is easy just put a check in the mail for \$75.50 send it to:

Palmetto Lodge 2449

PO Box 272

Palmetto, FL 34220-0272

If you have any questions you can call me at the lodge 722-6937

Home 722-1329

I know you have had many good times at the lodge we look forward to seeing you again. Remember Elks are never forgotten, Elks are never forsaken. Bring a friend and invite them to join.

Some one has said that I didn't help because I was not ASKED. Since it is impossible for me to ASK each one of you personally I am ASKING you to help our lodge by volunteering your time and resources. PLEASE HELP YOUR LODGE WE NEED YOU.

Take this as a personal thank you for volunteering your time and resources to help our lodge.

Judy Vergason

Lodge Secretary

Elks Care - Elks Share

Exalted Ruler	JD Daniel, PER	776-3835
Leading Knight	Chet Syjud	721-4284
Loyal Knight	Rose Wujcik	962-5475
Lecturing Knight	Steve Baker	962-6853
Secretary	Judy Vergason	722-1329
Treasurer	Judy Alf	721-7069
Tiler		
Esquire	Mike Wujcik	962-3682
Chaplain	Lorraine Baker	962-6853
Inner Guard	Raymond Martel	721-7069
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	813-641-3592
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— 813-641-3592
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	Dorathay Meade	807-6177
Web Master	Chet Syjud	721-4284
Youth Activities	Dorathay Meade	807-6177

Palmetto Pride



Lounge Hours

Sun: Closed
 Wed: 3 Spaghetti 2nd & 4th
 Fish Fry
 Sat: 3 Socialize

Mon: 3 Open menu / Karaoke
 Thu: 3 Swing Dance 1st & 3rd



Tue: 3 Meetings
 Fri: 3



Come on in and try our new games! Bar Poker and Dice Game

October 2012

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Lenny Pruss	2 Open 3:00	3 Closed	4 Open 3:00 Pot Luck Swing Dance 7:00 - 9:00	5 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Turkey Dinner Music 6-9 Shine On	6 Open 1:00-4:00 Bar Poker Dice Game
7 Breakfast 9:30 - 12:30	8 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Karaoke Lorraine Baker	9 Open 3:00 P.E.T.S Meeting 6:30 Lodge Meeting 7:30	10 Open 3:00 5:00—7:00 Spaghetti Bobby Remp	11 Open 3:00	12 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Stuffed Peppers Music 6-9 Nickels & Dimes	13 Open 1:00-4:00 Bar Poker Dice Game
14 NFL Football 12:30 Bring a snack Hot Dogs	15 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Philly Cheese Karaoke Nola Sandborn	16 Open 3:00 PER Meeting 6:00 6:30 BOD	17 Closed	18 Open 3:00 Swing Dance 7:00 - 9:00	19 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Chicken Marsala Music 6-9 Nick at Nite	20 Open 1:00 - 4:00 Birthday/ Anniversary 3:00
21 Breakfast 9:30 - 12:30 NFL Football 12:30 Bring a snack Hot dogs 50 cents	22 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Bob Dunn	23 Open 3:00 7:30 Lodge Meeting Initiation	24 Open 3:00 5:00—7:00 Spaghetti Bobby Remp	25 Open 3:00	26 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Pork Roast Music 6-9 Karen Greenley	27 Open 1:00-4:00 Bar Poker Dice Game Halloween Dance
28 NFL Football 12:30 Bring a snack Hot Dogs	29 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Dee Leblanc	30 Open 3:00	31 Closed	Red Ribbon Week Oct. 21st - 27th Wear your Ribbon with Pride 		

"Americanism" means the virtues of courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity, and brotherhood virtues that made America. The things that will destroy America are prosperity-at-any-price, peace-at-any-price, safety-first instead of duty-first, the love of soft living and the get-rich-quick theory of life. "

Theodore Roosevelt

Americanism chairperson,
Dorathey Meade

September 12th Spaghetti dinner was in honor of our Veterans.



How is the Elks National Foundation Helping Florida?



When you give to the Elks National Foundation, you're doing more than funding the **Elks National Drug Awareness** and **"Hoop Shoot"** programs. You're doing more than supporting the **Community Investments Program** and providing **Emergency Educational Grants** to the children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. You're doing more than maintaining the **Elks Veterans Memorial**.

You're doing all that, *and* you're supporting Elkdom in *your* state.

During the 2011-12 Lodge year, the Elks of Florida donated \$448,040.04 to the Elks National Foundation. This year, the Foundation will give back the following:



State Charities Grant: \$281,200.00
Special Projects Grant: \$156,700.00
Bonus Grant: \$72,290.00

These grants support **your state's major charitable project**, as well as other philanthropic projects. Portions of these grants will also support your state's Drug Awareness Program, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot and educational programs.



Most Valuable Student: \$108,000.00
Legacy Award: \$52,000.00

We will award a total of 27 "Most Valuable Student" scholarships to high school seniors from your state. ([Click here](#) to check out your recipients.) In addition, we will award up to 13 Legacy scholarships to children, grandchildren and stepchildren of Elks. ([Click here](#) to check out your recipients.)



National Veterans Service Commission: \$23,520.00

These funds will help them provide aid and comfort to hospitalized veterans.

Grand Total: \$693,710.00

That's a ratio of **1.548** for every dollar the Foundation received from your state last year. And that doesn't even include the money Lodges in your state will get back through our **Community Investments Program**. For the 2010-11 fiscal year, for example, we awarded a total of **\$127,700.00** to 87 Florida Lodges.

October Birthdays

01	Craig		Conklin
02	Harry	L	Davis
02	Rose		Pictou
03	Ladd		Michael
04	Chris	R	Wainscott
05	Daniel		Iezzi
06	James	M	Carmody
06	Donn	G	Higgins
06	Anita	E	Tessier
06	Judy	A	Vergason
07	Robert	L	Pendley
07	William	L	Wayne
08	James	E	Collins
10	Melvin	H	Baldwin
10	Richard	T	Johnson
10	Mariann		Kelley
10	Kenneth		Konrad Per
12	James	D	Duschen
14	Dorathey		Meade
15	Al		Davis
18	Oakley		Norman
20	Denise		Guise
20	Frank		Inglese
21	Don		Joranko
22	John	E	Chaney- Sr
22	Charles	W	Lyons
23	Robert	G	Brunk
24	Richard	L	Mercer
25	Robert	Lee	Johnson
28	Ralph	F	Baird
28	Raymond	D	Huey
29	Robert	C	VanDerveen

Volunteer Of The Month



Lenny Pruss

Elks Care - Elks Share

Support ENF and Harry Anna charities

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

Oldest member of our lodge. Nathan Blum 91 years old and a Elk member for 64 years, with his lady companion Betty Brachmann



P.E.T.S.



It's October again and the P.E.T.S. are getting into full swing. Join us on Oct. 4th for a potluck to welcome back our Northern friends. Then on Oct. 27th we will have our ENF fund raiser

Halloween Dance. So get your costumes ready and come and join in the fun. Look for more exciting events to happen for the coming season.

Rose Wujcik, Chairman
rmwujcik@yahoo.com



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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David Enos	Shelia McIntosh
Tex Rau	Thomas Culbreth
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Alice Gallagher	Theodore Walkowiak
Katherine Chadwell	John E. Chaney, SR
Lois Chaney	

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 _____

City, State Zip _____



Sully's Corner Friday \$8.00 Specials

- 10/5 Turkey Dinner with Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Vegetable.
- 10/12 Stuffed Bell Peppers with Parsley Butter Potatoes & Vegetable.
- 10/19 Chicken Marsala with Roasted Potatoes, & Vegetable.
- 10/26 Pork Roast with Sauerkraut, Scalloped Potatoes, & Vegetable.

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



Looking for something new to do. Swing Classes will meet on the 1st & 3rd Thursday. West Coast Swing dancing from 7-8, East Coast Swing dancing from 8-9. Cost \$5.00 per person. Come out and learn a new style of dancing with friends.



Take me out to the ball game



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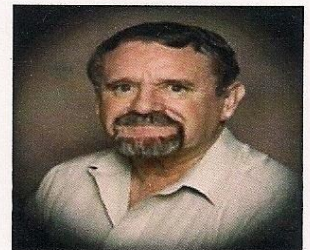
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Step Forward "Extend the Hand of Elkdom"

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



Friday Fish
Fry
4:30 - 7:00
Music
6:00 - 8:00

October 20, 2012

October 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

