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The month of February – what can I say about February except it's the shortest month of the year and seems like we always wonder where did January go - it flew by. February is also the love month – Valentine's Day – some get Engaged and some get Married on that romantic day. It doesn't matter if you get flowers or candy or maybe a ring – love is in the air.

The Ladies had a fantastic month in January- our Country and Western night was a huge success- we boot scooted the night away and some of us ended up in jail. Great job Kerrie and Joanne for chairing this event.

Wine Bingo night was so much fun, congratulations to all the winners.

So here's what's coming up in February -

February 2nd is our Quarter Auction, come out and win something great for only a Quarter- so Paddles Up.

February 5th is Ladies who Lunch at 12pm

February 8th is our Gong Show - we have some fantastic acts signed up, Adrienne is going to be our MC and she will be doing a couple of outfit changes, so you don't want to miss out on this fun night. So get your tickets.

February 10th is the LOEA meeting at 7

All of you fun Bunco players remember our Bunco night this month is changed to the 3rd Tuesday which is February 18th

Now a sneak peek into March -

March 1st is our Arts and Crafts Event along with our Ladies Bake Sale, lots of great vendors and baked goodies.

March 8th is Roaring 20s Casino Night - Looking forward to seeing you all there, tickets are now available for this event.

Remember-

"Love and Kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them and they bless you, the giver." — Barbara DeAngelis



Hello Members All,



Per our By-Laws, the month of February requires multiple Lodge meetings to prepare for the upcoming Elk's year. This will be the members' chance to be part of nominations and elections of the Officers who will lead our wonderful lodge in the 2025-2026 year. I encourage all members to partici-

pate, remember this is your chance to make your voice heard. The nominations will start at the PER'S "Oldtimers Meeting" on February 4th this is also a great opportunity for all members to come and see the PER's (Past Exalted Rulers) from years past run the meeting. The next opportunity for nominations will be at the lodge meeting on February 11th and a possible meeting on February 25th.

February also is Quarterly at the Youth Camp in Umatilla, from the 6th – 8th, with the main meeting on the 8th starting at 10 am. This will be a great opportunity to meet the National President/ Grand Exalted Ruler – Douglas A. Schiefer and see the amazing Youth Camp. I hope to see St. Pete Lodge #1224 represent at quarterly.

We have a fun and exciting month ahead of us, there is the Army of Hope event and lunch held at Largo Lodge on February 1st, the LOEA quarter auction on the 2nd, Elvis on the 15th, Law and Order on the 22nd, plus many more. Please continue to watch the Spotlight and Social Media blasts for all the great events.

This is also a reminder that the dues for the 2025-2026 are due, the Elk's year is from April 1st – March 31st and if not paid/renewed by March 31st you are delinquent and will not be able to participate in all the fun for next year.

I would like to thank all the Lodge Officers and House Committee members for all their hard work. As volunteers, it can be a challenge to keep the lodge running and safe for all the members. We continue to listen to lodge members and work to making St. Petersburg Lodge the best not only in the West Central District but in the State of Florida.

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 wELKomed 34 new members in January



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
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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



1 hour or a few hours. There are so many opportunities and areas where you can help your lodge. MANY hands make light work and it's what helps keep your lodge going.

Contact the Lodge office today to find out more 344-6551 or check the message board in the lounge.





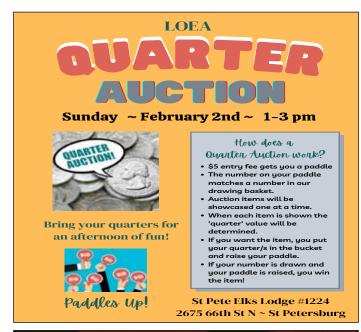
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If you have a calling to be a part this rewarding experience call me and sign up for the prayer chain. We are few but we are powerful. Please email me soon and sign up.

Dolly Masi, PER | masidoly@gmail.com

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St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2023-2024

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Peter Binge, LM	03/20/24
Paul F Dittbrenner, Jr	04/15/24
Larry Romig	05/07/24
Janice Kock	06/24/24
Karen Noyers, PER	07/09/24
Eva Szabo	07/12/24
Larry T. Lynch	08/02/24
Thomas Wislotsky, LM	08/20/24
Donald Antonewitz	08/23/24
Marlene Faust	08/25/24
Luida Williams	09/06/24
Alex Curry	10/18/24
Barbara Middleton	11/02/24
"Boston Bob" Davis, LM	12/22/24

Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken.

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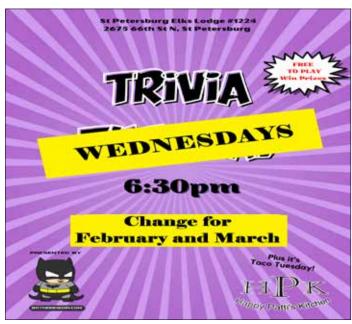
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Veterans Chairman Message



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

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VETERAN'S CORNER

With our lodge having over 1,900 members I am sure that many are veterans. One of the things that happen over time is losing your discharge (DD-214). This is the first thing that is asked when you try to either go to the VA or someone tries to check into burial at the National Cemetery. I have the extra forms on the bulletin board at our lodge for your convenience.

On April 5th will be the Stand Down for the homeless veterans. I will have the necessary forms shortly and will be emailing to the different lodges. Each year our lodge is very active with this worthy event. Usually clothes and shoes are donated toward this event.

We still have our veterans on the 2nd Thursday of each month for pizza and Karaoke from 5 till around 7pm. They really enjoy themselves.

In Comradeship, Johnny Miller VAVS Representative







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Thanks to the success of the gala, this year marks the first anniversary of Florida Elks for Autism, a program offering free testing and diagnoses, ensuring every child receives the care they deserve.

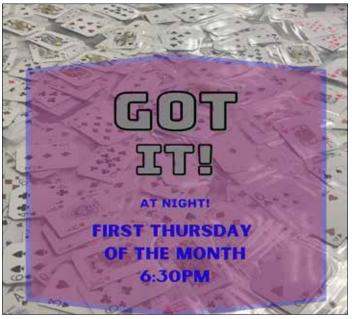
Your support is essential to the success of this program and the premier fundraising event, which features guest speakers, dinner, dancing, a silent auction and the chance to connect with others making a difference.

Save the date and join us in enriching the lives of countless children and families through this life-changing initiative.

Together, we can continue to unmask autism and inspire brighter futures.

Hope to see you there!











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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.

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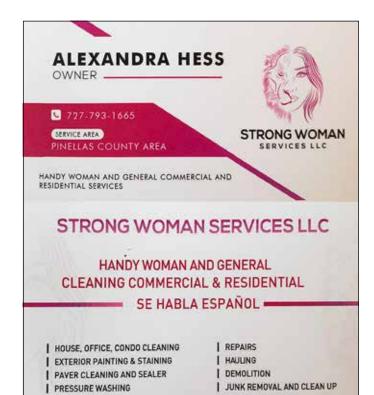


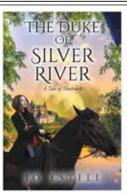
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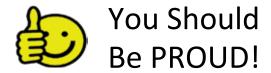
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	28 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Coyote Moon"	27 MUSIC 6-9:00PM by "Bill Shepard"	26 Tiki Open – 5PM Trivia Night 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	25 Lodge Meeting 7:00PM	24 Got It! 2:30PM	23 Breakfast 9-Noon Tiki Open – Noon Queen of Hearts 4PM Texas Hold'em Poker 5:00PM
Tiki Open – 3PM Law & Order Night 6-9PM Ticket \$10 (includes lasagne dinner)	21 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Silver Alert"	20 KARAOKE 5PM	19 Tiki Open – 5PM Trivia Night 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	18 Bunco 6:30PM	Got It! 2:30PM Orientation/Initiation 6:30 PM	16 Tiki Open – Noon Queen of Hearts 4PM
15 Tiki Open – 3PM Elvis Night 6-9PM	14 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Anthony Barcelo" HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY	KARAOKE 5PM House Committee Meeting 6:30PM	12 Tiki Open – 5PM Trivia Night 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	11 Lodge meeting 7:00 PM 2nd Nominations for Lodge Officers for 2025-2026	10 Got It! 2:30PM LOEA Meeting 7PM	9 Breakfast 9-Noon Tiki Open – Noon Mixtape Bingo 2:00PM Queen of Hearts 4PM Super Bowl Potluck Party 5:30PM
8 Tiki Open – 3PM LOEA Gong Show 6-9PM Tickets \$10	7 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Red Hawk"	6 Got It 6:30PM	Ladies who Lunch 12:00PM Tiki Open – 5PM Trivia Night 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	Lodge meeting 7:00 PM 1st nominations for Lodge Officers for 2025-2026 Old Timers Night	Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM Got It! 2:30PM	Tiki Open – Noon LOEA Quarter Auction 1:00PM Queen of Hearts 4PM
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St Pete 1224 is made up of Elks with different backgrounds from all walks of live. When our members wish to contribute their time and talents by serving as a Lodge Officer, House Committee Member or other Lodge Committees, they enrich our Lodge by bringing their skills and life experience to the table. There are occasions when folks who serve disagree with one another, but they continue to work together for the success of our Lodge. Hat's off and a THANK YOU to everyone who serves our Lodge! We appreciate your willingness to keep on keeping on! We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 is one of eight Lodges in the Wonderful West Central District (WWCD). WWCD is one of 14 Districts in the FL State Elks Association. Elk members serve as Officers and Chairs in our Lodge, in our District, and in the State. Please recognize and honor the following St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 members who are serving in State and District positions in 2026-2026: State Veteran's Chair – PER Heidi Green, District Esquire PER Bonnie Barnes, Hoop Shoot Chair – Buzz Hoffman, Ladies Organization Chair – PER Bonnie Barnes, Membership & Lapsation Chair PER Heidi Green, Soccer Shoot Chair – ER Brian Haverfield, Veterans Services Chair – Johnny Miller, Veterans Services Vice Chair – Lodge Trustee Charlie Stroup. Thank You for stepping up and serving our Order, we are proud of you, and You Should Be Proud!

Do you want to know what happens when you support events at our Lodge? You help build up our Charity account allowing us to help others. You also help us to pay the Lodge bills and keep the lights turned on. Thank you and please come back! We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

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