

# Palmetto Pride

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DECEMBER 2019



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HAPPY WINTER. WOW, WE JUMPED FROM THE 90'S TO THE 60'S IN A HURRY. THIS IS PERFECT WEATHER FOR THE SNOWBIRDS WHO HAVE JUST ARRIVED. HOWEVER, AS YOU KNOW, THE SUN WILL COME OUT AND THE HEAT WILL RETURN. WELCOME BACK.

IT HAS BEEN A BUSY TIME AT PALMETTO 2449. THANK YOU SANDY, SULLY, AND SCOTT FOR A GREAT BLOODY MARY PARTY YESTERDAY. GOOD FOOD AND DRINK WITH YOUR FAVORITE NFL GAME ON THE TV'S. A TIME TO REAQUAINT WITH OLD FRIENDS. REMEMBER THAT THE LODGE IS OPEN EVERY DAY. FOOD ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND FRIDAY. COME ON OUT AND SUPPORT THE LODGE. ANOTHER REMINDER. JANUARY 12, 2020 WILL BE THE ARMY OF HOPE CELEBRATION AT THE VENICE-NOKOMIS LODGE AT 12 NOON. THERE WILL BE FUND RAISERS, SPEAKERS, AND MUSIC FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT. FLYER POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD. ALSO, TICKETS FOR A WEEKEND IN KEY WEST TO BE GIVEN AWAY ARE AVAILABLE FROM JIM DECKER.

WELCOME TO RICHARD MARSTON AND SCOTT MCCOMES OUR NEWEST MEMBERS TO THE LODGE. WE HAVE 4 PEOPLE TO BE ORIENTED THIS MONTH. OUR NUMBERS ARE GROWING. APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BAR OR FROM THE LODGE OFFICERS. ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS TO CONSIDER THE ELKS. REMEMBER "ELKS CARE ELKS SHARE"

JIM DECKER, ER



## ***DECEMBER ACTIVITIES***

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We have a very busy December planned and we start right out on Sunday,

December 1. We are moving our Brunch to the first, because we have a Memorial Service following. So, Brunch will be December 1st from 11-1. We will then be having our Memorial Day Service at 2. It is a short service, but a very moving service. At this Service we honor all of our Members who have passed during the year. Please plan to stay and honor our pasted Members.

Mondays, are going great. Marie is doing a wonderful job with Karaoke. Come on out and try out a tune or two. We have a wonderful crowd and would love to hear you sing.

Wednesdays, are Spaghetti and Meatballs. We now have music. Bobby Remp is back and so is Tony Squirrel.

Fridays, we will be moving into the big room. We have great food and wonderful entertainment planned for you.

Please check your calendar for some of the dates we will be closed. Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve. With that being said, we are having a Christmas Party on December 15th. The cost is \$10.00 in advance and there is a sign up sheet. At the door, it will be \$12.00. We will be having some very nice appetizers. Check your newsletter for what we will be serving for both the Christmas Party and Brunch. We also will have the menus hanging up with sign up sheets.

We have put up our Christmas Tree with the gift tags for our area children. Please consider being a Secret Santa for a child in need.

For anyone traveling back North for the Holidays, please have a Blessed Christmas and safe travels.

Fraternally yours,

Sandra S. Mooney, P.E.R.

Activities Chairman



Tis the Season to be jolly. Tis the season to be giving. What better way to give than to renew 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 39 delinquent members we have worked hard to get the number this low but we would like to see o 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.

Judy Vergason

Lodge Secretary

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/1	Donald	Kozlowski	12/06	Martin	Luther	12/16	Leonard	Mulligan
12/01	Anne	Littlefield	12/07	Judy	Hepler	12/18	Learn	Hintze
12/01	Tony	Renkert	12/07	Eugene	Laube	12/18	Betty	Kerschner
12/02	John	Bargas	12/11	Charles	Brethauer	12/20	Peter	Griepsma
12/02	Harley	Lewis	12/12	Tim	Hutchinson	12/20	William	Kuhar
12/02	EMIL	Peters	12/15	James	Kurlinski	12/22	Susan	Pelletier
12/03	Robert	Ernst	12/15	Geraldine	Liebkecht	12/23	Fred	Steele
12/05	Ronral	Hattinger	12/15	Rosalie	Moser	12/28	Myles	Gee
12/05	Diane	Schetrompf	12/15	Thomas	Sechlar	12/30	Robert	Sager
12/06	Norma	Hanrahan	12/16	Charles	Gallagher	12/30	Robert	Wilcox

What is more American than our Bill of Rights. These amendments protect our most fundamental rights—freedom of speech, protest, and conscience, and guarantees our equal protection under the law.

I discovered that the Bill of Rights Day is observed on December 15 which commemorates the ratification of the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Let's take a look back at the origins and history of that day. On December 15, 1791, the first 10 amendments to the Constitution, later known as the Bill of Rights, were ratified.

*During the 150th anniversary commemorations in 1941, Congress passed a joint resolution authorizing the President, "to issue a proclamation designating December 15, 1941, as Bill of Rights Day, calling upon officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on that day, and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and prayer." In November, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a proclamation dedicating December 15, 1941, as Bill of Rights Day. In his message he referred to the document as "the great American charter of personal liberty and human dignity."*

*President Truman observed this day in 1946 and again in 1952. Since 1962, the President has acknowledged Bill of Rights day every year.*

**Craig Conklin, PER  
Americanism Chairman**

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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.

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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) \_\_\_\_\_



December. Holidays. Travel. Food. Snow? Probably no snow here in our part of sunny Florida. But many will travel north to be with family again for this wonderful time of the year. Our wish is that you enjoy every part of this season.

In November Palmetto Lodge donated over \$1,200 worth of goods to the Veterans center at Bay Pines. Food, toiletries, clothing, puzzles, games, etc. These goods were very well received; with many thanks to us (and Elks in general) for what we do for Veterans. Please keep up the generosity this month so we can give more Veterans a Very Merry Christmas.

On Veterans Day weekend last month The Great Southwest Elks District provided a BBQ picnic lunch at Bay Pines. Great food, comederie, and entertainment was enjoyed by all. Palmetto lodge had 6 volunteers there, and we thank each of you very much for donating your time and efforts to make it a good day for the Vets.

Finally, if you think Christmas is the only reason to celebrate in December you would be incorrect. Check out all that is happening “holiday-wise” this month:

<http://www.holidayscalendar.com/months/december/>

Jim Hoey  
Veterans Affairs



Jim Decker, Jim Hoey, Tom Gafner & Ed Benedict represented Elks Lodge #2449 by helping serve at the Veterans Day Picnic at Bay Pines sponsored by the Elks.

Over 200 vets were served hot dogs, hamburgers, ribs, chicken, baked beans, salads, watermelon and juice.

It was a very rewarding day.

**PALMETTO ELKS #2449 SUNDAY BRUNCH**  
**DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT - \$13.00—11 am-1 pm**



*Eggs Benedict, Bacon,  
Sausage Links*

*Hash Brown Casserole*

*Crème Brûlée French Toast*

*Salmon*

*Sage Biscuits*

*Scrambled Eggs*

*Beef Stroganoff*

*Chicken Picatta*

*Carved Ham*

*Fresh Fruit & Salad Bar*

*Dessert*



# **PALMETTO ELKS #2449**

## **Friday Night Specials for**

### **December 2019**

#### **DECEMBER 6th**

Chicken Parmesan  
Pasta, & Vegetable.

#### **DECEMBER 13th.**

Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes,  
& Vegetable

#### **DECEMBER 20th.**

Cabbage Rolls, Mashed Potatoes,  
& Vegetable.

#### **DECEMBER 27th.**

Roast Pork with Kraut,  
Home Fried Potatoes,  
& Vegetable.



***PALMETTO ELKS #2449  
CHRISTMAS PARTY  
DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> – 2-5 PM***

PRETZELS WITH BEER CHEESE  
CHIPS & SALSA  
CHARCUTTERIES PLATTER.. CHEESE,  
PEPPERONI, OLIVE SKEWER, FRESH  
MOZZARELLA BALLS, GRAPE TOMATOES, BASIL,  
BALSAMIC VINEGER

MEATBALLS WITH GRAPE CHILI SAUCE  
CHICKEN SLIDERS  
CHICKEN WINGS  
SHRIMP COCKTAIL W/ COCKTAIL SAUCE  
BABY BAKER POTATO SKINS/ CHEDDAR CHEESE,  
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CHRISTMAS COOKIES & BROWNIES

We will be having a \$10 gift exchange for those  
who would like to participate.

Tickets are \$10 in advance-sign-up sheet at the  
lodge or call to make a reservation- \$12 at the door

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Lodge Secretary—Treasurer Hours

Monday 8:00 to 12:00

Also available by appointment

Weekly Lodge Activities

HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Lodge opens Monday-Saturday at 3:00 pm

Lodge opens Sunday at 1:00 pm

## MONDAYS: 5:00-6:45

Hamburger/FF & pickles-\$8.00

Cheeseburger/FF & pickles-\$9.00

Tossed Salad with Grilled  
Chicken Breast-\$9.00

## Every Friday 5:00-6:45

Fish Fry Dinner-\$9, Shrimp Dinner-\$11, Clam Dinner-\$10  
Seafood Platter-\$12

Grouper Grilled or Blackened-\$14

Salad with Grilled Chicken-\$9, Salad with Shrimp -\$11

1/2 backed chicken, potato & veggies- \$12

8 oz. Rib Eye Steak, potato & veggies- \$15

Specials-\$10

# DECEMBER 2019

Sun

Mon



Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1 Sunday Football-1 Brunch—11-1 Memorial Service 2 pm	2 Pulled Pork Sliders Karaoke—6-9 With Marie	3	4 Lorraine Spaghetti & Meatballs- \$8.00	5 Bar Poker – To Start at bartender's discretion	6 Chicken Parm., Potatoes, Veggies Tony Squirrel	7
8 Sunday Football- 1 pm	9 Breaded Chicken Karaoke—6-9 With Marie	10 Board Meeting-6:30 Meeting-7:30 pm	11 Tony Squirrel Spaghetti & Meatballs- \$8.00	12 Bar Poker – To Start at bartender's discretion	13 Swiss Steak, Potatoes , Veg Holly Rae	14
15 Sunday Football- 1 pm Christmas Party- 2-5 pm	16 Philly Steaks Karaoke—6-9 With Marie	17	18 Bobby Remp Spaghetti & Meatballs- \$8.00	19 Bar Poker – To Start at bartender's discretion	20 Cabbage Rolls potatoes, Veggie Fingers on Fire	21
22 Sunday Football- 1 pm	23 Pork Fritters Karaoke—6-9 With Marie	24 Lodge Closed 	25 Lodge Closed 	26 Bar Poker – To Start at bartender's discretion	27 Roast Pork, Potatoes, Veggie Bob Moonbear	28
29 Sunday Football- 1 pm	30 Shrimp Basket Karaoke—6-9 With Marie	31				

## 2019—2020 Officers



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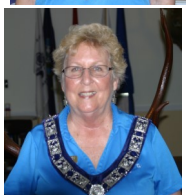
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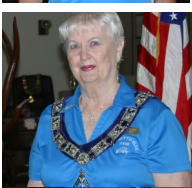
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## Friday Night

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the Elks Lately?

