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Hello Members All,

May is another exciting and fun filled month. We start with the annual PER Kentucky Derby on the 4th, which is always a fun event, we have the official pool opening on May 5th which is the start of music outside. I want to thank all the volunteers that showed up and helped with the Spring cleanup on April 20th. With a little elbow grease and teamwork, the lodge looks better inside and out. You should be proud to call St. Petersburg lodge #1224 your home.

May also brings Mother's Day on the 12th. We do not limit this day to just our biological Mothers, but to all the maternal figures in our lives. Please join us for the Mother's Day service starting at 12:00. It is a special, meaningful service honoring Mother's both living and passed.

At the end of April, I got to attend the Unmasking Autism Gala, and wow a big shout out and thank you to Dan (PER) and Casey Masi and the entire Gala Committee for outdoing yourself again. If you have never been to the Gala, I would suggest you try to attend next year. The tickets sold out fast again this time and the theme was "We're on the move", it was a great time had by all but more importantly it raised money to help show how the Florida Elk's Children's Therapy Services treats the symptoms of ASD.

If you were at the first lodge meeting in April, you heard the exciting news... Yes, we are finally getting new floors, the old carpet is out. It is a start and I want to thank all who made it possible, this has been years in the making. Thank you to all the Board of Directors for the last couple years, both Dan (PER) and Heidi (PER) for allowing the lodge the money that was donated to them from the Ladies of Elk's and to all the members of our lodge. Again, it takes teamwork for this to all happen.

This month is also the Florida Elks State Convention, May 23-26 at the Rosen Center in Orlando. I know rooms are almost sold out so if you plan on staying over, you will need to reserve your room soon. The State Convention is always a fun and good time. For us Officers we continue our training and learning about all the Major State Projects. It is in the evening when all the fun starts, all 14 of the hospitality rooms are open for food, drink, games and meeting new Elks from all over the state. St. Petersburg hospitality room is always a big hit, with Batman playing music, to the wonderful food and drinks that get donated. There is a signup sheet if you want to donate a covered dish or anything else.

As the summer gets going and the pool warms up, please remember one of the cornerstones of Elkdom, Brotherly Love. With that said, please remember we have rules for not just inside the lodge but also around the pool. If you break the rules, you will be asked to correct the issue, please do not have the pool monitors, Officers or bartenders ask more than once. We all want a fun safe summer.

Watch the Spotlight and social media for all the fun events that are going on at the lodge. If you have never been to an event, come out and meet all the fun people that work hard to make sure we are the best lodge in the State of Florida, whether it is Wednesday night darts or an event on Saturday evening. Just by participating you are donating to all the great causes of Elkdom.

"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





"When you are a mother, you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother always has to think twice, once for herself and once for her child." - Sophia Loren.

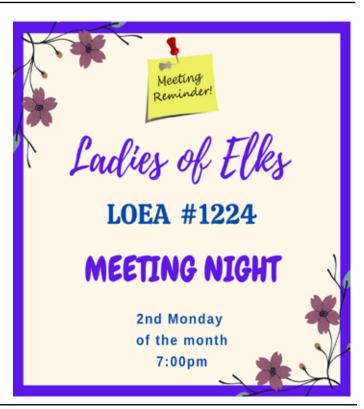
May 12th is Mothers Day and the Lodge is having a service at 12pm to honor all Mothers and everyone is welcome to attend.

Our events in April were all a huge success, our yearly Thrift Bus trip was loads of fun and Margaritaville night was full of laughter and lots of dancing. We also had a great time decorating hats for the Kentucky Derby Day.

May is going to also be a fantastic month. May 1st Ladies who lunch, on May 11th we have our popular and fun "Silent Disco "7-10pm Tickets are on sale for \$12 or \$15 at the door, you don't want to miss out on this event. May 13th LOEA meeting and the 15th Bunco at 6:30.

Remember our Sunday Fundays begin on May 5th which means the LOEA Ice Cream Parlor will open and is run by volunteers. Come and sell pre packaged ice cream. The sign up genius is now available for signing on line for Saturday and Sunday shifts.

Looking ahead to June 8th we are having a "60's - 70's TV Land" night so dress up as your favorite TV character or come as you are to meet old and new friends. Remember all our events held support all our charities.



#### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!**

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 wELKomed 17 new members in April



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











# 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?

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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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#### St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2023-2024

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Brian Bonner LM	05/16/23
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Glenn Walborn	05/22/23
Roger Buchanan	06/01/23
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Joseph Mallen	07/21/23
Shirley Higgins	10/21/23
H. Joe Straley	10/22/23
Thomas F Coleman LM	11/24/23
Theodore DeVice LM #5973	01/11/24
Benjamin Karnegie	01/15/24
Gerry McNamee	01/27/24
Robert Campbell	03/19/24
Peter Binge, LM	03/20/24
Paul F Dittbrenner Jr	04/15/24

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**

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In Memory of Phyllis Povelitis	12/24
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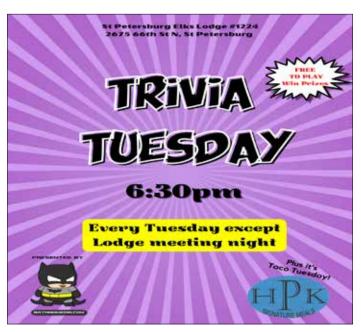
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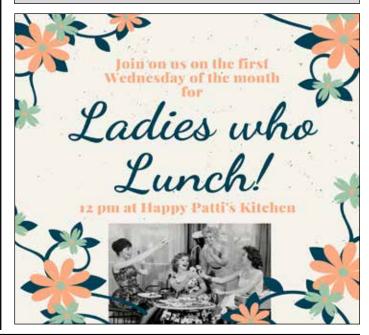












#### **Veterans Chairman Message**



#### JOHNNY L. MILLER

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#### **VETERAN'S CORNER**

On March 29th the 50th anniversary of the ending of the Vietnam war was celebrated in the main lobby of the VA hospital. Many Vietnam veterans and their families stopped by and received hats, and other memorabilia.

On April 6th at the VA courtyard our lodge gave out back-packs, shoes, and clothing for our homeless stand down. All together around 11 elks and ladies participated.

I would like to bring it to the attention of all veterans that the form to get your DD214 can be used for medical records and also personal records.

The veterans coming for Karaoke and pizza on the second Thursday are also bowling now on the 4th Thursday in the evening thanks to a donation by our Elks Ladies Auxiliary. A big thank you too all that have helped with all of your donations for our C.W. Young Bay pines hospital. As always any questions call me if I don't know I will try to get you in the right direction.

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

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#### **MEMORIAL DAY HISTORY**

Memorial Day began after the Civil War with both formal and informal ceremonies at graves and ceremonies for the soldiers who had fallen in battle. Many places claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day in 1866, including Waterloo, New York, and Macon and Columbus, Georgia. On May 5, 1868, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), a Union veterans organization, established Decoration Day, May 30, as a time for the nation to decorate the dead with flowers. Arlington National Cemetery held the first large observance later that year.

By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were held throughout the country on May 30. The Army and Navy adopted policies for proper observances, and state legislatures passed proclamations designating the day. After World War I, the day was expanded to honor those who died in all American wars, and in 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday to be celebrated on the last Monday in May.

#### Memorial Day vs. Veterans Day

What is the difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day? Memorial Day is meant for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of a wound sustained in battle. Veterans Day is intended to thank all those who have honorably served in the military – in wartime or peacetime.

#### **Memorial Day Facts**

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day.

The birthplace of Memorial Day is a debated topic. Cities such as Warrington, Virginia; Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; Savannah, Georgia; and Waterloo, New York, are some places believed to be its birthplace.

Memorial Day was originally celebrated May 30 until the Uniform Monday Holiday Act took effect in 1971 and it was moved to the final Monday in May.

1971 is also when Memorial Day became an official holiday.

Originally, only soldiers who had died in the Civil War were honored.

The National Monument of Remembrance Act passed in 2000 requires all Americans to stop what they are doing at 3:00 pm on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who died while in service.

The Poem "Bivouac of the Dead" is often recited on Memorial Day and inscribed on iron tablets throughout many of the country's national cemeteries, including the original entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. The poem was written by Theodore O'Hara to honor his fellow soldiers from Kentucky who died in the Mexican-

American War. Bivouac (/ˈbivooˌak/) is a temporary camp without tents or cover.

#### **National Moment of Remembrance**

The National Moment of Remembrance is an annual event when Americans pause for a minute of silence at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day. The 3 p.m. time was chosen because it is when many Americans are enjoying their freedoms on the national holiday. It is intended to be a unifying act of remembrance for Americans of all ages. The National Moment of Remembrance Act became law in 2000.

There are many ways to observe the National Moment of Remembrance, both formally and informally. The moment of silence can be observed more formally at places such as a veterans' cemetery, park or picnic ground and can include playing "Taps," the military bugle call that reflects on the glory of those who have shed blood for us. A bell can also be rung at the beginning and end of the one minute of remembrance. If you are driving and unable to stop, you can turn on your headlights for a minute.

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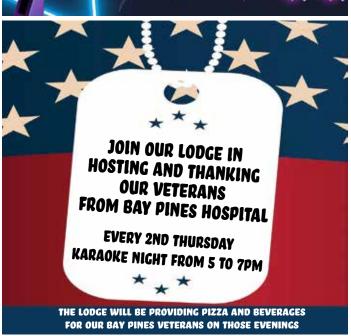


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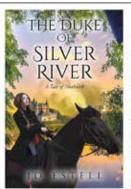
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26 Breakfast 9AM-Noon Tiki Open – Noon Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Music by "Farley" 1-5PM Queen of Hearts 4PM Texas Hold'em Poker 5:00PM	19 Tiki Open – Noon Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Music by "Bittersweet" 1-5PM Queen of Hearts 4PM	12 Breakfast 9AM-Noon Mother's Day Service – Noon Tiki Open – Noon Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Music by "Boomers" 1-5PM Mixtape Bingo 2-4PM \$5Tix Queen of Hearts 4PM	5 Tiki Open – Noon Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Queen of Hearts 4PM POOL OPEN PARTY Music by "Double M" 1-5PM	OFFICE: 344-6551 • LOUNGE: 344-6553 LODGE HOURS: Sun 10AM-10PM Mon 11AM-10PM Tues-Sat 11AM-11PM OFFICE HOURS: 10-2PM Monday - Saturday POOL OPEN DAILY 7AM — 10PM TIKI OPEN: Sat-3PM, Sun-Noon, Wed & Fri @ 5PM
27 Got It! 2:00PM  Music Poolside by "Double M" 1-5PM  MEMORIAL DAY	20 Got It! 2:00PM Orientation/Initiation 6:30 PM	13 Got It! 2:00PM LOEA Meeting 7PM	6 Got It! 2:00PM	LOUNGE: 344-6553 un 10AM-10PM les-Sat 11AM-11PM VI Monday - Saturday LY 7AM – 10PM Sat-3PM, J & Fri @ 5PM
28 Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM	21 Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM	14 PER Meeting at 6PM Lodge Meeting 7PM	7 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM	HAPPY PATTI'S KITCHEN OPEN: Mon-Sat 11AM-8PM, *11AM-6PM on Sundays Breakfast *9-Noon every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month
29 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	72 Tiki Open – SPM Dart League 7PM	Tiki Open – 5PM Bunco 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	8 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	1 Ladies Who Lunch 12:00PM Bunco 1:00PM Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM
30 KARAOKE 5PM	23 KARAOKE 5PM	16 KARAOKE 5PM	9 KARAOKE 5PM	House Committee Meeting 6:30PM KARAOKE 5PM
31 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Boomers"	24 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Dazzler"	Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Bittersweet"	10 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Redhawks"	3 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Ralph Rogers"
COMING IN JUNE: 8TH 60s & 70s TV Land 6-9PM 15TH Game Night Fundraiser	25 Tiki Open – 3PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM	18 Tiki Open — 3PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM "What the blank?" 6-9PM	11 Tiki Open – 3PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Silent Disco 7-10PM Tickets Advance \$12 Tickets at Door \$15	4 Tiki Open – 3PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Kentucky Derby 3PM Hat Contest Dinner Special Specialty Drinks

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## You Should Be PROUD!

Congratulations to LOEA President Janet Barrick and all of our Ladies! They just celebrated their 100th birthday in March and our Ladies certainly are not resting on their laurels as they hosted a sold out, very lively, and fun Jimmy Buffet Tribute Night as their first event of the 2024-2025 Elk Year. These wonderful fundraiser's proceeds will support our many LOEA charities. Thank you LOEA, we are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

Please join us in recognizing our new Lodge Secretary Valerie Douty who was installed into her office during our April Lodge Meeting. Valerie, we support you and look forward to serving alongside you as you assist our office in being one of the best run offices in FSEA. Thank you for stepping up! PDD Toni Goodrich, thanks once again for filling the gap and helping to ensure the ball wasn't dropped as our interim Secretary. Ladies, we are proud of both of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

Do you notice how neat, clean, and tidy our Lodge is this month. St. Pete #1224 held our annual Spring Clean Up Day in April to prepare for our grand pool summer opening. Too many volunteers to name but please know your efforts are very much appreciated! Thank you, we are Proud of You and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

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