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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!



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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

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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 piggies" 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.



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Veterans Crisis Line

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St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2022-2023

Allan Analana	DE /20 /22
Allen Ambrose	15/29/22
Terry Wayne Steen)6/17/22
Theodore J. Zuppa)7/07/22
William Erskine)7/21/22
Sandra Ives)7/29/22
James G. Farkas, LM)8/09/22
Robert Costa)8/10/22
Bert H. Collom, LM)9/21/22
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Sheila Mutascio	1/11/22
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Peter Privitera 1	1/18/22
John M. Tondreault)1/09/23
Charles Bunker)1/12/23
Lorna (Bunny) Ennis)1/24/23
Philip E. Taranto, PER, LM)1/24/23
John A. Morris)2/01/23
Sheila Carnes)2/27/23
Yolanda Crespo	
Gail Camerson)3/28/23

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,

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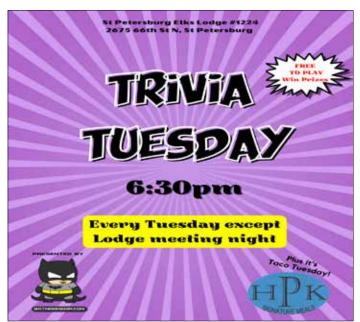
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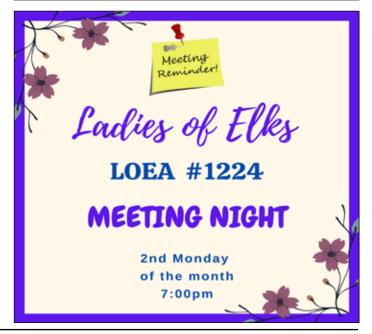












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VETERAN'S CORNER

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 VAVS Representative



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER THURSDAY, MAY 4



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





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.



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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.

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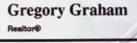
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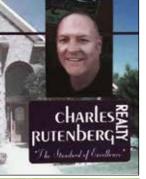
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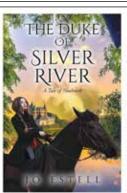
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St. Petersburg Lodge #1224

MAY 2023

28Breakfast 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	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	14 Breakfast 9AM-Noon Mother's Day Service-Noon Mother's Day Dinner 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	7 Breakfast 9AM-Noon Tiki Open – Noon-6PM Grill Open - Noon-6PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Music 1-5PM by Bittersweet Queen of Hearts 4PM	YOUR LODGE NEEDS YOU Find out how you can get involved, call the lodge office today!	Sunday
29 MEMORIAL DAY POOL PARTY Tiki Open – Noon Grill Open - Noon-6PM Poolside Music 1-5PM by Big Bang Theory	Got It! 2:30PM Orientation/Initiation 6:30 PM	15 Got It! 2:30PM	8 Got It! 2:30PM LOEA Meeting 7PM	1 Got It! 2:30PM	Monday
30 TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman	TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman	16 TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman	9 Lodge Meeting 7PM	Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman	Tuesday
Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League <i>7</i> PM	24 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM Florida Elks Convention Orlando	17 It's Bunco Time! 6:30PM Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	10 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	3 Tiki Open – 5PM "Ladies Who Lunch" Noon Dart League 7PM	Wednesday
HAPPY PATTI'S KITCHEN Mon-Sat 11AM-6PM Sunday 9AM-6PM TIKI GRILL SAT/SUN NOON-6PM	with Darby SPM Florida Elks Convention Orlando	18 KARAOKE with Darby 5PM	11 KARAOKE with Darby 5PM	House Committee Meeting 6:30PM KARAOKE with Darby 5PM	Thursday
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	26 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by Carolyn Street Florida Elks Convention Orlando	19 Tiki Open – SPM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by Ralph Rogers	12 Tiki Open – 5PM PER Meeting 7PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by Sounds of Yesterday	5 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by Boomers	Friday
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Congratulations to ER Heidi Green, Officers & Members, and LOEA President Farrah Pileggi & Officers & Members, You got our year off to a very good start with warm, friendly, and active social and service events! We held a New Member Meet & Greet, Autism Fundraiser, Open the Pool Party, Spring Cleaning Work Party, and supported our veterans participating in Bill Young VAVS (Bay Pines) "Operation Stand Down". We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

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!