

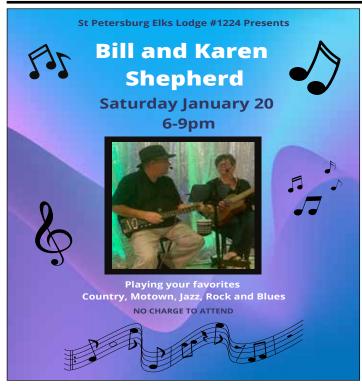
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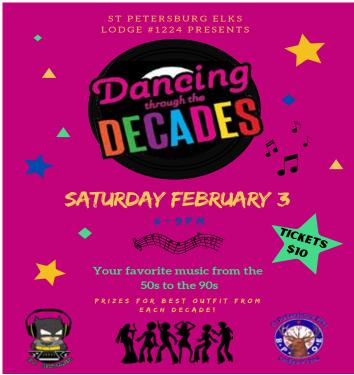
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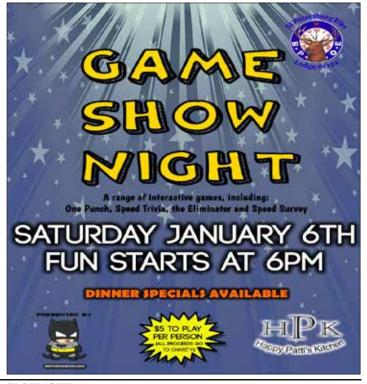
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Sunday ~ January 21st ~ 1-3 pm



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How does a Quarter Auction work?

- \$5 entry fee gets you a paddle
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 matches a number in our
- 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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Dear Members All,

As we stand on the threshold of another year, it is with immense joy and gratitude that I extend warm New Year's greetings to each and everyone of you. The turning of the calendar not only marks the passage of time but also an opportunity for reflection, growth, and renewed commitment to the values that bind us together.

The journey of the past year has been filled with shared experiences, laughter, challenges, and tri-

umphs. As we bid farewell to the year gone by, let's carry forward the lessons learned and favorite memories, using them as stepping stones toward an even brighter future.

New Year's is a time for resolutions, a time to set intentions that propel us toward personal and collective betterment. Let's resolve to uphold the principles that define our fraternal order, embracing the spirit of brotherly love, charity, justice and fidelity . In doing so, we ensure that our journey remains guided by the principles that have made our order withstand the tests of time.

As we welcome the new year, let's celebrate the diversity within our organization, recognizing that each member brings a unique perspective and strength. It is this diversity that enriches our order.

In the face of challenges that may lie ahead, let's stand united, drawing inspiration from the resilience that has characterized our order throughout its history. Challenges are not roadblocks but opportunities for

growth. Together, we can overcome any obstacles that come our way, emerging stronger and more united than ever before.

In the coming year, let us rededicate ourselves to making a positive impact on the lives of those around us, embodying the spirit of brotherly love through selfless acts of kindness and service.

In conclusion, as we stand on the edge of a new year, let's approach the future with optimism, determination, and a renewed commitment to the values that define us. May the coming year be filled with prosperity, and continued growth for each member of our lodge.

Together, let's embrace the opportunities that await us and make 2024 a year that strengthens our bonds and makes us shine bright in our community.

Here's to new beginnings. Happy New Year!

Fraternally yours, Heidi Green Exalted Ruler

Farrah Pileggi | LOEA President Message

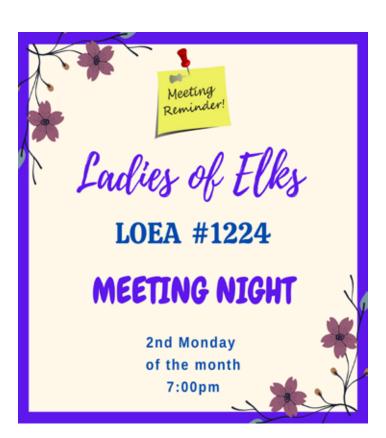


Happy New Year! Welcome 2024! I wish you all wonderful blessings and prosperity in the year ahead. Hope to see everyone at the Country Western Night on the 13th- come ride the bull 6-9 PM. On the 21st we have our annual Quarter Auction fundraiser @ 1 PM. We are still in need of items for the auction- we are looking for new or almost new things- clean out those closets and get rid of those holiday gifts you really don't want!

Bring your donations to the LOEA Meeting on 1/8 where we will also have Dolly Masi, PLP, PER talking about Jackson's Gift: a program that will be in partnership with the Florida State Elks Association's Major Projects supporting children and veterans.

It's hard to believe that it has been eight months since being installed as President. It's an honor to share this title with some of the most amazing woman in our organization's history however I don't know if I've done the position the justice it deserves. Truthfully, I could never have done this without the help of our amazing officers and members. Thank you to all of you as I am inspired daily by the hard work, leadership and support this organization provides to the lodge and local community.

As it is the time of resolutions- I encourage you to do one extra thing each quarter (c'mon that's only 4 things) for the LOEA. From simply buying a ticket to an event to chairing an event to volunteering at the Ice Cream Parlor this summer. Everything you do supports the lodge and the community. What will you do to help?



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.

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Scott Coursen #12763
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LIFE MEMBER YEARS
Leonard Bonter 30
Robert Matos 30
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You may be asked to show your current, signed membership card at any time.









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

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

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St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 **Deceased 2022-2023**

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Charles Bunker01/12/23
Lorna (Bunny) Ennis01/24/23
Philip E Taranto PER LM
John A Morris02/01/23
Sheila Carnes
Yolanda Crespo
Gail Camerson
Margaret Magno
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VETERAN'S CORNER

I would like to start by thanking all elks who brought jackets belts and gifts to our veterans at Bay Pines. The jackets the veterans don't think about until cold days hit. But they sure are happy when they get them. The hoodies from our lodge also were appreciated. I'm still in need of good used jackets.

I would like to bring attention for our Elks that are 100% service connected. We never know when something drastic is going to happen and if you are away from home and end up in an emergency room besides the VA. Within 72 hours you need to contact (844) 724-7842. This is the line to get approved so the hospital can bill the VA. If approved you will receive an approval #. Hang on to it because small bills will follow.

On the 2nd Thursday of each month our lodge has hosted up to 12 Bay Pines Veterans for pizza and Karaoke. They love visiting with our lodge. Any questions call me and I will try to help anyway I can.

In Comradeship, Johnny Miller VAVS Representative





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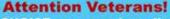
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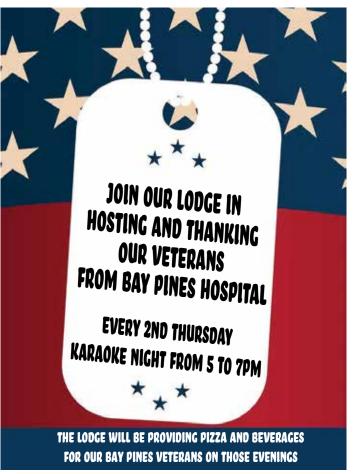






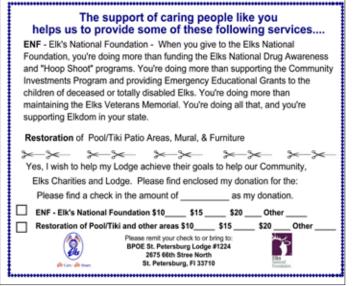












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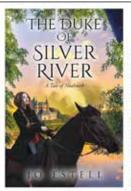
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31	24 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	17 Tiki Open – 5PM Bunco 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	10 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	"Ladies Who Lunch" Noon Bunco 1:00 PM Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	Wednesday
HAPPY PATTI'S KITCHEN OPEN: Mon-Sun 11AM-8PM	25 KARAOKE 5PM	18 KARAOKE 5PM	11 Wine-O Bingo 12:30PM KARAOKE 5PM	House Committee Meeting 6:30PM KARAOKE 5PM	Thursday
OFFICE: 344-6551 • LOUNGE: 344-6553 LODGE HOURS: Sun 10AM-10PM • Mon 11AM-10PM Tues-Sat 11AM-11PM OFFICE HOURS: 10-2PM Monday - Saturday	26 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Sounds of Yesterday"	Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Bittersweet"	12 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Dazzler"	Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Kris Pierce"	Friday
LOUNGE: 344-6553 -10PM • Mon 11AM-10PM LAM-11PM M Monday - Saturday	27 Tiki Open – 3PM Motown Night Live performance "Divas of Soul" 7-10PM Tickets \$20pp (dinner & show)	Tiki Open – 3PM MUSIC 6-9PM by "Bill & Carol Shepherd"	13 Tiki Open – 3PM Country Western Night 6-9pm Music by "Silver Alert" Tickets \$10pp	6 Tiki Open – 3PM Game Show Night 6:00pm	Saturday

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Speaking of The Kind Mouse, many St. Pete Elks Members helped them fill up Christmas food baskets. Elks Care, Elks Share is alive due to our many volunteers who donate their time, talents, and money to support our many causes. Volunteers, we are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

The weather interfered with our annual Christmas Toy Gift Drive through this year but that didn't prevent us from making Christmas special for children this year. FL Elks Toy Drive partnership with Walgreens set up by St. Pete Member PER Dan Masi was extra special this year as St. Pete Elks gave 5,000 of these toys to that were distributed by St. Pete Police & Fire Department, Lealman Fire Department and several churches. Dan and Casey Masi, all of our Christmas Volunteers, we are proud of you and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

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