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Welcome to October

Good day everyone. Here we are almost through September already. We are so caught up in the Presidential election and the continuing Covid Pandemic time just slips away from us. We have been busy here at the lodge preparing for our annual District inspection. We have the kitchen back in shape and are about ready to start Friday Night meals. A great crew have been working diligently around the lodge.

Hopefully you all have seen the articles in the North River News about our donations to the City and County feeding the hungry programs. It is an honor to be able donate to these needy programs. You are aware of the difficulty some people are having at the current time.

We also had the honor to have the visitation of the new Southwest District Vice President, Jack Cantwell and his wife Patty on September 19, 2020. It was a fun filled evening. Also present was the Past State President, Danny Tabor, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Steve Carruthers, and Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Joe Cooper. Every year each lodge has a visitation by the area dignitaries. We also will have a district lodge inspection by a similar group.

As you all know, each year we have an election of new officers, and this year is no exception. I am sure you also know your current ER is finishing a second year. It is my request that someone step up to the plate and run for the 2021-2022 lodge year. I am asking now so that person can work with me and find out about the job to be able to take over on April 1, 2021 Please let me or Kitty the secretary know of your interest.

Happy Halloween, Jim Decker, ER



SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Well, from the calendar, it looks like we are back in Season.

We are going to start off with our Brunch on Sunday, October 11. We will be having it in our bar area. We will be serving 11:00-1:00. We have a great menu planned. We will get some posters hung so that you know what is being served.

Marie will be back with us for Karaoke every other Monday. October 12 and 26. We will be serving Hamburgers and Cheeseburgers. Our Karaoke runs from 3:00-6:00. Wednesdays, we will be returning our Pasta night. We will be serving from 4:00-6:00.

Bar Poker has been a big hit over the Summer. So, we will keep it going.

Friday Fish Fry, is set to start on October 16. We will be serving from 4:00-6:00. We will be having Specials also.

We are planning a Halloween Costume Party with Pot Luck on Saturday, October 31st. We open at 2:00 and will be eating at 3:00. We are having music, with Marie, from 4:00-7:00.

Just so you know, October is Elks National Foundation month. We are offering two different baskets to be raffled off at the party. The money raised, will go to ENF to help us meet our quota, for our Grants. These have been used to help our community.

We are now looking for volunteers to help us with all of our functions. If you would like to give some of your time, please let Jim or myself know.

Fraternally yours,

Sandra S. Mooney, PER

Activities Chairman



Secretary letter, October 1

Hello to all my fellow Elks members. Well, the new Dues reminder system, suggested by the Grand Lodge, seems to be working very well. Lots of delinquent members are sending in their checks each week. And, of course, your lodge really needs those dues payments. We already had to pay the Grand Lodge and Florida state fees for each of our members. So, actually, if you pay your dues late, you are just reimbursing us. And, since March, because of the Covid 19 pandemic, we haven't been able to rent out the big room or sell food, and our income has been greatly reduced. Yet, we still have monthly bills, like we all have. So, if you haven't paid your dues yet which were due April 1, please do so soon. This pandemic has to end some time, and you will want to come to our lodge for dining and dancing and socializing with your old friends again. Some of the reminder letters have been returned to our lodge due to address changes. And when I call the phone # listed in the computer, that is no longer correct. So if you have moved, and/or changed your phone #, please call me or the lodge to give me the correct information. My cell # is 850 982-4412. Thank you for your help.

Fraternally, Doris C (Kitty) Flournoy Secretary
BPOE 2449

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1	Craig	Conklin	10/13	Terry	Bibbins	10/19	Laurie	Nichols
10/1	Michael	Melicia	10/14	Pat	Hinton	10/20	Frank	Inglese
10/2	Harry	Davis	10/14	Dorathay	Meade	10/21	Madeleine	Herrington
10/3	Dale	Eavis	10/15	Al	Davis	10/22	Lorraine	McGee
10/6	Judy	Vergason	10/15	Carl	Nyman	10/26	Donald	Brown
10/7	Kevin	Nichols	10/16	Gail	Belsher	10/29	Robert	Vanderveen
10/10	Ken	Scheer	10/17	Robert	Gutierrez	10/30	Richard	Burt
10/11	Barbara	Nolan	10/17	Robert	Hendrickson	10/31	John	Roed

AMERICANISM—OCTOBER

“The most American thing about America is American Indians.” —Paul Chaat Smith (Comanche)

The first documented observance of Columbus Day in the United States took place in New York City in 1792, on the 300th anniversary of Columbus’s landfall in the Western Hemisphere. The holiday originated as an annual celebration of Italian–American heritage in San Francisco in 1869. In 1934, at the request of the Knights of Columbus and New York City’s Italian community, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt declared the first national observance of Columbus Day. President Roosevelt and the U.S. Congress made October 12 a national holiday in 1937. In 1972 President Richard Nixon signed a proclamation making the official date of the holiday the second Monday in October.

In the forefront of the minds of many Native people throughout the Western Hemisphere, however, is the fact the colonial takeovers of the Americas, starting with Columbus, led to the deaths of millions of Native people and the forced assimilation of survivors. Generations of Native people have protested Columbus Day. In 1977, for example, participants at the United Nations International Conference on Discrimination against Indigenous Populations in the Americas proposed that Indigenous Peoples’ Day replace Columbus Day.

Indigenous Peoples’ Day recognizes that Native people are the first inhabitants of the Americas, including the lands that later became the United States of America. And it urges Americans to rethink history.

The movement to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples’ Day has gained momentum and spread to states, cities, and towns across the United States. The first state to rename Columbus Day was South Dakota in 1990. Hawaii has also changed the name of its October 12 holiday to Discoverers’ Day in honor of the Polynesian navigators who peopled the islands. Berkeley, California, became the first city to make the change in 1992, when the city council renamed Columbus Day as Indigenous Peoples’ Day. In 2015 an estimated 6,000 Native people and their supporters gathered at Randall’s Island, New York, to recognize the survival of the Indigenous peoples of the Western Hemisphere. The demonstration’s success and the worldwide media attention it attracted planted the seeds for creating an Indigenous Peoples’ Day in New York City.

I hope this gives everyone a new perspective. Americanism comes in many forms.

Craig Conklin, PER

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.

Gordon Raymond	Judy Hepler	Mary Walraven	Tom Smilouski
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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) _____



One of many things the COVID-19 pandemic has done is to illustrate anew the importance of having a safe place to stay. You can't shelter in place if you don't have shelter. Since the start of the pandemic-related shutdowns veterans around the nation have faced economic hardship. These financial burdens can have dire consequences for veterans, who tend to be uniquely vulnerable to homelessness.

Thanks to the "Elks Emergency Assistance Program" many veterans now have safe, stable homes. In fact, since April 1, more than 170 veterans nationwide have received direct assistance to help them stay or become housed! Thank you for being an Elk which allows our organization to accomplish such things.

On the local scene, we have been notified that the Bay Pines VA hospital is now accepting donations of clothing and toiletries again. We have quite a van full of items to take up there. Thank you for your generosity!

Jim Hoey

Veterans Chairman

Drug Awareness

RED RIBBON WEEK, which is celebrated annually October 23-31, is the nation's oldest and largest [drug](#) prevention awareness program. Red Ribbon Week was started after the death of Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) [Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena](#), who in 1985 was brutally tortured and murdered by drug traffickers he was investigating in Mexico. As a tribute to SA Camarena, high school friend, Henry Lozano and Congressman Duncan Hunter, created "Camarena Clubs" and the wearing of a red ribbon to show their oppositions to drugs.

In 1988, the National Family Partnership coordinated the first National Red Ribbon Week with President and Mrs. Reagan serving as honorary Chairpersons. Since then, the Red Ribbon campaign has taken on national significance, and NFP continues to coordinate the campaign for families, schools and communities across the nation each year. Wearing red ribbons during the month of October continues to represent our pledge to live drug free and honors the sacrifice of all who have lost their lives in the fight against drugs. (Get smart about drugs.gov)

The Elks club is usually involved in the schools with this program but due to the Covid-19 virus we are unable to go to the schools. We can teach our children and grandchildren about being drug free and why and be an example to them. We will pass out red ribbons on red ribbon week at the Palmetto Elks Lodge and remember "Kiki" in that way.

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

OCTOBER IS ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION MONTH

LODGE OPENED DAILY 2:00-6:00 PM

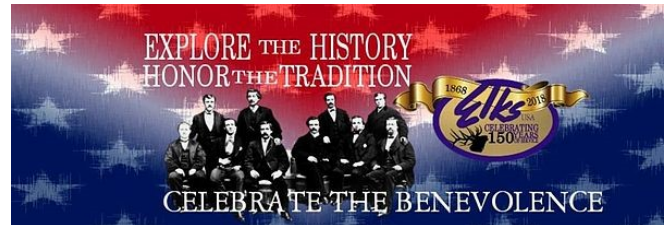
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FISH FRY

Every Friday Beginning

Oct. 16th

4 PM—6 PM



October 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				1 Bar Poker Begins at the discretion of the bartender	2 Lodge open 2-6	3 Lodge opens 2pm Pot Luck 3 pm
4 Lodge open 2-6	5 Lodge open 2-6	6 Lodge open 2-6	7 Serving 4-6 Spaghetti/ meatballs-\$8.00 1/2 order-\$5.00	8 Bar Poker Begins at the discretion of the bartender	9 Lodge open 2-6	10 Lodge opens 2pm NO POT LUCK
11 BRUNCH 11-1PM \$13.00	12 Serving 4-6 Hamburgers-\$8 Cheeseburgers-\$9 Karaoke with Marie- 3-6pm	13 <u>Meetings:</u> Business Meeting- 6:00 pm	14 Serving 4-6 Spaghetti/ meatballs-\$8.00 1/2 order-\$5.00	15 Bar Poker Begins at the discretion of the bartender	16 Serving 4-6 Roast Pork, mashed potatoes, veggies	17 Lodge opens 2pm Pot Luck 3 pm
18 Lodge open 2-6	19 Serving 4-6 Hamburgers-\$8 Cheeseburgers-\$9	20 Lodge open 2-6	21 Serving 4-6 Spaghetti/ meatballs-\$8.00 1/2 order-\$5.00	22 Bar Poker Begins at the discretion of the bartender	23 Serving 4-6 Chicken Piccata, noodles, veggies	24 Lodge opens 2pm Pot Luck 3 pm
25 Lodge open 2-6	26 Serving 4-6 Hamburgers-\$8 Cheeseburgers-\$9 Karaoke with Marie- 3-6pm	27Lodge open 2-6	28 Serving 4-6 Spaghetti/ meatballs-\$8.00 1/2 order-\$5.00	29 Bar Poker Begins at the discretion of the bartender	30 Serving 4-6 Salisbury Steak, mashed potatoes, veggies	31 HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY -2PM Pot luck-3pm Music 4-7 Cost \$3.00

PALMETTO ELKS #2449 SUNDAY BRUNCH
OCTOBER 11,th-11-1 pm \$13.00



Bacon
Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes
Sausage
Roasted Rosemary Red Potatoes
Biscuits and Sausage Gravy
Scalloped Potatoes
Fresh Fruit
Brownies w/Whipped Cream

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**PALMETTO ELKS #2449 CELEBRATED IT'S 50TH
BIRTHDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH WITH POT LUCK
AND A BIG CAKE.**



Our very time loyal Elk members, left to right, Tom Gafner, 59 years,
Paul Simmons, 66 years, Bob Ernst, 58 years





Halloween Costume Party

Oct. 31st, 2:00 pm

Pot Luck @ 3:00

Music 4:00-7:00

(costumes optional!)





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
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Frank	Locicero	PFC	US Army
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Mike	Meronek	SP5	US Army
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Larry	Riegle	Sp4	US Army
Herman	Roth	PFC	US Army
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Chet	Syjud	Spec 5	US Army Reserves
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Elmer	Wurst	E5	US Army



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Carl	Maddox	Sgt		USMC	
Gary	Mink	Sgt		USMC	
Armand	Barrieault			US Army/USMC	
James	Scheidler			USMC	

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
Robert	Hintze Sr	IC2	US Navy
Jim	Hoey	ETR2 (SS)	US Navy
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Robert	Lanoue	3rd Class BT	US Navy
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Thomas	Emanuello	P/O 3rd Class	US Coast Guard
Richard	Marston		US Coast Guard



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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

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Monday 3-6 pm



OCTOBER 12 & OCTOBER 26

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2-6 PM

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