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Hello Members All,

Happy Holidays! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends.

As we go through the Holiday Season, please keep in your heart's all the loved ones that are no longer with us and the ones that cannot be with us. As we move into December the Lodge will be busy giving back to the ones in need. In the lobby there

is the box to collect for the Christmas food baskets, again our goal is to deliver over 350 food baskets to those in need. There is also a box for the 10 for the Troops, they need white tube socks, toothpaste, beef Jerky, gum and hard candy. The box will be out in the lobby until Dec 31st. Please remember all those in need and why we are the ELKS.

I want to thank all the volunteers that came out on the morning of November 24th. We had a great group that made light work of the clean up on the outside of the lodge. Please remember to treat the lodge as you would your home, if you have garbage, make sure it makes its way into the appropriate garbage can.

We have another busy month again, please make sure to review the Spotlight and social media blasts for all the fun events.

Remember to keep our members in need, in your thoughts and prayers.

"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



Christmas is a magical time of the year, when the world seems to sparkle with joy and love. It's a season of warmth, laughter and togetherness, where family and friends come together. Homes are decorated with sparkling lights and festive decorations. Children, leaving cookies and milk for Santa and anxiously waiting for morning to find presents under the tree. It's a time to share gifts, wonderful meals and to spread kindness to one another. We count

our blessings and appreciate the love that surrounds us.

We sure had Fun in November:

Name that Tune was a fun filled night of remembering past songs and artists. Dueling Pianos did not disappoint - Great entertainment, music, comedy, and lots of fun and laughter.

December - Our last month of the year starts off with:

Ladies who Lunch on December 4th, Come and join us at noon for great food and conversation.

December 7th, Is our Arts and Crafts Market with our Ladies Bake Sale so come and enjoy all the delicious Christmas goodies. Our vendors are sure to have some great items to purchase for Christmas gifts.

December 9th, Is our LOEA meeting- Remember to bring a potluck and a Christmas theme gift to exchange (wrapped) between \$5 and \$10, Please feel free to wear your festive pajamas.

December 14th, We are having our Ugly Sweater Party, You don't want to miss this, it's guaranteed to be full of fun so find that sweater that you hung way back in the corner of the closet and get it ready, music is by Al Ruggeiro.

December 18th, We end our month with our nighttime Game of Bunco at 6:30, come and join us we always have a fantastic time (laughter is always included)

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and enjoy this wonderful time of year with family and friends.

# Remember:

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." –Aesop





# **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!**

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 wELKomed 36 new members in November



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.

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Michael Beagle	Mem # 12066
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Raymond Virgiliio	Red Bank NJ #233

# 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.

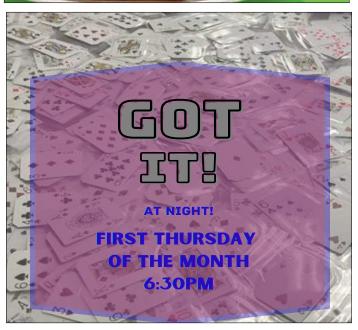
There is a \$25 fee with the application and the payment only of the current dues for the year. Depending on the date the reinstatement is made, the dues are pro-rated according to the number of months left in the current Lodge year.

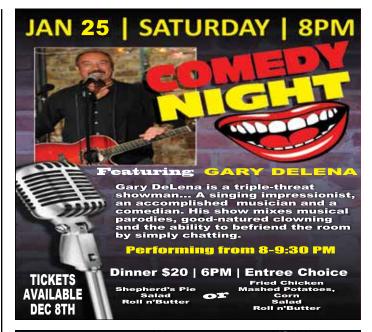
Although a reinstatement is gaining back a former member, our Lodge is also gaining a new member!

We look forward to re-introducing you into ELKDOM













# 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

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# St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2023-2024

Stan Naskdyman	10/10/22
Stan Nackdymon	
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.

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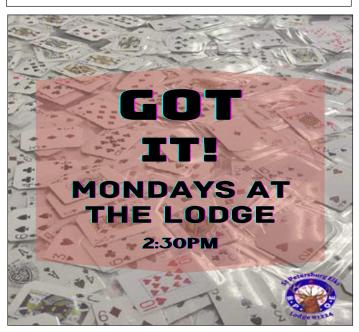
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# VETERAN'S CORNER

Where did November go? Been busy at Bay Pines and as you can see from the picture they really enjoy our lodge on Karaoke and pizza night. We still have them bowling at Seminole Lanes once a month also.

Wishing all a very Merry Christmas!

In Comradeship, Johnny Miller VAVS Representative



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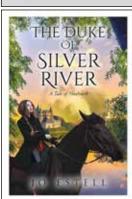
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# DECEMBER 2024

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28 Tiki Open – 3PM "What the Blank?" with Batman 6-9PM \$5/pp	Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Sounds of Yesterday"	26 Re-Gift Party Bring a gift - Get a gift! 6:30 PM	25 CHRISTMAS DAY  **Merry Christmas**  LODGE IS CLOSED	24 CHRISTMAS EVE  ER'S Eggnog Party & Pot Luck Noon-5PM  LODGE CLOSES 6PM	23 Got It! 2:30PM	Breakfast 9-Noon Tiki Open – Noon Queen of Hearts 4PM
21 Tiki Open – 3PM Kids Christmas Party 11AM-2 PM	20 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Happy Days"	19 KARAOKE 5PM	18 Tiki Open – 5PM Bunco 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	17 Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM	16 Got It! 2:30PM NO Initiation	15 Tiki Open – Noon Queen of Hearts 4PM Euchre Tournament 5:00PM
14 Tiki Open – 3PM  LOEA Ugly Sweater Christmas Party 6-9PM MUSIC by by "Al Ruggeiro" \$10TX	13 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Al Ruggeiro"	12 KARAOKE 5PM	11 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	10  PER Meeting at 6PM  Lodge Meeting 7PM	9 Got It! 2:30PM LOEA Meeting 7PM	8 Breakfast 9-Noon Tiki Open – Noon Mixtape Bingo 2:00pm Queen of Hearts 4PM
7 LOEA Arts & Crafts Holiday Market and Bake Sale 10AM-2PM Tiki Open – 3PM	6 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Tom Davis"	5 Got It 6:30PM	4  Ladies Who Lunch-Noon  Tiki Open – 5PM  Dart League 7PM	Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM	2 Got It! 2:30PM	1 Tiki Open – Noon Elks Memorial Service 12PM Queen of Hearts 4PM
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The FL State Elks Association Mid-Year Convention was held in St. Petersburg in November. Our Lodge Leaders reserved a special trolly to bring members around the State from Downtown to St. Pete #1224. Lodge Member/District Leader/PSP Rudy Masi received several phone calls and emails from Elks who visited our Lodge sharing their delight with how well they were received at the warmest, friendliest, most active Lodge in the State, St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 (us)! Thank You to our Bartenders, Servers, Patty's Kitchen, our Officers, House Committee Members, and all who collaborated effectively together to make this happen! We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

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