

SPOTLIGHT



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December 2023

Music & Games
 BATMAN MEDIA PRESENTS

WHAT THE blank?
 HOLIDAY EDITION

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

SATURDAY DECEMBER 23rd
FUN STARTS AT 6pm

DINNER SPECIALS AVAILABLE

St. Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224
 HOLIDAY EDITION
 H.P.K. Happy Patti's Kitchen

A Winter Wonderland

NYE 2024
 Sunday, December 31st

ENTERTAINMENT
 8:30 PM - 12:30AM
"Fence Walk"

Tickets **\$50⁰⁰**
 Per person

Ticket includes:
 Roast Beef or Turkey Dinner at 7:30PM
 2 Well Drinks
 Champagne Toast at Midnight

Event is for ticket holders only! Get your tickets early.

THE LOEA PRESENTS...

"A Candy Cane Christmas"
 A FUN night for All!

Bring your family and friends
 for a night of holiday merriment,
 dancing and good cheer!

\$10
(FOOD AVAILABLE)

SATURDAY | DEC 9TH
6-9PM

ST. PETERSBURG Elks LODGE #1224

DRIVE THRU TOY GIVEAWAY

SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY *Santa*

DECEMBER 16 | 10AM-2PM

OFFICERS	
Heidi Green	Exalted Ruler
Brian Haverfield	Leading Knight
Buzz Hoffman	Loyal Knight
Adrienne Sproul	Lecturing Knight
Julia Barnes	Lodge Secretary
Brian Polk	Treasurer
Kirk Martin	Chaplin
Carol Barkalow	Esquire
Ann Marie Bongiorno	Tiler
Marlene Evans	Inner Guard

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Rick Marks	Chairman of the Board
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Buzz Hoffman, Adrienne Sproul,
Brian Polk, Julia Barnes

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Buzz Hoffman, Adrienne Sproul	
Margie Schulz, Max Belawske, PDD	
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Julia Barnes	

KITCHEN	
Happy Patty's Kitchen	

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	
Max Belawske, PDD	Americanism
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Toni Goodrich, PDD	Auditing
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Buzz Hoffman	Flag Day/Flag Retirement
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Adrienne Sproul	Mother's Day
Brian Haverfield	New Years Eve

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Alexandra Kaan	Presiding Justice of Forum
Virginia Warfield, PLP	Public Relations
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Mark Mettetal, PER	Ritual
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THE NIGHT BEFORE THE NIGHT BEFORE '24

Celebrate New Years Eve Eve with

DJ BATMAN

MUSIC AND DANCING

12 | 30 | 23 - 6.00 PM

FREE TO ATTEND

Glory Days GRILL

4088 Park Street N
St. Petersburg, FL 33709

Fundraiser for

Florida Elks
WOMEN'S LIBRARY SERVICES

Glory Days Grill will donate up to 20%* of event sales

Wednesday Nov. 8th
Wednesday Nov. 22nd
Wednesday Dec. 13th
Wednesday, Dec. 20th

*10% for the first \$1,000.00
20% for anything over \$2,000.00

READY to ORDER?

Sunday, December 3, 1PM

For those who no longer answer when their name is called

Please join us as we hold a Special Service at the Lodge to honor and remember our departed loved ones.

Farrah Pileggi | LOEA President Message



The Ladies of Elks Auxiliary wishes everyone at the Lodge a Happy, Healthy and Love-Filled Holiday Season! Get your holiday shopping in at our December Arts & Crafts Market & Bake Sale on Saturday December 2nd! Please join us for our Christmas Party on Saturday December 9th. Tickets sold at the bar!

Meeting Reminder!

Ladies of Elks

LOEA #1224

MEETING NIGHT

2nd Monday of the month
7:00pm



Dear Members All,

Happy Holidays! These two simple words carry immense weight. They are a bridge that connects hearts, transcending borders, beliefs, and backgrounds. Whether you celebrate Christmas or Hanukkah, this time of year unites us in shared joy and goodwill.

Let us take a moment to reflect on the journey we've undertaken together. The days have been long, the challenges formidable, yet here we stand—stronger, wiser, and more resilient. Our collective efforts have shaped the path ahead, and for that, I extend my heartfelt gratitude.

To our dedicated Volunteers, Bartenders, Committee members and Officers: You are the heartbeat of our lodge. Your unwavering commitment and tireless dedication have propelled us forward. Each event meticulously crafted, each project meticulously executed. Thank you for showing up, for giving your best, and for believing in our shared vision for our charities and the enjoyment and betterment of the lodge.

As we gather around tables filled with festive delights, let us remember those who couldn't be with us. Their absence reminds us of the fragility of time, urging us to cherish every laugh, every moment spent together. Let us raise our glasses to absent members, family and friends, their spirits woven into the fabric of our memories.

The holiday season is a tapestry of traditions. The twinkling lights, the scent of cinnamon, the laughter of children—it all weaves a magical spell. So, whether you're attending a midnight service or lighting the menorah may your celebrations be filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments.

In this season of giving, let us extend our hands to those in need. A small act of kindness can illuminate someone's world. Whether it's volunteering at the Lodge, VA or shelter, participating in our Christmas Toy Drive Thru, donating to our Christmas Basket Food Drive, or simply lending a listening ear, let us be the light that pierces the darkness.

As we step into the new year, let us carry the warmth of these holidays with us. May our hearts be as open as the gifts under the tree. And may the bonds we've forged withstand the tests of time.

In closing, I wish you all the joys of this season. May your homes be filled with laughter, your hearts with love, and your spirits with hope.

Merry Christmas, and may the coming year be even more extraordinary than the last.

Fraternally your,
Heidi Green
Exalted Ruler

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 welcomed 24 new members in November!



MEMBERSHIP RE-STATEMENT

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

PROPOSED CANDIDATES

Perry Boruff	Joseph Longo #2163	Retired
Jillian Burrvano	Karen Purser	Bartender
Bryson Campbell	Nichole Morales	Systems Architect
Tracy Campbell	Nichole Morales	Owner-Kissin Cuzzins
Christine Cramer	Patricia Mckinney	Self Employed
Jena Jamrog	Jan Musgrave	N/A
Edward Karlau	Bernadette Wright #2284	Cnc Mach/Prog
Molly Klessig-Wade	William Wanless	Insurance Csr
Gregg Laude	Nichole Morales	Marketing Manager
Amber Lo	Taylor Henderson	Manger
Richard Miller	Jan Giallourakis	Self-Employed
Alberto Morales, Jr	Patricia Volpe #708	Loan Originator
Philip Murray	Rob Davis	Retired
Stewart Olson	Lora Sadler	Retired
Robert Pileggi	Farrah Pileggi	Realtor
Laura Rampson	Dawn Kleinschmidt	Server
Theresa Roe	Julia Barnes	Real Estate Clos Agt
William Shull	Charles Kwiatkowski	Sales
Amy Streicher	Selita Veasey	Nurse
James Uliasz	Angela Perea	Hr Officer
Nancy Waechter	Sarah Gerdes	Retired
Kevin Walton	Patrick Sullivan	Charter Captain

TRANSFER/DEMIT	FROM
Louis J. Mariany, Jr	Holiday Isles #1912

REINSTATEMENT	MEMBER #
Margaret Drabik	12101
Sherry Gerow	13420
Veronica Nonemaker	13774

POOL RULES

SHOW MEMBERSHIP CARD TO POOL MONITOR OR BARTENDER
 GUESTS AND MEMBERS OF OTHER LODGES MUST PAY \$5.00
 PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CHILDREN
 NO OUTSIDE COOLERS, FOOD OR DRINKS

APPROPRIATE SWIM ATTIRE ONLY - NO CUTOFFS, SPEEDOS OR 'T-BACK' SWIMSUITS
 NO GLASS IN THE POOL AREA
 NO DRINKS IN THE POOL
 NO DIVING IN THE MAIN POOL
 NO SWIMMING IN DIVING AREA
 NO RUNNING OR HORSEPLAY

WARNINGS MAY RESULT IN EXPULSION FROM POOL AND BUILDING

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

Ladies of Elks Auxiliary

Holiday Market

AND BAKE SALE

Arts, crafts, local vendors and gifts

Saturday
December 2nd
 9 AM-1 PM

St Pete Elks Lodge #1224
 Parking Lot
 Open to Public

2675 66th St N, St Petersburg

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.

Christmas Basket FOOD DRIVE

To assist local families in need
 Drop items in lobby by Dec 10th

ALL FOOD AND GIFT DONATIONS WILL BE HELPING PROVIDE FOR FAMILIES IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY

Holiday Baskets

Volunteers Needed to Assemble the Baskets
 Friday, December 15th
 at 8:00 AM

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.

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

suicidepreventionlifeline.org



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
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St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2022-2023

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
Margaret Magno	04/23/23
Lawrence C Lynch LM	04/29/23
Robert B Cowles	05/16/23
Brian Bonner LM	05/16/23
Walter McNamee LM	05/20/23
Glenn Walborn	05/22/23
Roger Buchanan	06/01/23
Carmine Casale	07/13/23
Joseph Mallen	07/21/23
Shirley Higgins	10/21/23
H. Joe Straley	10/22/23

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

Blaine M. Russell	5/24
Wayne L. Everett	5/24
In Memory of Al Goodrich	7/24
In Memory of William A. Schulz	12/24
In Memory of Stephen Prins	3/24

Gold Spotlight Boosters

Robert Casero	4/24
Cathy & Carmine Casale	4/24
Alexandra Kaan	12/26

Silver Spotlight Boosters

Betts Roberts	12/26
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BE A SPOTLIGHT BOOSTER

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

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

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PRESENTED BY  **Elks Lodge #1224** \$5 TO PLAY
2675 66th Street N,
St. Petersburg, FL 33710
SUNDAY DECEMBER 10th
2-4pm
MIXTAPE
SING ALONG TO THE SONGS
THE MUSIC YOU LOVE TO HEAR!
Bingo
CAUTION! Mixtape Bings will expose you to music, which may cause outbreaks of singing, happiness, energy and fun! Attend at your own risk!

KARAOKE NIGHT
every Thursday
STARTS AT 5:00PM

Join the LOEA For a
FESTIVE Pamper DAY
SUNDAY DECEMBER 10
11AM-2PM
Fairy Sparkle Hair \$20 for 10 strands
Chair Massage \$15 for 19 minutes
Color Street Nails \$10
Wooden Craft Project \$10
Raffle Baskets to win!

GOT IT!
POP-UP EVENT
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
6:00PM
St. Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224



Just before 8am on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, hundreds of Japanese fighter planes carried out a devastating attack on the Pearl Harbor American Naval base in Honolulu, Hawaii, on the island of Oahu. The Japanese aircrews managed to achieve complete surprise and for two hours, Japanese fighter, bomber and torpedo planes carried out a shocking assault on the naval base.

Pearl Harbor will be remembered Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023.

How is Pearl Harbor Day Observed?

The White House and all United States government buildings fly the American flag at half-mast as should all homes and private buildings to honor those who died in the attack at Pearl Harbor.

Pearl Harbor survivors, associations and the military community typically commemorate the day with memorial services, wreath laying ceremonies and the retelling of the days' events. Many schools and museums have activities to educate students and the public on the historical importance of Pearl Harbor.



THE NATIONAL GUARD BIRTHDAY

Similar to many other military observances, the birthday of the National Guard is not a national holiday, a bank holiday, or a special day off on the federal calendar. Yet Guard units around the world make a point to honor this special day. One of the most common activities to celebrate is with a National Guard Birthday cake cutting ceremony.

Tradition requires this ceremony to involve the oldest member of the celebrating Guard unit cutting the cake together with the youngest member. This is similar to the cake cutting tradition found at Army Dining-Out ceremonies, the Air Force Ball, and many other events where military heritage is an important part of the proceedings.

Some Guard units may celebrate on the local level with open houses, recruitment drives, charity work, or other community involvement.

Some governors may make an official proclamation or continue the tradition of proclamations on this day honoring the sacrifices and accomplishments of Guard members. Memorial observances for those who have died on duty are also a way to honor Dec. 13 each year.

You can get involved in an effort to support Guard members celebrate the National Guard birthday. You can make yourself available as a current or former Guard member by contacting your local National Guard office or a Veteran Service Organization (VSO) such as the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), or Wounded Warrior Project.

Are you ready to roll?

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 Elks 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 Elks. 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.

JOIN OUR LODGE IN HOSTING AND THANKING OUR VETERANS FROM BAY PINES HOSPITAL

EVERY 2ND THURSDAY KARAOKE NIGHT FROM 5 TO 7PM

THE LODGE WILL BE PROVIDING PIZZA AND BEVERAGES FOR OUR BAY PINES VETERANS ON THOSE EVENINGS

Mark your calendar for these

JANUARY EVENTS

GAME SHOW NIGHT

A range of interactive games, including:
 One Punch, Speed Trivia, the Eliminator and Speed Survey

SATURDAY JANUARY 6TH
FUN STARTS AT 6PM

DINNER SPECIALS AVAILABLE

PRESENTED BY **HPK**
 Happy Patti's Kitchen

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

LOEA

QUARTER AUCTION

Sunday ~ January 21st ~ 1-3 pm

Bring your quarters for an afternoon of fun!

Paddles Up!

How does a Quarter Auction work?

- \$5 entry fee gets you a paddle
- The number on your paddle matches a number in our drawing basket.
- Auction items will be showcased one at a time.
- When each item is shown the 'quarter' value will be determined.
- If you want the item, you put your quarter/s in the bucket and raise your paddle.
- If your number is drawn and your paddle is raised, you win the item!

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LOEA PRESENTS

COUNTRY WESTERN NIGHT

SATURDAY
JANUARY 13TH 6-9PM

TICKETS \$10
 FOOD NOT INCLUDED

MUSIC BY **SILVER ALERT**

ST PETERSBURG ELKS #1224

RIDE THE BULL



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 Thanksgiving has come and gone and Christmas is right around the corner. Until I ended up in the hospital I felt good about what I was accomplishing for the veterans out Bay Pines. They are happy with the refurbished bikes and of course the caps make them proud.

The 2nd Thursday with Pizza & Karaoke has been a big hit with the veterans. Things we take for granted are needed like belts and jackets. I mentioned at a Thursday night and received about a dozen jackets. Much appreciated. So if you have extra belts that don't quite fit anymore or a Jacket, please drop them off at the lodge marked for the veterans and I know they will be appreciated. Merry Christmas and a happy New year.

Thanks for caring for our veterans at Bay Pines.

In Comradeship,
 Johnny Miller – VAVS Representative

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

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

VA Caregiver Support | Call VA's Caregiver Support Line toll-free today.
1-855-260-3274

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

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.

Join on us on the first Wednesday of the month for

Ladies who Lunch!

12 pm at Happy Patti's Kitchen

LET'S PLAY

Wine-o Bingo!

SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
 12:30PM

\$1.00 per card
 Have fun and win prizes!

PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOEA CHARITIES

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.

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

TRIVIA TUESDAY

6:30pm

Every Tuesday except Lodge meeting night

Plus It's Taco Tuesday!

GOT IT!

MONDAYS at the Lodge
 2:30pm

ENJOY SUNDAY BREAKFAST

9AM TO NOON

All your breakfast favorites the way you like it:

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



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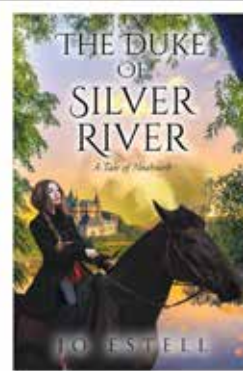
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**PLEASE HELP A NEW
AUTHOR OUT.**

Jo Estell's debut novella *The Duke of Silver River* is available in paperback or e-book at Amazon, Barnes Nobel, and Apple i-Tunes. Thank you.

A chance encounter on a muddy village road brings two destined hearts together, but an oath made in haste keeps them apart until a tragic death occurs. Years later, a treacherous scheme brings war and a catastrophic injury that could cost them everything. Will misfortune bring them grief and heartache, or will love overcome all?

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<p>3 Breakfast 9AM-Noon TIKI Open - Noon Elks Memorial Service 1PM Queen of Hearts 4PM</p>	<p>4 Got It! 2:30PM</p>	<p>5 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM</p>	<p>6 "Ladies Who Lunch" Noon Bunco 1:00 PM TIKI Open - 5PM Dart League 7PM</p>	<p>7 House Committee Meeting 6:30PM KARAOKÉ with Darby 5PM</p>	<p>8 TIKI Open - 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Dazzler"</p>	<p>9 TIKI Open - 3PM A Candy Cane Christmas Party 6:00pm Tix \$10pp</p>
<p>10 Breakfast 9AM-Noon TIKI Open - Noon Festive Pamper Day 11AM-2PM Mixtape Bingo 2-4PM Queen of Hearts 4PM</p>	<p>11 Got It! 2:30PM LOEA Meeting 7PM</p>	<p>12 Lodge Meeting 7PM</p>	<p>13 TIKI Open - 5PM Dart League 7PM</p>	<p>14 Wine-O Bingo 12:30PM KARAOKÉ with Darby 5PM</p>	<p>15 TIKI Open - 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Al Ruggerio"</p>	<p>16 TIKI Open - 3PM Kids Drive-through Christmas Toy Giveaway 10AM-2PM Pop-up Got It 6:00pm</p>
<p>17 Breakfast 9AM-Noon TIKI Open - Noon Queen of Hearts 4PM</p>	<p>18 Got It! 2:30PM</p>	<p>19 Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM</p>	<p>20 TIKI Open - 5PM Bunco 6:30PM Dart League 7PM</p>	<p>21 KARAOKÉ with Darby 5PM</p>	<p>22 TIKI Open - 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Carolyn Street"</p>	<p>23 TIKI Open - 3PM Holiday Edition "What the Blank?" with Batman 6-9pm \$5 tx pp</p>
<p>24 *CHRISTMAS EVE Breakfast 9AM-Noon ER Egg Nog and hotluck Details top of this calendar</p>	<p>25 Merry Christmas CHRISTMAS DAY LODGE IS CLOSED</p>	<p>26 Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM</p>	<p>27 TIKI Open - 5PM Dart League 7PM</p>	<p>28 KARAOKÉ with Darby 5PM</p>	<p>29 TIKI Open - 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Tom Davis"</p>	<p>30 TIKI Open - 3PM "The Night Before the Night Before '24" Music and Dancing DJ Batman 6:00pm</p>
<p>31 **NEW YEARS EVE Winter Wonderland NVE '24 Party details top of this calendar</p>						

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Thank you to the many members who attended and the cast members who performed in last month's USA Show! Because of your efforts, after expenses, the show made a profit of \$4,100 our Lodge and LOEA donated to Bill Young VAWS (Bay Pines Vets Hospital). A total of 206 hours of rehearsal and other work went into this effort. We are thankful and proud of all who participated, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

For over 100 years, St. Pete Elks Lodge has sponsored and offered Thanksgiving Dinner for those who do not have family or friends to share it with in their homes. Lodge volunteers stepped up to prepare the dinner helping to ensure no one had to eat a meal alone. Happy Patty's Kitchen Staff came in this special time of year to cook the feast. Happy Patty's Kitchen Staff, thank you for giving up your holiday to help make someone's special! We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

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