

**Benevolent and Protective Order of
ELKS
DECEMBER 2018**



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Members,

Thanksgiving is over and Christmas and the New Year are just around the corner. Where does the time go. We will be welcoming back the majority of our snowbird members soon as well. The new year also means we are getting short on our Elks year, which is over on March 31, 2019. This is the time that your future Exalted Ruler, Jim Decker, will be putting together his team of Officers. Please let Jim know if you are interested in being an Officer or committee chairperson or would like to help in any other way.

Our regular weekly activities are going gangbusters. Monday night karaoke with Dave Martin is a blast. Come and sing, or just listen to our great singers, and have a great meal as well. Thursday is spaghetti night, also serving hamburgers or cheeseburgers, with Bobby Remp. Bobby plays some of the best dance music around. Come on in and enjoy it. And of course, our Friday Fish Fry and special meals are the best around. Again we have great musicians playing all sorts of dance music. And we are in the big room.

We are making one change this month with our Sunday buffet. It will be held on the first Sunday, 12/2/2018, from 10:00 to 1:00 PM. It will be followed by our Elks Memorial Service. This service is to honor all of our departed members. It is a very moving service and I encourage you to attend. Sandy Mooney also has several events planned for other Sundays. Keep your eye out for these events. They are a lot of fun, and of course we will have more of our great food.

Due to the holiday season, we will be closed on Christmas eve and day, as well as New Years eve and day.

Fraternally Yours

Craig Conklin, PER
Exalted Ruler.

From the Desk of the Secretary

Dear Bother/Sister Elk,



Tis the Season to be jolly. Tis the season to be giving. What better way to give than to re-new your membership. And if you have paid your membership dues, to make a donation to one of our two charities: The youth your donation can give a child a chance to go to camp. It can also furnish clothes, shoes etc for children who do not have the proper attire for camp.

The second Charity is the Elks National Foundation, with this money they give us money to help our children, our veterans, and our community. They also help us to be involved in Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Scholarship, Drug Awareness. So you can see with 9 delinquent members we have worked hard to get the number this low but we would like to see 0 can you help us get these last members to renew.

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 other. We help our children with a variety of different programs. At Christmas we turn our attention to the children for their party and every year the list gets longer and longer. 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.

Palmetto is once again alive and active. Come back and make Palmetto the way it used to be. Remember our faults are written in the sand and our virtues are written in stone of love and memories.

*Fraternally Yours,
Judy Vergason, Lodge Secretary*

From the Desk Of The Veterans Chairman

Welcome back snowbirds. We have been anxiously awaiting your return to Palmetto Elks #2449.

This past November 18th the Great Southwest District hosted a BBQ for the Veterans at Bay Pines. About 100 Vets were warmly welcomed and served. Most were accompanied and escorted by Elks throughout the day and through the food lines. Many said it was their best picnic ever at Bay Pines. About 30 Elks were present, including a group from Palmetto #2449. The food was great and there was plenty for all the Vets. Be proud that you are a part of this great Elks organization.

For Christmas we want to deliver a sleigh full of clothing and toiletries to the Bay Pines Veterans. Please be generous with your donations of such items at our lodge this month.

Jim Hoey
Veterans Chairman



DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

As November ends, I hope you all had a very nice Thanksgiving. I know some of you got stuck up North, the price we all have to pay to visit our loved ones, and some of you have gone back for all the Holidays.

As Christmas approaches, we must take the time to think of those less fortunate. We have found a Foster Care Program, for this year, and they are called Camelot. There is a Christmas tree in our Lodge room, with the sizes and a toy they wish for, on the back. The gifts DO NOT have to be wrapped. They DO need the little tags, (pink and red) back and a copy of the receipts. I am also accepting donations from anyone who cannot shop. I will be happy to do that for them. All gifts must be back at the Lodge by December 12.

Our Brunch, for December, has been moved up to the first Sunday in December. That is December 2. We are changing the time also. We will start at 10:00, for those early risers. After this Brunch, we will be celebrating our Memorial Day Service. This Service is held throughout the Country. We take a moment to remember our Members who have passed during the year. We always hope you will take a few minutes out of your very busy schedule to attend.

We are planning a Palmetto Elk's Christmas Party on December 23. It will be from 2-5. Bring a gift of \$10.00 for an exchange and we really need your singing voices, for the carols. We are calling it our Eggnog Party. Our other drink specials will include Hot Apple Cider and a Peppermint Martini. Our menu will be special appetizers with our thoughts heavy on Holiday Desserts, including vanilla ice cream with your choice of liquors poured over it. Tickets are \$12.

Coming in January, our Brunch will be back on the second Sunday, January 13. Cost will be \$12.00, for all you can eat. The menu will be posted in the Lodge very soon.

January 20, will be our Bloody Mary/Football Party. Wear your favorite team jersey. College or Pro. The party is from 2-5. We will be serving tailgate food. Cost is \$10.00.

Remember all the fun you had at the Ladies Luncheon? We are back again on February 23. Details to follow.

February 24, Palmetto is hosting a P.E.R. District fundraiser. We are hosting the The Carpenters' Once More show. Tickets are \$15.00. The doors open at 12:30. We are not serving food. You may bring in food and snacks for your table.

WE WILL BE CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE, CHRISTMAS DAY, NEW YEAR'S EVE, AND NEW YEAR'S DAY.

From the bottom of my heart I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Fraternally yours,

Sandra S. Mooney, P.E.R.
Activities Chairman

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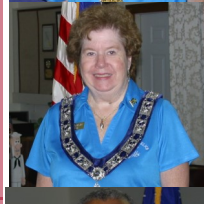
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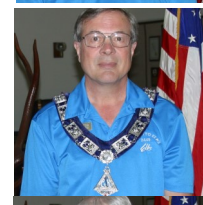
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DECEMBER MENU



Every Monday
1/4 lb. Frank/fries-\$7
w/chili or sauerkraut-\$9
Hamburgers-\$8 w/cheese -\$9
Salad with Grilled Chicken -\$8

SPECIALS

Dec. 3 Sloppy Joes - \$7

Dec. 10 Pork Tenders -\$8

Dec. 17 Philly Steaks - \$9

Every Thursday

Bar Poker

4:00 pm

5:30 pm

Spaghetti & Meatballs with small salad-\$8.00

Hamburgers with fries-\$8.00

Cheeseburgers with fries-\$9.00

Brunch

December 2 - 10:00-1:00 -\$12.00

Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage Links, Home
Fries/peppers & onions, Stuffed French Toast,
Green Bean Casserole, Chicken Alfredo,
Pasta, Biscuits, Sausage Gravy, Cold Lobster
Salad, Carved Turkey/Cranberry, Fresh Fruit,
Omelet Station

Bread Pudding



Every Friday

Fish Fry	\$9.00
Seafood Platter	\$10.75
Shrimp Dinner	\$9.00
Clam Dinner-	\$9.00
Grouper Grilled or Blackened w/baked potato	\$12.00
Garden Salad with Grilled Chicken-	\$8.00

Specials- All Specials are \$10

Dec. 7 - Chicken, Sausage, Beans & Rice

Dec. 14- Roast Pork/sauerkraut, Scalloped
Potatoes

Dec. 21st- Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes,
Bread dressing, Cranberry Sauce

Dec. 28th- French Dip, Cheese Potatoes

**ALL SPECIALS ARE SERVED
WITH VEGETABLES**

Please Call & Reserve a Meal 941-722-6937

PALMETTO ELKS #2449 CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 23rd, 2-5pm

MENU

**ASSORTED IMPORTED CHEESE, FRUIT AND VEG TO INCLUDE :
IMPORTED CHEESES, SLICED SALAMIS, BAKED STUFFED BRIE EN
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CHRISTMAS COOKIES**

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Bring a \$10 gift for the gift exchange



**We will also be singing
Christmas Carols**

**TICKETS ARE \$12.00
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941-722-6937**

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Donald Kozlowski	06 Norma Hanrahan	16 Charles Gallagher
01 Anne Littlefield	06 Martin Luther	16 Leonard Mulligan
01 Tony Renkert	07 Judy Hepler	18 Leann Hintze
02 John Bargas	07 Eugene Laube	18 Betty Kerschner
02 Ralph Jessee	11 Charles Brethauer	20 Peter Griepsma
02 Harley Lewis	12 Tim Hutchinson	20 William Kuhar
02 Emil Peters	15 James Kurlinski	22 Susan Pelletier
03 Robert Ernst	15 Geraldine Liebkecht	23 Fred Steele
05 Ronnal Hatinger	15 Rosalie Moser	28 Myles Gee
05 Diane Schetrompf	15 Thomas Sechlar	30 Robert Sager Jr.
		30 Robert Wilcox

AMERICANISM - Craig Conklin

Christmas at Grandma's House

Here's a nice little essay I found about Christmas at Grandma's House. And what can be more American than this.

Approaching Grandma's, our family anticipates the grand holiday about to be rekindled once again. With our family and friends about to be reunited with each other, each family member is trying not to notice how long the mile is taking. The trees along the road seem to crawl by slower as dad pushes his foot harder. Inch by inch, second by second, we approach the long awaited destination.

Finally when we arrive at Grandma's house our long journey is over. We each take a huge breath as we step out onto the crispy snow that snaps beneath our boots. The air is fresh and creates a shiver down my spine. I make my way to the frost-coated back door, illuminated by the green and red Christmas lights.

As I open the door and step into a house full of cheek pinches and hugs, an array of Christmas odor engulfs me, and makes my mouth water. As I yell "HELLO" I hear voices laughing, talking, and asking who's at the door? In the next second "hundreds" of relatives are giving me their greetings and gladly inviting us into the house. As my family and I are quickly made comfortable, I look around...

Plates full of Christmas pastries, Christmas decorations, and Christmas music lightly penetrate the air as the family socializes with one another. The constant murmur of the voices, serves as a background for the music. My cousins are running laps around the living room while playing tag and laughing to their hearts content.

I hear a voice saying "My have you ever grown up!" Grandma, awakened from her heavenly sleep, stands slightly crouched with an antique smile painted gracefully across her face. I reach out and hug her frail body. We both sit down and talk about my family's prolonged journey to her house.

PALMETTO #2449 BULLETIN BOOSTERS

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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Wine—\$2.00

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Happy Hour Daily 3:00 to 6:0
Bar to close at the discretion of the bartender

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w/chili or sauerkraut-\$9
Hamburgers-\$8 w/cheese -\$9
Salad with Grilled Chicken -\$8

Every Friday 5:00-6:45
Fish Fry Dinner-\$9 Shrimp Dinner,-\$9, Clam Dinner,-\$9
Seafood Platter-\$10.75
Grouper Grilled or Blackened-\$12
Salad with Grilled Chicken-\$8

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Lodge Open 3:00 –6:00pm
2 Lodge Open 12:30–5:00pm Brunch– 10-1	3 Lodge Open 3:00 pm Sloppy Joes Karaoke 6-9 Dave Martin	4 Lodge Open 3:00 pm	5 Lodge Open 3:00 pm	6 Lodge open 3:00 pm Bar Poker 4pm Spaghetti or Burgers 5pm Bobby Remp 6-8	7 Lodge Open 3:00 pm Chicken & Sausage/rice Lynn Spin's	8 Lodge Open 3:00 –6:00pm
9 Lodge Open 12:30–5:00pm	10 Lodge Open 3:00 pm Pork Tenders Karaoke 6-9 Dave Martin	11 Lodge Open 3:00 pm Board Meeting 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30	12 Lodge Open 3:00 pm	13 Lodge open 3:00 pm Bar Poker 4pm Spaghetti or Burgers 5pm Bobby Remp 6-8	14 Lodge Open 3:00 pm Roast Pork/ sauerkraut Tony Squirrel	15 Lodge Open 3:00 –6:00pm
16 Lodge Open 12:30–5:00pm	17 Lodge Open 3:00 pm Philly Steaks Karaoke 6-9 Dave Martin	18 Lodge Open 3:00 pm	19 Lodge Open 3:00 pm	20 Lodge open 3:00 pm Bar Poker 4pm Spaghetti or Burgers 5pm Bobby Remp 6-8	21 Lodge Open 3:00 pm Roast Turkey/ trimmings Holly Rae	22 Lodge Open 3:00 –6:00pm
23 Lodge Open 12:30–5:00pm <i>Christmas Party 2-5pm Music by Melanie</i>	24 Lodge Closed <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 Lodge Closed 	26 Lodge Open 3:00 pm	27 Lodge open 3:00 pm Bar Poker 4pm Spaghetti or Burgers 5pm Bobby Remp 6-8	28 Lodge Open 3:00 pm French Dip/ cheese potatoes Bobby Remp	29 Lodge Open 3:00 –6:00pm
30 Lodge Open 12:30–5:00pm	31 Lodge Closed					

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IN THE LODGE

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WHITE, PURPLE, BLUE

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Red V-neck, short sleeve—size large

Black with heart, short sleeve—size medium

Burgundy collared

1—size

Medium

2—size

Large

5—size

XL Large

Brown, $\frac{3}{4}$
sleeve, V-neck—
size large

Black, round neck, sleeveless—size large

White, round neck, sleeveless—size large

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**Have you asked someone to join
the Elks Lately?**

