

# SPOTLIGHT



**BPOE St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224**  
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1911-2024 *113 Years of Service to the Community*  
 Elks National Foundation  
 Elks Children's Therapy Services  
 Elks Youth Camp

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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'*

HOUSE COMMITTEE PRESENTS

**SUNDAY APRIL 21ST**  
**9-11 AM**

## BLOODY MARY BAR

**\$6.00 BLOODY MARY**  
**INCLUDES ONE SKEWER**

Build your own skewer from a selection of meats, cheeses, veggies and other garnishes!  
 A meal in itself!

ELKS LODGE #1224 PRESENTS

## LUCIFY DIP

# Meat Bingo!

**SUNDAY APRIL 28**  
**1:00 PM**

WIN YOUR GROCERIES!  
 \$1.00 PER CARD

Where's the Beef?  
 GETTING PIGGY WITH IT

WINNER WINNER CHICKEN DINNER

**SATURDAY MAY 4th**

Sponsored by your PER'S

## KENTUCKY DERBY

**FUN STARTS @ 3:00PM**

Enjoy Dinner Specials from Happy Patti's Kitchen

SPECIALTY DRINKS FROM THE BAR

**2024-2025 Officers, Directors, Committees & Chairs**

<b>OFFICERS</b>							
Brian Haverfield	Exalted Ruler	Sherrie McNeil	Bar Chair	Margie Schulz	Photographer		
Buzz Hoffman	Leading Knight	Charlie Stroup	Boy Scouts	Chairman of the Board	Pool Maintenance		
Adrienne Sproul	Loyal Knight	Dan Masi, PER	Building	Ann Marie Bongiorno	Pool Monitor		
Bobby Barber	Lecturing Knight	Rudy Masi, PSP	By-Laws	Alexandra Kaan	Presiding Justice of Forum		
Toni Goodrich, PDD	Secretary	Buzz Hoffman	Children's Christmas Party	Virginia Warfield, PLP	Public Relations		
Brian Polk	Treasurer	Adrienne Sproul	Christmas Baskets	Rosemarie Dion	Queen of Hearts		
Kirk Martin	Chaplin	Heidi Green, PER	PER Community Activities	Mark Mettetal, PER	Ritual		
Carol Barkalow	Esquire	Bobby Barber	Drug Awareness	Jan Musgrave	Safety		
Ann Marie Bongiorno	Tiler	Doc Cook, PER	Elks Training	Tara McClintick	Scholarships		
Marlene Evans	Inner Guard	Adrienne Sproul	ENF Chair	Buzz Hoffman	Sickness & Distress		
		Linda Musgrave	Entertainment	Patrick Mulligan	Soccer Shot		
		Adrienne Sproul	Flag Day/ Flag Retirement	Charlie Stroup	Youth Activities		
		Kirk Martin	Funeral Services	Johnny Miller	VAVS Grand Lodge		
		Dolly Masi, PER	Government Relations	John Gilis	VAVS Deputy Rep		
		Dawn Lieber Stidman, PER	Grant	Gene Berry	VAVS Deputy Rep		
		Bobby Barber	Harry Anna	Adrienne Sproul	Visitation		
		Ruth Green	Historian	Bonnie Barnes	Vol. Activity Coord.		
		Bobby Barber	Hoop Shoot	Virginia Warfield, PLP	Webmaster		
		Buzz Hoffman	Inter-lodge Visitation				
		Gretchen Keehn	Investigation Chair				
		Patti McKinney, Joe Packard	Kitchen				
		Toni Goodrich, PDD,					
		Brian Haverfield, ER					
		Toni Goodrich, PDD					
		Rudi Masi, PSP					
		Brian Haverfield, ER					
		Mario Ferfoglia					
		Rob Davis					
		Bob Pitney, PDD					
		Toni Goodrich, PDD,					
		Gretchen Keehn					
		Kirk Martin					
		Bobby Barber					
		Buzz Hoffman					
		PER Association					
		Buzz Hoffman					
		Heidi Green, PER					

<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>					
Charlie Stroup	5 year Trustee				
Gina Van Groesbeck	4 year Trustee				
Rick Marks	3 year Trustee				
Jan Musgrave	2 year Trustee				
Mimi Reich	1 year Trustee				

<b>HOUSE COMMITTEE</b>	
Bonnie Barnes, PER	House Chair
Joanne Matos, PDD	Secretary

<b>KITCHEN</b>	
Happy Patty's Kitchen	

<b>COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS</b>	
Bonnie Barnes	Americanism
Johnny Miller	Army of Hope
Dolli Masi, PER	Auditing

<b>SPOTLIGHT</b>	
Carol Bressler	Editor
cbressler59@live.com	
Cathy Shriver, PER	Mailing Chairperson
Toni Goodrich, PDD	Distribution

<b>LADIES OF ELKS AUXILIARY</b>	
Janet Barrick	President
Kim Laskey	Vice President
Sue Styx	Secretary
Randi Gonzalez	Treasurer
Donna McCaul Thibodeau	Membership
Vivian Gustafson, PLP	Chaplain
Norma Jean McGregor	Friendship
Bonnie Barnes PLP	Parliamentarian
Marlene Evans PLP	1 Year Trustee
Virginia Warfield PLP	2 Year Trustee
Bonnie Mettetal 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**

**SUNDAY APRIL 28TH 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 APRIL 28TH STARTING AT 5PM SHARP**



It is an honor and privilege to have been elected your Exalted Ruler for this wonderful lodge for the 2024 – 2025 Elk’s year. I am looking forward to continuing making our lodge the “warmest, friendliest, most active lodge” in the state.

I want to thank PER Heidi Green for all you accomplished this past year and all the hard work you put into keeping this lodge the wonderful lodge we are. A big thank you to Desi Masi and her team that decorated and organized an amazing event for the installation of the Lodge and LOEA Officers. Congratulations to LOEA President Janet Barrick and her Officers, I look forward to working closely with the members to make this a fun, exciting year. Thank you, Happy Pattie’s Kitchen, for the awesome dinner. Thank you the PER’s, PDD’s and Past State President Rudi Masi for making the night so amazing.

We have a lot of exciting events happening this year between the Elk’s and the LOEA, so please watch the Spotlight and social media blasts. Before we know it, the pool will be having its yearly opening party on May 5th (Cinco de Mayo), to make that happen we will be having a lodge clean up day on April 20th. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, this is a great way to volunteer and meet your fellow Elks for a couple of hours and make our lodge shine.

The Florida State Convention is right around the corner starting May 22nd. If you have never attended, I would like to invite you to come out on the 24th/25th, it will be held at the Rosen Centre in Orlando. St. Petersburg hospitality room is very popular, and you don’t want to miss it. There are 14 hospitality room which will be open for your enjoyment... eat, drink, make new friends from around the state. Also, enjoy the hotel’s amenities. All information

can be found on the Florida Elks web site. It takes a lot of work to make our hospitality room the best, we will need food (covered dishes) and liquor donations. There will be a sign-up sheet out, we never turn donations away.

These are just a couple of the events coming up, please watch the Spotlight and social media for much, much more. The keyway to help our lodge remain the best is to participate in the events, most are for a nominal amount. This helps our new members and guests get to know each other and to support the reasons we all became Elks. Even though we all became an Elk for different reasons, mine started being about the pool and bar, but in the six years of membership it has changed drastically. From listening to a therapist from the Florida Elks Children’s Therapy Service described what their day involves, to hearing the story of children that have participated in the Florida Elks Youth Camp, to sitting on the Autism Gala Committee and knowing what we do for our Veteran’s that have served out country, I know I can say I am proud to be an Elk. Our State President, Joe Copper’s motto is “Florida Elks Shine Bright”, I know our lodge will continue his motto and be the brightest lodge in the state.

I would like to thank everyone again for everything you do, we could not be the lodge we are without you. In closing, and many of the new members have heard me say this doing Orientation, please treat our lodge with respect and more importantly treat each other with respect and I know we will have a wonderful year.

*“We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided.” – J.K. Rowling*

Thank you for your support.  
 Brian Haverfield  
 Exalted Ruler 2024-25

Janet Barrick | LOEA President Message



As we welcome April with open arms, it’s a time for new beginnings and the start of a wonderful year. I am so honored and proud to be the new president of our Ladies Auxiliary.

We have some great events this month: April 3rd is our monthly Ladies who Lunch followed by a game of Bunco, April 6th is our Thrift

Store Bus Trip, April 8th is our first LOEA meeting of the new year, April 13th is Margaritaville night so be sure and get your tickets for this fun event, and April 28th we will be decorating Kentucky Derby Hats. It’s going to be a busy and fun Month.

Coming in May we are bringing back the popular Silent Disco - you don’t want to miss out on this fun event. And of course May 5th will be the opening of our Ice Cream Parlor.

Finally I’d like to give a huge Congratulations to our Two Ladies of the Year, Joyce Thornton and Sandy LeVigne. They both work very hard and are so deserving of this honor.



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 welcomed 19 new members in March.



## 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

**ADD US TO YOUR CONTACTS  
RECEIVE UP TO DATE  
COMMUNICATIONS FROM US!**

Subscribe at: [www.bpoe1224.com](http://www.bpoe1224.com)

### WE WANT TO KNOW...

For questions or comments, go to [www.bpoe1224.com](http://www.bpoe1224.com) just hit reply on the Officers Update. Return responses will be handled in the order received.



### DON'T MISS A THING!

Visit our website or scan the QR CODE  
[www.bpoe1224.com](http://www.bpoe1224.com)

### FIND US ON FACEBOOK

See more of Elks Lodge #1224 and log on to Facebook. Message us, learn about upcoming events and more.

If you don't have a Facebook account,  
you can easily create one!

## PROPOSED CANDIDATES

CANDIDATES	SPONSORS	OCCUPATION
Mary Callahan	Charles Kwaitkowski	Retired NY Hlth Dept
Jann Corbin	Lynne Coffman	Project Mgr
Daniel Dougherty	Patrick Golley #1763	Retired
Laura Gill	Alexander Perny	RN - All Childrens
Ila Gugino	Toni Goodrich	Retired
Ryan Hearn	Patrick Sullivan	Financial Strategist
Edwin Henning	Brian Haverfield	Retired
Larry Irvin	Michael Seymour	Retired
Barbara Keighley-Beck	Stewart Olson	Retired CPA
Christopher Koch	Muareen Boberg	Maint Specialist
Emily Kwaitkowski	Charles Kwaitkowski	Teacher-PCSB
Daniel Lanzilotia	Larry Cutting Jr	Logistics-Bay Pines
Barbara Myers	Virginia Warfield	Retired
Susan Proctor	Diane Hensarling	Retired
Julia Sirico	Diane Kotsasftis #1912	Retired
Karol Tehton	Marge Schulz	Paralegal
Robert Towe	Kellie Tatro	Unknown
Karel Vander Zee	Maureen Boberg	Stay At Home Dad
David Vaught	Wm Buzz Hoffman	Retired DAV
Lynn Vecciarelli	Leslie Johnson	Retired

### CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE

CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE	MEMBER #
Gary Munger	Sarasota So #2495
James Carl Smith LM	NY #621
James Donnelly	Dun/Clw #1525

### REINSTATEMENT

REINSTATEMENT	MEMBER #
Roxanne Moulton	Mem #14793
Frank LaVigna	Mem #11807
Jack Howard	Mem # 11770
Holly Baker	Mem #11421

### LIFE MEMBER

Richard Cox	33 Yr Elk / 69 Yr Old
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**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.**

# 2024-2025 ANNUAL DUES REMINDER

April 1, 2024

PLEASE STOP BY AND PICK UP YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD IN THE LODGE OFFICE

**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 Mast at 352-805-0823 or visit [www.UnmaskingAutism.com](http://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 to 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.

## 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

PRESENTED BY **Elks Lodge #1224** **\$5 TO PLAY**

2675 66th Street N,  
St. Petersburg, FL 33710

## SUNDAY APRIL 14th

### 2-4pm

# Bingo

SING ALONG TO THE SONGS

THE MUSIC YOU LOVE TO HEAR!

CASHIER! Singers! Singers will receive you to help which may cause outbreaks of disease, hepatitis, meningitis, and food. Attend at your own risk!

## "Let's get a little dirty and have some fun"

### It's time to roll up your sleeves for the

## 2024 SPRING CLEANING Work Day

**SATURDAY • APRIL 20TH**  
**9:00 AM – NOON**

**We will be cleaning up the pool area, parking lot and lodge interior**

*Bring your enthusiasm, favorite tools and muscles. Please wear work clothes & dress for the weather.*

**VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE LOUNGE**

# 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.

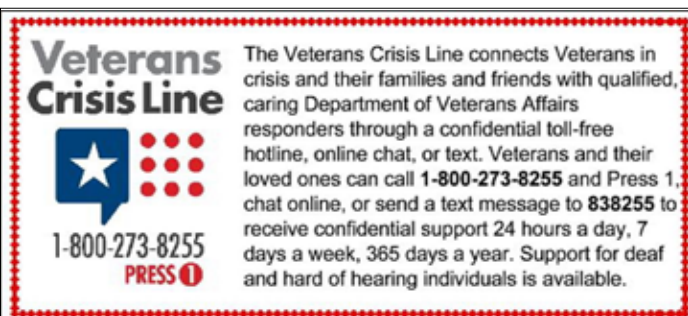
These services are provided in the patient's home without regard to the ability to pay. Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services strives to provide the highest quality services possible to this special population.

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**



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 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	5/25
In Memory of Al Goodrich	7/24
In Memory of William A Schulz	12/24
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 \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:  
St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224  
Mail to:

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

LOEA presents  
**Saturday May 11th**  
**7-10pm**  
**DANCE TO YOUR OWN TUNE!**

Tickets  
 \$12 in advance  
 \$15 at door

**SILENT DISCO**

You don't want to miss this!

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

**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.



**POOL Party OPEN**  
**SUNDAY MAY 5th**  
 Kick off the Summer season along with the LOEA's Ice Cream Shop & Grumpy Joe's Grill!  
**TIKI Open @ NOON**  
 Music 1-5 by "BUS STOP 3.0"  
**ICE CREAM PARLOR OPEN 1-4**

**2024 Florida Elks State Convention**  
 MAY 22-25 ROSEN CENTRE HOTEL, ORLANDO, FL

*Reserve Your Room before they are sold out!*

**The Rosen Centre**  
 9840 International Drive, Orlando

\$139.00 per night + tax - 5/23-5/26  
 Reservations can be made on line felks.org or by calling (866) 996-6338

You must request the **Group Rate** for the Florida State Elks Association, Inc. to obtain our group rate

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

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**

Plus it's Taco Tuesday!  
**HPK** Signature Blend

**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

It's hard to believe that April is here already! The stand down for the homeless veterans will be April 6th. Your lodge has been working hard for this event and I want to thank everyone that has donated clothes and whatever for our needy veterans.

The veterans have really enjoyed coming to our lodge on the second Thursday for pizza and karaoke. They are bowling once a month at Seminole Lanes now also. On the bulletin board at the lodge are the papers needed to ask for your military DD-214 in case you are in need of your military records.

As usual my number is (727) 642-8004 all you have to do is leave a message and I will try to help any way I can.

In Comradeship,  
Johnny Miller  
VAVS Representative

Please join us for  
**VETERAN'S COFFEE HOUR**

Last Thursday of every month  
10-11AM

Refreshments will be served  
Hosted by the Goldton at St. Pete

6775 40th Ave N

RSVP a must - (727) 800-6000

*"Never forget the honor"*



**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](http://www.1010EZmed.va.gov)  
Or visit the Bay Pines VAHCS online at [www.baypines.va.gov](http://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](http://www.va.gov)



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.



*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.

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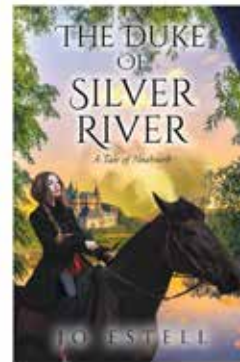
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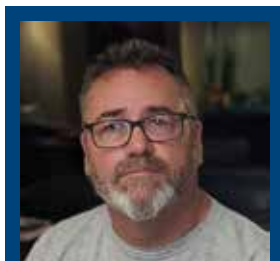
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# APRIL 2024

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>COMING IN MAY:</b> 4th Kentucky Derby 5th Pool Opening Party 11th Silent Disco 27th Memorial Day	1 Got It! 2:30PM	2 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman	3 "Ladies Who Lunch" Noon Bunco 1:00 PM Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	4 House Committee Meeting 6:30PM KARAOKE 5PM	5 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by " Red Hawk"	6 Tiki Open – 3PM		
	7 Tiki Open – Noon Queen of Hearts 4PM	8 Got It! 2:30PM LOEA Meeting 7PM	9 Lodge Meeting 7PM	10 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	11 KARAOKE 5PM	12 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Sounds of Yesterday"	13 Tiki Open – 3PM Margaritaville Party Music "At Large" 6-9PM	
	14 Breakfast 9AM-Noon Tiki Open – Noon Mixtape Bingo 2-4PM with Batman Queen of Hearts 4PM	15 Got It! 2:30PM Orientation/Initiation 6:30 PM	16 TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman	17 Tiki Open – 5PM Bunco 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	18 KARAOKE 5PM	19 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Tom Davis"	20 Tiki Open – 3PM Lodge Cleanup 9AM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	
	21 Bloody Mary Bar 9-11AM Tiki Open – Noon Queen of Hearts 4PM	22 Got It! 2:30PM TRIVIA NIGHT 6:30 6:30PM by Batman	23 Lodge Meeting 7PM	24 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	25 KARAOKE 5PM	26 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Al Ruggerio"	27 Tiki Open – 3PM	
	28 Breakfast 9AM-Noon Tiki Open – Noon Meat Bingo 1:00PM Queen of Hearts 4PM Texas Hold'em Poker 5:00PM	29 Got It! 2:30PM	30 TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman	31 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	<b>HAPPY PATTI'S KITCHEN</b> <b>OPEN: Mon-Sat 11AM-8PM, *11AM-6PM Sundays</b> <b>Breakfast *9-Noon every 2nd &amp; 4th Sunday of the Month</b>			<b>OFFICE: 344-6551 • LOUNGE: 344-6553</b> <b>LODGE HOURS: Sun 10AM-10PM</b> <b>Mon 11AM-10PM Tues-Sat 11AM-11PM</b> <b>OFFICE HOURS: 10-2PM Monday - Saturday</b> <b>POOL OPEN DAILY 7AM – 10PM</b> <b>TIKI OPEN: Sat-3PM, Sun-Noon, Wed &amp; Fri @ 5PM</b>

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Welcome to our Lodge's newest Past Exalted Ruler (PER) Heidi Green! Thank You for leading us for Elk Year 2023-2024! We wish you and Larry only God's best! Thank You for your service and for continuing to serve the Elks in our Lodge, our District, and our State! We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

Please join in thanking and complimenting the following 2023-2023 Lodge Award Winners for providing service that is above and beyond. Hat's off to ELK of the YEAR LOEA PLP Virginia Warfield, OFFICER of the YEAR Treasurer Brian Polk, CITIZEN of the YEAR Elizabeth (Liz) Ramsburg! Thank you to the many volunteers (too many to list here) who selfishly serve our Lodge! We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

Congratulations to St. Pete #1224's 2024-2025 newly installed Exalted Ruler Brian Haverfield and LOEA President Janet Barrick and Lodge and LOEA Officers! Your dedication, knowledge, experience, and love for our Lodge will lead us to a very successful year! Please know we are grateful for your service! We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!



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