

SPOTLIGHT



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SATURDAY MAY 6th
Hosted by the PERs *Best Odds*

KENTUCKY DERBY

FUNNY RACES START @ 3:30PM
YOU GET TO RIDE YOUR OWN HORSE!

KITCHEN SPECIAL
 Official sandwich of the derby...
 a "Kentucky Hot Brown" or Chicken Dinner

Enjoy "MINT JULIPS" and other **DRINK SPECIALS**

Derby Hat Contest!

POST TIME 6:24PM

DON'T HAVE A HAT? NO PROBLEM!
 The LOEA will be selling some lovely hats!

SUNDAY, MAY 14 NOON-6PM

Happy Mother's Day

Say "Thank you" to Mom by treating her to dinner

Honoring Moms... Please attend our Mother's Day Service @ Noon

Menu
 Choice of Grilled Pork Chop Served with Scalloped Potatoes & Salad
 or Blackened Chicken Alfredo Both Served with a Roll & Salad

\$15⁰⁰

Pre-Order and Pre-Pay Only
HAPPY PATTI'S KITCHEN - ask your server!
 Mon-Sat 11AM-6PM Sunday 9AM-6PM

2023 Florida Elks State Convention
 May 24-27 - ROSEN CENTRE HOTEL, ORLANDO, FL

St. Pete has its own expansive 3-Bay Hospitality Room!

Covered Dishes & Wine And Beer DONATIONS NEEDED
 Sign Up Sheets are on the Bulletin Board in lounge
 *Get A Raffle Ticket For Each Liquor Item Donated!

Room Rates: \$139.00 + tax per night
 More info & Reservations can be made on felks.org or call 866-996-6338

Come meet Elks from around the State at the Hospitality Rooms!

"Casino Night" is EVERY Night!
 Join Us For Casino Themed Games, Prizes, Share-The-W Wealth Nightly, Great Food, Fun and Entertainment!
 Entertainment by "Batman"

Casino NIGHT
 Thursday thru Saturday

We are all in to win!!! Competition for best hospitality room this year to receive a big 3-bay suite next year (there are only 3 available) volunteers needed.....

Join the Hospitality Committee Planning Team...
 Contact Joanne Matos
 (727) 403-4720 | jobo11256@hotmail.com

LOEA presents
Saturday May 13th
7-10pm

DANCE TO YOUR OWN TUNE!

SILENT DISCO

Tickets \$12 in advance \$15 at door

You don't want to miss this!

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

2023-2024 Officers, Directors, Committees & Chairs

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MONDAY | MAY 29TH | NOON-5^{PM}
MEMORIAL DAY



POOL PARTY!

Tiki Bar
NOON-6PM

Music 1-5PM by
"Big Bang Theory"

Ice Cream Parlor
OPEN: 1-4PM



New Member Meet & Greet

Sunday, May 21st 2-3pm

New members and Seasoned Members are invited! Join your Exalted Ruler & LOEA President at the lodge to make new friends and learn about what the lodge does and has to offer!

HELLO! New Members!

It's what we DO!






Hello Members All,

May is the month that contains that special day when we honor our Mothers. The day is not limited to our biological mothers but any maternal figure in our life. Mothers are the first ones that taught us about unconditional love. We made mistakes and they forgave them time and time again.

Our obligation tells us to practice Brotherly Love. "The faults of our members we write upon the sand. Their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory." I hope that you honor the mothers in your life on your own tablet of love and memory. Please join us on Sunday May 14th at Noon for our Mothers Day Service. Also say a prayer for the mothers of school age children. Grant them patience as the children are out of school for the summer on May 25th.

We look forward to having our weekend pool families back for the summer. Linda has the calendar full of great poolside entertainment for you. The Grill and Ice Cream Parlor are ready to serve you as well.

The end of May will find many of us at the Florida State Elks Convention in Orlando. It's a great weekend to meet and make friends from across the state and learn more about our state's major projects. Our lodge will be hosting a hospitality room with a casino theme. There are sign up sheets posted in the lobby and on the bulletin board for the items we need to make our hospitality room

the best possible. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

I'd like to pay special attention to Dan (PER) and Casey Masi and the entire Gala Committee of volunteers for presenting another successful Unmasking Autism - The Power of Love Gala. It was a wonderful event and congratulations to everyone involved.

In my Exalted Ruler acceptance speech I touched on the cornerstones of Elkdom, Brotherly Love, Justice, Charity and Fidelity. In future Spotlights I'm going to visit these virtues as a reminder of who we are as an organization. It is my hope that if we try to practice these virtues we will become a stronger and more united lodge.

"Unity is strength. When there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved" - Mattie Stepanek

This quote was proven true over the Spring Cleaning work days of April 15 & 16th. A fantastic group of hard working members rolled up their sleeves and cleaned the Lodge inside and out, top to bottom. Everyone brought their own expertise and can do attitude. The lodge is now a shining example of what can be achieved when we all come together for the common good.

Saying thank you can hardly express my gratitude to these individuals.

Fraternally yours,
Heidi Green
Exalted Ruler

Farrah Pileggi | LOEA President Message



"Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." ~Martin Luther King, Jr.

You may have heard that the Ladies Auxilliary #1224 puts the "Fun" in Fundraising, and we party with a purpose and it is true! However, all the funds we raise are a result of the work of amazing volunteers who are passionate about what we do. Anyone can volunteer and we have plenty of options! Whether you want to host an event, help decorate, bake for a bake sale, donate gifts, or just attend and bring friends it all counts and helps the LOEA reach their fundraising goals.

The LOEA Ice Cream Parlor is opening on April 30th and is run by volunteers. We have shifts on Saturdays & Sundays. You can scan the QR code below to sign up. Grab a friend, sell pre-packaged ice cream and raise money for the Harry Anna Fund. It's so fun to see smiles on the faces of the kids and don't worry--the ICP is air conditioned!

Our Silent Disco is on May 13th 7-10 PM! \$12 per person. Buy your tickets at the bar! Put on some headphones, dance to tunes and laugh with your friends at this fun event. We also have our Meet& Greet on May 21st 2 PM.

If you would like to learn more about how you can help with events, fundraising and the organization please reach out to me or any of your officers. You can always email us at 1224ladies@gmail.com with questions and suggestions. If you see us at the lodge, don't hesitate to ask in person. Like a flock of flamingos, we stand taller together. Don't be shy, flamingle with other members. Remember, you are flamazing!



PROPOSED CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE	SPONSOR	OCCUPATION
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Seminole #2519

REINSTATEMENT

Dawn Zachman
Patricia Martin

MEMBER

Mem #11572
Mem #12774

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 wELKomed 27 new members on April 15th



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

St. Petersburg #1224
We Give Back to Our Community
\$18 Million Dollars Raised
Become A Member!

THANK YOU MAGNIFICENT MAILERS FOR THE APRIL ISSUE

Cathy Shriver PER
H Tom Shriver PDD
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Adrienne Sproul



Search for the **QUEEN OF HEARTS** Drawing **EVERY** Sunday this month @ **4:00pm**



Tickets Available at the Bar **EVERY DAY**

Only 1 Ticket Drawn
You must be an Elk, an Elk Spouse or Widow of an Elk to enter.

LOEA PRESENTS

SATURDAY JUNE 17TH 6-9PM

Prizes for Best 80s costume

AWESOME 80s PARTY!

MUSIC BY DJ BATMAN

St Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224

GOT IT!

POP-UP EVENT

SATURDAY, MAY 20TH 6:00PM

Music & Games

BATMAN MEDIA PRESENTS

WHAT THE blank ?

\$5 PER PERSON (ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CHARITY)

SATURDAY JUNE 3rd FUN STARTS AT 6pm

DINNER SPECIALS AVAILABLE

St Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224

HPK Happy Patti's Kitchen

PRESENTED BY Elks Lodge #1224 \$5 TO PLAY (ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CHARITY)

2675 66th Street N, St. Petersburg, FL 33710

SUNDAY MAY 14th 2-4pm

MIXTAPE

SING ALONG TO THE SONGS

THE MUSIC YOU LOVE TO HEAR!

Bingo

CAUTION! Mixtape Bingo will expect you to sing, which may cause outbreaks of laughter, nose-picking, sneezing and food. Attend at your own risk!

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

Splash!

FATHER'S DAY

Sunday | June 18th

Chill poolside WITH DAD!

TOOL CHEST RAFFLE!

Tiki & Grill Open Noon

HOT LEGS CONTEST!

NOON - 5PM

MUSIC 1-5PM

Ice Cream OPEN 1-4

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.

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE
 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

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

Veterans Crisis Line
 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.

1-800-273-8255
PRESS 1

St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2022-2023

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
Roger D. Remy	11/12/22
Peter Privitera	11/18/22
John M. Tondreault	01/09/23
Charles Bunker	01/12/23
Lorna (Bunny) Ennis	01/24/23
Philip E. Taranto, PER, LM	01/24/23
John A. Morris	02/01/23
Sheila Carnes	02/27/23
Yolanda Crespo	03/12/23
Gail Camerson	03/28/23

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
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

Robert Casero	4/24
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

BE A SPOTLIGHT BOOSTER

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

SILVER \$10 _____ **GOLD \$25** _____ **PLATINUM \$50** _____
OTHER \$ _____

Make checks payable to:
 St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224
 Mail to:
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Join on us on the first
Wednesday of the month
for

Ladies who Lunch!

12 pm at Happy Patti's Kitchen




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

TRIVIA TUESDAY

6:30pm

Every Tuesday except
Lodge meeting night

SPONSORED BY



Plus it's
Taco Tuesday!



Are you ready to roll?



3RD WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH

Game starts at 6:30 pm

**GOT
IT!**

MONDAYS at the Lodge

2:30pm



KARAOKE NIGHT

every Thursday

STARTS AT
5:00PM



Meeting
Reminder!

Ladies of Elks

LOEA #1224

MEETING NIGHT

2nd Monday
of the month
7:00pm



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER THURSDAY, MAY 4



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

It's hard to believe that April is almost gone! April 1st was our Homeless Veterans Stand Down at Bay Pines. Our Lodge was very active at this event and I provided music. Over 300 veterans came thru receiving necessary items.

I also helped one of our own Elk veterans to become eligible at Bay Pines. No matter what as a veteran you should at least register with the VA! Later in life as we get older it can come in handy. Even as a veteran we are entitled to a place in the national cemetery.

My number is available at (727) 642-8004. If I can help in any way I can. The veterans are happy again I picked up more hats.

In Comradeship,
Johnny Miller
VAWS Representative



President Harry S. Truman established a National Day of Prayer in 1952 and this is generally recognized as the start of the observance in spite of similar days established by the Second Continental Congress from 1775 until 1783, and later by President John Adams in 1798.

The National Day Of Prayer: Open To All Faiths

The National Day of Prayer is observed on the first Thursday in May. The day is non-sectarian /non-partisan, meaning that western religions such as Judaism, American Christianity, and other familiar faiths may be represented (by attendance) alongside Wicca, Unitarian Universalism, and non-western traditions such as Buddhism, Islam, and others. No specific belief is intended to be promoted above another.

When observed by the military at bases and forward operating locations around the globe, the all-inclusive intent of the day is reinforced by official military policy.

This is in keeping with the spirit and the letter of the mission of the Chaplain Corps across the services; consider the Navy publication Religious Ministry In The U.S. Navy from 2003 which states that the Navy, "supports service members' faith practices with provision being made through chaplains, lay leaders, or contract clergy. Commanders may approve special requests for religious accommodation within the guidelines of existing instructions."

On the Navy official site, this reminder; "Chaplains are committed to caring for all Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and their families with dignity, respect and compassion, regardless of an individual's beliefs and religious or personal convictions."

Read full artical: VETERAN.COM



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.

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



HONOR & CELEBRATE THOSE THAT SERVED MAY 29TH

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2023 will occur on Monday, May 29.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.



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
 In the event of a medical emergency, always dial 911!

VA benefits hot-line...

(800) 827-1000

Monday through Friday | 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET
 go to: www.va.gov



Call VA's Caregiver Support Line toll-free today.

1-855-260-3274

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www.bpoe1224.com

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See more of Elks Lodge #1224 and log on to Facebook. Message us, learn about upcoming events and more.

If you don't have a Facebook account, you can easily create one!

YOUR DUES POWER PROGRAMS THAT HELP VETERANS EXIT HOMELESSNESS

Please contact your Lodge Secretary *today*

"So long as there are Veterans the Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS will never forget them"

ELKS SOCIAL MEDIA NETWORK

SUNDAY Breakfast IS BACK!

9AM TO Noon

All your breakfast favorites the way you like it:

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






Pest Control & Termites



Ask your friends about Joe call or text 727.647.4793
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Serving Pinellas since 1992
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- Drywood Termite Spot Applications
- Rodent Control
- Bed Bug Service

FREE EVALUATION and 15% Discount for ALL BPOE #1224 Lodge Members
Veteran Owned, Family Owned

The support of caring people like you helps us to provide some of these following services....

ENF - Elk's National Foundation - When you give to the Elks National Foundation, you're doing more than funding the Elks National Drug Awareness and "Hoop Shoot" programs. You're doing more than supporting the Community Investments Program and providing Emergency Educational Grants to the children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. You're doing more than maintaining the Elks Veterans Memorial. You're doing all that, and you're supporting Elkdom in your state.

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 _____

Please remit your check to or bring to:
BPOE St. Petersburg Lodge #1224
2675 66th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL 33710

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Clearwater, FL 33764



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General Contractor

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St. Petersburg, FL 33709
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restorationvisions@gmail.com
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John Schaeffer
President



VOLUNTEERS UNITE!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE • MAKE SOME FRIENDS • HAVE FUN!

Your lodge needs you • please be a volunteer today!

YOUR AD HERE

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>YOUR LODGE NEEDS YOU... Find out how you can get involved, call the lodge office today!</p>	1 Got It! 2:30PM	2 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman	3 Tiki Open – 5PM “Ladies Who Lunch” Noon Dart League 7PM	4 House Committee Meeting 6:30PM KARAOKE with Darby 5PM	5 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by Boomers	6 Tiki Open – Noon Grill Open - Noon-6PM Kentucky Derby Hosted by PERS Funny Races 3:30PM Post Time: 6:24PM
7 Breakfast 9AM-Noon Tiki Open – Noon Grill Open - Noon-6PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Music 1-5PM by Bittersweet Queen of Hearts 4PM	8 Got It! 2:30PM LOEA Meeting 7PM	9 Lodge Meeting 7PM	10 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	11 KARAOKE with Darby 5PM	12 Tiki Open – 5PM PER Meeting 7PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by Sounds of Yesterday	13 Tiki Open – Noon Grill Open - Noon-6PM LOEA'S SILENT DISCO 7-10PM Tickets \$12 Advance or \$15 at the door
14 Breakfast 9AM-Noon Mother's Day Service-Noon Tiki Open – Noon Grill Open - Noon-6PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Music 1-5PM - Mike Albright Mixtape Bingo 2-4PM Queen of Hearts 4PM	15 Got It! 2:30PM	16 TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman	17 It's Bunco Time! 6:30PM Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	18 KARAOKE with Darby 5PM	19 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by Ralph Rogers	20 Tiki Open – Noon Grill Open - Noon-6PM Got It 6PM
21 Breakfast 9AM-Noon Tiki Open – Noon Grill Open - Noon-6PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Music 1-5PM - Kris Pierce New Member Meet & Greet 2-3PM Queen of Hearts 4PM	22 Got It! 2:30PM Orientation/Initiation 6:30 PM	23 TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman	24 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM Florida Elks Convention Orlando	25 KARAOKE with Darby 5PM Florida Elks Convention Orlando	26 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by Carolyn Street Florida Elks Convention Orlando	27 Tiki Open – Noon Grill Open - Noon-6PM Florida Elks Convention Orlando
28 Breakfast 9AM-Noon Tiki Open – Noon Grill Open - Noon-6PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Music 1-5PM by Tim Piano Queen of Hearts 4PM Texas Hold'em 6:00pm	29 MEMORIAL DAY POOL PARTY Tiki Open – Noon Grill Open - Noon-6PM Poolside Music 1-5PM by Big Bang Theory	30 TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman	31 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	HAPPY PATTI'S KITCHEN Mon-Sat 11AM-6PM Sunday 9AM-6PM TIKI GRILL SAT/SUN NOON-6PM	OFFICE: 344-6551 • LOUNGE: 344-6553 LODGE HOURS Sun 10AM-10PM • Mon 11AM-10PM Tues-Sat 11AM-11PM POOL OPEN DAILY 7AM – 10PM TIKI OPEN: SAT/SUN @ NOON WED & FRI @ 5PM	

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Our Pre-Gala Autism Dinner – Dance Fundraiser was a huge success earning over \$3,300 to help FL Elks continue to treat children with autism. Hat's off to Doug Breyette, Jan Gens, Linda Musgrave, and Jan Musgrave for being the force behind this wonderful event! We are proud of each of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

We want to thank the many members of St. Pete #1224 for volunteering and supporting PER Dan & Casey Masi in hosting the EPIC Florida Elks Charities Unmasking Autism Gala! The event theme, "The Power of Love", was fully evident as the air was filled with Excitement, Joy, and much Love! We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

Thank you to PER/PLP Bonnie Barnes for sharing your poem "The Power of Autism" with us! Bonnie's poem ends with "You feel the Power of Autism, You feel the Power of Love" We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

Thank you to our Lodge LOEA, PER Association, and General members for the ads taken out in the Unmasking Autism Gala Program! Once again, your actions showed we are the Warmest, Friendliest, and Most Active Lodge in the State! We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!