

SPOTLIGHT



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1911-2024 *113 Years of Service to the Community*
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October 2024

LADIES OF ELKS AUXILIARY PRESENTS
Arts & Craft Market
AND **Bake Sale**

Artistry, craftiness, shopping galore, and delicious baked goodies!
SATURDAY OCTOBER 5TH
10:00AM - 2:00PM
Vendors Inside and Outside

ST PETERSBURG ELKS LODGE #1224
2675 66TH STREET NORTH
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

LOEA presents
Oktoberfest
Saturday, October 12th
6-9pm
FOOD - BEER - DANCE - FUN

Music by **Bandstand**

Tickets \$10

The Newlywed Game

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19TH
6:00PM

How much do our couples know about each other?

JOIN US FOR A HILARIOUS (AND FREE!) EVENING AND LAUGH THE NIGHT AWAY!

ST PETERSBURG ELKS LODGE #1224 PRESENTS
SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN PARTY
SATURDAY OCTOBER 26TH
6-9PM

COSTUME CONTEST
FOOD AND DRINK SPECIALS
RAFFLES

MUSIC BY **DJ BATMAN & DJ DARBY**
TICKETS \$10

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Happy Patty's Kitchen

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SPOTLIGHT

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**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND
STARTING AT 5PM SHARP**

*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 SEPTEMBER 22ND
STARTING AT 5PM SHARP**

PRESENTED BY **Elks Lodge #1224** \$5 TO PLAY (ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CHARITY)

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

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 13th
2-4pm**

MIXTAPE

SING ALONG TO THE SONGS

Bingo

THE MUSIC YOU LOVE TO HEAR!

CAUTION! Excessive Bingo will expose you to noise and heat which may cause symptoms of dizziness, happiness, energy and fun! Attend at your own risk!

Brian Haverfield | ER Message



Hello Members All,

It's that time of year to welcome our members from up north back to the lodge. We have lots of events coming up for the Fall and Winter months and some new changes on Thursday nights.

I want to thank everyone that helped and attended the Friday night of the State President's visit and dinner. We had many compliments, and our lodge surely made an impression. The following evening, St. Petersburg Lodge received first place in the District from our State President Russ Smith for the State President Grant of \$900.00. Our lodge should be very proud!

Please remember lapsation is an important issue from Grand Lodge. If you know anyone who has not yet paid their dues, please encourage them to do so.

September had some wonderful events from both the Lodge and Ladies Auxiliary. If you missed those, October has a great line up too. Remember to check the Spotlight, and social media for all the things happening in the lodge.

Starting in October, the first Friday of each month, 10% of the bar sales will go to support the Veterans at C.W.Bill Young Veterans Hospital . At the end of March, a check will be presented to WC District Chair Johnny Miller for the Veterans.

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



With spooky season close at hand, there's no time to waste choosing a costume and getting the Halloween decorations out. Because here come the ghosts and goblins, spooks galore, scary witches at your door, jack-o-lanterns smiling bright, wishing you a haunted night. And a candy a day keeps the monsters away.

On Saturday, October 5th the LOEA is having their Fall Arts and Crafts Market and Bake Sale. Come out and support all our local vendors and the Ladies always bake up some delicious desserts.

October 12th is going to be another fantastic event - Octoberfest - music by Bandstand. Tickets are only \$10 so get yours now and join in on a fun filled night.

You definitely don't want to miss out on a night of Meat Bingo on October 20th, what a great time this will be, so come join us and win some meat for dinner.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming events:
November 9th - Roaring 20's Casino Night
November 23rd - Dueling Pianos

Remember:
"In a world where you can be anything, Be Kind" – Clare Pooley



REMINDER: OUR NEW OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY 9AM-2PM
THURSDAY 3PM-8PM

**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.

REMINDER!

**Political clothing, slogans,
 hats, discussions and
 comments are NEVER
 allowed at the Lodge**

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 wELKomed 16 new members in September



MEMBERSHIP RE-INSTATEMENT

If you are or know a former member who has dropped his/her membership (NO TIME LIMIT) tell the former member that you would like to sponsor them to rejoin (reinstate) at St. Petersburg Lodge #1224.

The process is simple and it involves submitting a reinstatement application to be read at our Lodge meeting and voted on.

There is a \$25 fee with the application and the payment only of the current dues for the year. Depending on the date the reinstatement is made, the dues are pro-rated according to the number of months left in the current Lodge year.

Although a reinstatement is gaining back a former member, our Lodge is also gaining a new member!

We look forward to re-introducing you into ELKDOM

PROPOSED CANDIDATES

| | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Bryan Baxter | Valerie Douty | Retired |
| Jennifer Lynn Berman | Lynda Shank | Retired |
| Beverly Blankenship | Valerie Douty | Retired |
| Donna Bequette | Jessica Sellet | Chef |
| Charles Brown | Jan Musgrave | Master Plumber |
| Linda Chantry | Ron Allen | Finance |
| Deborah Cross | NancyHamsick | Retired |
| Ismael Cuadrado | Danny Emond | Retired |
| Maria Earley | Lori Auletta #1219 | Retired |
| Ahmed Elazhar | Linda Fee | Lamination Tech |
| Kelly Marie Hogan | William Daniels | Volunteer |
| Claire Madson | Buzz Hoffman | Retired |
| William Murdoch | Jennifer eyand | Retired Railroad |
| Joyce Schubert | Steve Sola | Food Service Asst. |
| Dean Shafer | Buzz Hoffman | Sales |
| Wendy Sellers | Roy Brice | HR Conse |
| Sarah Spreitzer | Robin Score | Insurance Agent |
| Tracy Stone | Jessica Sellet | Project Manager |
| Natalie Swain | Tiffany Stidham | Service Manager |
| Paul Tolkacevic | Henry Schroger | Security Officer |
| Anne Young | Susan Protector | Retired |



**BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE OF ELKS
PARADE OF HEROES - WASHINGTON, D.C.**

November 8-10, 2024

Our Elk organization will once again be hosting a group of WWII, Korean, Vietnam Veterans and Gulf War Veterans as honored guests on an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. November 10th – 12th. All branches of our services will be represented. Donations from your lodge or special fund raising to support this annual event to honor our Veterans is always greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, airline seating has increased \$100 per ticket this year. This annual event continues to be possible through generous donations and fund-raising events of our Elk members.

BE THERE TO WELCOME THEM HOME!

Our Veterans return home on Tuesday, November 12th and arrive at the Tampa International Airport at 2:05 pm on Southwest Airlines. All members and friends of your lodge are invited to come out and be part of welcoming our Veterans home. To some Veterans, this may be the first time they've received a welcome home.

It is exciting and emotional. Bring your American Flags and "Welcome Home" signs and come out and be part of welcoming home our honored Veterans. And don't forget to bring your neighbors, friends and relatives!

**OVERWHELM OUR RETURNING VETERANS
WITH CARDS AND LETTERS!**

These are distributed to our Veteran guests during "mail call" on their return flight back home on Tuesday, November 12th via Southwest Airlines. You would be amazed how something as simple as a card or letter with a thank you message is appreciated by our Veterans. *SEE AD PG. 8*

All cards, letters, postcards will be collected until October 20th. Please drop off your cards and letters at the lodge office.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE
PRESENTS**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17TH
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!

LOEA #1224 FUNDRAISER

**ROARING
20s
CASINO
NIGHT**

11-09-24

RAFFLES
CHIPS
BUFFET STATIONS
GAMES

**TICKETS
\$25**
INCLUDES FOOD AND
CASINO VOUCHER

POKER
TOURNAMENT
ADDITIONAL DONATION

**FOOD • 6 PM
TABLES OPEN • 7 PM**

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.**

St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2023-2024

| | |
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| Stan Nackdymon | 10/10/23 |
| Shirley Higgins | 10/21/23 |
| H. Joe Straley | 10/22/23 |
| Thomas F Coleman LM | 12/1/23 |
| Tom Brown | 12/22/23 |
| Theodore DeVice LM #5973 | 01/11/24 |
| Benjamin Karnegie | 01/15/24 |
| Frank Harding | 01/24/24 |
| Mrs Gerry McNamee | 01/27/24 |
| Robert Campbell | 03/19/24 |
| Peter Binge LM | 03/20/24 |
| Dittenbrenner, Paul | 04/15/24 |
| Larry Romig | 05/07/24 |
| Janice Koch | 06/24/24 |
| Karen Noyes PER | 7/9/24 |
| Eva Szabo | 7/12/24 |
| Donald Antonewitz | 8/23/24 |
| Luida Williams | 9/6/24 |

*Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken.
Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heed-
lessly 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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| 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

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| Robert Casero | 4/24 |
| Cathy & Carmine Casale | 4/24 |
| Alexandra Kaan | 12/26 |

Silver Spotlight Boosters

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| 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:
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The Piggies are hungry!

Your spare change at the bar 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.

Thank you for contributing to the Ladies of Elks 365 Club to help these children

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE
1-800-273-TALK (8255)
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

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

Veterans Crisis Line

The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call **1-800-273-8255** and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to **838255** to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available.

1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1

THURSDAY NIGHTS

AT THE LODGE



October

- 3. Got It!
- 10. Karaoke
- 17. Karaoke
- 24. Cornhole Night
- 31. Halloween Mixtape Bingo

GOT IT!

MONDAYS AT THE LODGE

2:30PM

KARAOKE NIGHT

2ND AND 3RD THURSDAY

STARTS AT 5:00PM

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

TRIVIA TUESDAY

6:30pm

Every Tuesday except Lodge meeting night

Plus it's Taco Tuesday!

CORNHOLE NIGHT!

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 24TH
STARTS AT 6:00PM

DOUBLE ELIMINATION

ALL AGES WELCOME AT THIS CASUAL FUN EVENING

\$5 PER PERSON

WIN CASH PRIZES

OPEN TO LODGE MEMBERS ONLY

FRIDAY NIGHT Unwind

MUSIC 6:30 - 9:30PM

OCTOBER

- 4TH • Al Rugeiro
- 11TH • Ralph Rogers
- 18TH • Happy Days
- 25TH • Steve Mullis

KITCHEN OPEN

Happy Patti's Kitchen
OPEN 'TIL 8PM



JOHNNY L. MILLER
 Veterans Services
 WC District Chair / Representative To VAMC
 C.W Bill Young VAMC & Lee County VA
 Outpatient Clinic

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 johnnyleem@tampabay.rr.com

Phone
 727-642-8004



VETERAN'S CORNER

I know that I am going to sound like a broken record but with over 1,600 members in our Elks lodge I am sure there are many veterans that have served our country and should call the (800) 827-1000 number. Have your DD 214 (Discharge paper) handy. There are a lot of new claims which all depends on where you were located. Another number is 398-6661 and hit zero for the operator then ask for eligibility.

Right now I am home recuperating from eye surgery so I just want to thank our Elks ladies auxiliary and everyone else that have donated clothes. The veterans appreciate coming into our Elks office to receive different items.

In Comradeship,
 Johnny Miller, VAVS Representative



In September VAVS Elks Representative honored four World War II veterans located in the Community Living Center with World War II caps and pins. CLC Specialist Jenny Campbell and Johnny Miller were present.

SEND A THANK YOU CARD TO OUR VETERANS

Each year, the Elks organization hosts a group of WWII, Korean, Vietnam Veterans and Gulf War Veterans as honored guests on an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for Veterans Day week. To show our support and gratitude to these men and women, we are collecting Thank You cards to be presented to them upon their return to Tampa. Cards are being collected in the Office until October 20th.

ELKS
Honor Our Heroes
Parade of Heroes
 Community • Friendship • Charity
 www.elks.org

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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

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

Attention Veterans!

A copycat CHOICE program phone line has been set up to steal your credit card information

SCAM

The OFFICIAL National CHOICE program line is:

1-866-606-8198

COLUMBUS DAY

Columbus Day will be observed on Oct. 14, 2024

Columbus Day is observed in the United States on the second Monday in October. It commemorates Christopher Columbus and his journey to what was then known as the New World.

He arrived in the Americas on Oct. 12, 1492. The holiday has become more controversial in recent decades thanks to the growing awareness of the plight of indigenous peoples. The native people were dramatically affected by Columbus' discovery, the following European migration, and conflicts that arose from that migration.

Christopher Columbus: Not the First European to Set Foot in America. One of the myths of Columbus Day has been that Christopher Columbus was the first European to arrive on what would eventually become American shores. Leif Erikson, an Icelandic Viking, made the journey 500 years prior to Columbus' expedition,

Erickson's feat did not result in the same immigration of Europeans to these shores that Columbus' voyage inspired. This is the primary reason why Christopher Columbus receives the credit that Leif Erikson does not.

Another European explorer named John Cabot was the first non-Viking to set foot in America on written record in 1497. Some sources speculate that the reason Cabot was not given credit in American history books was due to the fact that he sailed for England. Cabot claimed the land for the British crown, which was a controversial point later with the American Revolution.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE U.S. NAVY

The U.S. Navy will celebrate on Sunday, Oct. 13th, 2024

Some might be surprised to learn that the official birthday of the United States Navy is Oct. 13, 1775. Back then, it was known as the Continental Navy and consisted of a small fleet of ships patrolling to intercept ships sent to resupply British Army troops at or near the colonies.

The creation of this fleet was not without controversy. In fact, it was hotly debated for 11 days in the Continental Congress. According to the official website of the U.S. Navy, some in that debate were convinced that having a standing navy was "the maddest idea in the world."

In the end, the debates were won by "navalists" who were in favor of adding a naval fleet as another branch of defense in addition to the already-created Continental Army which was authorized in June of 1775.

The Navy Birthday: Not To Be Confused With Navy Day

The U.S. Navy birthday should not be confused with Navy Day, which was created in 1922 to recognize the service of all Navy members. Believe it or not, Navy Day pre-dates official recognition of the Navy Birthday. Navy Day is observed on Oct. 27. That date was chosen, so the story goes, in honor of President Teddy Roosevelt whose birthday is also on the 27th.

Veteran.com has been providing helpful information to the military community for over a decade.



2ND & 4TH SUNDAY of the Month

9AM TO NOON

ENJOY SUNDAY BREAKFAST

All your breakfast favorites the way you like it:

- French Toast • Hot cakes •
- Eggs & Omelettes •
- Biscuits & Gravy •

Join on us on the first Wednesday of the month for

Ladies who Lunch!

12 pm at Happy Patti's Kitchen

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.

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



REMINDER!

You **CANNOT** bring
outside drinks or coolers
into the pool area or the
Lodge at any time

Donnie B's Handyman
Services LLC
(727) 481-7018



DONNIE BERRY
Owner

TEL : (727) 481-7018
Donnieberry9@gmail.com
St Petersburg FL. 33709

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



Tickets Available
through our
automatic ticket
dispensing machine

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



The support of caring people like you helps us to provide some of these following services....

ENF - Elk's National Foundation - When you give to the Elks National Foundation, you're doing more than funding the Elks National Drug Awareness and "Hoop Shoot" programs. You're doing more than supporting the Community Investments Program and providing Emergency Educational Grants to the children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. You're doing more than maintaining the Elks Veterans Memorial. You're doing all that, and you're supporting Elkdom in your state.

Restoration of Pool/Tiki Patio Areas, Mural, & Furniture



Yes, I wish to help my Lodge achieve their goals to help our Community,

Elks Charities and Lodge. Please find enclosed my donation for the:

Please find a check in the amount of _____ as my donation.

- ENF - Elk's National Foundation \$10 _____ \$15 _____ \$20 _____ Other _____
- Restoration of Pool/Tiki and other areas \$10 _____ \$15 _____ \$20 _____ Other _____



Please remit your check to or bring to:
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JP STEVENS
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- ▲ Bookkeeping and Accounting
- ▲ IRS Problems— Back Taxes, Penalty
- ▲ Payroll and Payroll Tax Returns
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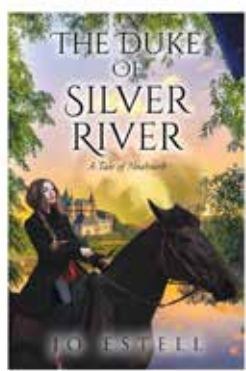
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OCTOBER 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| OFFICE: 344-6551 • LOUNGE: 344-6553 LODGE HOURS Sun 10AM-10PM • Mon 11AM-10PM Tues-Sat 11AM-11PM OFFICE HOURS Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 9AM-2PM, THUR 3-8PM POOL OPEN DAILY 7AM – 10PM TIKI: SAT-3PM, SUN-NOON, WED & FRI @ 5PM | | | | | | |
| 6 Tiki Open – Noon Queen of Hearts 4PM | 7 Got It! 2:30PM Board of Directors Meeting 6:30PM | 8 Lodge Meeting 7PM | 9 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM | 10 KARAOKE 5PM | 11 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Ralph Rogers" 6:30-9:30PM | 12 Tiki Open – 3PM Oktoberfest 6-9PM MUSIC BY: Bandstand Tickets \$10 |
| 13 Breakfast 9-Noon Tiki Open – Noon Mixtape Bingo 2:00PM Queen of Hearts 4PM | 14 Got It! 2:30PM LOEA Meeting 7PM | 15 PER Meeting at 6PM Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM | 16 Tiki Open – 5PM Bunco 6:30PM Dart League 7PM | 17 KARAOKE 5PM | 18 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Happy Days" 6:30-9:30PM | 19 Tiki Open – 3PM Newlywed Game 6:00PM Hilarious, FREE, and fun evening! |
| 20 Tiki Open – Noon Meat Bingo 1:00PM WIN YOUR GROCERIES! \$1.00 Per card Queen of Hearts 4PM Euchre Tournament 5:00PM | 21 Got It! 2:30PM Orientation/Initiation 6:30PM | 22 Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM | 23 Bunco 1:00PM Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM | 24 Cornhole 6:00PM | 25 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Steve Mullis" 6:30-9:30PM | 26 Tiki Open – 3PM Halloween Party 6-9PM Music by: Batman & DJ Darby Tickets \$10 Food & Drink Specials, Raffles, Costume Contest |
| 27 Breakfast 9-Noon Tiki Open – Noon Queen of Hearts 4PM Texas Hold'em Poker 5:00PM | 28 Got It! 2:30PM | 29 Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM | 30 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM | 31 Halloween Mixtape Bingo 6:30PM | HAPPY PATTI'S KITCHEN Monday-Saturday 11AM-8PM Sunday 11AM-6PM Breakfast 9-Noon every 2nd & 4th Sunday | |
| COMING IN NOV: 9th – LOEA Casino Night 14 – 16th – Mid Year Conv. @ St. Pete Hilton 16th – B.S. Troop Car Wash 16th – Not so Beauty Pageant 17th – Bloody Mary Bar 23th – LOEA Dueling Pianos 30th – Wine & Cheese Bingo | | | | | | |

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St. Pete Elks under ER Brian Haverfield’s leadership with help from our Lodge Officers and House Committee Members co-hosted our final 2024 Wonderful West Central District Homecoming on Aug 24 for District Vice President Amanda Baldwin with Holiday Isles Elks. The 70’s theme event was fun and educational following Amanda’s Visitation Themes to support the Military, it focused on Army of Hope and how FSEA can provide Lodges more support. Happy Patty’s kitchen served a delicious lunch to all attendees. Holiday Isles Elks co-hosted this event with St. Pete Elks in a grand show if unity and collaboration. Thank you everyone who worked on and attended this event! We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

Our Wonderful West Central District Vice President Amanda Baldwin completed her visits throughout our district sharing State President Russ Smith’s message to all Elks in are 8 Lodges. In addition to sharing our State President’s message, Amanda announced that State President Russ & Denise Smith will be visiting our district on the weekend of September 13. Tickets are still available for the Friday evening dinner in our Lodge and the beach activities on Saturday. Please see flyer on our bulletin board or go to the Floridaelks.org website. We are proud of DVP Amanda Baldwin and State President Russ Smith for their efforts to promote the good works of Florida Elks. Belong to such a patriotic and benevolent makes us proud, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

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