

SPOTLIGHT



BPOE St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224
2675 66th Street North | St. Petersburg, FL 33710
Office: 344-6551 | Fax: 344-6552 | Lounge: 344-6553
Lodge Website: <http://www.bpoe1224.com>

1911-2024 *113 Years of Service to the Community*
Elks National Foundation
Elks Children's Therapy Services
Elks Youth Camp

**** ALL AMERICAN LODGE • DIVISION VI • 2020-2021 1ST PLACE ****

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ER's Volunteer Appreciation **DINNER & PARTY**

It is my honor to cordially invite you to our Volunteer Appreciation Party so come join the fun with dinner and live entertainment!

Dinner Choice: Chicken Marsala or Beef Stroganoff

MARCH 23 • 6-9:30PM

Thank you for your devoted time and effort in planning the Lodge's many activities. Your contribution allowed the Lodge to offer an exceptional experience for all members to enjoy.

RESERVATIONS A MUST!!!
Please make your reservation for this function. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the lounge or call the office at 344-6551.

Heidi Green, ER

Music by: "Sequel"

You are cordially invited to the
2024-2025
Installation of Officers
Saturday, March 30th
LOEA Installation - 6PM

Lodge Officers' Installation to follow

Music and dinner will start after both Installation programs and presentations are complete (approx 7:15)

Music by: Doug Lalino

Music & Games

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

FRIENDLY FEUD

SURVEY SAYS...

SATURDAY MARCH 2ND

FUN STARTS AT 6:00 PM
PLAY SOLO OR BRING A TEAM.

DINNER SPECIALS AVAILABLE

WITH **BATMAN**

St. Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224

HPK Happy Patti's Kitchen

2675 66th St, St. Petersburg, FL 33710

St Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224 presents

A Night at the Races

SATURDAY ~ MARCH 9TH
6-9PM

Don't miss out on this exciting event!

\$10 entry ticket includes Racing Program

Wear your fabulous race attire
Enjoy spectacular drink specials
Bet on your favorite horse

Race Day dinner specials

Ask about purchasing a jockey!

HPK Happy Patti's Kitchen

HOSTED BY **BATMAN**

St. Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224

2023-2024 Officers, Directors, Committees & Chairs

OFFICERS		COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS			
Heidi Green	Exalted Ruler	Max Belawske, PDD	Americanism	PER Association	Old Timer's Night
Brian Haverfield	Leading Knight	Johnny Miller	Army of Hope	Brian Haverfield	Orientation
Buzz Hoffman	Loyal Knight	Dolly Masi, PER	Auditing	Doc Cook, PER	PER Association
Adrienne Sproul	Lecturing Knight	Sherrie McNeil	Bar Chair	Margie Schulz	Photographer
Toni Goodrich, PDD	Acting Secretary	Charlie Stroup	Boy Scouts	Mark Mettetal, PER	Pool Maintenance
Brian Polk	Treasurer	Dan Masi, PER	Building	Ann Marie Bongiorno	Pool Monitor
Kirk Martin	Chaplin	Rudy Masi, Sr. PSP	By-Laws	Alexandra Kaan	Presiding Justice of Forum
Carol Barkalow	Esquire	Brian Haverfield	Children's Christmas Party	Virginia Warfield, PLP	Public Relations
Ann Marie Bongiorno	Tiler	Gina Wilkins	Christmas Baskets	Rosemarie Dion	Queen of Hearts
Marlene Evans	Inner Guard	Noreen Hodges	Christmas Baskets - Co-Chair	Mark Mettetal, PER	Ritual
		Buzz Hoffman	Christmas Baskets - Co-Chair	Jan Musgrave	Safety
		Dawn Lieber Stidham, PER	Community Activities	Tara McClintick	Scholarships
		Adrienne Sproul	Drug Awareness	Brian Haverfield	Sickness & Distress
		Doc Cook, PER	Elks Training	Randy Bryant	Soccer Shoot
		Buzz Hoffman	ENF Chair	Charlie Stroup	Youth Activities
		Linda Musgrave	Entertainment	Johnny Miller	VAVS Grand Lodge
		Buzz Hoffman	Flag Day/Flag Retirement	John Gillis	VAVS Deputy Rep
		Kirk Martin	Funeral Services	Gene Berry	VAVS Deputy Rep
		Dolly Masi, PER	Government Relations	Buzz Hoffman	Visitation
		Dawn Lieber Stidham, PER	Grant Writer	Bonnie Barnes	Vol. Activity Cood.
		Joe Packard, Patti McKinney	Grill	Virginia Warfield, PLP	Webmaster
		Adrienne Sproul	Harry Anna		
		Ruth Green	Historian		
		Tracy Roy	Hoop Shoot		
		Buzz Hoffman	Inter-Lodge Visitation		
		Sandy Grunke, Mark Grunke,	Investigation Committee		
		Gretchen Keehn	Kitchen		
		Patti McKinney, Joe Packard	Law & Order		
		Toni Goodrich, PDD, Patrick Ennis	Law & Order Co-Chair		
		Toni Goodrich, PDD	Liaison to the Ladies		
		Rudy Masi, Sr. PSP	Lodge Advisor		
		Heidi Green	Maintenance		
		Toni Goodrich, PDD	Mediator		
		Rob Davis	Membership		
		Bob Pitney, PDD	Memorial Service		
		Toni Goodrich, PDD, Patrick Ennis	Mother's Day		
		Kirk Martin	New Years Eve		
		Adrienne Sproul			
		Brian Haverfield			

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
Rick Marks	Chairman of the Board
Gina Van Groesbeck	5 year Trustee
Rick Marks, BOD Chairman	4 year Trustee
Jan Musgrave	3 year Trustee
Mimi Reich, BOD Secretary	2 year Trustee
Cathy Shriver, PER	1 year Trustee

Heidi Green, ER, Brian Haverfield,
Buzz Hoffman, Adrienne Sproul,
Brian Polk

HOUSE COMMITTEE	
Brian Polk, House Chair	
Ruth Green, Secretary	
Bonnie Barnes, PER, Joanne Matos, PDD	
Toni Goodrich, PDD, Brian Haverfield	
Buzz Hoffman, Adrienne Sproul	
Margie Schulz, Max Belawske, PDD	
Virginia Warfield, PLP, Heidi Green, ER	

KITCHEN	
Happy Patty's Kitchen	

SPOTLIGHT	
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Toni Goodrich, PDD	Distribution

LADIES OF ELKS AUXILIARY	
Virginia Warfield, PLP	President
Janet Barrick	Vice President
Sue Styx	Secretary
Marlene Evans, PLP	Treasurer
Vivian Gustafson, PLP	Chaplain
Maureen Price	Membership
Norma Jean McGregor	Friendship
Bonnie Barnes, PLP	Parliamentarian
Bonnie Mettetal, PLP	1 Year Trustee
Jan Giallourakis, PLP	2 Year Trustee
Virginia Warfield, PLP	3 Year Trustee




WE'RE HIRING

Lodge Employment- Office Part Time

Office Administration Position
Thursday through Sunday 7AM to 11 AM
and fill in when needed

Basic accounting/office skills experience helpful, but will train the right candidate.
Responsible for proper cash handling, reconciling bank bags and deposits, POS computer skills, creating invoices, answering phones, etc.

Flexible schedule needed, especially weekend & holiday availability as the lodge is open 364 days a year. Must be an Elk Member or be willing to become one.

PLEASE PROVIDE A RESUME AND CONTACT LODGE OFFICE- 727-344-6551 OR LODGEI224@AOL.COM



Ladies of Elks Auxiliary present

Arts & Crafts Market and LOEA Bake Sale

Saturday March 2nd, 2024
9am - 1pm

Arts, Crafts, Local Vendors and Gifts

Parking Lot and Indoors Open to Public

St Pete Elks Lodge #1224

2675 66th St N, St Petersburg



I'd like to express my heartfelt gratitude for the privilege and honor of serving as your Exalted Ruler this past year. It has been an incredible journey, one filled with growth, camaraderie, and countless unforgettable experiences. As I reflect on my time in this role, I am overwhelmed with appreciation for the unwavering support and guidance I have received.

I want to extend my deepest appreciation to the Board of Directors, House Committee and LOEA. Your dedication, passion, and commitment to our shared values have been the driving force behind our success. Whether it was planning social gatherings, or fostering a sense of belonging among our members, your unwavering support and enthusiasm have truly made a difference. The building and pool had its own set of challenges this year. The Board was able to work together to find solutions and correct many deficiencies. It has been an absolute privilege to lead such dynamic and inspiring groups, and I am continually amazed by your collective strength and determination.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the PER Association for their invaluable guidance and support throughout my tenure. Your wisdom, expertise, and unwavering dedication to our lodge have been instrumental in shaping our common vision and ensuring its continued growth and success. I am profoundly grateful for

the countless hours you have dedicated to helping me navigate the challenges and opportunities that have arisen, and I am honored to have had the opportunity to work alongside such remarkable leaders. I look forward to continuing to carry on the legacy of excellence you have established.

I want to express my deepest appreciation to our Lodge Secretary, Treasurer and Office Clerks for their tireless dedication and hard work behind the scenes. From managing administrative tasks, coordinating event tickets and for providing invaluable support and assistance, your contributions have been essential to the smooth operation of our organization, and I am immensely grateful for everything you do.

I want to thank each and every member. Your encouragement, support and commitment to the principles of our Order have played a significant role in shaping the person and leader I am today.

Please congratulate and welcome all the incoming Officers and Committees. I am confident that our Lodge will continue to thrive under their leadership. I am excited to see all that they will accomplish in the coming year.

With deepest gratitude and warmest regards,

Heidi Green

Virginia Warfield | LOEA President Message



This is such an exciting month for our LOEA! On March 24, 1924, the St Petersburg Ladies of Elks Auxiliary was established with just ten members. Now, one hundred years later, we have nearly 150 dynamic and dedicated women and men! We are recognized as the oldest ladies organization in the state, and now we are also the largest.

Our 100th Birthday celebration will also coincide with our LOEA Appreciation Luncheon and our celebratory Anniversary Cookbook launch on March 24th and we can't wait!

As we look ahead to the new year and calendar, I'm thrilled for Janet Barrick to take over as Lady President. We all know and love Janet, and she has a great team of officers alongside her. They have fantastic ideas and enthusiasm for the coming year, and I'm sure they'll continue with stellar events and phenomenal FUNdraising.

In the meantime, March 2nd is our next Arts & Crafts Market and LOEA Bake Sale. Please bring along your friends and family for the great shopping and yummy baked goods. The LOEA Appreciation Luncheon for our members is Sunday, March 24th 12-2pm. Don't forget to sign up on the bulletin board.

Once again, I'd like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all of you for your continued support, participation and friendship this past year. The first LOEA meeting of the new Elks year will be April 8th, so please join us and welcome our Board of Officers for 2024-2025.



YOUR NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS ARE IN THE OFFICE FOR PICK UP

To keep down postage costs, I am asking that you swing by The Lodge and pick up your new cards. If you have a hardship, we will mail them. You could also help us out by sending us a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your payment, and you will get your card by return mail.

To mail out the 1,800 membership cards would cost over \$1,000.00 and we sure could feed a lot of hungry tummies with that money.

The regular office hours are Monday – Saturday from 10 til 2 pm. Every Sunday, starting March 10th, I will also be available from 10 am til 5 pm, in the Lodge, to help get your cards to you.

Thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation.

Toni Goodrich PDD
Your Lodge Secretary

PROPOSED CANDIDATES

CANDIDATES	SPONSORS	OCCUPATION
Robt (Bobby) Barber	Wm Buzz Hoffman	Retired Firefighter
Mark Bernier	Tiffany LeFleur	Keller Williams
Kimberly Brown	Kimberly Barber	Claims Adjuster
Melanie Cole	Dan Cornelius	Ugo Wear LLC
Holden L.A. Hamm	Jack Johnson #866	Valet Living Mgr
Christopher Harris	Phyllis Conroy	City of Pin Pk Sr Tech
Darlene Hricak	Eileen Gamble	Retired
Susanne Johnson	Brian Polk	Retired
Brenda Kocher	Jean Demers #1795	Retired PT
James Lundh	Charles Stroup	Gulfport Fire Marshall
Elena McKernen	Tracy Roy	CRE Broker
Heidi Pereira	Eileen Gamble	Advocate/Kids Disability
Sandra Schaffer	Ethan Blatt	Retired
Marcia Saive	Jan Giallourakis	Bank of Am - Fraud Dept
David Siano	John Hisero PER	Retired
Jesse Uber	Toni Goodrich PDD	Pinellas Home Repair

REINSTATEMENT	MEMBER #
Michael (Bear) Storer	Mem# 11483

LIFE MEMBER	
David L Douglas PER	36 Yr Elk / 77 Yrs Old

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 wELKomed 20 new members in February.



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.

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



2024-2025 ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

Dues must be paid by April 1, 2024

**SUNDAY MARCH 24TH
STARTING AT 5PM SHARP**

NEW START TIME!

Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament

YOUR \$20 DONATION GETS YOU A SEAT AND CHIPS
THERE ARE ONLY 20 SEATS AVAILABLE!
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE BEHIND THE BAR.

**SUNDAY MARCH 24TH
STARTING AT 5PM SHARP**

PRESENTED BY  **Elks Lodge #1224** **\$5 TO PLAY**
2675 66th Street N.
St. Petersburg, FL 33710

**SUNDAY MARCH 10th
2-4pm**

MIXTAPE

Bingo

SING ALONG TO THE SONGS THE MUSIC YOU LOVE TO HEAR!

CAUTION: Excessive Blasts will expose you to noise, which may cause outbreaks of ringing, dizziness, nausea and food. Attend at your own risk!

LOEA PRESENTS

MARGARITAVILLE
Party

**SATURDAY APRIL 13
6-9PM**

TICKETS \$10 FOOD SOLD SEPARATELY

Enjoy Tropical Tunes and the music of Jimmy Buffett with 'AT LARGE'

SAVE THE DATE

UNMASKING AUTISM GALA

We're on the move!

We cordially invite you to join us for an evening of glamour and philanthropy as we unmask Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). This year's gala will be held at the beautiful Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront and will feature cocktails and a silent auction, a full-course dinner, entertainment, and an exciting program. Come help us raise funds and awareness about ASD as we put a face on this disorder and show how Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services is successfully treating the symptoms of ASD.

**Saturday, April 27, 2024
6:00-11:00 p.m.**

HILTON ST. PETERSBURG BAYFRONT • 333 1ST STREET SE
ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33701
VALET PARKING AVAILABLE

For more information, please contact Dan Mail at 352-805-0823 or visit www.UnmaskingAutism.com

UNMASKING AUTISM GALA

FLORIDA ELKS CHARITIES INC.

We are asking for your support of the 2024 *Unmasking Autism Gala* presented by Florida Elks Charities to help us increase awareness of children within the spectrum. Florida Elks Charities Inc. supports charitable programs and one of the primary recipients is Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services.

Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services provides in-home physical and occupational therapy to Florida children in need of such services. Priority is given to children who do not have ready access to therapy due to limited financial resources. There are over 30 state licensed therapists throughout the state who provide services to more than 600 children per week at no charge to the patients' families. The therapists are finding that almost 60% of children receiving treatment are within the spectrum. With the proceeds, we will be able to enhance the treatment of children who are within the spectrum.

Please save the date on your calendar and join us at the 2024 *Unmasking Autism Gala* to help enrich the lives of so many children. Your donations are necessary to help fund this charitable program.

This will be a fun, informative event with guest speakers, dinner, dancing, a silent auction and opportunities to meet other members of the community supporting this cause.

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 piggy banks" 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.

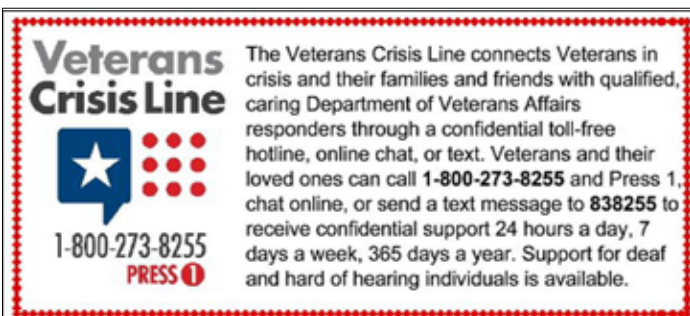
These services are provided in the patient's home without regard to the ability to pay. Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services strives to provide the highest quality services possible to this special population.

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



St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2023-2024

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
Laverne Estell.	08/20/23
Stan Nackdymon	10/10/23
Shirley Higgins	10/21/23
H. Joe Straley	10/22/23
Thomas F Coleman LM	11/24/23
Benjamin Carnegie.	1/15/2024
Mrs Gerry McNamee.	01/27/24
Frank Harding.	01/24/24

*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
In Memory of Phyllis Povelitis.	12/24
In Memory of Frank Harding.	3/25
In Memory of Don Peach.	3/25

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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St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224
Mail to:
BPOE St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224
2675 66th Street North | St. Petersburg, FL 33710

ELKS LODGE #1224 PRESENTS

LUCY DIP

Meat Bingo!

SUNDAY APRIL 28
1:00 PM

Where's the Beef?

WIN YOUR GROCERIES!
\$1.00 PER CARD

WINNER WINNER
CHICKEN
DINNER

GETTING PIGGY WITH IT

FRIDAY NIGHT Unwind

MUSIC 6:30 - 9:30PM

MARCH

- 1ST • Kris Pierce
- 8TH • Redhawk
- 15TH • Sage
- 22ND • Steve Mullis
- 29TH • Boomers

KITCHEN OPEN

Happy Patti's Kitchen
OPEN 'TIL 8PM

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

TRIVIA

FREE TO PLAY
With Prizes

TUESDAY

6:30pm

Every Tuesday except
Lodge meeting night

PRODUCED BY

Plus it's
Taco Tuesday!

DONATIONS OF *LIQUOR, BEER AND WINE ARE NEEDED...

Please help our Hospitality Room be a success at the upcoming May Convention.

RECEIVE a Convention Fundraiser Ticket for each item donated.

Donated items may be left at our front office or see Joanne Matos.

* All items donated must be sealed and unopened- Thank you.



Save The Date!

FSEA STATE CONVENTION
ORLANDO, FLORIDA
MAY 22-25, 2024



PLEASE DONATE

SHOES FOR HOMELESS VETS DRIVE

...SOCKS AND GENTLY USED CLOTHING

We are seeking your donations of good and durable shoes, gently used clothing and socks for ...

★ OPERATION STAND DOWN ★

Hosted by Bay Pines VA Hospital
Saturday, April 6th

A donation box is located in the front lobby of
St. Petersburg Elks Lodge
2675 66th St N, Saint Petersburg

Please drop your donations no later than
Friday Evening March 30th

We don't know them all but we owe them all

Veterans Chairman Message



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

I would like to acknowledge all of my fellow Vietnam Veterans who were fortunate to return home. On the 29th of March is *National Vietnam Veterans Day*. In 1973 all U.S. Ground troops returned home. I returned in 1968 and want to say Welcome home to all of you.

It took Rudy Masi quite a few years to talk me into going on the Parade of Heroes flight, but after going a few years ago I ended up with closure at the Vietnam wall. All of us that are left should take advantage of this free trip for war veterans. It is also Woman veterans history month (God bless them all who served)!

Our lodge is working on things for the homeless veterans which is April 6th. A large box is located in the lobby for donated items. Thanks for caring!

In Comradeship,
 Johnny Miller
 VAVS Representative



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



Call VA's Caregiver Support
 Line toll-free today.

1-855-260-3274

VETERAN STAND DOWN FOR HOMELESS

**April 6th, 2024
 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Housing Information	Stand Down Court
Homeless Resources	PACT Act
Women Veteran Services	Bike Giveaway
Employment Support	Lunch
Pinellas Suncoast Transit	Haircuts
Medical Care	And More!

C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center Veterans Courtyard
 10000 Bay Pines Blvd Bay Pines FL, 33744

VA

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

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

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.

Are you ready to roll?



1ST WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH AT 1:00PM
3RD WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH AT 6:30PM

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 have started 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



Tickets Available at the Bar EVERY DAY

Only 1 Ticket Draw
You must be an Elk, an Elk Spouse or Widow of an Elk to enter.

LODGE HALL BOOKINGS



Weddings, Anniversaries, Parties, Meetings, Luncheons

Whatever you can think up, we'll work with you!!!

BOOK YOUR NEXT POOL PARTY HERE!



Ruth Green (727) 480-7500

Elks1224events@yahoo.com

KARAOKE NIGHT
every Thursday
STARTS AT 5:00PM

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

HARRY-ANNA TRUST FUND FUNDRAISING CHAIR

HARRY-ANNA FACTS FOR CHAIRS

THE HARRY-ANNA TRUST FUND

- Funds the Florida Elk (2) Paper Projects: Florida Elk Children's Therapy Services & Florida Elk Youth Camp.
- All donations to Harry-Anna become a part of the District Trust and are never spent; only the interest earned from the investment of the trust is used to support our projects and programs.
- Our programs are forever growing and changing lives; we are currently raising over \$200 thousand each week with 0% DT over \$200 thousand each year to a safe camping experience at our youth camp.

ENCOURAGE

- A \$10 monthly donation to the Trust: it's one of the easiest, most flexible, safest and best ways to donate.
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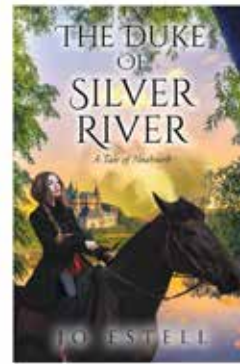
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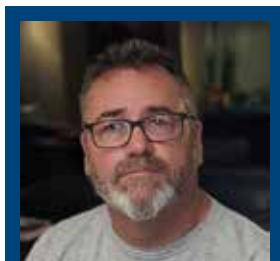


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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HAPPY PATTI'S KITCHEN OPEN: Mon-Sat 11AM-8PM, *11AM-6PM Sundays Breakfast *9-Noon every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month		COMING IN APRIL... 2024-2025 DUES BY APRIL 1 MUSIC: 4/5 Red Hawk • 4/12 Sounds of Yesterday 4/19 Tom Davis • 4/26 Al Ruggiero EVENTS: 6th Stand Down @ Bay Pines 13th Margaritaville Party 28th Lucky Dip Meat Bingo		1 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Kris Pierce "		
2 Tiki Open – 3PM Arts & Crafts Market and LOEA Bake Sale 9AM-1PM Friendly Feud 6-9PM w/Batman		8 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Redhawk "			9 Tiki Open – 3PM A Night at the Races 6-9PM \$10 entry ticket Hosted by "Batman Entertainment"	
3 Tiki Open – Noon Queen of Hearts 4PM		4 Got It! - 2:30PM		5 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM		
10 Breakfast 9AM-Noon Tiki Open – Noon Queen of Hearts 4PM Mixtape Bingo 2-4PM Queen of Hearts 4PM		11 Got It! - 2:30PM LOEA Meeting 7PM		12 PER Meeting at 6PM Lodge Meeting 7PM		
17 Tiki Open – Noon Queen of Hearts 4PM St. Patrick's Day Music by: "Steve Mullis" 12:30-3:30PM		18 Got It! - 2:30PM Orientation/Initiation 6:30 PM		19 Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM		
24 Breakfast 9AM-Noon Tiki Open – Noon LOEA 100th Anniversary and Appreciation Luncheon - Noon Texas Hold'em Poker 5:00PM 31 Queen of Hearts 4PM Tiki Open – Noon Queen of Hearts 4PM		25 Got It! - 2:30PM Trivia Night 6:30PM		26 Lodge Meeting 7PM		
27 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM		20 Tiki Open – 5PM Bunco 6:30PM Dart League 7PM		21 KARAOKE 5PM		
29 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Boomers "		22 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Steve Mullis"		28 KARAOKE 5PM		
30 Tiki Open – 3PM Officers Installation 6:30PM Music and Dinner to start after program Music by: "Doug Lalino"		23 Tiki Open – 3PM ER Appreciation Dinner 6-9:30PM Music: "Sequel" Sign Up Sheet In Lobby Reservations Only n/c		14 House Committee Meeting 6:30PM KARAOKE 5PM		
13 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM		15 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Sage "		16 Tiki Open – 3PM		
6 Ladies Who Lunch - Noon Bunco 1:00PM Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM		13 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM		7 House Committee Meeting 6:30PM KARAOKE 5PM		

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