

Palmetto  
Elks



# Palmetto Pride

## Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS

Lodge  
#2449



**In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason**

4611 4th Avenue E. ▪ P.O. Box 272 ▪ Palmetto, FL 34220-0272 ▪ PH. (941) 722-6937 ▪ Fax (941) 722-6246  
January 2009 No 1

### Leading Knights Corner

Happy New Year, I trust that all had a very merry Christmas and that 2009 will be a very prosperous New Year.

Thank you all for the donations of Food items. We were able to help several local families have a better Thanksgiving and Christmas because of your generosity, also a big thank you for all those who bought gifts and donated money for our children's Christmas Party.

Giving is a big part of Elkdom and the following are some interesting facts about our state. Florida Elks have the second largest membership 69, 406 followed only by California at 89,684. Florida also ranks second in charitable giving at \$37,472,476. The number one state is New Jersey, at \$41, 672,400. Total charitable giving for the 2007-2008 Elks year ending March 31, 2008 was \$303,001,436 (including cash, travel, and hours donated). Let's not let up for 2009, the needs are great and your contributions are needed more than ever.

Wes Townsend  
Leading Knight



*Dear Lodge Members*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you from Jim and Myself.

We had a wonderful Christmas season filled with giving and sharing. We were able to make about 50 children very happy. A special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus (Jim and Pat) for volunteering their time. It is very much appreciated. We also need a big thank

you to our decorating team. Our Lodge looks beautiful, as always. You have all out-done yourselves. Thank You!

January should bring back all our visiting members. We have taken on two new projects for the new year. We are going to keep collecting food as there is a continuing need at the Mary/Martha House. With the cost of everything on the rise, their pantries are very low.

Our other project is to help a four year old with medical bills. There is more information on her later on in this issue. There is a jar in the Lounge for your donations. We will also be selling baked goods on Monday night.

Fraternally  
Sandy Mooney  
Exalted Ruler

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## Officers for 2008—2009

<b>Exalted Ruler</b>	Sandra Mooney	729-3145
<b>Leading Knight</b>	Weston Townsend	722-2551
<b>Loyal Knight</b>	Judd Connelley	721-3943
<b>Lecturing Knight</b>	Leon Bateman	722-7623
<b>Secretary</b>	Judy Vergason	722-1329
<b>Treasurer</b>	Judy Alf	721-7069
<b>Tiler</b>	Al Skadan	722-5088
<b>Esquire</b>	James Mooney	729-3145
<b>Chaplain</b>	Gregory Harrod	776-9997
<b>Inner Guard</b>	Charles Lewis	729-4851
<b>Organist</b>	David Radliff	813-641-2064
<b>Alternate</b>	Craig Conklin, PER	776-5832

### Trustees

<b>Five-year</b>	Ronald Alf	721-7069
<b>Four-year</b>	Gerald Blackwell	531-4614
<b>Three-year</b>	Craig Conklin, PER	776-5832
<b>Two-year</b>	Glenn Davis, PER	737-3776
<b>One-year</b>	Hugh Igo, PDD	723-0193

### Corporation Officers

<b>President</b>	James Mooney	729-3145
<b>Vice President</b>	Weston Townsend	722-2551
<b>Sec./Treas.</b>	Gregory Harrod	776-9997
<b>Members</b>	Ronald Alf	721-7069
	Charles Lewis	729-4851
	William Kuhar	721-1950
	Al Skadan	722-5088

## 2008-2009 Committee Chairs

Accident Prevent	Jim Mooney	729-3145
Americanism	Leon Bateman	722-7623
Auditing and Accounting		
Bulletin	Craig Conklin, PER	776-5832
Community Activities	Craig Conklin, PER	776-5832
Drug Awareness	Doris Huff	729-0079
Flag Day	Glenn Davis, PER	737-3776
Government Relations	Craig Conklin, PER	776-5832
Harry Anna Trust	Sandy Mooney, PER	729-3145
Hoop/Soccer Shoot	Doris Huff	729-0079
Indoctrination	Gregory Harrod	776-9997
Investigation	Barbara Blackwell	531-4614
Lapsation	Judy Vergason	722-1329
Lodge Activities	Sandy Mooney	729-3145
Mediator	Steve McGrath	
Membership	Judy Vergason	722-1329
Memorial Sunday	Glenn Davis, PER	737-3776
Mothers Day	Sandy Mooney	729-3145
National Foundation	Wes Townsend	722-2551
Nat'l Veterans Service	Charles Lewis	729-4851
Property Maintenance	Jim Gard, PER	729-0971
	Jim Allard	729-4566
	Roger Hirtzinger	723-0077
	Francis Pozzi	358-0110
Presiding Justice		
Public Relations		
Relief	All Chair Officers	
Visitation Coordinator	Jim Mooney	729-3145
Web Master	Jim Hoey	721-9574
Youth Activities	Doris Huff	720-0079
Youth Camp		

## From the Desk of the Secretary

Office Hours: Monday 8300 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.  
Or by Appointment.  
Phone 941-722-6937 Fax 941-722-6246

### Membership Changes

#### INITIATED INTO THE LODGE CANDIDATE

Daniel Sullivan  
William Columbia  
George Coons  
John Elkins  
Frank Justis

#### PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

##### CANDIDATE

##### PROPOSER

Earl E. Hampsher	Sandra Mooney
Robert Lorenzi	Sandra Mooney
Douglas Havens	Robert Nichols
Richard Emery	Delbert Tucker
Max Stremme	Sandra Mooney
Dale Daugherty	Sandra Mooney
Linda James	Sandra Mooney
Frederick Crooker	Nicholas Curcio
Edwin Copeland	Sandra Mooney
Tom Smilowski	Fred Justis

#### TRANSFER DEMITS

Ralph Baird

#### RE-INSTATEMENTS

#### DEATHS

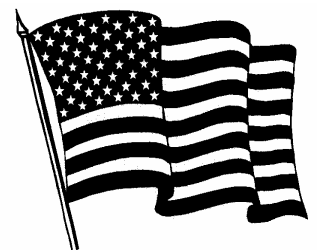
### Good News!

Our Web Site is up and running.

To view go to

[WWW.PalmettoElks.org](http://WWW.PalmettoElks.org)

Enjoy!



#### Aluminum Cans/Pull Tab Collection Program

Please bring in your aluminum cans/pull tabs. All cans (clean) and tabs will be collected and used as a donation to a charity of our choice. If you know of other organizations that will donate their cans and pull tabs, let us know so we can include them as well.

# January 2009 Activity Calendar



**Palmetto Elks Lodge #2449**  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Don't Forget our            Wednesday Italian Nights            The best value in town with the best            music.</b>				1 CLOSED  Happy New Year	2 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? 4:30 - 7:00 PM <b>Fish Fry w/            Ham</b> Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing <b>Tony Boeing</b>	3 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM
4 <b>Breakfast            Buffet</b> 9:00 - 12:00 \$7.00	5 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu <b>Karaoke</b> Dee	6 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM Bar Com. Mtg 6:00 PM Officers Mtg. 7:00 PM	7 Lounge Open 1:00 -8:00 PM	8 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM <b>Game            Night</b> <b>6:00 - 8:00</b>	9 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? 4:30 - 7:00 PM <b>Fish Fry w/            Turkey</b> Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing <b>Musical Memo-            ries</b>	10 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM
11 Boom-Ba  Lunch 12:00 - 2:00 Music 2:00 - 4:00	12 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu. <b>Karaoke</b> <b>CJ Karaoke</b>	13 Lounge Open 1:00-7:30 PM  <b>LODGE            MEETING</b> 7:30	14 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? <b>Italian Night</b> 5:00 - 7:00PM All-you-can-eat Spaghetti \$6.00 Music <b>Bobby Remp</b>	15 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM <b>Game            Night</b> <b>6:00 - 8:00</b>	16Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? <b>Fish Fry w/            Stuff. Cabbage</b> 4:30 - 7:00 PM Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing <b>Dee</b>	17 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM  <b>DD Clinic            Sarasota            South</b>
18 <b>Breakfast            Buffet</b> 9:00 - 12:00 \$7.00	19 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu <b>Karaoke</b> <b>Reminisce</b>	20 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM  <b>Trustee Mtg.</b> <b>6:00</b> <b>PER Mtg.</b> <b>7:00</b>	21 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00	22 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM <b>Game            Night</b> <b>6:00 - 8:00</b>	23 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Fish Fry w/ Salisbury Stk. 4:30 - 7:00 PM Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing <b>Seabreeze</b>	24 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM
25 Closed	26 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu <b>Karaoke</b> <b>Silver Sounds</b>	27 Lounge Open 1:00 - 7:30PM  <b>LODGE            MEETING</b> Initiation 7:30	28 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? <b>Italian Night</b> 5:00 - 7:00PM All-you-can-eat Spaghetti \$6.00 Music <b>Dee</b>	29 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM <b>Game            Night</b> <b>6:00 - 8:00</b>	30 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Fish Fry w/ Ck Cordon Bleu 4:30 - 7:00 PM Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing <b>Silver Sounds</b>	31 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM

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**Elks  
National  
Foundation**

Today's Date - -

**LODGE AFFILIATION**

Lodge Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lodge Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lodge Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print:  Mr  Mrs  Ms

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Title (Check One) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Gift Types:  Enclosed is my donation of  \$50  \$100 (Peace)  \$250 (Justice) Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 I would like to pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (total amount) I have enclosed my initial payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please send me reminders:  Annually  Semi-Annually  Quarterly  Monthly for installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 I would like to make a tribute of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory/Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notification Of Gift Should Be Sent To: Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a monthly donation to the ENF by:  
 Charging my credit card the agreed monthly amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Enter card information below.)  
 Drafting my bank account monthly. (Please enclose a voided check for accuracy.)  
 Bank Draft Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly Draft Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method:  I have enclosed a check. Please Mail Checks Payable To:  
 Elks National Foundation 2750 N. Lakeview Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614-2256

Please charge my credit card:  Visa  MasterCard  Discover Account No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Florida State Elks Association Major Projects  
 Founder's Certificate Subscription  
 Harry -Anna Trust Fund**



I, (we), subscribe to a Founder's Certificate in the Harry-Anna Trust Fund, Series \_\_\_\_\_ and submit the initial payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Automatically bill my credit card annually  Sent a statement annually

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lodge Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Series Options**  
 Series L: \$50.00  
 Series C: \$100.00 (\$20 now & 4 Annual Payments of \$20)  
 Series D: \$500.00 (\$50 now & 9 Annual Payments of \$50)

Please indicate method of payment. (Make checks payable to **Harry-Anna Trust Fund**)  
 Cash  Check  
 Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are unable to purchase a subscription, but would like to make a donation:  \$20  \$40  \$60

**Valentine's  
 Day Dinner  
 Dance**

Saturday February 14, 2009

Music by

**Black Tie Affair**

Tickets and Food  
 to be Announced.

**St. Patrick's Day**

March 17, 2009

Dinner 4:30 to 7:00

Choice of  
 Corn Beef and Cabbage  
 Or  
 Shepherds Pie

**\$12.00**

Music by

**Musical Memories**

**Doris Waddel  
 DDGER**

2008-2009 DD  
 Visitation Schedule  
 DD Clinic Sarasota S.  
 Jan 17, 2009,  
 Quarterly  
 Feb 2009  
 DD Clinic Manasota  
 Apr 11, 2009,

**Associate  
 Membership**

Remember that we now offer associate memberships in the Lodge. All you need is to be a member in good standing in any Lodge in the Country. Please see the Secretary to submit your \$20.00 and receive a key card and the bulletin.

## January Birthdays

1	Richard Cooley	Douglas McRae	Harold Naylor
	Theodore Garneau	Joana Santucci	George Rogers
	Robert Hammar	9 Kenneth Hunewill	Robert Schoen
	George Helmer	10 Nelson Parks	21 Ronald LeBlanc
	Sharon Nealey	Ray Sennett	George Levers
	Carl Welch	11 Claudette Viltz	22 Charles Stolteben, Jr.
2	Frank Coseglia	12 Joseph Faloon	23 Herbert Farrand
	Terrance Hamlin	Thomas Fogerty	25 Richard Magella
	Robert Powers	William Rogers	Larry Turgeon
3	Ray Scherf	M. E. Stewart	26 James Hutchison
4	Thomas Elwell	13 Sara Michaud	George McLaughlin
	Danny Erwin	Clay Nivison	27 Leonard Krueger
6	William Allard	14 Allan Collins	Eugene Russell
	David Aurich	Larry Cook	Theodore Walkowiak
	Frank Goodman	15 Larry Riegle	Kenneth Zeerip
	Frank Greski	Victor Rudek	28 Homer Beall
	Allen Miller	Betty Sheridan	Donald Gastino
	John Osborn	16 Mattie Moran	30 Alvin Zimmer
7	Roger Menard	18 Bernard Vanderlaan	31 Richard Bloomfield
8	Nicholas Curcio	19 Robert Steidle	Julia Horth
	Dennis Hill	20 Milbourne McGrath	

# Breakfast Buffet

January 4 and 18, 2009

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

All you can eat including scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, biscuit and gravy, eggs benedict, omelet's, pancakes, waffles, toast and English muffins, juice and coffee.

**\$7.00**

## About Ava Ebling

Ava is a beautiful 4 year old full of life. She has a wonderful brother, family and support system. About a week ago Ava came down with a cold (with a high fever). After several days of a high fever, she went to the doctor. The doctor thought she had pneumonia and asked that she get a blood work up. Her mother took her to a local clinic and was contacted within minutes by Ava's pediatrician. She was directed to go by ambulance to All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, FL. All Children's diagnosed her with leukemia. Her first chemo treatment was 3 days later. We have had many discussions with Ava and she understands what has happened and can't wait to get better, although she is not keen on losing her hair.

Ava came home and is in good spirits but tired. She enjoyed playing Candy Land (in which she beat her dad 6 games to 0) and making art projects. Ava has agreed to give her dad 2 free turns next game. Ava is getting a bit more used to the hospital visits and taking her meds.

Unfortunately, the other night I noticed that her hair is starting to thin and gradually come out. I can't tell you how my heart sank when I rubbed her head and pieces of her hair came out in my hand. I knew this was going to happen, but it is hard to see. On the way home she agreed to get her hair cut shorter so that it would keep her cooler (she sweats profusely when she sleeps). The doctor said that by cutting her hair shorter she will lose in slower.

During her stay in the hospital her blood levels were checked again. All of her levels have remained constant and within normal range except for her white blood cell count. Her cancer seems to be responding well to the Chemo, but her little

## Thank You

I would like to take a moment to thank every one from the bottom of my heart for all the food, presents, support and money donated to us to help the Mary/Martha House and Big Brothers/Big Sisters. It was a fine example of what we stand for as members of society. Elks Care, Elks Share

Sandy

### Highlights for January

- *Friday Fish Fry with Specials*
- *Monday Night Karaoke- Belly Busters, Salads, Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers & Sandwich Specials*
- *Jan 1 - CLOSED Happy New Year*
- *Jan 4 - Breakfast Buffet*
- *Jan 11 - Boom Ba*
- *Jan 14 - Italian Night*
- *Jan 18 - Breakfast Buffet*
- *Jan 28 - Italian Night*

### Coming in February

- *Friday Fish Fry with Specials*
- *Monday Night Karaoke- Belly Busters, Salads, Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers & Sandwich Specials*
- *Feb 1 - Breakfast Buffet*
- *Feb 8 - Boom Ba*
- *Feb 11 - Italian Night*
- *Feb 14— Valentine's Day Dinner Dance*
- *Feb 15 - Breakfast Buffet*
- *Feb 25 - Italian Night*

### Hall Rentals

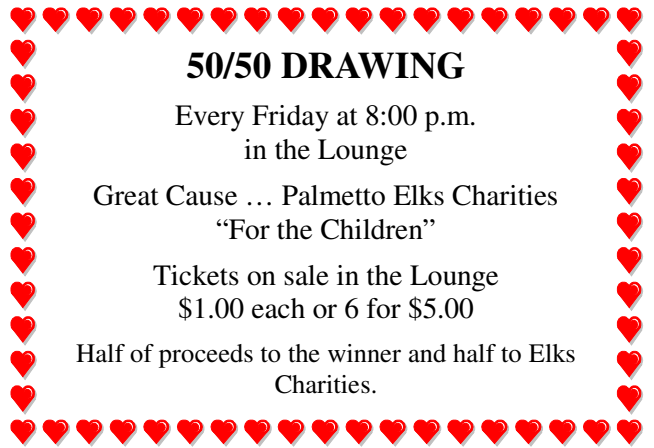
Your hall is for rent to both members and non-members for weddings, parties and anniversaries, or other special events. We also would be glad to host you business meetings. Please leave your name, phone number, and a brief message regarding the event, with the bartender on duty. She/he will call me with the information and I will call you as soon as possible as to when we can meet and discuss the rental at length.

### Wanted and Desperately Needed!

Deodorant ■ Paperback Books ■ Playing Cards ■ Hobby Kits ■ Table Games ■ Writing Supplies ■ Stamps ■ Disposable Razors ■ Comfort Items ■ Toothpaste ■ Denture Supplies ■ Combs ■ New Socks (13) ■ New Men's Briefs (S,M,L) ■ New Tee Shirts (L & xL) ■ No Mouthwash or Aftershave ■ Clothes Washing Soap Powder only.

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. Magazines must be less than three months old.

Thank you, Sandy Mooney, Lodge Activities



### 50/50 DRAWING

Every Friday at 8:00 p.m.  
in the Lounge

Great Cause ... Palmetto Elks Charities  
"For the Children"

Tickets on sale in the Lounge  
\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Half of proceeds to the winner and half to Elks Charities.

### ATTENTION:

Please take note that for health and safety issues, only authorized persons are permitted in the kitchen. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Notice to our Members

In an effort to reduce costs and increase member satisfaction, we will be allowing members to start receiving their Palmetto Pride Bulletin by E-mail rather than by mail. Contact Craig Conklin, Bulletin Editor or Judy Vergason, Secretary to be added to the E-mail list, or fill the form below and give to a Bartender. The bulletin is also available every month on our Lodge web site at [WWW.PalmettoElks.org](http://WWW.PalmettoElks.org)

Please remove me from the Mailing List and E-Mail my Bulletin

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### PALMETTO 2449 BULLETIN BOOSTERS

2006 -2007

Due to increased costs for the 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.

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Frank Coseglia - 0108         | - 0508                   |
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| Rayleen McCollough - 0308     | Jean Strike - 0708       |
| Larry Cook - 0308             | Martha Lewis - 0708      |
| Wes Townsend - 0408           | Carlis Knight - 0708     |
| Anita Tissier - 0408          | June Ogert - 0908        |
| Elaine Mosso - 0408           | Hugh & Ruth Igo - 0908   |
| Cal Hendrick - 0408           | Doris Huff - 0908        |
| Bob & Connie Greenwood - 0408 | Harry & June Barker 1008 |
| Duane George - 0508           | Ron Heaney - 1108        |
| Dorothy Nack - 0508           | Louise Keney - 1108      |
| Len & Dorathey Meade          | Anthony Santoro - 1108   |
|                               | Joseph Rogers (2) - 1/09 |

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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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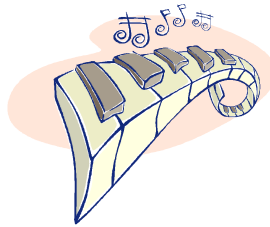
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# BOOM-BA

Sunday, January 11, 2009



Lunch from  
12 to 2 pm  
Music from  
2 to 4 pm



## Fish Fry Friday

**All you can eat Fried Pollack for \$6.00**

**Also serving baked Pollack, Fried  
Clam Strips or Fried Shrimp \$7.00**

**Combination of Fish, Clams and  
Shrimp \$8.00,**

**Half Baked Chicken \$8.00,  
or an additional Dinner Entrée \$7.00.**

**Soup or Salad Bar \$1.00**

**Every Friday**

**Check you calendar to see what  
extra entrée we are serving.**

### From the Secretary's Desk

Greetings,

During this past month some of you have been called to remind you that as of yet, your dues have not been received. I would like to thank all those who gave of their time to make the calls. There are a number of the members that could not be contacted because their telephone numbers had changed. There were those who said they never received a notice because their address had changed. Please, if you have changed your telephone number or address, let the office know. We cannot keep you abreast of Lodge communications if we don't have current information.

In January I will be sending out the official notice informing you that if your dues are not paid by March 31, 2009 your name will be dropped from our roles.

Let us continue to strive to reach our Magic Number. Our Magic Number is 76. As of initiation in November we are at 60. That is 78.9%. We need to continue to bring our membership over the top again this year. It is a team effort. Let's continue to sign up new members. If you sponsor three new members you are entitled to a Grand Exalted Rulers recruiter pin.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Judy Vergason, Lodge Secretary

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Non-Profit  
Organization  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Manasota, FL  
Permit No. 61

**Seasonal Address Changes Not Allowed:**  
Advise Secretary of Changes to your Permanent Address for:  
the Bulletin and the Elks Magazine



# Italian Night

January 14 and January 28, 2008  
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

All you can eat spaghetti and meatballs. Also serving Lasagna, Four Cheese Pasta or Rigatoni w/Vodka Sauce. With Garlic Bread and Dessert. Salad \$1.00

**\$6.00**

Also serving **Palmetto's Combo Platters**,  
a 3 combo for **\$7.00** or a 4 combo for **\$8.00**

**Music**

**January 14 - Bobby Remp January 28 - Dee**