



Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS



In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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December 2012

Volume 9

From the Exalted Ruler



Well 2012 is soon coming to an end and so will your Exalted Ruler in April. If you are interested in becoming an officer of your lodge submit your name in February 2013, so you can be voted on in

March.

November was a busy month; we had our Bay Pines visit with your veterans. We delivered 22 lap robes and undergarments to them, and fed over 170 veterans. December is also going to be busy, PER's Christmas Party on the 8th, children's party the 15th and our blast of an End of Year Gala. We are going to try this year to have our party on the 29th instead of December 31st. Hopefully this idea works. So support your lodge function and bring in 2013 with your members and guests.

I went to Fort Myers for our Mid Year Convention, of course they always talk about membership and how we need to continue keeping in touch with the members we signed up and keep them involved. Also, we talked about volunteers, not only in your lodge but to reach out into the community, talking to your civic groups on just what the Elks do. We need to continue helping our charities, without us our programs would not exist.

Really sorry to say, if the membership does not come out and support the lodge in its functions and continue your membership we are not going to be able to continue to help our charities and our veterans, God knows what else. This is why we are cutting back on some of our functions, due to no support.

The veterans at Bay Pines are in great need of undergarments and socks, male and female. So if you like to help your veterans, drop off what you can. January 19th Stacy and Tex Rau will be hosting a fund raiser for our veterans, Army of Hope, to raise money in support of the families that have husbands and wives overseas. So look for that fund raiser and support the cause.

Again please support your lodge and pay your membership and come to the functions.

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving.

There is a old saying, "GOSSIP" IS LIKE MUD YOU THROW IT AGAINST THE WALL IT SLIDES OFF BUT THE MARK STAYS"

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Fraternally,
J.D. Exalted Ruler

Elks Care - Elks Share



Stop by the lodge and meet your new bartenders
Michele and Jamie!

December 2nd at 1:00pm we will be having our annual memorial service for our Elk members that died over the past year. All are invited to attend.

From the desk of the Secretary



Listed below are the increases and decreases for the year as of 11/01/2012. We still have 54 delinquents. This number is way too large. We need to contact these members and encourage them to return.

The Increases are:

Initiated 24
Affiliated 6
Reinstated 1
TOTAL 31

The Decreases:

Dropped 21
Transferred out 5
Absolute Demit 11
Death 5
TOTAL 42

As you can see we have a lot of work ahead of us to have a plus in membership. The loss of this many members means also a loss of revenue that the lodge can use to help others. 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

Wanted and Desperately Needed!

- New Men's and Women's Underware (S,M,L) ■
- New Tee Shirts (L & XL) ■
- New Socks (13)

These are items, that as Elks, we need to provide for our Veterans. If you can help with any of these items, please drop them off at the Lounge so we can gather them together and deliver them.

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	Carol Smilowski	729-6474
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	813-390-8814
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		
Kitchen Management	Bill Herrington - Sully Sullivan	962-3273— 813-390-8814
Bar Management	Lenny Pruss, PER	721-4699
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		
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



Weekly Lounge Activities

Sun: NFL Football

Mon: Open menu / Karaoke

Tue: Meetings

Wed: Spaghetti 2nd & 4th

Thu: Dance Lessons

Fri: Fish Fry

Sat: Football

Bar to close at the discretion of the bartender



Come on in and try our games! *Bar Poker - Dice Game - Queen of Hearts*

December 2012

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						1 Open 1:00-4:00 Bar Poker Dice Game
2 Breakfast 9:30 - 12:30 Memorial Service 1:00 NFL Football Bring a snack Hot dogs 50 cents	3 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7:00 Full Menu Karaoke Lenny Pruss	4 Open 3:00	5 Closed	6 Open 3:00 Pot Luck 5:00 Dance Lessons 7:00 - 9:00	7 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Chicken teriyaki Music 6-9 Musical memories	8 Open 1:00-4:00 Bar Poker Dice Game
9 NFL Football 12:30 Bring a snack Boom-ba Food 1 - 3 Party 2 - 4	10 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7:00 Karaoke Bob Dunn	11 Open 3:00 P.E.T.S Meeting 6:30 Lodge Meeting 7:30 Initiation	12 Open 3:00 5:00—7:00 Spaghetti Bobby Remp	13 Open 3:00 Dance Lessons 7:00 - 9:00	14 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Roast Turkey Music 6-9 Nick at Night	15 Open 1:00 - 4:00 Kids Christmas Party 11:00 - 2:00 Birthday/Anniversary 3:00 - 4:00
16 NFL Football 12:30 Bring a snack Hot dogs 50 cents	17 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7:00 Philly Cheese Karaoke Nola	18 Open 3:00 PER Meeting 6:00 BOD 6:30	19 Closed	20 Open 3:00 Dance Lessons 7:00 - 9:00	21 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Swiss Steak Music 6-9 Shine On	22 Open 1:00-4:00 Bar Poker Dice Game
23 NFL Football 12:30 Bring a snack Hot Dogs 50 cents	24 Closed 	25 Closed 	26 Open 3:00 5:00—7:00 Spaghetti Bobby Remp	27 Open 3:00 Dance Lessons 7:00 - 9:00	28 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Roast Pork Music 6-9 Seabreeze	29 Open 1:00-4:00 Bar Poker Dice Game End of Year Gala 5:00 - 11:00 Nickels and Dimes
30 NFL Football 12:30 Bring a snack Hot Dogs 50 cents	31 Closed 	 <div>Saturday and Sunday Drink Specials \$2.00 Well Drinks \$6.00 Pitcher of Beer</div> 				

AMERICANISM and why it matters...

It may surprise contemporary readers to learn that Coolidge upheld the principle of equality as the most important in the Declaration. It sprang, he argued, from the religious sensibilities of the American people. "They preached equality," he said, "because they believed in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man."

In words that could easily have been penned in our own generation, Coolidge defended the eternal validity of the founding documents: About the Declaration there is a finality that is exceedingly restful. It is often asserted that the world has made a great deal of progress since 1776, that we have had new thoughts and new experiences which have given us a great advance over the people of that day, and that we may therefore very well discard their conclusions for something more modern. But that reasoning cannot be applied to this great chapter. If all men are created equal, that is final. If governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, that is final. No advance, no progress can be made beyond these propositions. If anyone wishes to deny their truth or their soundness, the only direction in which he can proceed historically is not forward, but backward toward the time when there was no equality, no rights of the individual, no rule of the people. Those who wish to proceed in that direction can not lay claim to progress. They are reactionary. Their ideas are not more modern, but more ancient, than those of the Revolutionary fathers. And finally, this, from the man who held the presidency during the Roaring Twenties: "If we are to maintain the great heritage which has been bequeathed to us, we must be like-minded as the fathers who created it. We must not sink into a pagan materialism. We must cultivate the reverence which they had for the things that are holy."

Americanism matters.

Dorathey Meade

Americanism Chairperson



Mighty Southwest District PER Christmas Party

December 8, 2012

5:00 Cocktails

6:00 Dinner

Music by Lynn Spins

7:00 - 10:00

Salisbury Steak Dinner

\$15.00 pp.

*See Wes Townsend for information
941-722-2551*



Bar Poker

**\$1.00 Five Card Poker
Highest Hand Wins**



Dice Game

\$1.00 for 1 roll of the dice

Full house - win a free well drink

4 of a kind - win a free well drink

5 of a kind - win the jackpot

Minimum jackpot \$100.00

Maximum jackpot \$500.00

See bartender for rules

Queen of Hearts Starting December 1st

Rules Posted in Lounge



Thanks to all who donated food for Thanksgiving baskets for the ten families of big brothers and sisters. Transporting the turkeys and all the trimmings are Brandi and Dennis from BB & BS. As always, thanks again for your support!



Judy Alf



December Birthdays

01	Donald	Kozlowski
01	Tony	Renkert
01	Kenneth	Sanborn
04	Frank	Hartley
05	Ronnal	Hatinger
07	Judy	Hepler
11	Charles	Brethauer
11	Louise	Drayton
12	Frank	Casalaina
12	James	Ordish
12	E	Wurst
13	Shirley	Brewer
13	Rosemarie	Krauss
14	Dale	Meyers
15	Geraldine	Liebke
17	John	Daniel
18	Paula	Conaway Borrero
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
28	Michael	Mc Donough
29	Thomas	Cole
30	Robert	Wilcox

Volunteer Of The Month



Frank Campbell

Welcome our New Members
Gary Mink, Bill Heuschele
Donald Aull, Les Sutton



Save the Date



January 19, 2013
ARMY OF HOPE
FUND RAISER
Hosted by
Stacy and Tex Rau

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.

Judy Vergason, 722-1329
Craig Conklin, PER 447-1836
Frank Coseglia, PER 531-3911

P.E.T.S.



In November we had the Harvest Dance. For those of you that weren't able to make it you really missed out on a good time.

December 15th we will be sponsoring a Children's Christmas Party. We are expecting 100 children from the Peace Keepers to attend. Ages will range from 4 to 10 years. Toys have been donated by the Toys for Tots. There will also be a face painter there to help entertain them. A sign up sheet will be posted in the lounge for all those who would like to volunteer.

Rose Wujcik, Chairman

Elks Care - Elks Share

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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Sully's Corner Friday \$8.00 Specials

12/7 Chicken Teriyaki, with Yellow Rice. & Vegetable

12/14 Roast Turkey and Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, & Vegetable

12/21 Meat Loaf, with Mushroom Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, & Vegetables

12/28 Roast Pork, Roasted Potatoes, & Vegetables

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



**Looking for something new to do.
Dance Classes will meet every
Thursday. 7:00pm - 9:00pm**

**Cost \$5.00 per person. Come out
and learn a new style of dancing
with friends.**



Harvest Dance



Jim Hoey
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Children's Christmas Party
11:00 - 2:00
December 15, 2012

We will be hosting
100 children from the Peace Keepers

Volunteers are need to be Santa's Helper

Please contact Rose or Mike Wujcik
if you can help
rmwujcik@yahoo.com / 941-962-3682



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December 29, 2012

End of the Year Gala

5:00 pm Cocktails
Bring finger food to share

6:00pm Dinner
Chicken Marsala
Mashed Potatoes and Vegetables

7:00pm Music
Nickels and Dimes

17.50 pp

Tickets available at the bar

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Elks Care — Elks Share

Step Forward "Extend the Hand of Elkdom"

Monday Nights



Lounge Opens 3:00

Food 5:00-7:00

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 - 9:00

December 15, 2012

December 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

