

Palmetto Pride

**Benevolent and Protective Order of
ELKS**



In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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From the Exalted Ruler



Our appreciation ceremony was outstanding, the volunteers did a wonderful job putting out the pizza and the pizza was great, what can we say but Thank You. Members were given awards for all of their hard work and we salute them and look

forward to our March Volunteer recognition program, so watch the newsletter for updates.

Our functions are growing as our snowbirds return. Thank you for your continued support of our events. We are looking forward to a great winter. Come in and join in on the fun at the Palmetto Elks.

Bay Pines Veteran's picnic went well; our Southwest District fed over 200 veterans and was attended by 46 members of the Southwest District which included 6 from Palmetto. I want to thank those for their help and support to our veterans, "So as long as there are Veteran's the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

Mid-Year convention was well attend and offered us more ideas to bring back to our lodge. We all know the crisis we face and the importance of membership. Please continue to share with your friends and co-workers the opportunity to join the great Order in the USA. Membership is the life of our Lodge.

As always the P.E.T.S. did a wonderful job putting on the Harvest Dance. The buffet was great with all the trimmings, our kitchen crew and Chairman's Dorathey and Nola did an outstanding job. Lynn's Spins as always, puts on a great show. Thank you to everyone for making this a success.

Volunteers are your members serving you, they receive nothing in return, so please show your appreciation, smile and thank them.

Check the calendar for all of our great events this month. Please join your officers as we remember our members who passed this year at our annual Elks Memorial Services December 4, at noon.

The Officer's and I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally Yours
JD Daniel
Exalted Ruler

Welcome our New Member
Sonia Trejo



Food Donations Needed For Christmas Baskets

Any non-perishable food items are needed for baskets for ten needy families
There will be a drop off box located in the foyer of the Lodge.

Please be generous with your offering!



From the desk of the Secretary

OUR MAGIC NUMBER IS 79

What is a magic number? It is the number of new, affiliated or reinstated members we need to have in order to have a plus in membership. As of today we have 13. We still need at least 66 more members.



The Increases are:

Initiated	6
Affiliated	5
Reinstated	2

TOTAL 13

The Decreases

Dropped	24
Transferred out	6
Absolute Demit	0
Death	12

TOTAL 42

As you can see we have a lot of work ahead of us to have a plus in membership. If you know of someone who has not paid their dues reach out and ask them to reconsider. We are all part of a team. We are a team that is here to help others. We help our children with a variety of different programs. We help at Thanksgiving by giving baskets to needy families. At Christmas we turn our attention to the children for their party and every year the list gets longer and longer. Again we give baskets to needy families. We help Veterans by sending toiletries, books, clothes and money for what they need. We can only do this as a team and with everyone's help. It is your dues that let us give to others. We need you to be a part of the team. If you know of someone who would care to join bring them in so they can meet our team. Ask them to join. The biggest comment that people have is nobody asked me. Let's start spreading the news about the Elks. I pray you and yours will have a healthy and Blessed Christmas and New Year.

Judy Vergason
Lodge Secretary

A Call for Friday Night Deserts

Once again we are calling on a few members to provide a cake or pie for Friday night dinners. It would involve providing dessert just ONE Friday night a month. Thank You to all who continue to contribute their goodies. Hopefully we can count on you once again. We hope to have three desserts each week. If you could help by baking or buying one of your favorite deserts, please call me.

Thanks,
Judy Alf,
941-721-7069



<u>Exalted Ruler</u>	JD Daniel	776-3835
Leading Knight	Chet Syjud	721-4284
Loyal Knight	Alice Davis	737-3776
Lecturing Knight	Steve Baker	962-6853
Secretary	Judy Vergason	722-1329
Treasurer	Judy Alf	721-7069
Tiler	Dorathay Meade	807-6177
Esquire	Mike Wujcik	962-3682
Chaplain	Katharine Chadwell	729-4913
Inner Guard	Rose Wujcik	962-5475
Organist	David Radcliff	813-641-2064
Five Year	Wes Townsend, PER	722-2551
Four Year	Frank Coseglia, PER	531-3911
Three Year	Sully Sullivan	813-641-3592
Two Year	Ron Alf	721-7069
One Year	Len Meade, PER	807-0179
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	776-5832
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	962-6682
Indoctrination	JD Daniel	776-3835
Investigation	JD Daniel	776-3835
	Bill Herrington	962-3273
Kitchen Management	Sully Sullivan	813-641-3592
Lounge Management	Wes Townsend, PER	722-2551
	Frank Coseglia, PER	531-3911
Lapsation	Dorathay Meade	807-6177
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Mediator	Craig Conklin, PER	776-5832
Membership	Judy Vergason	722-1329
Memorial Sunday	Alice Davis	737-3776
Nat'l Veterans	JD Daniel	776-3835
PER Association	Len Meade, PER	807-0179
P.E.T.S. Activities	Rose Wujcik	962-5475
Presiding Justice	John Redding	813-258-4401
Property Maintenance	Jim Gard, PER	729-0971
	Jim Allard	729-4566
Public Relations	Chet Syjud	721-4284
Volunteer	Nola Sanborn	721-3397
Web Master	Jim Hoey	323-5184
Youth Activities	Katharine Chadwell	729-4913

December 2011



Lounge Hours

Sun: Closed

Mon: 3 Open menu / Karaoke

Tue: 3 Meetings

Wed: 3 Spaghetti 2nd & 4th Thu: 3 Socialize

Fri: 3 Fish Fry

Sat: 1 Horseshoes with Charlie and Wii Bowling with Dorathey

Bar to close at the discretion of the bartender



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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				8 Open 3:00	9 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Beef Tips Music 6-9 Musical Memories	10 1:00 Horseshoes w/ Charlie Wii Bowling w/ Dorathey 5:00 Adult Party
4 9:00—11 :30 Breakfast Memorial Service	5 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Lenny Pruss	6 Open 3:00	7 Open 3:00	14 Open 3:00 5:00—7:00 Spaghetti Bobby Remp	15 Open 3:00	16 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Chicken Picata Music 6-9 Dave Harris
11 12:00—2:00 Food 2:00—4:00 Boom Ba	12 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Dee	13 Open 3:00 6:30 P.E.T.S. 7:30 Lodge Meeting	21 Open 3:00	22 Open 3:00	23 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 3 Tacos Music 6-9 Nickle&Dimes	17 1:00 Horseshoes w/ Charlie Wii Bowling w/ Dorathey 11:00 Kids Party
18 9:00—11:30 Breakfast	19 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7 Philly Cheese Steak Karaoke Just Us	20 Open 3:00 6:30 BOD	22 Open 3:00 5:00—7:00 Spaghetti Bobby Remp	29 Open 3:00	30 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Roast Pork Music 6-9 Tony Boeing	24 
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Service Flag Designer Was an Elk

Few people know that Robert L. Queisser, the inventor of the service flag, was a member of the BPOE Elks. Born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 9, 1866. Queisser joined the Elks as a member of the Springfield, Ohio Lodge sometime between 1886 and 1891 and served as Exalted Ruler in 1891. In 1902 after spending a number of years working for the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, Queisser moved to Zanesville Ohio, where he joined the Zanesville Lodge and became general manager and assistant treasurer of a brick making company. As a member of the Zanesville Lodge he went on to become Grand Esteemed Leading Knight in 1906-1907. Then in 1907 he moved to Cleveland Ohio, where he became a prominent businessman and served with the Fifth Regiment Ohio Infantry of the Ohio National Guard during the Mexican Expedition of 1916-1917. Although he did not serve in World War 1 because of an injury he received in an accident, his two sons, Charles and Robert Jr., did serve, and it was their service that inspired him to create the service flag.



"The thought came to me," he once wrote of the service flag's origins, "that both of my sons who were still officers in the Guard would again be called out, and I wondered if I could not evolve some design or symbol by which would be to their mother a visible sign of the sacrifice her sons were making." On November 6, 1917, seven months after the United States declared war on Germany, Queisser, patented his design for the service flag.

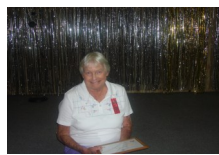
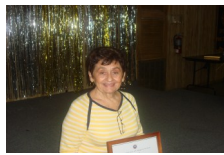
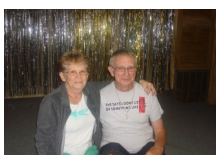
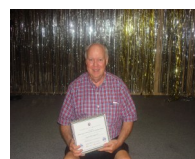
Although it was not authorized by the US Government at the time, soon after it's creation, the service flag's blue stars became widely recognized symbols indicating that the bearer of the flag had loved ones, or in the case of organizations, members serving in the US armed forces. Because many of these individuals were men, the flag was sometimes known as the son-in-law service flag.

Dorathey Meade, Americanism

Volunteer Dinner



Award Recipients



December Birthdays

01	Tony	Renkert
01	Kenneth	Sanborn
04	Frank	Hartley
05	Ronnal	Hatinger
11	Charles	Brethauer
11	Louise	Drayton
12	Frank	Casalaina
12	James	Ordish
13	Shirley	Brewer
13	Rosemarie	Krauss
14	Dale	Meyers
15	Geraldine	Liebknecht
17	John	Daniel
18	Paula	Conaway Borrero
18	John	Dean
18	Herman	Wilson
20	John	Donnelly
20	Peter	Griepsma
20	William	Kuhar
20	Donald	Steiger
23	Walter	Herrington
23	Fred	Steele
23	Rose	Sturgeon
24	Joanne	Swift
26	Sue Ann	Craggs
28	Michael	Mc Donough
29	Thomas	Cole
30	Robert	Wilcox

I would like to thank all who donated socks, t-shirts, undergarments to our veteran's at Bay Pines. Please continue to bring in any personal items. They are always glad to receive them.

"So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them"

Veterans Chairman
John Daniel
776-3835

New Spaghetti Night Crew Come and Check Them Out!



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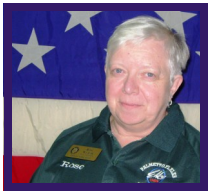
Hall Rentals



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 776-5832
Hall Rental Chairman

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P.E.T.S.

Thanks to all that came out for the Harvest Ball. We had a great turn out and the food was fantastic. Thanks to all the volunteers that came to help in the kitchen and serve the food. We

appreciate all your hard work.

We have more events coming your way with the Christmas Party and of course our big New Year's Eve party. Plan on coming. If you haven't been to one of our events yet you don't realize how much fun you are missing.

See you all there!

Rose Wujcik, Chairman



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PALMETTO ELKS 2449 FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY MENU

Three pieces of Pollack Fried or Baked \$7.00
Baked Potato or French Fries
Two Hush Puppies
Cole Slaw

Panko Breaded Shrimp (7) \$8.00
Baked Potato or French Fries
Two Hush Puppies
Cole Slaw

Half of Baked Chicken \$8.00
Baked Potato or French Fries
Cole Slaw

Mixed Greens Salad \$2.00

Soup & Large Mixed Green Salad \$5.00

Ice Tea or Coffee \$1.00

Special Meal \$8.00

Palmetto Elks Lodge 2449
News Year's Eve Party 2011
December 31, 2011
5 PM to 6 PM Appetizers
6 PM to 8 PM Dinner
9 PM to 11 PM Open Bar

Surf and Turf
(6 oz Filet of Beef and 3 Grilled Shrimp)
Or
Salmon Filet with Lemon Butter Sauce

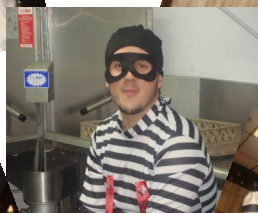
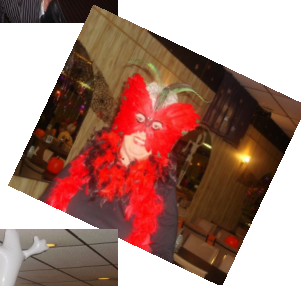
Loaded Baked Potato
Green Bean Medley
Desert

8 PM to 12:01 AM
Music and Dancing by Dee

Hats and Party Favors
Champaign Toast to 2012
Coffee and Pastries

\$40.00 per person
Tickets Available at the bar

Halloween Fun



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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
Music by Bobby Remp

Adult Christmas Party
December 10th



5:00 Cocktails
6:00 Dinner
6:30—9:30 Music by Mercy
Tickets available at the bar
\$10.00 per person

New Year's Eve Party
December 31, 2011

5:00 Cocktails
6:00 Dinner
9:00 to 11:00 Open Bar
8:00 to 12:01 Music by Dee
Tickets available at the bar
\$40.00 per person

