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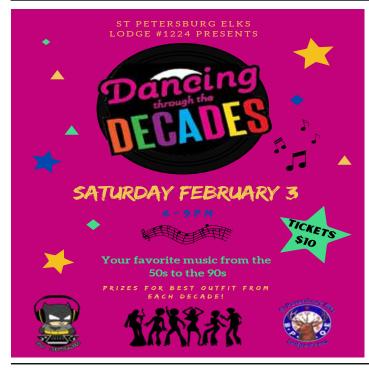
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Greetings Members,

As I'm sure you are aware, The Benevolent and Protective Orders of Elks was founded on February 16, 1868 by Charles Algermon Vivian and a group of actors and entertainers in New York City. Their goal was to promote the principles of charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity.

I can't imagine that the group of 15 founding members had any idea of the magnitude to

which the Order would grow and the lives that continue to be touched 156 years later. Did they ever think that there would be 2,000 Lodges across the United States, with almost 100 of them in the state of Florida alone? Could they ever have imagined the depth and width of our charitable works with children and veterans? I feel certain they would stand amazed and proud of all of our accomplishments.

Come celebrate our Elks Birthday on Friday night February 16th from 6:30 to 9:30 with music provided by At Large, cake and ice cream served from 6:30 to 7:30 as available.

Per our By-Laws the month of February requires multiple Lodge meetings to prepare for the upcoming Elks calendar year. During these meetings, our members will nominate and elect the officers who will be leading our Lodge in 2024-2025 year. The nominations and voting process begin on Tuesday, February 6th at 7 PM, during "Old Timers Night", where Past Exalted Rulers and Officers conduct the meeting. It's a fun filled night, but most importantly also includes the first nomination of your Lodge Officers.

The other two meeting nights are February 13th and February 27th at 7 PM. Your participation is critical to our election process. Please plan to attend and express your support and direction of the Lodge through your vote..

The February Quarterly, held at The Elks Youth Camp in Umatilla, is scheduled for February 9th and 10th. Saturday's general session meeting brings the opportunity to meet The Grand Exalted Ruler Randy P. Shook. He is from Lawrenceburg, TN Lodge No. 2006. I'm sure he will have an interesting and informative message for you.

To close February is not only your chance to express brotherly love to your fellow Elks brothers, sisters and community but to those closer at home. Make an extra effort to show your love and appreciation to those who support you in all the facets of your life.

Fraternally, Heidi Green Exalted Ruler





It's an exciting time for the St Petersburg Ladies Auxiliary, as we are approaching our historic 100th Anniversary in March and we have some wonderful things planned for the celebration!

In the meantime, our group is as active as ever. We have some great events coming up in February, including a Mardi Gras Masquer-

ade Party on the 17th. We're also pleased to support the Magic Yarn Project again, which provides fun and comfy character wigs for children with cancer. Join us at 10:30am on February 11th, and/or 11:00am on February 21st as we get the yarn ready to make the wigs.

Were you brave enough to ride the bull at our Country Western Night last month?! What a blast that night was. And of course the Quarter Auction is always a fun afternoon with Paddles Up! March 2nd is our next Arts & Crafts Market and LOEA Bake Sale, and we hope to see you there for this fantastic collection of local vendors and delicious baked treats.

I'm proud to be part of such an amazing group of women and men and I want to thank you as always for your continued support and participation.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 wELKomed 24 new members in January.



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

PROPOSED CANDIDATES

CANDIDATES	SPONSORS	OCCUPATION
Carol Bonnano	Evelyn Nakelski	Retired
Christopher Brock	Julia Barnes	Emergency Mgmnt
Randi Dixon	Beth Benson	RN-Bay Pines VA
Joanna Estell	Rudy Masi PSP	Retired/Writer
Mark Griffin	William Griffin	City Gulfport Planner
Wendy Keel	Norma Jean McGre	gor Consultant Wealthy Ways
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William Kolomyjec	Brian Polk	Artist
Amy Newman	Virginia Warfield	RN-Dept of Health
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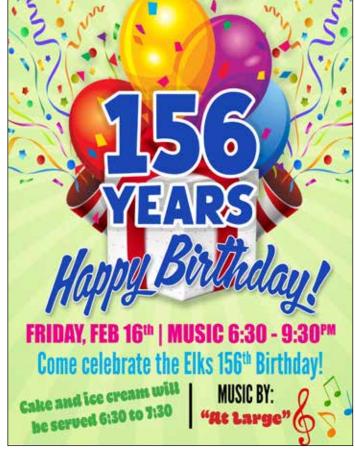
FOR FULL LIST OF POOL RULES PLEASE SEE MAIN BOARD BY POOL GATE

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.







The Magic Yarn Project Workshops

At The Elks #1224, 2675 66" St North, St. Petersburg, FL 33710 Sunday, February 11th 10:30-1:30 AND

Wednesday, February 21st 11:00-2:00

Join us for one or both workshops to create Ariel and Elsa character wigs:

- You can choose to cut yarn. The yarn will become the "hair" for character wigs.
 OR.
- · Add the yarn (hair) to the beanies

What is The Magic Yarn Project:

- . Creates character bearies & wigs for kiddos going through cancer or dealing with hair loss
- 100% volunteer run organization
- We partner with hospitals & volunteer organizations all across the globe
- We've gifted over 50,000 wigs since 2015
- · 30-character wigs & beanies to choose from
- Check out who we are: https://themagicyamproject.com/

Questions?

For questions contact Trish Corvad, a Magic Yarn Project volunteer at \$13-379-6529

Come help us make MAGIC in the life of a little cancer fighter!





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.



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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.

St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2022-2023

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
Stan Nackdymon	10/10/23
Shirley Higgins	10/21/23
H. Joe Straley	10/22/23
Thomas F Coleman LM	11/24/23
Benjamin Karnegie	/15/2024

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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JOHNNY L. MILLER

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Email johnnyleem@tampabay.rr.com

<u>Phone</u> 727-642-8004



VETERAN'S CORNER

In January there were two veteran events. The first was Pizza and Karaoke at our lodge and then Bowling and pizza at Seminole Lanes on January 12th. Both were enjoyed very much by our Bay Pines veterans.

I want to thank those that dropped things off for our veterans. The jackets, belts and things are appreciated.

It's a ways off but the stand down for our homeless veterans will be on April 4. I will be donating the music for the event.

Thanks to all of you that care about our veterans! As usual my phone # is (727) 642-8004. Leave a message!

In Comradeship, Johnny Miller VAVS Representative

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Bay Pines Veterans bowling and pizza at Seminole Lanes on January 12th





VA HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

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* * * LODGE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY * * *

The Lodge is seeking to fill the Officer position of SECRETARY. The current Secretary, Toni, is stepping down after 13 years and the Lodge is seeking her replacement.

The candidate for Secretary has to be an Elk or be willing to be an Elk, have a strong understanding of accounting, be organized, motivated and have good people skills.

Nominations for Secretary are being taken again, starting February 1, 2024, until the position is filled.

It is very helpful if the Secretary knows Excel and WORD to prepare spreadsheets and reports and assist with budgets.

The Secretary attends Monthly Lodge Meeting with minutes being kept and also attends the monthly Initiation Sessions to issue cards and packets.

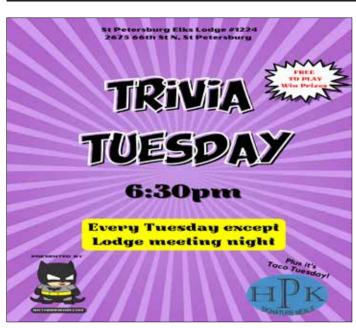
The Lodge pays for your attendance at State Officer Training sessions, the Mid-Year and State Conventions.

The Secretary salary is set by the Lodge By-laws, which is \$15 per hr; annual max salary of \$15,000.

The Secretary works closely with the Treasurer, ER and Board members and is a key player in the operation of the Lodge. This position is a very important, challenging and a rewarding one.

Training can start immediately after the Election of Secretary.

If interested, please contact Toni Goodrich in the Lodge Office (727) 344-6551 between 10-2 pm Monday thru Friday.









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

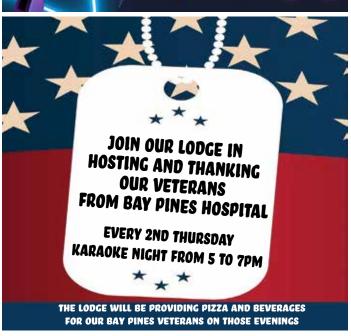


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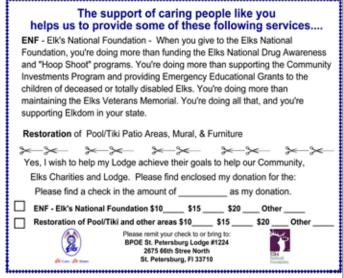
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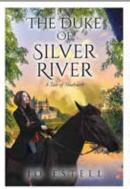
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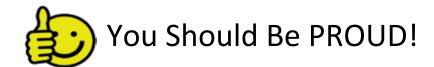
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Election of Lodge Officers for 2024/2025 (if deemed necessary according to Grand Lodge Statutes)	20 TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman	Lodge Meeting 7PM 2nd Nominations for Officers of the Lodge for 2024/2025 KITCHEN CLOSES AT 7PM	6 "Old Timer's Night" Meeting 7PM 1st Nomination for 2024-2025 Lodge Officers Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM	HAPPY PATTI'S KITCHEN OPEN: Mon-Sun 11AM-8PM Breakfast 9-Noon every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month	Tuesday
28 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	21 Tiki Open – 5PM Magic Yarn Workshop 11-2PM Bunco 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	14 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	7 "Ladies Who Lunch" Noon Bunco 1:00 PM Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	I'S KITCHEN In 11AM-8PM every 2nd & 4th the Month	Wednesday
29 KARAOKE SPM	22 KARAOKE SPM	15 KARAOKE SPM	8 KARAOKE SPM	1 House Committee Meeting 6:30PM KARAOKE 5PM	Thursday
SAVE TH 3/2 Arts & C 3/9 Night a 3/23 Volunteer A Stay informed visit	Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Sounds of Yesterday"	16 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "At Large "	9 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by" Al Ruggeiro"	Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Red Hawk"	Friday
SAVE THE DATE: 3/2 Arts & Crafts Market 3/9 Night at the Races 3/23 Volunteer Appreciation Party Stay informed visit the lodge's Website www.bpoe1224.com	24 Law & Order Night \$10 Lasagna Dinner Dinner At 6PM Program to follow Tiki Open – 3PM	17 Tiki Open – 3PM Mardi Gras Masquerade Party 6-9PM MUSIC by Mike Calzone	10 Tiki Open – 3PM Saints & Sinners Valentine's Party 6-9PM MUSIC by "At Large"	3 Tiki Open – 3PM Dancing through the Decades Music *50's through the 90's DJ Batman - 6-9PM Tickets \$10 *Prizes for best outflit from each decade!	Saturday

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Old Timer's Night is an honored tradition the first Tuesday of February in our Lodge. We take first nominations for next year's Officers and St. Pete #1224 Lodge Officers from 10 Years Ago serve in the Officer Positions. Congratulations to the following Officers from 10 Years Ago who are still active and supporting our Lodge. They will be serving in their roles from 10 years ago for a fun filled Old Timer's Night: ER Dolly Masi, PER, Leading Knight John Bice, PER, Secretary Toni Goodrich, PDD, Treasurer Jan Gens, Inner Guard H. Tom Shriver, PDD, Trustees - Mark Mettetal, PER, John Hisiro, PER, Bill Lieber, PER, Bob Matos and Donnie Reich. Thank you to these fine Elks for serving as the rest of the Chairs: Lodge Esquire Bonnie Barnes, PER, Loyal Knight Rudy Masi, PSP, Lecturing Knight Joanne Matos, PDD, Chaplain Cathy Shriver, PER, Organist Dawn Lieber, PER, Tiler Anne Marie Bongiorno. These fine Elks have served our Lodge and Elkdom for many, many years. We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

Our District Leader Past State President Frank Palladini has gone emeritus. Congratulations and Thank You Frank for serving as our Wonderful West Central District Leader from 2002 - 2023! Frank led our District to be the best in Florida and one of the best in the Nation! We very much love and appreciate you! We wish Frank the best as he travels and enjoy more family time! Frank, we are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

Congratulations to our Lodge Member and Past State President Rudy Masi, Sr! Rudy has been appointed by Past National President and State Sponsor Mike Smith to the position of Wonder West Central District

Leader responsible for all eight of our District Lodges. Rudy says he will not be able to fill Frank's shoes but with everyone's support he will do his best to lead our District to continued success! Rudy, we are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

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