

SPOTLIGHT

BPOE St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224

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1911-2026 *115 Years of Service to the Community*
Elks National Foundation
Elks Children's Therapy Services
Elks Youth Camp

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JANUARY 2026

ST PETERSBURG LADIES OF ELKS PRESENTS

WILD WEST COUNTRY NIGHT

SATURDAY JANUARY 11
6-9PM

Yee Haws! KICK UP YOUR HEELS

LOCK UP THE VILLAINS

SALOON

MUSIC BY KRIS PIERCE

WANTED

\$10

SATURDAY JANUARY 24th

COMEDY NIGHT

APPEARING LIVE!
at St. Petersburg Elks

Dinner and Show \$20

DINNER 6:00
1/2 ROASTED CHICKEN
MASHED POTATOES W/ GRAVY
CORN, ROLL & SALAD

SHOWTIME 7:30PM

OPEN TO ELKS MEMBERS AND GUESTS BENEFITING FLORIDA ELKS CHARITIES

LOEA

QUARTER AUCTION

Sunday ~ January 18 ~ 1-3 pm

Bring your quarters for an afternoon of fun!

Paddles Up!

How does a Quarter Auction work?

- \$5 entry fee gets you a paddle
- The number on your paddle matches a number in our drawing basket.
- Auction items will be showcased one at a time.
- When each item is shown the 'quarter' value will be determined.
- If you want the item, you put your quarter/s in the bucket and raise your paddle.
- If your number is drawn and your paddle is raised, you win the item!

St Pete Elks Lodge #1224
2675 66th St N ~ St Petersburg

St Petersburg Elks #1224 PERs present

Meat Bingo!

BENEFITING FLORIDA ELKS CHARITIES

Sunday, February 1st - 1:00pm

WIN YOUR GROCERIES!
\$1.00 PER CARD

Open to Elks members and guests only

2025-2026 Officers, Directors, Committees & Chairs

OFFICERS		COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS		Chairman of the Board	Pool Maintenance
Dan Masi, PER, ER	Exalted Ruler	Bonnie Barne, PER, PLP	Americanism	Brian MacDonald	Pool Monitor
Adrianne Sproul	Leading Knight	Heidi Green, PER	Army of Hope	Alexandra Kaan	Presiding Justice Forum
Mark Bonneau	Loyal Knight	Dolly Masi, PER, PLP	Auditing	TBD	Public Relations
Brian Lewandowski	Lecturing Knight	Sherrie "Midge" McNeil	Bar Chair	Virginia Warfield, PLP	Social Media
Toni Goodrich, PDD	Secretary	Charlie Stroup	Boy Scouts	Rosemarie Dion	Queen of Hearts
Brian Polk	Treasurer	Dan Masi PER, ER	Building	Mark Mettetal, PER	Ritual
Margie Schulz	Chaplain	Dawn Stidham, PER	By-Laws	Jan Musgrave	Safety
Eric Slez	Esquire	Adrianne Sproul	Children's Christmas Party	Toni Goodrich, PDD	Scholarships
Stephen Masi	Tiler	Mark Bonneau	Christmas Baskets	Adrianne Sproul	Sickness & Distress
Calvin Tate	Inner Guard	Adrianne Sproul	Community Activities	Brian Haverfield, PER	Soccer Shot
BOARD OF DIRECTORS		Brian Lewandowski	Drug Awareness	Charlie Stroup	Youth Activities
Rick Marks	Chairman	Mark Bonneau	ENF Chair	Johnny Miller	VAVS Grand Lodge
Dan Masi, PER, ER	Exhalted Ruler	Linda Musgrave	Entertainment Committee	John Gilis	VAVS Deputy Rep
Adrian Sproul	Leading Knight	Mark Bonneau	Flag Day / Flag Retirement	Gene Berry	VAVS Deputy Rep
Mark Bonneau	Loyal Knight	Margie Schulz	Funeral Services	Mark Bonneau	Visitation
Brian Lewandowski	Lecturing Knight	Dolly Masi, PER, PLP	Government Relations	Bonnie Barnes, PER, PLP	Vol. Activity Cood
Bobby Barber	5 year Trustee	Dawn Stidham, PER	Grant	TBD	Webmaster
H Tom Shriver PDD	4 year Trustee	Brian Lewandowski	Harry Anna	SPOTLIGHT	
Cathy Shriver, PER, PLP	3 year Trustee	Ruth Green	Historian	Carol Bressler	Editor
Rick Marks	2 year Trustee	Adrianne Sproul	Hoop Shoot	cbressler59@live.com	
Jan Musgrave	1 year Trustee	Mark Bonneau	Inter-lodge Visitation	TBD	Distribution
Toni Goodrich, PDD	Secretary	Gretchen Keehn	Investigation Chair	LADIES OF ELKS AUXILIARY	
Brian Polk	Tresurer	Patty McKinney & Joe Packard	Kitchen	Kim Laskey	President
HOUSE COMMITTEE		Toni Goodrich, PDD	Lapsation & Strays	Kerrie Green	Vice President
Kim Gano	House Chair	Toni Goodrich, PDD	Law & Order	Bonnie Mettetal, PLP	Secretary
Theresa Sims	Secretary	Rudy Masi, PSP	Law & Order Co-Chair	Deseray Masi	Treasurer
Adrianne Sproul	Leading Knight	Dan Masi PER, ER	Liaison to the Ladies	Sandy Mailey	Membership
Mark Bonneau	Loyal Knight	Rhonda Smith	Lodge Advisor	Vivian Gustafson, PLP	Chaplain
Brian Lewandowski	Lecturing Knight	Rob Davis	Maintenance	Margie Schulz	Friendship
Lesia Porter, Margie Schulz,		Robert Pitney, PDD	Mediator	Bonnie Barnes, PLP	Parliamentarian
Ruth Greene, Jennifer Lumsden		Dawn Stidham, PER	Membership	Virginia Warfield, PLP	1 Year Trustee
KITCHEN		Dan Masi PER, ER	Memorial Service	Dolly Masi, PER, PLP	2 Year Trustee
Happy Patty's Kitchen		Brian Lewandowski	Mothers Day	Janet Barrick, PLP	3 Year Trustee
		Adrianne Sproul	New Year's Eve		
		PER Association	Old Timer's Night		
		Adrianne Sproul	Orientation		
		Brian Haverfield, PER	PER Association		
		Margie Schulz	Photographer		

ST PETERSBURG ELKS LODGE #1224 PRESENTS

Paint Night

**Saturday January 17
6:00 pm**

Unleash your inner artist and join us for an evening of creativity and fun!



Cost \$40

BENEFITING FLORIDA ELKS CHARITIES

Ticket price includes all materials.
We'll be painting this image, with the skyline customizable for Tampa Bay.
Must sign up and pay by 1/14/26
OPEN TO ELKS MEMBERS AND GUESTS

ST PETE ELKS LODGE #1224

NEW YEARS EVE MARDI GRAS Masquerade

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 31ST**

7:30P - 12:30A

\$60 per person
Prime Rib or Chicken Breast
Baked Potato, Vegetable and Dessert
Two Well Drinks
Dinner to be served at 7:30pm
Champagne toast at 12am

MUSIC BY REDHAWK

OPEN TO ELK MEMBERS AND GUESTS
SUPPORTING FLORIDA ELK CHARITIES

St Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224 - 2675 66th Street North



Members All,

As we ring in the New Year, it is a meaningful time for all of us to reflect and evaluate where we have been and where we are headed as a Lodge. It is an opportunity to look back with gratitude, assess what we have accomplished together, and consider how we can continue to grow stronger.

This season also invites us to re-examine the reasons we first joined Elksdom. The principles that brought us through the doors - Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Let us recommit ourselves to those ideals and set new resolutions and goals that will ensure our Lodge remains vibrant, relevant, and prepared for the future. Our legacy should be one that encourages growth, welcomes new ideas, and inspires those who follow us to be even better than we are today.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who assisted in assembling food baskets that were distributed to families in need, and those who donated toys and volunteered their time at The Kid's Christmas Party. Your generosity, compassion, and willingness to serve our community truly reflects the heart of Elksdom and made the holiday season brighter for so many.

January brings many exciting events to our Lodge. Please refer to this month's calendar and plan to participate in these events to ensure their success because THEIR success leads to OUR success and the success of the programs we support.

Looking ahead, this is a reminder that first nominations of officers will be taken on February 3rd, "Old Timers Night." I encourage members who are willing to serve and dedicate themselves to the responsibilities of leadership to step forward and consider how they can contribute to the continued success of our Lodge.

Also, Hope Scholarships are awarded to deserving graduating senior applicants in amounts ranging from \$3,000.00 to \$20,000.00 per recipient and applications are due by January 15th. Please refer to the ad in this issue and pass the information to qualifying candidates.

In closing, resolve this year to be the best you can be as a member of our Lodge and our great organization. Reach out to others, sponsor a new member, ask how you can get involved in helping St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 be the best that it can be! I wish you all good health and much happiness in the new year!

Fraternally,
Dan Masi, Exalted Ruler



Kim Laskey | LOEA President Message



Happy New Year! Let's continue serving our communities with compassion, strengthening friendships in our lodges, and spreading kindness. I look forward to what 2026 brings for our Auxiliary.

December was busy. The Arts, Craft and Bake sale succeeded—thanks to Sandy, Susan, and all volunteers and bakers for their efforts.

Our December LOEA meeting was a success—thanks to all who attended and contributed to the potluck dinner. The evening was enjoyable and a lot of fun.

We appreciate Bonnie Barnes for her dedication to Candyland Christmas. The event was a great success with strong attendance, great music and lots of prizes to win. Congratulations to the winners.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Joyce Thornton for her generous donation of 12 baskets containing a variety of items. Your thoughtful contribution is greatly appreciated.

The Ladies helped decorate the Lodge for the holidays and organized games and crafts for the Kids Christmas event, which everyone enjoyed.

Thanks, Desi and Kerrie—I couldn't have done it without you.

Congratulations to Susan Dill, November Lady of the Month. Thank you for your outstanding efforts on the Bake Sale and your ongoing dedication to our Auxiliary.

Upcoming events for January:

- Jan 7: Ladies Who Lunch, noon at the Lodge.
- Jan 10: Boots and Bourbon Country Night with Kris Pierce. Tickets \$10.
- Jan 12: LOEA Monthly Meeting and dinner.
- Jan 18: LOEA Quarter Auction. Drop donations by the ICP door and notify me for collection.

I appreciate everyone's continued commitment and energy. Our organization thrives because of your participation. I'm excited to catch up with you at upcoming events or around the Lodge.

Wishing everyone a truly happy and outstanding New Year.

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

CANDIDATES	SPONSORS	OCCUPATION
Adriene Ables	Timothy Gettig	Attorney
Louis Breingan	Dan Masi PER	Painter
Gus Ellinger	Anne Marie Bongiorno	Retired
Lisa Esterhay-Steward	Ryan Hurley	RN
Patrick Gleason	Wendy Richards	Retired
Stratton Leo	Timothy Gettig	Service Manager
Patrick McMahon	Aimee Taylor	PCSB Teacher
James Montanez	Dan Masi PER	SPPD Resource Ofc.
Michael Wirtz	Leona Wirtz	Construction
Ellen A Zadoff	Donna McCaul-Thibodeau	Retired

TRANSFERS

Kathy Ferfaglia
James Codella

FROM

Seminole #2519
Westchester NY #707

REINSTATEMENT

James Premaza #14516

**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.**

**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.

**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.

REMINDER!

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

NOTICE TO MEMBERS...

Proposed bylaw changes will be presented for a vote during our February Lodge Meeting. Please review the outlined updates in advance and be prepared to participate in these important decisions.

Current Bylaw (Article IV: Meetings, Section 1): The regular Lodge meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month throughout the year. If a regular meeting falls on a holiday, that meeting shall be held on the same day of the week during the following week.

In February, March and April, the Lodge will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

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In February, March and April, the Lodge will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The First Tuesday in February will be PER's Old Timer's Night meeting for the purpose of taking first nominations for individuals wishing to run for office the upcoming year.

Current Bylaw (Article V: Elective Officers and Duties, Section 1): The elective Officers of this Lodge shall be an Exalted Ruler, an Esteemed Leading Knight, an Esteemed Loyal Knight, an Esteemed Lecturing Knight, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and five Trustees; and no member can simultaneously hold more than one office in the Lodge, elective or appointive. No Lodge Officer shall simultaneously occupy another position in the Lodge, whether as a paid employee or otherwise, when the relationship between the Lodge Office held and the other position occupied is such as to give rise to an apparent, potential or actual conflict of interest.

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Current Bylaw (Article V: Elective Officers and Duties, Of the Secretary, Section 4, Paragraph 7): He shall notify the members of all committees..... For the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive as compensation \$15,000.00 per annum, payable monthly.

Proposed Change: He shall notify the members of all committees... For the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive as compensation not to exceed \$30,000.00 per annum, payable monthly.

The Lodge Secretary shall be present at all meetings of the Board of Directors. His attendance ensures accurate record-keeping and financial reporting. He shall not be absent except for good cause, as determined by the Exalted Ruler.

Current Bylaw (Article V: Elective Officers and Duties, Of the Treasurer, Section 5): It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive

all the Lodge moneys..... He shall be required to give bond to the Lodge in the sum of \$5,000.00 for the faithful performance of his duties, and shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of \$1,200.00 per annum, payable monthly.

Proposed Change: He shall notify the members of all committees..... For the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive as compensation not to exceed \$15,000.00 per annum, payable monthly.

The Lodge Treasurer shall be present at all meetings of the Board of Directors. His attendance ensures accurate record-keeping and financial reporting. He shall not be absent except for good cause, as determined by the Exalted Ruler.

Current Bylaw (Article V: Elective Officers and Duties, Of the Trustees or Board of Directors, Section 6, Paragraph 2):

It shall hold at least one regular meeting each month and such special meetings, subject to the call of the Chairman, as may be required for the fulfillment of its duties, keeping correct minutes thereof. The Exalted Ruler shall be given the same notice of all meetings in the same manner as given to other members of the Board.....

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It shall hold at least one regular meeting each month and such special meetings, subject to the call of the Chairman, as may be required for the fulfillment of its duties, keeping correct minutes thereof. The Exalted Ruler, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be given the same notice of all meetings in the same manner as given to other members of the Board.

Current Bylaw (House Rules, Paragraph 2): Only regular Members and Associate Members, in good standing of BPOE 1224, who have a current Membership or Identification Card will be allowed to enter the Club facilities during normal operating hours. The use of Key Cards is limited to the individuals to whom they are issued. Visiting Elks to be charged a fee for a Key Card.

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Current Bylaw (House Rules, Number 1): All individuals entitled to a BPOE 1224 Identification Card (spouse, widow/widower), paid their dues and initiation fee, in full, will be entitled to a Pool Card. A current Membership card or Identification card must be shown in order to obtain service in the Club. Alcoholic beverages must be served only to bonafide Elk Members or their guests. The payment for such services and distribution must be made only by bonafide Elk Members. The only exception to this rule is in an area of the Club which has been opened to the public by appropriate authority. Under no circumstances will unauthorized individuals be allowed to purchase Alcoholic beverages.

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C. VALENTINE BATES MEMORIAL HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIPS RANGE FROM \$3,000 to \$20,000 per recipient

OUR MISSION
The mission of the Florida State Elks Association C. Valentine Bates Memorial HOPE Scholarship is to provide financial support for the educational needs of Florida high school seniors without which they would not be able to achieve their educational goals.

ELIGIBILITY
• High School Seniors
• Resident of Florida
• United States Citizen

SCAN HERE

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY, PLEASE VISIT
FLORIDAEELKS.ORG/HOPE-SCHOLARSHIP

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

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

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.

St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2024-2026

"Boston Bob" Davis LM	12/22/24
Julius Henry Okresik	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
Carmen Madore	04/07/25
William J Lieber, PER, LM	04/25/25
Ila Guggino	04/30/25
Joseph Smolic	05/15/25
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.
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

In Memory of Al Goodrich	7/26
In Memory of William A Schulz	12/26
In Memory of Phyllis Povelitis	5/26
In Memory of George Povelitis PER	5/26

Gold Spotlight Boosters

Alexandra Kaan	12/26
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Silver Spotlight Boosters

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:
BPOE St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224
2675 66th Street North | St. Petersburg, FL 33710

Current Bylaw (House Rules, Number 2):

Any widow/widower of a deceased Elk holding an Identification Card under the authorization of Grand Lodge Statutes, Article XIV, Section 14.140, shall be permitted to purchase drinks in the Club facilities. Any unmarried daughter or unmarried son of a deceased Member, being under the age of 21 holding an Identification Card under the authorization of Grand Lodge Statutes, Article XIV, Section 14.140, shall be permitted to purchase sodas and snacks in the Club facilities.

Guests will be allowed entrance to the Club when signed in by a bonafide Elk Member of Lodge 1224. While a guest of a Member of Lodge 1224, the Member will be in attendance at all times; and the guest will leave with the Member. No one with an Identification Card or who is a Guest may sign in another Guest.

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Current Bylaw (House Rules, Number 10): Proper clothing will be worn at all times. Men may dress in long pants, bermudas, or dress shirts, shirts with sleeves and appropriate footwear. Women may dress in dresses or dress shorts, skorts, culottes, and appropriate footwear. No undershirts or tank tops will be allowed inside the Lodge, Lounge or bar areas. Hats and caps may be worn at any time except at Lodge Meetings and Dignitary Visits. Theme events are exempt from this rule.

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No see-through or transparent clothing is permitted within the Lodge. All attire must provide appropriate coverage and maintain the decorum expected in a fraternal setting.

Together, through your participation and vote, we will guide the future of our lodge.

Proposed Addition: Practical Guidance for Lodge Meetings

"This Lodge shall be governed by the Constitution, Statutes, and Ritual of the Order. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern parliamentary procedure where not otherwise provided."

ST PETERSBURG ELKS LODGE #1224
PRESENTS

**NEIL DIAMOND
TRIBUTE SHOW**



SATURDAY MARCH 7 2026

This special one-night show features
Keith Allyn - The Diamond Image
performing the songs and story of the iconic singer.

OPEN TO ELKS MEMBERS AND GUESTS

**SUNDAY JANUARY 25TH
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 JANUARY 25TH
STARTING AT 5PM SHARP**

PRESENTED BY



Elks Lodge #1224
2675 66th Street N,
St. Petersburg, FL 33710

**\$5.00 to play
benefiting
Florida Elks
Charities**

**SUNDAY JANUARY 11th
2-4pm**



MIXTAPE

*SING ALONG TO
THE SONGS*

*THE MUSIC
YOU LOVE
TO HEAR!*

Bingo



Open to Elks members and their guests

Veterans Chairman Message



JOHNNY L. MILLER
Grand Lodge Representative
Bay Pines VA Healthcare
System VAVS REP.

Email
johnnyleem@tampabay.rr.com
Phone : 727-642-8004



VETERAN'S CORNER

The month of December hasn't been kind to my health but I will do the best I can to explain things. The families enjoyed their donated turkeys and Bldg 111 is very happy with the fishing rods and reels. *(photo below)* The fishing lures mean no more messy bait. As you can see there is another happy veteran with her new hat on. *(right)* Besides all you help me to do for the veterans this makes their day.

The VA contacted me and they are short on staff. An incident happened (Not at elks) where a veteran became sick and there was only one staff member to get the veteran to the hospital. At our lodge, so far, we have had 2 staff. Not sure if we will have the veterans in January until they decide. There are forms on the elk bulletin board to get your DD214! I have mine but don't wait until you are old like me to get it! This makes it harder on relatives that care!

I know I'm rambling still recovering from pneumonia but thank you for caring for our veterans. Happy New Year.

In Comradeship
Johnny Miller



Over \$300 worth of fishing tackle was donated by our Elks Lodge.



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**



**1-800-273-8255
PRESS 1**

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.

VAU.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 ENROLLMENT1.877.222.VETS(8387) Visit www.1010EZmed.va.govOr 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.govCall VA's Caregiver Support
Line toll-free today.**1-855-260-3274****"So long as there are Veterans the
Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS
will never forget them"**

ELKS SOCIAL MEDIA NETWORK

**YOUR DUES
POWER
PROGRAMS
THAT HELP
VETERANS EXIT
HOMELESSNESS****Please contact
your
Lodge
Secretary***today***Attention Veterans!****A copycat CHOICE program phone line has been
set up to steal your credit card information****The OFFICIAL National CHOICE program line is:****1-866-606-8198****GOT
IT!****MONDAYS AT
THE LODGE****2:30PM****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 •

**NEW HOURS**

Monday - Saturday

11AM to 10PM

Sunday 11AM to 8PM

2nd and 4th Sunday

Breakfast

9AM to Noon

WHOLE\$ALE CARPETS, INC

TRUST & RELIABILITY SINCE 1957

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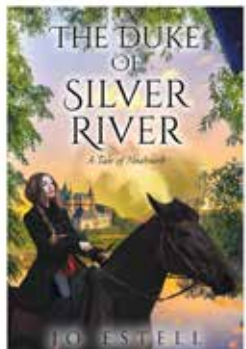
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4 TIKI Open – Noon Queen of Hearts 4PM	5 Got It! 2:30PM	6 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30PM	7 TIKI Open – 5PM Trivia 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	8 KARAOKE 5PM House Committee Meeting 6:30PM	9 TIKI Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Happy Days" 6:30-9:30PM	10 TIKI Open – 3PM Boots & Bourbon Country Western Night 6:00–9PM Tickets \$10 MUSIC by "Kris Pierce"
11 Breakfast 9–Noon TIKI Open – Noon Mixtape Bingo 2:00PM Queen of Hearts 4PM	12 Got It! 2:30PM LOFA Meeting 7PM	13 Lodge Meeting 7:00PM	14 TIKI Open – 5PM Trivia 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	15 Bingo	16 TIKI Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Carla Hines & Duo" 6:30-9:30PM	17 TIKI Open – 3PM Paint Night 6PM - \$40 fee (fee includes all materials)
18 TIKI Open – Noon LOFA Quarter Auction 1:00PM Queen of Hearts 4PM	19 Got It! 2:30PM Orientation/Initiation 6:30PM	20 PER Meeting at 6PM Bunco 6:30PM	21 TIKI Open – 5PM Trivia 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	22 Game Night	23 TIKI Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Al Ruggerio" 6:30-9:30PM	24 TIKI Open – 3PM Comedy Night 6:00PM Tickets \$20 (includes dinner)
25 TIKI Open – Noon Breakfast 9–Noon New Member Meet & Greet 2:00pm Queen of Hearts 4PM Texas Hold'em Poker 5:00pm	26 Got It! 2:30PM	27	28 TIKI Open – 5PM Trivia 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	29 KARAOKE 5PM	30 TIKI Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Anthony Barcelo" 6:30-9:30PM	31 TIKI Open – 3PM

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