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It is now time to make your plans to attend the Florida State Elks Association Midyear Convention. Our convention is being held again this year at the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront located at 333 1st St SE, St. Petersburg, FL 33701. The dates of the convention are Thursday, November 9th through Saturday, November 11th. The link to make your hotel reservations at the Hilton and

the agenda for all meetings may be found in the quick links on the left. Attire for all activities is business dress. Gentlemen are urged to wear jackets, tie optional. Go to https://www. floridaelks.org/midyear or scan the QR code for all the details!





Dear Members All,

November starts the month by remembering our Veterans for all the freedoms we enjoy because of their service to our country. All gave some and some gave all. As Elks we pledge so long as there are Veterans the Benevolent and Protective order of Elks will never forget them. Be sure to acknowledge Veterans as well as active military members and thank them for their service whenever possi-

ble, not just this month.

I have a small ritual that I go through on a regular basis, which includes my vision for my future and the ways in which I want to improve myself. It also includes a review of the things in my life that I am grateful for. On my list, immediately following my family, is our Lodge and the fact that I get to spend my time helping people. It is one of my great joys that I get to volunteer with wonderful people like you, our members. I'm honored to hold this role and love the time I spend with you. In the spirit of the season, I'd like to give thanks to all of you.

Gratitude has been shown to increase happiness in those who practice it. Rather than just focusing on it during this time of year, consider incor-

porating it into your daily life. Expressing our gratitude towards others and even ourselves is sometimes harder for us to do than we would like to admit, but taking the time to tell people in your life from family and friends to work and lodge acquaintances how much they mean to you is so important. Take a second to remind yourself of what you are thankful for in your everyday life.

If you really think hard enough I bet your blessings will outweigh your woes.

Please remember those less fortunate than yourselves and give generously this holiday season. It's not just about donating goods and funds, it's about donating your time so that together we can have a greater impact on our community.

They say that the shortest distance between two people is a smile and a smile is free, you never know how it might make someone's day!

Wishing you a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Fraternally yours, Heidi Green Exalted Ruler

Farrah Pileggi | LOEA President Message



"What if today, we were just grateful for everything?"—Charlie Brown

What are you thankful for this month of Thanksgiving? Let us know on our LOEA Facebook Page. I am thankful for all of you. Your hard work, volunteering, friendship, and compassion for this organization and this lodge warms my heart. I am blessed to know each member of our LOEA.

You're all an inspiration. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

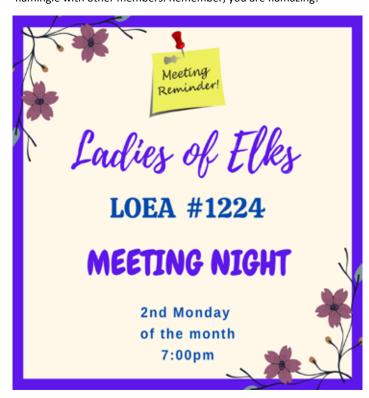
Please show your appreciation for our military at Dolly Masi's USA SHOW on November 4th @ 6 PM. Dolly and her team work hard to put on a fun line-up of talent honoring each branch of our military for active duty and veterans as well as those we've lost.

Mark your calendar for our November LOEA meeting on Monday November 13th! This meeting is special because it is our Past Lady Presidents Meeting. Virginia Warfield will be running the meeting and has some special things planned! Dinner starts at 6 PM and Meeting officially starts at 7 PM.

On November 18th, Vice President Janet Barrick is partnering with Brian Polk for the Razzmatazz Show hosting a multi-talented performer.

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 ques-

tions 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!





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 wELKomed 19 new members in October!



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

As a reminder, the St Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224 is a members-only organization.

In accordance with Florida liquor laws
and Elks statutes, the sale of
alcoholic beverages is limited to
members in good standing.
Non-members and guests may NOT purchase
alcoholic drinks from any of the Lodge bars.

You may be asked to show your current, signed membership card at any time.

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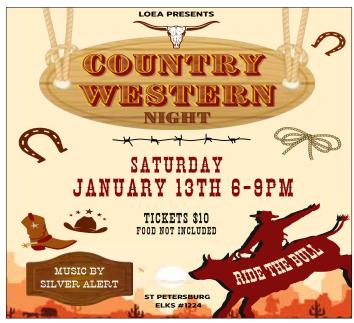
FOR FULL LIST OF POOL RULES PLEASE SEE MAIN BOARD BY POOL GATE











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 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.

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St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2022-2023

Sheila Mutascio
Roger D Remy
Peter Privitera
John M Tondreault
Charles Bunker01/12/23
Lorna (Bunny) Ennis
Philip E Taranto PER LM01/24/23
John A Morris02/01/23
Sheila Carnes
Yolanda Crespo
Gail Camerson
Margaret Magno
Lawrence C Lynch LM
Robert B Cowles05/11/23
Brian Bonner LM
Walter McNamee LM
Glenn Walborn05/22/23
Carmine Casale
Roger Buchanan07/15/23
Joseph Mallen

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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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12th









1ST WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH AT 1:00PM

3RD WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH AT 6:30PM



Members, friends and guests, As you know we only had one day out of two due to hurricane Idalia for the Texas Roadhouse dinner promotion with 10% of the sales going to Florida Elks Charities / Unmasking Autism.

Texas Roadhouse has given the following dates for the donation dinners on the third Monday of each month for a 3-month trial. In January, we will meet to re-evaluate and decide if we should move forward with the program as well as expanding it district and statewide. On Monday August 28, 2023, we made \$285.00. Texas Roadhouse management was very excited about the money that we raised and said that we were one of the better groups. Please post this at your lodges, read it on the lodge floor at meetings and encourage your members to have dinner and at the same time helping to support Florida Eliks Charities/Unmasking Autism. You can also donate with the QR code on the tabletop frames at each table, see attached. Please remember to tell your server that you are with the Eliks. This promotion is only good at the St. Petersburg location 10105 Bay Pines Blvd, St. Petersburg, FL 33708

Please see the following dates:

Monday, October 16, 2023 Monday, November 20, 2023 Monday, December 18, 2023

We encourage you, your lodge, and friends to support this program. Let us show Texas Roadhouse that the Wonderful West Central District will make it happen and get this program going statewide.







Veterans Chairman Message





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VETERAN'S CORNER

The veterans riding free on the PSTA for November 10th & 11th was approved as of 10/10/23. The following forms of ID will be excepted: 1. Veterans ID card 2. Veterans health ID card 3. military ID. 4. Florida driver's license with embossed veterans designation. This information was emailed to me from PSTA.

In Comradeship,
Johnny Miller – VAVS Representative







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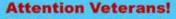
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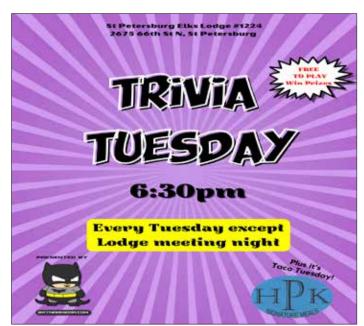




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Restoration of Pool/Tiki Patio Areas, Mural, & Furniture

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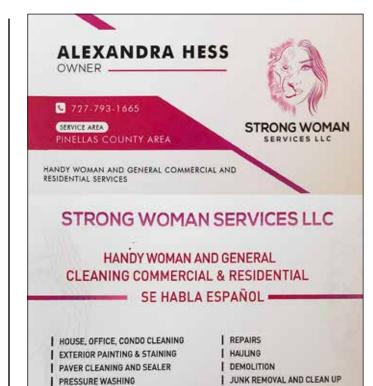
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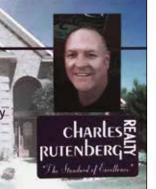


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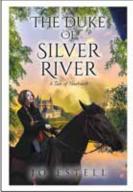
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27 Got it 2:30pm	20 Got it 2:30pm Orientation/Initiation 6:30PM	13 Got it 2:30pm LOEA Meeting 7PM	6 Got it 2:30pm	Monday LOUNGE: 344-6553 HOURS Mon 11AM-10PM .AM-11PM LY 7AM – 10PM .PM, SUN-NOON RI @ 5PM
28 Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM	21 Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM	14 PER meeting at 6PM Lodge Meeting 7PM	7 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM	Tuesday HAPPY PATTI'S KITCHEN Mon-Sat 11AM-8PM Sunday 9AM-6PM
29 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	722 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	15 Tiki Open – 5PM Bunco 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	8 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	Wednesday 1 "Ladies Who Lunch" Noon Bunco 1PM Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM
30 KARAOKE with Darby 5PM	Thanksgiving Dinner served 12-6PM (reservations and pre-pay only) THANKSGIVING DAY	16 KARAOKE with Darby 5PM	9 Wine-o Bingo 12:30PM KARAOKE with Darby 5PM	Thursday House Committee Meeting 6:30PM KARAOKE with Darby 5PM
COMINI 12/9 LOEA CH 1/13 Country 12/31 New Year's Eve	24 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM	17 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM	PLR Meeting now moved to 2nd Tuesday of the Month Midyear Convention Bus Shuttle Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM	Friday 3 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM
COMING SOON 12/9 LOEA Christmas Party 1/13 Country Western Night 12/31 New Year's Eve 2024 (reservation only)	25 Tiki Open – 3PM Comedy Night 6:30PM	18 Tiki Open – 3PM "Razzmatazz" Ventriloquist, Magician, Juggler, Comedian 6:30PM	11 Tiki Open – 3PM VETERAN'S DAY	Saturday 4 Tiki Open – 3PM USA Show - Dinner 5:45 Show 7:00PM (reserved seating)

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Our Lecturing Knight Buzz Hoffman and his wife Christine completed hosting their first Elks Social event "A Night at the Races". It pleases us to report that this their first event sold out and netted over \$2,300. It takes much planning, open communication, effective collaboration, leadership, and teamwork to conduct a successful event! Congratulations Buzz & Christine! We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

Our annual Lodge USA Show raising funds for Bill Young VAVS (Bay Pines) Hospital has 44 members of our Lodge practicing at home and rehearsing together to ensure a fun, entertaining, and patriotic show for all attendees. Get your tickets now! Event Chair PER/PLP Dolly Masi, cast and crew, Thank You! We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

Hat's off to our Ladies of Elks Auxiliary President Farrah Pileggi, Officers and Members! Traveling around the State visiting other Lodges, we are pleased to see that you are not only Warm, Friendly, & Active, your Service and Fundraising are Over the Top leading us to believe you are the best Ladies Organization in the State! We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

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