

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
October 2008 No 7



Dear Lodge Members

It is so great to see our northern visitors returning .We certainly did miss you.

We have a lot of activities coming up. We start the month off with our Vice Presidents Home Coming. For some who have no idea what this means, let me explain. Our District in the state of Florida is the Southwest District and has seven lodges. Each year one Lodge has a member who becomes our Vice President. It is truly an honor for the Lodge. This year it is our turn and Thom Dillman was installed at our State Conven-

tion.

Some of Thom’s duties are to host the State President’s official visit to all the District. After that visit, the Vice President visits all the Lodges in the District to pass on the important message of our State President.

On October 4, Thom will be coming to our Lodge, his final visit, to his home Lodge. Please take the time to come out and support your Lodge and visit with all the other Lodges. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please sign up so we know how many people will be attending dinner.

Check out the other functions coming up in October and November. Remember only your attendance at these functions can make our Lodge a success.

Fraternally
Sandy Mooney
Exalted Ruler

Leading Knights Corner

Charity is the cornerstone of every Elks Lodge, and the old saying goes that charity begins at home. For us we have been providing a place for the local chapter of Meals On Wheels to conduct their daily service of providing nutritious meals to the elderly in our community, raising money to help our local Southeast Guide Dog School, and by providing basic health care items for veterans at Bay Pines Veterans Hospital.

Collection for Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for the needy is now underway please bring any non perishable food item when you come to the lodge. Please check expiration date.

Charity can be given even closer to home, our lodge building is showing its age, and we are continuously paying for needed repair of essential equipment. For this reason a bucket has been placed on the bar in order to collect money for general maintenance and repair projects. As a member please do your part so that we can all enjoy a beautiful facility.

Wes Townsend
Leading Knight

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Alternate	Craig Conklin, PER	729-4714

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Five-year	Ronald Alf	721-7069
Four-year	Gerald Blackwell	531-4614
Three-year	Craig Conklin, PER	729-4714
Two-year	Glenn Davis, PER	737-3776
One-year	Hugh Igo, PDD	723-0193

Corporation Officers

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

2008-2009 Committee Chairs

Accident Prevent		
Americanism		
Auditing and Accounting	Thom Dillman, PER	758-5061
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Flag Day	Glenn Davis, PER	737-3776
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Harry Anna Trust		
Hoop/Soccer Shoot	Doris Huff	729-0079
Indoctrination	Gregory Harrod	776-9997
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Mediator		
Membership	Judy Vergason	722-1329
Memorial Sunday	Glenn Davis, PER	737-3776
Mothers Day	Sandy Mooney	729-3145
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Nat'l Veterans Service	Charles Lewis	729-4851
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	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		
Youth Camp		

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.

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

Kenneth Sandborn
Donald Steiger
Vincent Renzi

PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

CANDIDATE

PROPOSER

Lowell L. Holmes
Frank Justis
Mattie Moran
Linda Gorski
David Aurich

Frank Campbell
William Kuhar
Sandra Mooney
June Ogert
Leon Thacker

TRANSFER DEMITS

William Rogers
Walter Heim
Terrance Hamlin
Stephany Barrett
Carlo Didomizio
Jon Keller
Shirley Johnson

RE-INSTATEMENTS

Daniel Webber
William Stolle

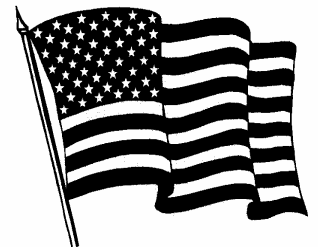
DEATHS

Robert Vacarro, PER

Good News!

Our Web Site is up and running.
To view go to
WWW.PalmettoElks.org

Enjoy!

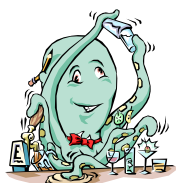


October 2008 Activity Calendar

Palmetto Elks Lodge #2449

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Back by popular demand Philly Steak Night with Lenny October 20</p>			<p>1 Lounge Open 1:00 -8:00 PM</p>	<p>2 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM Game Night 6:00 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>3 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? 4:30 - 7:00 PM Fish Fry w/ Salisbury Stk. 50/50 Drawing Seabreeze</p>	<p>4 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM Thom Dillman Homecoming \$8.50 Seabreeze</p>
<p>5 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 - 12:00 \$7.00</p>	<p>6 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu Karaoke LT's Karaoke Connection</p>	<p>7 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM Bar Com. Mtg 6:00 PM Officers Mtg. 7:00 PM</p>	<p>8 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Italian Night 5:00 - 7:00PM All-you-can-eat Spaghetti \$6.00 Music Nite Lites</p>	<p>9 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM Game Night 6:00 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>10 Lounge pen 1:00 - ??? 4:30 - 7:00 PM Fish Fry w/ Turkey Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing Musical Memories</p>	<p>11 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM</p>
<p>12 Boom-Ba Lunch 12:00 - 2:00 Music 2:00 - 4:00</p>	<p>13 LoungeOpen 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM .Full Menu Karaoke Reminsce</p>	<p>14 Lounge Open 1:00-7:30 PM LODGE MEETING 7:30</p>	<p>15 Lounge Open 1:00 -8:00 PM</p>	<p>16 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM Game Night 6:00 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>17 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Fish Fry w/ Meatloaf 4:30 - 7:00 PM Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing Dave Harris</p>	<p>18 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM Golf Outing Dinner @ 5:00 Chicken Cordon Bleu</p>
<p>19 Breakfast Buffet 9:00 - 12:00 \$7.00</p>	<p>20 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu. Karaoke CJ Karaoke</p>	<p>21 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00PM Trustee Mtg. 6:00 PER Mtg. 7:00</p>	<p>22 Lounge Open 1:00-??? Italian Night 5:00 - 7:00PM All-you-can-eat Spaghetti \$6.00 Music Seabreeze</p>	<p>23 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM Game Night 6:00 - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>24 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Fish Fry w/ Stuffed Cabbage Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing Silver Sounds</p>	<p>25 Lounge Open 1:00-8:00 PM Bus Trip to Youth Camp</p>
<p>26 Closed</p>	<p>27 Lounge Open 1:00 PM - ??? Food 5:00-7 PM Full Menu Karaoke Silver Sounds</p>	<p>28 Lounge Open 1:00-7:30 PM LODGE MEETING Initiation 7:30</p>	<p>29 Lounge Open 1:00 -8:00 PM</p>	<p>30 Lounge Open 1:00 - 8:00 PM Game Night 6:00 - 8:00 PM Pumpkin Carving Contest 5:00</p>	<p>31 Lounge Open 1:00 - ??? Fish Fry w/ Saurbraten Halloween DD Music 6-9 PM 50/50 Drawing L&L</p>	

GOLF OUTING

October 18, 2008

12:30 PM

Palm View Hills Golf Course

The day will begin with a Shotgun Start at 12:30 PM with a Scramble format. A \$160.00 cash prize will be awarded for the foursome with the lowest score and trophy prizes for closest to the pin (2 trophy's) and the longest drive, for both men and ladies.

The Golf Outing event is limited to 92 participants and will be on a first pay sign up basis, either by foursome or individually.

Cost per person, including greens fees, cart and dinner

\$40.00

Mulligans and String Shots will be sold.

Our staff will serve a gourmet dinner at the Lodge at

6:00 pm

Dinner only is **\$15.00** Per Person

Contact Charlie Lewis at 729-4851 for more information and reservations. There is a sign-up sheet in the Lounge.

In Memory of Bob Vaccaro

Celebrating the life of Bob Vaccaro is aptly described in the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson.

To laugh often and much
To win the affection of children.
To appreciate beauty.
To find the best in others.
To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child or a garden patch.
To have played and laughed with enthusiasm.
To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.
This is to have succeeded.

Those of you who knew Bob were enriched by his love, friendship and honesty. We loved him and we will miss him. Remember the above words of Ralph Waldo Emerson in that Bob succeeded in life. Let us celebrate his life. God Bless Bob Vaccaro.

About Bob

I spent hours thinking about writing this note about Bob. What I could not say at his service is still waiting to be said.

Many of you knew Bob a lot longer than I did, but I have so often listened to Bob tell me his wonderful stories of your balloons, your ducks, your crazy spaghetti and our last gift, your yellow ducks all over his station.

Bob loved to laugh and he was strong enough to laugh at himself. He was my sponsor and very dear friend. So often he would call to say he was sorry for not being there for me. Little did he know he had already done his part and he could relax and heal himself.

Bob was a man who cared deeply for his wife, his family, his country, his Lodge, his office and his friends. If you asked him a question, be sure you really wanted an answer and be prepared for that answer as well.

As life goes on, so many things have come up that he just had his hand in. Thom will have his homecoming and will miss Bob welcoming all at the door. Boom-Ba will start again and again his table will be empty. Time heals all wounds, but it will take a very long time to heal these wounds. However, as time passes and we recall how much this quiet, gentle man did for our Lodge, we will remember him fondly.

Sandy Mooney

Bus Trip to Youth Camp

Umatilla, FL

October 25, 2008

\$30.00

Includes lunch at the camp and a tour of the camp.
Bus will stop at 2 Lodges on the return trip.
Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board

October Birthdays

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|---|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Craig Conklin | William Wayne | Oakley Norman |
| | Shelly Cottrill | 10 Richard Hughes | 20 Frank Inglese |
| | Thomas Walters | Richard Johnson | 21 James Delesie |
| | Neil Woolson | Mariann Kelley | Freida Sheridan |
| 2 | Gerald Lynch | Kenneth Konrad | 22 John Chaney |
| | Rose Pictou | 12 Salvatore Magro | Charles Lyons |
| 3 | Gary Bagley | 13 James Denton | 24 Richard Mercer |
| 4 | Joseph Novak | Daniel Gregan | 25 Edwin English |
| | Chris Wainscott | Eva Rinus | Robert Johnson |
| 5 | Daniel Iezzi | 14 Larry Borgognoni | 27 Virgil Hiatt |
| | Ronald Stephan | Nancy Lenegar | William Mohr |
| | Robert Terlau | Doathey Mead | 28 Raymond Huey |
| 6 | James Carmody | 15 Al Davis | 29 Robert Vanderleen |
| | Clarence Shaffer | Charles Stolteben | 30 Hanna Regal |
| | Anita Tessier | 16 Bruce Southerst | James Yager |
| | Judy Vergason | 17 Charles Anderson | 31 Cornelius Woolson |
| 7 | Robert Pendley | 18 David Martin | |

Thanks to all the Volunteer Bartenders

Another summer ended with Labor Day 2008. As of September 1, we will be returning to our regular bartender hours. Many thanks to all the volunteers who filled in during the summer months.

Monday - Ron and Judy Alf, Tuesday - Barb Bird, Wednesday - Charlie Lewis, Thursday - Greg Harrod, Friday - Wes Townsend, and Saturday - Sandy Mooney.

Thanks Again, Jim Mooney,
Chairman Corporation Committee

Doris Waddel
DDGER
2008-2009 DD
Visitation Schedule

Sarasota	Oct 8
Sarasota South	Oct 23
Palmetto	Oct 28
Venice-Nokomis	Nov 12
Mid-Year	Nov 14-15
Bradenton	Nov 24
Manasota	Dec 3
DD Clinic Sarasota S.	Jan 17, 2009,
Quarterly	Feb 2009
DD Clinic Manasota	Apr 11, 2009,

Thom Dillman
VP Visitation Schedule

Palmetto Homecoming	Oct 4
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GAME NIGHT

Don't forget our Game Night every Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Offering cribbage, Texas Holdem, Darts, Trivia, and Horseshoes. So get in practice before our winter friends get back to offer a challenge.

Italian Night

October 8 and October 22, 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

Oct 8 - **Night Lights** Oct 22- **Seabreeze**

Highlights for October

- Friday Fish Fry with Specials
- Monday Night Karaoke- Belly Busters, Salads, Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers & Sandwich Specials
- Oct 4 - VP Homecoming Visitation
- Oct 5 - Breakfast Buffet
- Oct 8 - Italian Night
- Oct 12 - Boom Ba
- Oct 19 - Breakfast Buffet
- Oct 22 - Italian Night
- Oct 25 - Bus Trip to Youth Camp
- Oct 28 - DD Visitation
- Oct 31 - Fish Fry & Halloween DD

Coming in November

- Friday Fish Fry with Specials
- Monday Night Karaoke- Belly Busters, Salads, Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers & Sandwich Specials
- Nov 2 - Breakfast Buffet
- Nov 5 - Italian Night
- Nov 6 - Crazy Carol, Doors open 5:00, Show 7:00
- Nov 9 - Boom Ba
- Nov 16 - Breakfast Buffet
- Nov 19 - Italian Night
- Nov 23 - Male Review Show, Doors open 2:00, Show 3:00
- Nov 27 - CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving

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 7:30 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

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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| Francis & Marvel | Duane George - 0508 |
| Metzger - 1207 | Dorothy Nack - 0508 |
| Frank Coseglia - 0108 | Len & Dorathey Meade - 0508 |
| K.E. McCollough - 0308 | Jeanne Larson - 0508 |
| 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 Green- | |

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) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Summary of Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services Program

From April 1, 1999 to July 31, 2008

302 Children received therapy per week!

A total of **4,277** children have been treated!

107,894 treatments were scheduled!

89,764 treatments were completed! (83%)

Therapists have traveled **3,799,627** miles!

Therapists have made **485** presentations to Elks!

Therapists have **5** presentations scheduled!

Therapists have rendered **100,148** hours of patient therapy!

Therapists have spent **30,792** hours documenting therapy!

Therapists have spent **80,259** hours traveling to patients homes!

Therapists have spent **7,670** hours in continuing education!

Therapists have spent **4,982** hours marketing our program!

Breakfast Buffet

October 5 & 19, 2008

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

WISH LIST FLORIDA ELKS YOUTH CAMP

The greatest single wish of the Board of Directors is to always have the funds available to bring any needy child to the Florida Elks Youth Camp to benefit from and cherish the safe camping experience throughout their lives.

Won't you help send a child to camp?

\$180.00	Camperships (\$180.00 each)
\$52,500.00	Climbing wall (in gym)
\$700.00	Clothing for Campership Children
\$2,200	Bedding for Campership Children
\$4,500.00	1,500 bird houses for crafts
\$1,250.00	Hotdog Steamer
\$9,000.00	Network and systems upgrades
\$3,600.00	Cambro
\$4,100.00	Golf Ball Retriever
\$33.00	Compass (50 each)
\$150.00	Garmin GPS (40 each)
\$9,600.00	Football Goals
\$800.00	Youth Softball Gloves (50)
\$900.00	Teen Softball Gloves (50)
\$700.00	Batting Helmets
\$300.00	Basketballs
\$12.00	Volleyballs (30 each)
\$750.00	Arrows and Armguards
\$700.00	Portable Ice Cooler
\$30,000.00	Reforestation (\$300.00 per donation)
\$1,850.00	Permanent Soccer Shootout Goals
\$4,900.00	Dishwasher
\$680.00	Picnic Table (30 each)
\$2,000.00	Field Games and Props

There are a lot of expensive items needed at the camp. Partial donations may be made toward the purchase of an item.

WANT TO HELP A GIRL GET HER LIFE BACK ON TRACK? VOLUNTEER

WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

*Just for Girls Alternative School Receptionist - Enthusiastic person who can take messages and answer questions about our school. Come every day or once a week. Two time slots, 9:30 - 11:30 or 1:30 - 3:30.

*Tutor - Patient person who can help struggling students with daily class work. 45 minute class period at least once a week.

*Technology Assistant - Computer person who can update computers and run reports of students work. One time per week.

All volunteers must complete an application and be fingerprinted.

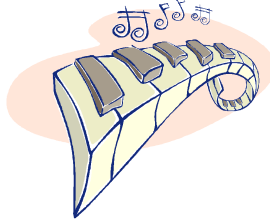
If interested, please call Dee Ralph or Jim Long at 722-1475

BOOM-BA

Sunday, October 12, 2008



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



Halloween Party

Friday October 31, 2008

Normal Fish Fry Menu with
Sauerbraten, cabbage & potatoes

Costumes and Prizes

No Tickets needed

Come and support the
Elks National Foundation

Music

L&L

Male Review Show

Sunday
November 23, 2008

Benefit to our Childrens
Christmas Party

\$12.00

Doors open at 2:00

Show starts at 3:00

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.

Vice Presidents Homecoming Dinner

Come out and support your Lodge and our
very own **Thom Dillman**.

Social Hour at 5:00

Dinner at 6:00

\$8.50

Music in Lounge

7:00 to 10:00

by

Seabreeze



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: _____

Please indicate method of payment. (Make checks payable to **Harry-Anna Trust Fund**)

Cash Check

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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)

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

From the Secretary's Desk

Greetings,

My message this month is to remind you why your membership is so important to our Lodge.

The homeless and hospitalized veterans and our active duty military personnel that we support need your help. The physically and mentally challenged children of Florida that we support need your help. Those less fortunate and in need of our assistance both nationwide and in our local communities need your help.

Elks of Palmetto Lodge are proud of our meals, functions and activities that we provide at the Lodge and within and outside of the federal health care facilities for our homeless and hospitalized veterans at Bay Pines Veterans Medical Center in St. Petersburg. This is in keeping with our long time commitment that **“As long as there are veterans, the Elks will never forget them.”**

Nationwide we are the third largest provider of college scholarships to high school seniors. Or Hoop Shoot (free throw) contest had over 3 million contestants last year. The Americanism Essay contest and Soccer Shoot attracted hundreds of thousands of participants last year.

Our professionally trained physical and occupational therapist employees are currently treating over 300 physically and/or mentally challenged children per week at the parent's residences and numerous others with major hearing impairments are being attended to on a contract basis. We provide these services free of charge to families who have no insurance and are unable financially to afford professional treatment.

We have developed far and beyond one of the finest youth camps in the USA. Each year we provide camping experience and other facility usage for thousands of children and adults to include physically and/or mentally challenged children, severe burn victims and free camping to children whose families are unable to afford such service. Our swimming pool has a special ramp where wheelchair confined children can be lowered into the pool to join their parents and siblings. **“No Man Stands As Tall As He Who Stoops To Help A Child.”**

For these reasons I urge you to renew your Elks membership if you have not already done so. It is easy. Just put a check in the mail for \$72.50 and sent it to: Palmetto Lodge #2449, PO Box 272, Palmetto, FL 34220-0272

If you have any questions you can call me at the Lodge (941-722-6937) or at home (941-722-1329).

I know you have had many good times at the Lodge and we look forward to seeing you again. Remember, **Elks are never forgotten, Elks are never forsaken.** Bring a friend and invite them to join as well.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Judy Vergason, Lodge Secretary

CHANGES

Life is full of changes. Is it time for a change in yours? ... A change for the better ... A change that will give you the security and care-free lifestyle you desire.

At the Elks National Home and Retirement Center, you can relax and leave the worries to someone else. Take time to work on your golf game, start on all those books you've been wanting to read, take up a new hobby or devote more time to a hobby you've had to neglect lately. Spend time with your new friends, enjoy dancing at the birthday party, take some of the many trips in the van to a shopping mall, historic site, scenic drive or other interesting areas.

So what are you waiting for? The Elks National Home is not a place to wait out your last month or years, but a beautiful retirement community for living and enjoying life with your friends. Let someone else mow the grass and worry about the repairs. You have better things to do and you have earned the right to enjoy them.

There are currently vacancies for single occupancy - men or women. It's easy to get full information and an application. Just call 1-800-552-4140 during regular business hours or write to: Elks National Home, 93 Ashland Avenue, Bedford, VA 24523. You can also get information on the web at www.elkshome.org. Contact the Home today.

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