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Members All,

As we enter this joyful and meaningful holiday season, I want to extend my warmest wishes to each of you. December is a time to reflect on the year behind us, celebrate our blessings, and come together in the true spirit of Elkdom — charity, brotherhood, and community.

We have a full month of fellowship, remembrance, and giving, and I hope you'll join us for the many special events planned by the Lodge. Be sure to check the calendar as well for the wonderful LOEA events.

On December 6th, join us for the Ladies Craft Show from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We will also be celebrating all members with December birthdays from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM.

Please join us on December 7th at noon as we honor and remember our absent members. This moving ceremony reminds us of the bonds that make our Lodge a family.

Volunteers are needed on December 19th at 8:00 AM to assist with assembling holiday food baskets for local families in need. Your time and generosity make a tremendous difference in our community.

On December 20th, we will host the Kids Christmas Party from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The annual Exalted Rulers Egg Nog Party will take place on December 24th from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Bring a covered dish and enjoy an afternoon of holiday warmth, friendship, and plenty of cheer!

On December 27th, from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM, join us for our fun Regift Party!

Bring an unwrapped gift to exchange — if it's something you didn't want, bring it to the Lodge and let someone else enjoy it!

On December 31st, let's ring in 2026 together with music, celebration, and the optimism of a fresh start.

As we share in the joy and giving spirit of the season, I am reminded of how fortunate we are to belong to such a dedicated and compassionate Lodge. Thank you for your support, your service, and the kindness you show throughout the year.

May your holidays be bright, and may the New Year bring health, happiness, and prosperity to you and your families.

Fraternally, Dan Masi Exalted Ruler

Lodge Meeting Dec 9, 7:00PM the kitchen lease will be under new business. I encourage all that are interested to attend the meeting.

# Kim Laskey | LOEA President Message



As we bring this year to a close, it is a good time to reflect on the value of being part of the Ladies of Elks Auxiliary and our commitment to generosity and community. We invite all members to join upcoming LOEA and Lodge events—great opportunities to support each other, give back, and strengthen our tradition of fellowship during the holiday season.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Robert Maslo, our August Lady of the Month, for your commitment,

generosity, and consistently positive attitude.

Mark your calendar for upcoming events:

- $\cdot$  Ladies Who Lunch Dec 3: We will be returning to Glory Days on Tyrone Boulevard.
- · Holiday Arts, Craft and Bake Sale Dec 6: We will have our delicious Bake Sale and many craft vendors inside and outside. Volunteers needed for baking and parking.
- · Holiday Craft Making Dec 7: Join me for a fun afternoon of holiday craft making. We'll begin following the Lodge Memorial Service at 12 p.m.
- · LOEA Monthly Meeting Dec 8: Join us at 7pm for a potluck dinner. Wear your holiday lounge wear, bring a dish to share, and a \$10 gift if you want to participate in the exchange.
- · A Candy Land Christmas Dec 13: Join us for holiday fun and dance to the music of Dazzler. Get your tickets at the bar. This will be an assigned seat event.
- · Elks Lodge Children's Christmas Party Dec 20: The LOEA will be hosting games and crafts for the children. It will be a fun day. We are looking for volunteers.

As we approach the festive Christmas season and bring this year to a close, let us remember that the true spirit of this season lies in acts of kindness and generosity. Whether you lend a helping hand, offer a thoughtful word, or simply share a warm smile, these gestures capture the magic that makes the holidays so special.

Wishing everyone a heartfelt and joyful holiday season. Happy New Year to all!



# **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!**

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 wELKomed 18 new members in November.



# 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

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



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#### LIFE MEMBER

John Yeager Mem #11866

As a reminder, the
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is a members-only organization.

In accordance with Florida liquor laws
and Elks statutes, the sale of
alcoholic beverages is limited to
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Non-members and guests may NOT purchase
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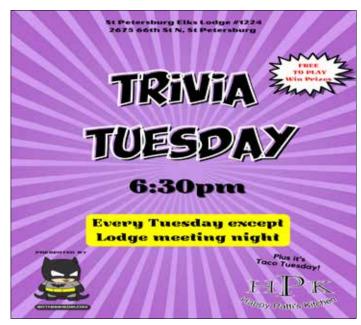












# Sunday, December 7, Noon



For those who no longer answer when their name is called

Please join us as we hold a Special Service at the Lodge to honor and remember our departed loved ones.





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 | masidolly@gmail.com H. Tom Shriver, PDD | tomcat1224bpoe@aol.com

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



# St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2024-2025

"Boston Bob" Davis LM	12/22/24
Julius H Okrzesik LM	01/12/25
Angele Davies	02/07/25
Robert A Boylan	03/11/25
LuAnne K Frolick	03/25/25
George Povelitis, PER LM	03/29/25
William J Lieber, PER, LM	04/25/25
lla Guggino	04/30/25
Robert Campbell III	05/31/25
Wendell L Creager, LM	06/23/25
John A Bourque LM	06/28/25
Elizabeth Balcombe	07/25/25
Doug Breyette, LM	11/05/25
Bobbie Wycoff	11/17/25

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

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#### JOHNNY L. MILLER

Grand Lodge Representative Bay Pines VA Healthcare System VAVS REP.



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# VETERAN'S CORNER

November turned into a very busy month. The cold weather made the veterans visit the elks room here at Bay Pines for warmer clothing. Thanks to the donations we had quite a few hoodies and jackets. Everything is really appreciated! I was asked about fishing lures and poles and went to my favorite flea market in Homassasa and received over \$300 in lures, reels, and rods. Picked up more hats also for the veterans. Delivered 50 frozen turkeys so that 50 veterans and their families could enjoy a happy thanksgiving. If you do have fishing gear that you don't use anymore think of the veterans at Bay Pines. Of course you know clothing is always needed. Remember the veterans come to our lodge on the 2nd Thursday each month for Karaoke and pizza. They usually arrive around 5pm and stay til around 7pm. Everyone enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving & A Merry Christmas.

> In Comradeship Johnny Miller



Pictured is Director of Volunteer services at Bay Pines Shanel Kelly. Johnny Miller was asked to help by getting 50 Turkeys to help 50 needy veterans and there families to have a Happy Thanksqiving.



# 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



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.



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#### **VA HEALTHCARE ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT**

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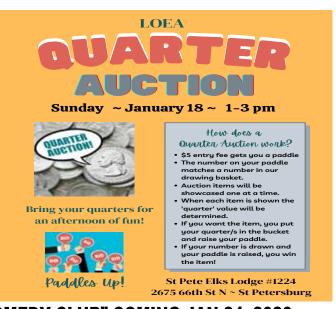


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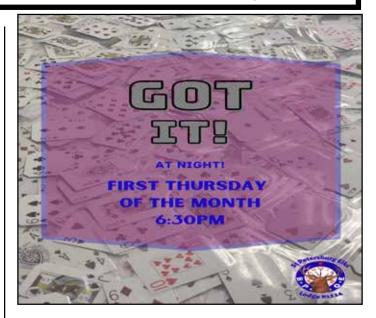
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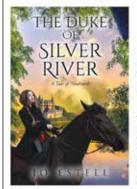


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30 Trivia 6:30PM	23 10PM Trivia 6:30PM	16  PER Meeting at 6PM nitiation this Trivia 6:30PM	9 Lodge Meeting 7PM	Board of Directors Meeting 6:30PM Trivia 6:30PM
31 NEW YEARS EVE PARTY	24 ER Eggnog Party and Potluck Noon-5PM (Last Call 5PM) CHRISTMAS EVE	17 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM Bunco 6:30PM	10 Tiki Open – SPM Dart League 7PM Deadline for Toy Drive	3 Tiki Open – SPM Dart League 7PM
OFFICE BAR: Sunday 10/ Frid OFFICE: Monday-We POOL: Monday- TIKI: OPEN Saturday	Merry Christmas LODGE IS CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY	18	11 KARAOKE 5PM	4  House Committee Meeting 6:30PM  Got It 6:30 PM
OFFICE: 344-6551 • LOUNGE: 344-6553	26 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Tom Davis" 6:30-9:30PM	Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Al Ruggeiro" 6:30-9:30PM	Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Boomers" 6:30-9:30PM	5 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Red Hawk" 6:30-9:30PM
-6553 ay 11AM-10PM yM , Thursday 3–7PM day 7AM–9PM ;day & Friday 5PM	Tiki Open – 3PM Re-Gift Party 6:30PM "Bring a Gift Get a Gift"	Kids Christmas Party 11:00AM Tiki Open – 3PM	13  Tiki Open – 3PM  LOEA Candyland Christmas  Party 6:30-9:30PM  MUSIC by "Dazzler"  Tix \$10	6 Tiki Open – 3PM Holiday Arts & Crafts Market & LOEA Bake Sale 10AM-2PM End-of Year Birthdays Party MUSIC: by Kris Pierce 6:30PM

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Prayer Warrier Show Out! Our Lodge Prayer Warriers have been hard at it the past month interceding on behalf of our members, our families, and our friends. We are thankful for and proud of you and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

"Elks Care, Elks Share" is more than a motto. In our Lodge Meetings, our Board of Directors make recommendations to the Lodge Floor to support needs in our community. In November. This month we voted to help St. Pete Fire Rescue First Responders Fundraisers Banquet with \$1,500. We provided Nurses at Innovative Renal Care Publix Gift Cards to share with their needy patients and gave the MVP Traveling Baseball Team for Under Age 12 funds to help with their traveling expenses. These donations are in addition to the money we give to support Elks National Foundation, Florida Elk Charities, our Autism Gala, our Youth Camp, and our Children's Therapy Services. Members, we are proud of you and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

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