

SPOTLIGHT



BPOE St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224
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1911-2023 *112 Years of Service to the Community*
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 Elks Children's Therapy Services
 Elks Youth Camp

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LOEA PRESENTS

COUNTRY WESTERN NIGHT

— ★ ★ ★ —

**SATURDAY
 JANUARY 14TH 6-9PM**

TICKETS \$10
 FOOD NOT INCLUDED

**MUSIC BY
 SOUTHERN KNIGHTS
 BAND**

ST PETERSBURG LADIES OF ELKS #1224

LOEA presents

PIRATE PARTY!

to benefit local Veterans in need

**SATURDAY
 JANUARY 21ST 7-10PM**

**AFY MATEYS!
 IT'S GASPARILLA TIME!**

Dress in your best pirate costume!

In lieu of an admission price, we are collecting essential clothing items on the night for local vets. Socks, t-shirts and underwear - all sizes and both genders (or cash donation) "TICKETS" AND SEATING CHART AVAILABLE AT THE BAR

Drink specials!

Aargh there be music too!

ST PETE ELKS LODGE #1224
 2675 66TH ST N

STARTING JANUARY 8TH

SUNDAY Breakfast IS BACK!

10AM TO 1PM

All your breakfast favorites the way you like it:

- French Toast • Hot cakes •
- Eggs & Omelettes •
- Biscuits & Gravy •

JAN 28 | SATURDAY | 8PM

COMEDY NIGHT

Featuring GARY DELENA

Gary DeLena is a triple-threat showman... A singing impressionist, an accomplished musician and a comedian. His show mixes musical parodies, good-natured clowning and the ability to befriend the room by simply chatting.

Performing from 8-9:30 PM

Dinner \$20 | 6PM | Entree Choice

Shepherd's Pie Salad Roll n' Butter **OR** Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes, Corn Salad Roll n' Butter

2022-2023 Officers, Directors, Committees & Chairs

OFFICERS					
Dan Masi ,PER	Interim Exalted Ruler	Charlie Stroup	Boy Scouts	Ann Marie Bongiorno	Pool Monitor
Heidi Green	Leading Knight	Brian Metzgar	Building	Alexandra Kaan	Presiding Justice of Forum
Brian Haverfield	Loyal Knight	Rudy Masi, Sr., PDD	By-Laws	Virginia Warfield, LP	Public Relations
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Toni Goodrich, PDD	Secretary	Gina Wilkins	Christmas Baskets	Rick Marks	Safety
Brian Polk	Treasurer	Heidi Green	Christmas Baskets Co-Chair	Tara McClintick	Scholarships
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Kirk Martin	Chaplain	Brian Haverfield	Drug Awareness	Dawn Lieber	Soccer Shoot
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Anne Marie Bongiorno	Tiler	Heidi Green	ENF Chair		Representative C.W. Bill Young
		Linda Musgrave	Entertainment		Healthcare Center Bay Pines
		Heidi Green	Flag Day Flag Retirement		Army of Hope/Veterans Chairman
		Open	Funeral Services	John Gillis	VAVS Deputy Representative
		Open	Golf Tournament	Gene Berry	VAVS Deputy Representative
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		Tracy Roy	Hoop Shoot		
		Heidi Green	Inter-Lodge Visitation		
		Kim Gano	Investigation Committee		
		House Committee	Kitchen		
		Toni Goodrich, PDD	Lapsation & Strays		
		Toni Goodrich, PDD	Law & Order		
		Rudy Masi, PSP	Law & Order Co-Chair		
		Dan Masi, PER	Liaison to the Ladies		
		Toni Goodrich, PDD	Lodge Advisor		
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		Bob Pitney, PDD	Mediator		
		Toni Goodrich, PDD	Membership		
		Dan Masi, PER	Memorial Service		
		Brian Haverfield	Mother’s Day		
		Heidi Green	New Years Eve		
		PER’s Association	Old Timer’s Night		
		Heidi Green	Orientation		
		Dan Masi, PER	PER Association		
		Larry Romig	Photographer		
		Mark Mettetal, PER	Pool Maintenance		

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
Rick Marks	5-Year Trustee
Brian Metzgar	4-Year Trustee
Mimi Reich	3-Year Trustee
Cathy Shriver, PER	2-Year Trustee
Gina Van Groesbeck	1-Year Trustee
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Charlie Stroup, Brian Polk	
Heidi Green, Brian Haverfield	

HOUSE COMMITTEE	
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Joanne Matos PDD, Secretary	
Toni Goodrich, PDD, Gina Van Groesbeck	
Heidi Green, Brian Haverfield, Jan Musgrave,	
Charlie Stroup, Samantha Webb	
Ruth Green, Adrienne Sproul	

KITCHEN	
TBD	

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Bonnie Barnes	Parliamentarian
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Ann Marie Bongiorno	2 Year Trustee
Jan Giallourakis	3 Year Trustee

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SUNDAY JANUARY 8th 2-4pm

JUKEBOX MANIA

\$5 TO PLAY
 (ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CHARITY)

SING ALONG TO THE SONGS

THE MUSIC YOU LOVE TO HEAR!

CAUTION! Jukebox Mania will expose you to music, which may cause sudden outbursts of singing, joy, happiness, energy and fun! Attend at your own risk!

**SUNDAY JANUARY 22ND
 STARTING AT 6PM SHARP**

**Texas Hold'em Poker
 Tournament**

**YOUR \$20 DONATION GETS YOU A SEAT AND CHIPS
 THERE ARE ONLY 20 SEATS AVAILABLE!
 TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE BEHIND THE BAR.**

**SUNDAY JANUARY 22ND
 STARTING AT 6PM SHARP**



As we celebrate the New Year, many of us take time to reflect, remembering our achievements of the past year and look forward to the promise of a new year with new beginnings and new resolutions.

In evaluating the past year and assessing the accomplishments of St. Petersburg Lodge #1224, there are many reasons why each member should be proud! With your assistance, our Lodge has substantially increased its membership, which in turn strengthens our commitment to our Veterans, children and those who are less fortunate.

This year in conjunction with the food drive, we were able to provide a holiday meal to 332 families. Many thanks to Chairperson Leading Knight Heidi Green and Kind Mouse and member Gina Wilkins and all their helpers and all of you who made it possible with your donations!

The Christmas Toy Drive superseded all expectations as we were able to distribute toys for 1,000 children! Thank you Desi Masi, Walgreens, The Kind Mouse, Wendy's, Big Brothers & Sisters, Mike Alstott Family Foundation and all of their crews for contributing to this most successful event!

Our Lodge looks forward to the new lease venture with Happy Patti's Kitchen which will begin on January 2nd. Brunch will be offered on Sundays beginning January 8th. Please support and enjoy this new venue.

January brings many exciting LOEA and Lodge events including a Flag Retirement Ceremony on January 22nd and Comedy Night on January 28th.

In closing, let's resolve to plan additional courses of action in 2023 for the betterment of our Lodge and our community and take stock in all of our past accomplishments which would not be possible without each and every one of you! On behalf of myself and my wife Casey, we wish you all a most healthy and prosperous 2023!

Fraternally,
Dan Masi

Exalted Ruler

Virginia Warfield | LOEA President Message



Hello 2023!

It's feels like last year went by in the blink of an eye. Our Ladies of Elks Auxiliary continues to grow bigger and more active, and I'm sure the next twelve months will be the same.

We couldn't do everything we do without the help of our awesome members and volunteers, and I'd like to give a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supports and participates in our events.

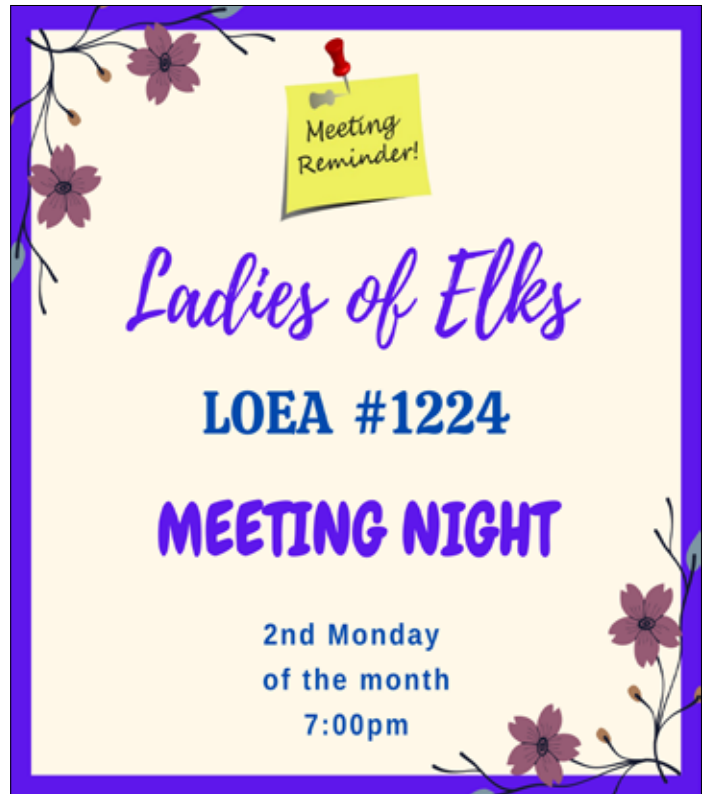
Coming up this month we have the Country Western Night on January 14th. Tickets are \$10 and available now at the bar. It's sure to be a boot-scootin' great time!

On January 21st we're hosting a Pirate Party to benefit local veterans. In lieu of an admission charge, we are asking for donations on the night of essential clothing, such as socks, t-shirts and underwear.

Mark your calendars for next month's Hollywood Oscar Party on February 18th. Dress yourself and your table with a movie theme for a fun night with music and prizes.

As a reminder, we have changed Bunco night to the THIRD Wednesday of the month. Our next game will be January 18th. Our next LOEA meeting is January 9th.

On behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year full of joy, friendship and good health.



PROPOSED CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE	SPONSOR	OCCUPATION
James L Armstrong	Charlie Stroup	Park Ranger-Pinellas
Meghan Bailey	Charlie Stroup	Account Mgr-Altanta
Maureen Bogart	Charlie Stroup	Retired NYPD
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Vicki Franklin	Bonnie Barnes	Retired-Cody's Roadhouse
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Sott Stillwell	Dan Cornelius	Colonial Life Ins Sls
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Pamela Thompson	Mary Flannigan	Accountant-Ace Co.
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Gary Potenziano, PER		30 -Yr Elk
Brian Warmuth		35-Yr Elk



Start the New Year Right by Pledging to be a Volunteer!

1 hour or a few hours. There are so many opportunities and areas where you can help your lodge. MANY hands make light work and it's what helps keep your lodge going.

Contact the Lodge office today to find out more 344-6551.

LODGE HALL BOOKINGS

Weddings, Anniversaries,
Parties, Meetings,
Luncheons
Whatever you can think up,
we'll work with you!!!

BOOK YOUR NEXT POOL PARTY HERE!

Ruth Green (727) 480-7500
Elks1224events@yahoo.com



*** LODGE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ***

The Lodge is seeking to fill the Officer position of SECRETARY. The current Secretary, Toni, is stepping down after 13 years and the Lodge is seeking her replacement.

The candidate for Secretary has to be an Elk or be willing to be an Elk, have a strong understanding of accounting, be organized, motivated and have good people skills.

Nominations for Secretary are being taken again, starting December 1, 2022, until the position is filled.

It is very helpful if the Secretary knows Excel and WORD to prepare spreadsheets and reports and assist with budgets.

The Secretary attends Monthly Lodge Meeting with minutes being kept and also attends the monthly Initiation Sessions to issue cards and packets.

The Lodge pays for your attendance at State Officer Training sessions, the Mid-Year and State Conventions.

The Secretary salary is set by the Lodge By-laws, which is \$15 per hr; annual max salary of \$15,000.

The Secretary works closely with the Treasurer, ER and Board members and is a key player in the operation of the Lodge. This position is a very important, challenging and a rewarding one.

Training can start immediately after the Election of Secretary.

If interested, please contact Toni Goodrich in the Lodge Office (727) 344-6551 between 10-2 pm Monday thru Friday.

MEMBERSHIP RE-INSTATEMENT

If you are or know a former member who has dropped his/her membership (NO TIME LIMIT) tell the former member that you would like to sponsor them to rejoin (reinstate) at St. Petersburg Lodge #1224.

The process is simple and it involves submitting a reinstatement application to be read at our Lodge meeting and voted on.

There is a \$25 fee with the application and the payment only of the current dues for the year. Depending on the date the reinstatement is made, the dues are pro-rated according to the number of months left in the current Lodge year.

Although a reinstatement is gaining back a former member, our Lodge is also gaining a new member!

We look forward to re-introducing you into ELKDOM

THANK YOU MAGNIFICENT MAILERS FOR THE DECEMBER ISSUE

Cathy Shriver PER
H Tom Shriver PDD
Anne Marie
Bongiorno
Doug Breyette, LM
Phil Davies PER
Marlene Evans

Eileen Gamble
Janet Gens
Toni Goodrich PDD
Sandy Mayo
Patti Razor
Jeanne Sninchak
Adrienne Sproul





presents



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The Power of Love

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023
6-11 p.m.

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We cordially invite you to join us for an evening of glamour and philanthropy as we unmask autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

This year's gala will be held at the beautiful Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront and will feature cocktails and a silent auction, a full-course dinner, entertainment, and an exciting program.

For more information scan the QR Code
or go to <https://unmaskingautism.com>



Fridays at the lodge...

Happy Patti's Kitchen 11AM-9PM
and music from 6:30-9:30PM

OPENING JANUARY 2, 2023



**HAPPY
Patti's
KITCHEN**

St. Petersburg #1224 Elks Lodge

HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 11^{AM} to 8^{PM}
Fri 11^{AM} to 9^{PM} • Sat 11^{AM} to *8^{PM}
Sunday Open 10^{AM} to TBD
(*unless there is an event)

SUNDAY • FEB 5TH • 1-5PM

**PER'S
11th
Annual**

**BBQ &
Bluegrass**

MUSIC: *Clear Water* *Bluegrass Review*

Marta

Your choice of:
**Baked Chicken Leg & Thigh
w/BBQ Sauce**
or
BBQ Pulled Pork
or
Braised BBQ Beef

Each served with
**Cole Slaw, Potato Salad
Baked Beans & Dinner Roll**

**TICKETS
\$15⁰⁰**

Prayer Chain Requests



If you or someone you know is in need of prayers at a difficult time in their lives please call me and I will notify all the people on this prayer chain. Can you imagine how many prayers will be lifted up with just one call? Many of us are on or have prayer chains in our churches so the power of prayer will be magnified many times over.

If you have a calling to be a part this rewarding experience call me and sign up for the prayer chain. We are few but we are powerful. Please email me soon and sign up.

Dolly Masi, PER | masidoly@gmail.com

LOOKING FOR MORE PRAYER VOLUNTEERS!!! YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE AN ELK.



Can you spare some change?

We're asking you to help "fill the piggy-banks" at the bar. Your spare change will help our Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services provide physical and occupational therapies to Florida children who do not have easy access to these services.

These services are provided in the patient's home without regard to the ability to pay. Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services strives to provide the highest quality services possible to this special population.

Thank you for your help in making it possible for the Ladies of Elks auxiliary to help these children.



The **NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE** is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

1-800-273-8255



The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call **1-800-273-8255** and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to **838255** to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available.

St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2022-2023

Joseph J. Moffie	01/15/22
Marvin Reavis.	01/28/22
Marsha Garrett	02/11/22
Emilien J. DeFresne	02/11/22
James W. Clemons, LM	02/26/22
Roland Riley	02/28/22
Albert L. Sigman, PDD	03/24/22
Gordon Isco LM	03/24/22
Judith Smith	04/01/22
Lyman Wheeler, PDD.	04/18/22
Ernest Acebal	04/29/22
Allen Ambrose	05/29/22
Terry Wayne Steen	06/17/22
Theodore J. Zuppa	07/07/22
William Erskine	07/21/22
Sandra Ives	07/29/22
James G. Farkas, LM	08/09/22
Robert Costa.	08/10/22
Bert H. Collom, LM.	09/21/22
Louis Schorr	10/01/22
Sheila Mutascio	11/11/22
Peter Privitera	11/18/22

*Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message,
"To our absent members."*

Platinum Spotlight Boosters

In Memory of Phyllis Povelitis.	7/23
Blaine M. Russell	4/23
Doug Breyette	3/23
Wayne L. Everett	5/23
Benjamin Karnegie.	3/23
In Memory of Al Goodrich.	7/23
In Memory of William A. Schulz	11/23
In Memory of Stephen Prins	3/23

Gold Spotlight Boosters

Cathy & Carmine Casale	4/23
Bill Tennis PDDGER PSP VA #366	7/23
Alexandra Kaan	12/26

Silver Spotlight Boosters

Valerie & James Wells.	4/23
Betts Roberts	12/26

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

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OTHER \$ _____

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**CHRISTMAS GIVING EFFORT
WAS A HUGE SUCCESS...
THANKS TO OUR
VOLUNTEERS AND MANY
DONATIONS!**



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BIG Thank you to Johnny Miller for setting up the music and bringing the sounds of the holiday in the air for all to enjoy!

The Ladies of Elks
invite you to a

HOLLYWOOD OSCAR PARTY

Saturday February 18th
6-9pm

Dress yourself
and your table
with your favorite
movie theme
Prize for
best table!

\$10 ticket
food
available
to purchase

**Search for the
QUEEN OF HEARTS**



**Drawings
Every
*Sunday at
4:00pm**

Tickets
Available
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EVERY DAY

Only 1 Ticket Drawn

You must be an Elk, an Elk Spouse
or Widow of an Elk to enter.

Veterans Chairman Message



JOHNNY L. MILLER
 Veterans Services
 WC District Chair / Representative To VAMC
 C.W Bill Young VAMC & Lee County VA
 Outpatient Clinic

Email
 johnnyleem@tampabay.rr.com

Phone
 727-642-8004



VETERAN'S CORNER

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Staying busy at Bay Pines. April 1st there will be a stand down for homeless veterans in the court yard located behind building 2. Our lodge usually has a booth at this event. I've been asked to set up for music at that time.

With all of the holiday events there isn't much to report. Still masked on government property and still hoping that we can get back to normal out there. As usual my phone # is (727) 642-8004. Leave a message and I will return your call if you have any questions

In Comradeship,
 Johnny Miller
 VAVS Representative



IS IT TIME TO DISPOSE OF YOUR WORN AMERICAN FLAG?

Reminder: The Lodge Provides Proper Flag Retirement. We have been providing a way to properly and respectfully retire one of the greatest symbols of our nation, our American Flag for many years. You'll find a special receptacle where worn flags may be placed inside a mailbox type container right outside of our Lodge front doors. St. Petersburg Lodge will retire these flags in a dignified way.




U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VA HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Medial Center and Northern clinics Phone Contacts:
 C.W. Bill Young VA Medial Center (24hrs.) 727.398.6661
 Bradenton 941.721.0649 Sarasota 941.371.3349
 Palm Harbor 727.734.5276 St. Petersburg 727.502.1700

SOUTHERN CLINICS PHONE CONTACTS

Lee County HCC - 239.652.1800 Naples - 239.659.9188
 Port Charlotte -941.235.2710 Sebring -863.471.6227

VA HEALTHCARE ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT

1.877.222.VETS(8387) Visit www.1010EZmed.va.gov
 Or visit the Bay Pines VAHCS online at www.baypines.va.gov
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VA benefits hotline...

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ELKS SOCIAL MEDIA NETWORK

Attention Veterans!

A copycat CHOICE program phone line has been set up to steal your credit card information



The OFFICIAL National CHOICE program line is:

1-866-606-8198

Join the WCD's BUS Trip to FSEA Youth Camp In Umatilla



DEPARTURE
from St. Pete Lodge:
Saturday, Feb 11th
@ 7:30AM SHARP
Returns to the St. Pete
Lodge at approximately
7PM that evening

RESERVE YOUR SEAT*
St. Petersburg Lodge 727-344-6551

Ticket Includes:

- Opportunity to meet the Grand Exalted Ruler
- Free Lunch at the Youth Camp
- Free tour of the Youth Camp
- Invasion of the Eustis Lodge
- Free drink ticket upon the return from your Lodge

*Seats are limited to 52 passengers



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Don't forget to BYOB & snacks for the ride!

Join on us on the first
Wednesday of the month
for

Ladies who Lunch!

12 pm at the Lodge Restaurant

Are you ready to roll?

3RD WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH
Game starts at 6:30 pm

GOT IT!

MONDAYS at the Lodge
2:30pm

St Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224
2675 66th St N, St Petersburg

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6:30pm

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Restoration of Pool/Tiki Patio Areas, Mural, & Furniture

Yes, I wish to help my Lodge achieve their goals to help our Community, Elks Charities and Lodge. Please find enclosed my donation for the:

Please find a check in the amount of _____ as my donation.

- ENF - Elk's National Foundation \$10 _____ \$15 _____ \$20 _____ Other _____
- Restoration of Pool/Tiki and other areas \$10 _____ \$15 _____ \$20 _____ Other _____



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John Schaeffer
President

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**WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT ELKS
ANNOUNCES OUR 6-DAY
VP FUNDRAISER CRUISE
SAILING FROM THE PORT OF TAMPA
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023
ABOARD CARNIVAL'S AWESOME "PRIDE"**



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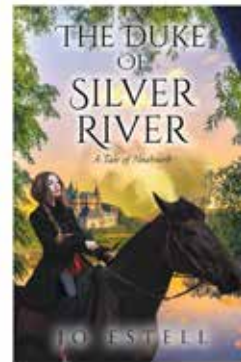
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JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Tiki Open – Noon Queen of Hearts – 4PM Happy New Year! NEW YEARS DAY	2 Got It! 2:30PM	3 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman	4 Tiki Open – 5PM "Ladies Who Lunch" Noon Dart League 7PM	5 House Committee Meeting 6:30PM KARAOKE with Darby 5PM	6 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Boomers"	7 Tiki Open – 3PM
8 Tiki Open – Noon Breakfast 10AM-1PM Jukebox Mania 2-4PM Queen of Hearts – 4PM	9 Got It! 2:30PM LOEA Meeting 7PM	10 Lodge Meeting 7PM	11 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	12 KARAOKE with Darby 5PM	13 Tiki Open – 5PM PER Meeting 7PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Bittersweet"	14 Tiki Open – 3PM LOEA Country Western Nite Music 6-9PM by "Southern Knights" Tix: \$10 <i>(Food not included)</i>
15 Tiki Open – Noon Breakfast 10AM-1PM Queen of Hearts – 4PM	16 Got It! 2:30PM Orientation/Initiation 6:30 PM	17 TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman	18 It's Bunco Time! 6:30PM Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	19 KARAOKE with Darby 5PM	20 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Bandstand"	21 Tiki Open – 3PM LOEA Pirate Party "Veterans In Need" Benefit Costume Contest Drink Specials Music 7-10PM by "Happy Hour"
22 Tiki Open – Noon Breakfast 10AM-1PM Flag Retirement Cerem. 1:30PM Queen of Hearts – 4PM Texas Hold'em 6:00PM	23 Got It! 2:30PM	24 TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman	25 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	26 KARAOKE with Darby 5PM	27 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Carolyn Street"	28 Tiki Open – 3PM Comedy Night 6-10PM Featuring Gary Delena Tix: \$20 includes Dinner Served at 6PM
29 Tiki Open – Noon Breakfast 10AM-1PM Queen of Hearts – 4PM	30 Got It! 2:30PM	31 TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman	OFFICE/PHONE: OPEN: Mon-Sat: 10AM-2PM PHONE: 344-6551 LOUNGE: 344-6553 LODGE HOURS Sun 10AM-10PM • Mon 11AM-10PM Tues-Sat 11AM-11PM POOL OPEN DAILY 7AM – 10PM			"HAPPY PATTI'S KITCHEN" Mon - Thur 11AM to 8PM Fri 11AM- 9PM • Sat 11AM-*8PM Sun Open 10AM (* unless there's an event) TIKI HOURS: SUNDAY - NOON WED - 5PM • FRI - 5PM • SAT - 3PM

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The kindness of our members doesn't end with donating food to local families in need, we collaborated with the St. Petersburg Police Department SWAT Team, Walgreens, Wendy's, and other local businesses to provide the largest drive through Christmas gift distribution in the Suncoast. Santa & Mrs. Claus were accompanied by their Elves and many Elks to help make Christmas very bright for local children. Everyone involved in this campaign especially Deseray Masi who helped lead with ER Dan Masi should know we are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

Elks Care and Elks Share was never more evident that Christmas Eve at our lodge. VAVS Rep Johnny Miller brought his karaoke machine leading the way with Christmas Karaoke, Linda Musgrave led Share the Wealth, Christmas Greetings were given by ER Dan Masi, Wonderful West Central District & FSEA Greetings were given by PSP Rudy Masi, Sr., our amazing bartenders kept busy as House Chair Bonnie Barnes, ER Dan Masi, Trustee Rick Marks, Leading Knight Heidi Green and Loyal Knight Brian Haverfield passed out free drink tickets, and much delicious foods of all kinds was shared and enjoyed by our members. We had fun singing, eating and enjoying everyone! A wonderful way to bring in Christmas! We are proud of our lodge and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

Our members believe in the Power of Prayer. PER Dolly Masi has restarted our prayer line as Bobbie Wycoff is too ill to continue it. Any member wanting to be on the Prayer Chair or anyone needing prayers, please email Dolly at masidolly@gmail.com. We recently had a Christmas Miracle with the return to improved health of PER Cathy Shriver! Thank you Dolly for leading this effort and thank you Prayer Chain members for believing in God's power and praying for our needs! We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD! We are asking everyone to please keep our FSEA State President Danny Tabor in your prayers to be healed from aggressive leukemia.

Look for 10 for the Troops giving update in February's Spotlight under YOU SHOULD BE PROUD.