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Members All,

As we approach our busy fall season, we look forward to welcoming back our snowbird members. Please be sure to greet them with a hearty handshake as we enjoy another season of fellowship and fun together.

October is Elks National Foundation Month, a time to celebrate and recognize the incredible work our foundation does in communities across the country. I'm proud to share that St. Petersburg Lodge has received four ENF grants this year — the Beacon, Gratitude, Freedom, and Spotlight Grants — all of which help us continue our mission of service and giving. A special congratulations to Virginia Warfield for winning the Florida State Elks Facebook contest!

In addition, during the State President's Visit, our Lodge was honored to receive \$600 from State President Mike Chandler to support our ongoing projects and initiatives. Thank you for your continued support, which makes these achievements possible!

Please mark your calendars for October 25th and plan to attend a special event at Largo Lodge benefiting the newly organized WCD

Veterans Fund. Proceeds will go directly to this important cause, and your presence will truly make a difference.

We also have exciting youth-focused events coming up, including Kid's Soccer and Hoop Shoots. Volunteers are needed, so please consider lending a hand to ensure these programs are a success for the children in our community. See Toni or Linda in the office for more information.

Many more Lodge activities are on the way, so be sure to check the Spotlight Calendar for all the details.

Let's continue to support one another and make October a month filled with giving, involvement, and pride in our Lodge.

Fraternally, Dan Masi Exalted Rule

Kim Laskey | LOEA President Message



As autumn approaches, days grow shorter, and temperatures become cooler. This is my favorite time of year to live in Florida. I have worked on the beach for many years. I highly recommend gathering with friends or family and watching a sunset. They are spectacular this time of year.

Looking back at September, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to those who donated clothing and volunteered at the LOEA clothing sale. Your participation was truly remarkable. Special thanks are due to Calvin Tate and Johnny Miller delivering the remaining clothes to the Veterans and the Am Vets charities.

Congratulations to Joyce Thornton, our September Lady of the Month. We appreciate her dedication and significant contributions to both the Auxiliary and the Lodge.

Several members of our Lodge attended the FLOE (Florida Ladies of Elks) convention in Daytona. The weekend offered a valuable opportunity to connect with fellow Elks and learn about their initiatives supporting charitable causes. This year, our Ladies of Elks Auxiliary was honored for contributing \$6,000 to the Elks Youth Camp and Children's Therapy Services.

Please mark your calendars for upcoming events in October:

- · Wednesday, October 1: Ladies Who Lunch at Glory Days. No rsvp needed.
- · Saturday, October 4: LOEA Arts, Craft, and Bake Sale. Volunteers are still needed for baking and parking duties.
- · Saturday, October 11: LOEA Monthly Event Oktoberfest. Tickets are available for purchase at the bar.
- · Monday, October 13: LOEA Monthly Meeting
- · Sunday, October 26: Let's Get Crafty event; please sign up on the bulletin board.
- Sunday, October 26: Meet and Greet for new and current members interested in learning more about the Lodge or LOEA.
 Refreshments will be provided.

We look forward to seeing everyone at these events or around the Lodge. A warm welcome back to our seasonal members; we hope you enjoy some of the recent improvements made during your absence. Many thanks to the Board for their efforts.

Happy Fall, Y'all!

PS. Ask me where to park at the beach. I may know a good spot.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 wELKomed 20 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!

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Gary Gerard 38-Years

As a reminder, the St Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224 is a members-only organization.

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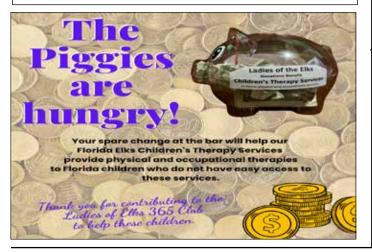
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call me and I will notify all the people on this prayer chain. Can you imagine how many prayers will be lifted up with just one call? Many of us are on or have prayer chains in our churches so the power of prayer will be magnified many times over.

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 | masidolly@gmail.com

LOOKING FOR MORE PRAYER VOLUNTEERS!! YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE AN ELK.



St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2024-2025

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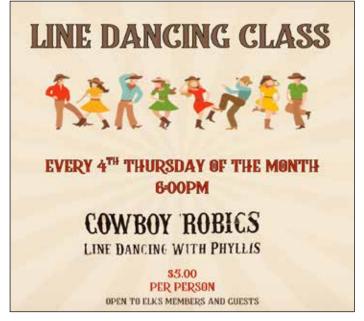












Veterans Chairman Message



JOHNNY L. MILLER

Grand Lodge Representative Bay Pines VA Healthcare System VAVS REP.



Email Johnnyleem47@icloud.com Phone: 727-642-8004

VETERAN'S CORNER

Remember! On the elks bulletin board are copies of the form to receive your DD-214. You can also go on line just type in DD214 form. I can't express enough how it will come in handy later in a veterans life.

I ran Karaoke on September 6th at the Community Living Center located at Bay Pines. It went well and was enjoyed by around 30 patients.

On Saturday September 13th was the Barbecue at the CLC. I ran the music. Elks State President Mike Chandler and his wife Caroline attended and visited with patients.

On Sunday September 14th the Ladies of the elks had the clothing sale. Part of the clothing went to our Elks room at Bay Pines for the veterans.

We will be having karaoke on the 2nd Thursday and the veterans will still be enjoying pizza and karaoke. Still need good used clothes for the veterans. Thanks goes out to all that care for our veterans!

> In Comradeship Johnny Miller





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\$42 million in grants will cover legal services and another \$42 million in grants will go toward case management services to improve housing retention by Veterans who are at risk of becoming homeless or who were previously homeless and are transitioning to permanent housing.

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

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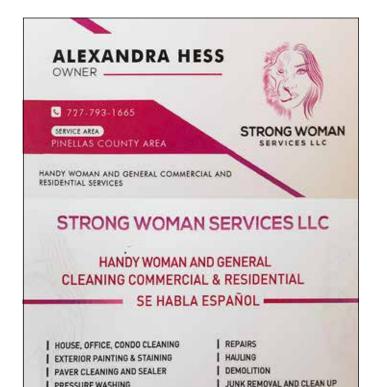


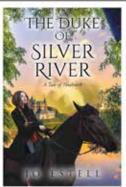
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October 2025

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27 Got It! 2:30PM	20 Got It! 2:30PM Orientation/Initiation 6:30PM	Got It! 2:30PM LOEA Meeting 7PM	6 Got It! 2:30PM	OFFICE: 344-6551 • LOUNGE: 344-6553 LODGE HOURS BAR: Sunday 10AM–9PM, Monday–Thursday 11AM-10PM Friday and Saturday 11AM–11PM OFFICE: Monday-Wednesday, Friday 10AM–2PM, Thursday 3–7PM POOL: Monday-Saturday 7AM–10PM, Sunday 7AM–9PM TIKI: OPEN Saturday & Sunday NOON, Wednesday & Friday 5PM	Monday
28 Trivia 6:30PM	21 PER Meeting at 6PM Trivia 6:30PM	14 Lodge Meeting 7PM	7 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30PM Trivia 6:30PM	1-6553 lay 11AM-10PM PM M, Thursday 3–7PM nday 7AM–9PM sday & Friday 5PM	Tuesday
29 Tiki Open – SPM Dart League 7PM	22 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	15 Tiki Open – SPM Dart League 7PM Bunco 6:30PM	8 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	1 Tiki Open – 5PM Ladies Who Lunch 12:00PM Dart League 7PM	Wednesday
30 Event TBD	23 Line Dancing 6:00PM	16 KARAOKE 5PM	9 KARAOKE 5PM	House Committee Meeting 6:30PM Got It 6:30 PM	Thursday
Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Silver Alert" 6:30-9:30PM	Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Boomers" 6:30-9:30PM	Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Al Ruggeiro" 6:30-9:30PM	Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Sounds of Yesterday" 6:30-9:30PM	3 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Bandstand" 6:30-9:30PM	Friday
HAPPY PATTI'S KITCHEN Monday-Saturday 11AM-8PM Sunday 11AM-6PM Breakfast 9-Noon every 2nd & 4th Sunday	Halloween Party & Costume Contest 6:30-9:30PM MUSIC by "DJ Doug" Tickets \$10	18 Tiki Open – 3PM Silent Disco 7-10PM Tickets \$12 advance \$15 door	Tiki Open – 3PM LOEA Oktoberfest Party 6-9PM MUSIC by "Bandstand" 6:30-9:30 Tickets \$10	4 Tiki Open – 3PM Arts & Crafts Market and LOEA Bake Sale 10AM-2PM Genx Party 7-10PM MUSIC by "DJ Darby" Tiickets \$10	Saturday

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Congratulations and a Tip of the Hat to our Ladies of Elks Auxiliary (LOEA) Past Lady President Virgina Warfield. Virginia administrates our fabulous St. Petersburg #1224 Website that placed First in the State for Best Website. Websites are judged on presentation, creativity, content, and public relations. Virginia, we are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

Last month St. Petersburg #1224 hosted and honored our FL State Elks State President Michael & Caroline Chandler and Entourage. Everyone on our State President's Team were amazed at the warm and friendly atmosphere provided by our members. Our State President, his wife Caroline, and dignitaries from around our District and Florida asked that we share their thanks and appreciation for the delightful atmosphere, decorations, delicious meal, super service, and fun music everyone enjoyed. To the many members who planned and participated in this event, we are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

Our St. Petersburg Past Exalted Rulers Association (PERs) are made up of Lodge Members that served as Exalted Ruler in our Lodge or another Lodge and demitted to St. Pete. The outgoing ER is elected President of the PER Association. The Statutes call for the PER Association to be an advisory group to the Lodge. In addition to sharing knowledge and experience to our Lodge Leaders, PERs are dedicated to the Lodge volunteering, hosting events, and participating in helping St. Pete Elks be successful. PERs do not always agree on the issues but they agree to collaborate effectively together supporting the consensus of the group. St. Pete Elks PERs, we are proud of your service to our Lodge, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

Our Lodge House Committee is made up of Lodge Members appointed by the Lodge Exalted Ruler. This year's House Committee was appointed by ER/PER Dan Masi and led by Kim Ganoe. The House Committee is responsible for all social events in the Lodge. Many dedicated Elks have served on the House Committee over the years to ensure we provide entertaining activities to raise funds to pay our bills and support our charities. Each year the House Committee is made up of Officers, new and older committee members to ensure continuity. The Kitchen and Bar profits fall under preview of the House Committee. House Committee Members this year and past years, we thank you for your service to our Lodge! We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

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