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Hello Members All,

I want to wish everyone a safe and Happy 4th of July.

It is summertime and we are very lucky to have a wonderful pool for the use of members and their guests. Please remember to review the pool rules and have respect for the pool monitors and the bartenders, we want everyone to have fun and be safe.

Speaking of summertime, it is also hurricane season, please make sure that you follow the safety guidelines regarding adequate supplies of water, food and needed medical supplies. If an emergency does happen, please watch for alerts on the Lodge's website and social media blasts.

We just got back from Austin where the Grand Lodge National Convention took place. I will be giving updates at the next lodge meeting of the resolutions we voted on from the June 11th meeting and any other information that I learned. I want to thank all the members that attended the June 11th meeting, there were several important issues that were discussed and voted on.

We continue to look for ways to improve the lodge both ascetically and in function. Rome was not built in day, and neither will be repairing and updating the lodge. It takes a lot of planning and of course money, but I can tell the members that we are continuously talking about improvements and which ones take priority. So please be patient.

We have a couple important dates coming up, the first is August 24th,

this will be the WCD VP, Amanda Baldwin's homecoming. It is a combination of both St. Petersburg and Holiday Isles lodges, it starts at 10 am at our lodge. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, I ask that we have as many members attend to show that we back Amanda. The second date is September 13th and 14th, this is the State President (Russ Smith) visit to our district. St. Pete lodge is hosting a dinner on the 13th, there will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board this month. Again, I hope our lodge represents by showing up, this will be a great opportunity to meet the new President and to hear what his plan is for the State.

Please be on the look out this month for a new campaign that I wrote about last month, it is one of my goals to increase St. Pete's sustaining donorship numbers. Please ask me how and watch for more information in the next couple weeks.

Please check your spotlight and social media blasts, we have lots of fun activities this summer both inside and outside.

"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



The grill is going and you can smell the hotdogs and hamburgers cooking and don't forget the potato salad! It must be the 4th of July - and looking forward to seeing fireworks in the sky.

Independence Day marks the historic date in 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress.

"True independence and freedom can only exist in doing what's right." - Brigham Young

Our TV Land night was a lot of fun - everyone had a great time from the TVs on the tables with rabbit ears to spinning the wheel of Price is Right.

July will be a month of friendship and laughter. July 3rd is our Ladies who Lunch at 12. July 13th is our Island Vibes night - dance to the music of I Rupture - they are Fantastic! So get your tickets and come join the fun! Our Bunco night is July 19th at 6:30

Come join a day full of festivities at the 4th of July Pool Party! It is going to be a blast! Don't forget to stop by the Ice Cream Parlor and get the Specials of the Day - Root Beer Floats and Bomb Pops. See you there! Please don't forget to volunteer, the ice cream parlor still needs volunteers.

Remember -

"One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, one nation forevermore."
-Oliver Wendell Holmes



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 wELKomed a total of 37 new members in June



May's orientation was held on June 4th instead of May. We welcome May's 18 New members!



June's orientation was held on it's regularly scheduled lodge calendar date, June 17th. We welcomed 19 new members!

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Andrea Conard	Wm Buzz Hoffman	Speech Pathologist
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Mel Smith	Christopher Brock	Retired
Emily Anne Switzer	Elizabeth Switzer	Court Progam Spec
Howard Travis	Gary Robinson	Retired
Jonie Workman	Michael Magee	Veternary Nurse
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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

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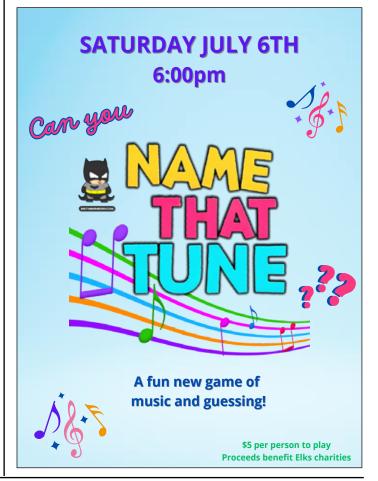
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Non-members and guests may NOT purchase
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You may be asked to show your current, signed membership card at any time.









Prayer Chain Requests



If you or someone you know is in need of prayers at a difficult time in their lives please call me and I will notify all the people on this prayer chain. Can you imagine how many prayers will be lifted up with just one call? Many of us are on or have prayer chains in our churches so the power of prayer will be magnified many times 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

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St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2023-2024

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Carmine Casale
Joseph Mallen
Shirley Higgins
H. Joe Straley
Thomas F Coleman Lm
Theodore Device Lm #5973
Benamin Karnegie
Gerry Mcnamee
Robert Campbell
Peter Binge Lm
Paul F Dittbrenner
Larry Romig

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."

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In Memory of Frank Harding	3/25
In Memory of Don Peach	3/25

Gold Spotlight Boosters

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Cathy & Carmine Casale	24
Alexandra Kaan12,	26

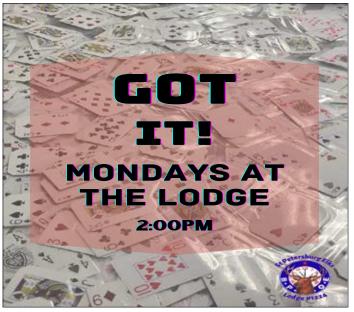
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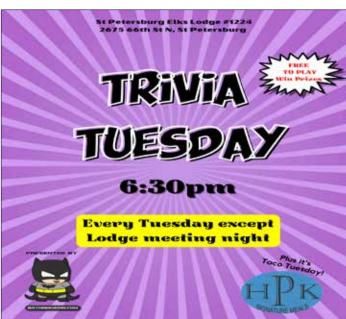
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VETERAN'S CORNER

I will try to bring you up to date on a few things to do with our veterans. One thing is when a veteran passes away. All the VA actually does is have a burial plot for all honorable veterans. Cremation is the only thing. The number I am about to give you is the number for the National Cemetery. 398-6661 X-12305. The person there will guide you in the right direction. Please have the veterans (dd-214) handy when you call.

President Biden announced this passed Wednesday that he pardoned U.S veterans who were convicted by the military under a regulation that allowed people to be kicked out for being gay. The Dept of Veterans affairs number to see if any benefits are available. This is brand new! The number I would call would be (800) 827-1000.

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Elks Day at the Rays! Go to www.floridaelks.org/rays Tickets are \$40 and the deadline for tickets is August 1st. Gate opens at 11 and game starts at 1:40pm. The game is Sunday August 18th.

In Comradeship, Johnny Miller VAVS Representative



St. Petersburg Elks Lodge Ladies Auxiliaries President Janet Barrick with veterans from theBay Pines VA hospital. The Ladies Auxiliary sponsors the veterans the 4th Thursday of each month at Seminole Lanes.



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On July 4th, 1776 the United States laid down its claim to be a free and independent nation by adopting the Declaration of Independence. Today, Independence Day is celebrated and honored in many forms such as fireworks, BBQs and parades. It is an opportunity for Americans to express patriotism and love of country including reflecting on the sacrifices from those in the military.

Independence Day will be officially observed on Thursday, July 4, 2024, our nation's 247th birthday.

Independence Day History

On June 11th, 1776 the Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia to formally sever ties with Great Britain. Thomas Jefferson, who was considered an esteemed writer, was selected to draft the document. After 86 revisions and on July 4th, 1776 the Continental Congress signed the final version.

The first readings of the document included ringing of bells and band music. The following Fourth of July Congress was adjourned in Philadelphia and everybody celebrated with bells, bonfires and fireworks. Soon these customs spread to other areas within the 13 colonies and new customs began to develop such as picnics, speeches, games, military displays and of course fireworks. These traditions continued for almost a century before Congress finally established Independence Day as a holiday.

Independence Day Facts

The original copy of the Declaration is housed in the National Archives in Washington, D.C. and July 4 has been designated a national holiday to commemorate the day the United States.

56 People signed the Declaration of Independence.

John Hancock was the first signer and famously had the largest signature.

The oldest signer, at age 70, was Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania.

The youngest signer, at age 26, was Edward Rutledge of South Carolina.

In July 1776 there were an estimated 2.5 million people living in the Colonial United States.

The Declaration of Independence was revised 86 times.

The first Independence Day was celebrated on July 8, 1776.

Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on the Fourth of July, 1826.

The U.S. population of in the 13 colonies was 2.5 million in 1776. It is more than 130 times larger today at 330 million.

The only county named Independence is in Arkansas.

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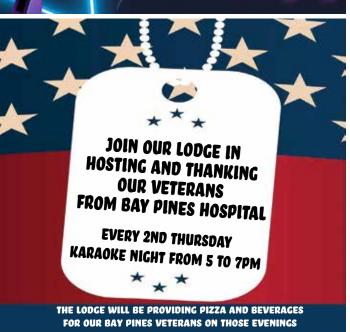


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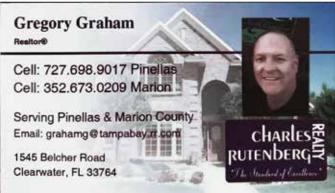
















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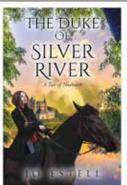
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27 Tiki Open – Noon Dueling DJs 6-9PM DJ Darby v. DJ Batman	26 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Al Ruggeiro" 6:30-9:30PM	25 KARAOKE 5PM	24 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	23 Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM	22 Got It! 2:00PM	21 Tiki Open – Noon Music 1-5PM by "Bittersweet" Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Quarter Auction 1:00PM
20 Tiki Open – Noon Cornhole Tournament 11AM-3PM	19 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Steve Mullis" 6:30-9:30PM	18 KARAOKE 5PM	17 Tiki Open – 5PM Bunco 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	16 Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM	Got It! 2:00PM Orientation/Initiation 6:30 PM	14 Tiki Open – Noon Music 1-5PM by "At Large" Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Mixtape Bingo 2-4pm Queen of Hearts 4PM
13 Tiki Open – Noon Island Vibes Reggae Night I-Ruption Reggae Band 6-9PM	12 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Ralph Rogers" 6:30-9:30PM	House Committee Meeting 6:30PM KARAOKE 5PM	10 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	9 Lodge Meeting 7PM	8 Got It! 2:00PM LOEA Casual Meeting at 6:30PM	7 Tiki Open – Noon Music 1-5PM by "Farley" Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Queen of Hearts 4PM
6 Tiki Open – Noon Name That Tune 6:00PM	5 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Mike Calzone" 6:30-9:30PM	• 4TH OF JULY • Poolside Music: 1-5PM by "Silver Alert" Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM KARAOKE 5PM	3 Ladies Lunch Who Lunch – Noon Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM	1 Got It! 2:00PM	OFFICE: 344-6551 LOUNGE: 344-6553 LODGE HOURS: Sun 10AM-9PM Mon 11AM-10PM Tues-Sat 11AM-11PM OFFICE HOURS: 10-2PM Monday - Saturday
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Special Recognition to St. Pete #1224 St. Pete Trustee & Boy Scout Leader Charlie Stroup and Boy Scout Troop 334 (Past State President Rudy Masi is proud to have belonged to Troop 334 in his youth) for their participation in presenting our Lodge Flag Day Ceremony. You've been supporting St. Pete Lodge 1224 for years. Well Done, St. Pete #1224 Loyal Knight & Flag Day Chair Adrienne Sproul! We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

Much appreciation to St. Pete #1224 Lodge Members who attended the first two Wonderful West Central District Vice President Visitations in New Port Richey and Dunedin-Clearwater Elks Lodges. We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD! Our next Visitation is on Saturday, July 27, 10:AM at Seminole Elks Lodge. Everyone is invited!

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