

# SPOTLIGHT



**BPOE St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224**

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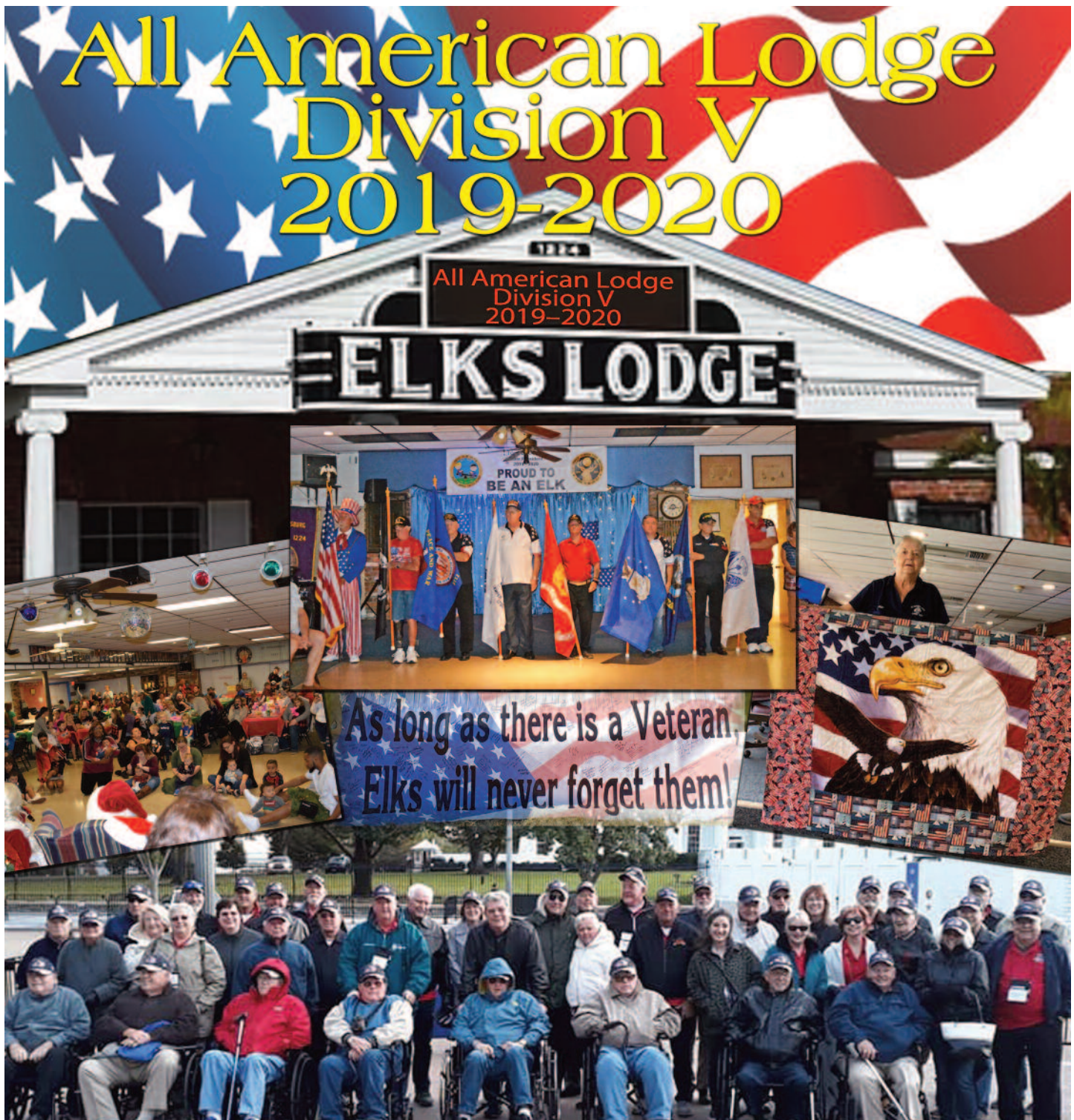
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## 2019-2020 Officers, Directors, Committees & Chairs

OFFICERS					
Michael "Doc" Cook	Exalted Ruler	Kim Ganoë	Boy Scouts	Ann Marie Bongiorno	Pool Monitor
Dan Masi	Leading Knight	Brian Metzgar	Building	Traci Steen	Presiding Justice of Forum
Sharon Litterski	Loyal Knight	Rudy Masi, Sr., PDD	By-Laws	May Graci	Public Relations
Al Litterski	Lecturing Knight	Dan Masi	Children's Christmas Party	Mark Mettetal, PER	Ritual
Toni Goodrich, PDD	Secretary	Mimi Reich	Christmas Baskets	Rick Marks	Safety
Dolly Masi, PER	Treasurer	Open	Christmas Baskets Co-Chair	Grace Hirigoyen	Scholarship
Carol Barkalow	Esquire	Dan Masi	Community Activities	Dan Masi	Sickness & Distress
Bobbie Wycoff	Chaplain	Al Litterski	Drug Awareness	Randy Bryant	Soccer Shoot
Kirk Martin	Inner Guard	H. Tom Shriver, PDD	Elks Training	Johnny Miller	Veterans Representative
Anne Marie Bongiorno	Tiler	Sharon Litterski	ENF Chair		Army of Hope
		Theresa Sims	Entertainment		VAVS Representative
		Sharon Litterski	Flag Day		Bay Pines VA Medical Center
		H. Tom Shriver, PDD	Funeral Services	Sharon Litterski	Visitation
		Open	Golf Tournament	Open	Vol. Activity Coordinator
		Dolly Masi, PER	Government Relations	Dawn Lieber, PER	Webmaster
		Dawn Lieber, PER	Grant Writer		webmaster@bpoe1224.com
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		Al Litterski	Harry Anna		
		Open	Historian		
		Dave Furst	Hoop Shoot		
			Investigation Committee		
		Anne Marie Bongiorno			
		Jan Giallourakis, Kim Ganoë			
		John Bauer	Kitchen		
		Toni Goodrich, PDD	Lapsation & Strays		
		Rudy Masi, Sr., PDD	Law & Order		
		Toni Goodrich, PDD	Law & Order Co-Chair		
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		Toni Goodrich, PDD	Lodge Advisor		
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		Bob Pitney, PDD	Mediator		
		Toni Goodrich, PDD	Membership		
		Doc Cook, ER	Memorial Service		
		Al Litterski	Mother's Day		
		Dan Masi	New Years Eve		
		PER's Association	Old Timer's Night		
		Dan Masi	Orientation		
		Dawn Lieber, PER	PER Association		
		May Graci	Photographer		
		Mark Mettetal, PER	Pool		
BOARD OF DIRECTORS					
Mimi Reich, Secretary	5 Year Trustee				
Cathy Shriver, PER	4 Year Trustee				
Rick Marks	3 Year Trustee				
Joanne Matos, PER	2 Year Trustee				
Brian Metzgar, Chairperson	1 Year Trustee				
Doc Cook, Dan Masi					
Sharon Litterski, Al Litterski					
HOUSE COMMITTEE					
Bonnie Barnes, PER, House Chair					
Joanne Matos, PER, Secretary					
Dan Masi	Sharon Litterski				
Al Litterski	Jerry Mieldazis				
Jan Gens	Kim Ganoë				
Toni Goodrich	Theresa Sims				
Todd Dourm					
KITCHEN					
John Bauer, The Lodge Restaurant					
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Betty Barnes, Jan Giallourakis	Auditing				
Sherrie McNeil	Bar Chair				
SPOTLIGHT					
Carol Bressler	Editor				
Open	Mailing Chairperson				
Toni Goodrich, PDD	Distribution				
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Katherine (Kat) Chaplin	Friendship				
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Bonnie Barnes	1 Year Trustee				
Sharon Litterski	2 Year Trustee				
Barbara Middleton	3 Year Trustee				



## You Should Be Proud!

Happy 100th Birthday Year to Julius Okrzesik! Julius is a member of St. Pete Elks who joined the BPOE 74 years ago. Congratulations Julius, we are proud of you and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD! Please send Julius a birthday card: Julius Okrzesik 4650 54th Ave S. #208 St Petersburg, FL 33711-4634

St Pete Elks Member Joanne Matos was installed as the West Central District Vice President during the FSEA June State Convention. Joanne will represent the 8 Lodges of WCD. Congratulations Joanne, we are proud of you and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

St. Pete Elks Lodge #1224 has had ONLY one State President. Way back in 1952. St. Pete Elks member Rudy Masi, Sr. was installed as Florida State Elks Association State President during the June State Convention. We now have two and ironically, Rudy was born in 1952! Congratulations Rudy, we are proud of you and proud of Dolly as our 1st Lady. YOU BOTH SHOULD BE PROUD!

During the recent FSEA State Golf Tournament which is a fundraiser for our Florida Elks Charities, two St. Pete Elks won Longest Lady Drive. Member Marge Rosenbalm placed first on Saturday and Lodge Secretary/Lodge Advisor/PDD Toni Goodrich won first place on Sunday! Congratulations Marge and Toni, we are proud of you and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

# HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, ONE nation evermore!

– Oliver Wendell Holmes

## Exalted Ruler Message



At the time this article is being written, the State of Florida is still under Phase II. Even with following the expected protocol most places are open, trying to re-establish their clientele and St Pete Elks Lodge is no exception. The first week of re-opening overall went well. It was wonderful to see members returning and adhering to the safety guidelines that the House Committee implemented. Welcome back and let's get this party started!

As a kid growing up in the mountains of North Carolina/East Tennessee, the month of July predominately meant family vacations, chasing fire flies (we called them lightning bugs), picnics, eating lots of watermelon, swimming in the creek but the highlight of the month was always going in to town to watch the July 4th Fireworks Show. Now that I'm older, I've come to appreciate the true meaning of Independence Day. I want to thank the many men and women whom have served in the Armed Forces and those that sacrificed their lives so that I'm able to live in the land of the free because of the brave!

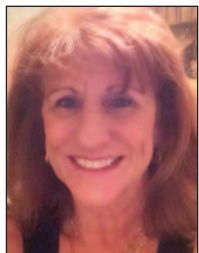
Throughout the month be sure to check the Spotlight and BPOE 1224 website for a listing of events such as karaoke on Thursday nights, music inside on Friday nights and music poolside on Saturdays. We will be having Share the Wealth, raffles, jello shots and shots of moonshine (Apple Pie, Pumpkin Pie and Tropical Berry). Of course don't forget about Bar Poker at the Tiki on Wednesday nights.

We'll soon begin preparations to kick off the new school year by collecting "Back to School" supplies such as pencils, pens, markers, crayons, glue sticks and paper. I'm issuing a challenge to all our members to fill the barrel. These supplies are more important ever this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic due to many parent(s) laid off or let go from their job. These supplies will assist teachers in making sure the children will have the necessary supplies for the upcoming school year.

Always remember: We're Better Together!

Fraternally yours,  
Doc Cook, ER

## LOEA President Message



I want to thank every one who has honored the quarantine. Now that the lodge has opened with special conditions, we are in need of volunteers for 2 hours at the front door. Please stop by the lodge and sign up to help. Volunteers will make sure all members and guests are wearing a mask, sign in the lodge book and check their temperature.

Our LOEA Event Prom Night is Saturday, August 29, 2020. The time will be 7:00 to 11:00 PM. A King and Queen will be crowned. Snacks will be provided. Tickets \$10.00. Music by Batman Media.

We are in need of volunteers to help in the Ice Cream Parlor since

the pool has opened. The sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

Praying you and your loved ones remain safe and healthy. Love all of you and can't wait until we can all get together again!

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Giallourakis  
LOEA President

*"If I Can Not Do Great Things, I Will Do Small Things In A Great Way"*



## CONGRATULATIONS St. Petersburg Elks Lodge 1224 in Florida and Exalted Ruler Doc Cook. This is the second time that St. Pete has brought this banner home.

PHOTO: ER Kenny Goodwien of Plant City Lodge #1727 passing the State President's Banner to St Petersburg Lodge #1224 Exalted Ruler Doc Cook.

### PROPOSED CANDIDATES

Brenna Arch	Toni Goodrich	Family/Community Liaison
Zebedee Apostoukis	Stanley Arthur	Daily Special TV Com
Herman Boaz	Bunny Ennis	Retired
Debra Brattvet	Joanne Matos	St Jude's Pre School
Michael Ciesienski	Allen Seibert	Retired
Kevin L Cummings	Patrick Anderson	On-Air Personality
Joshua Delatorre	Larry Jensen	Nurse - Palms Pasadena
Patricka Deveaux	Susan Cooney	VA Service Rep-Bay Pines
Richard DiPeppe	Jim Langdon	Advantage Solutions
Cecelia Garguilo	Doc Cook	Homemaker
Brian Gater	Mellissa Zeni	Ins Sales Mgr
Timothy George	John C Baker	PCSB Teacher
Jessica Greenfield	Sharon Literski	Bartender-Am Legion
Donald A Johnson Jr	Kat Chaplin	Dependable Const Mgr
Mark P Kreis	Diana Murcin	CPA- Johnson & Kreis
Rachel Leone-Poe	Kristina Campbell	Nurse - AR MMC
Leah McCabe	Toni Goodrich	Home Cleaning Company
Holly Minch	Peter Burke	Non-Profit Mrketing
Krista Mohn	Melissa Helfer #2519	Escrow Closer
Scott Muli	Doc Cook	Maint - McDonalds
Gina Nunez	Sharon Literski	Homemaker
Roland Ortiz	Richard Shirley	US Army Helicopter Mech
Megan Perryman	Richard Shirley	State Farm Agent Owner
J Scott Rashbach	Toni Goodrich	Retired-Goodwill Maint
Sandra Lee Smith	Tracy Roy	UCF-Project Mgr
Sheryl Stefanowicz	Doc Cook	Retired
Suzanne Watkins	Kristin Koscho	WelMed Case Mgmnt
Nicole Woods	Jeremy Farris	PCT-Palms Hospital
Stephanie Wyatt	Beth Weingart	Sign Language Interpreter

REINSTATEMENT	MEMBER #	CERT OF RELEASE:
Donna Allen	11372	Frank Rzeszut - Hol Isles #1912
May Avis	13079	
Len Bianchi	12255	<b>TRANSFER FROM</b>
Amy Evans	11626	David Evanich Parma, OH #1938
Frank Johnson III	12438	Brian Jenks Attleboro, MA #1011
Steven Merrilll	12901	

### ER's JUNE ELK OF THE MONTH

My Elk of the Month is **Grace Hirigoyen**. I only met Grace recently. She volunteered to help with the sign-in, temperature check and monitoring the lodge limit capacity. Upon our discussion, she mentioned that she had previously worked with the Antler Program in Miami. My response was I wanted to try and start one at our Lodge. She agreed to take on this challenge. Also, I was able to introduce her to the Scoutmaster of Troop 334. Since the troop all ready has members this group would be the foundation for the Antler Program.



### 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!

Reinstatement fee of \$25.00 and \$110.25 for Dues and Assessments.

We look forward to re-introducing you into ELKDOM

Fraternally,  
Doc Cook, ER



## FLORIDA IS HONORED to introduce you to their 2020-2021 Florida Elks State Association President Rudy Masi, Sr.

Rudy Masi, Sr. was born in Pittsburgh, PA in 1952 and moved with his family to St. Petersburg, FL in 1954 where he grew up and still resides. He graduated from Dixie Hollins High School, attended St. Petersburg Junior College and graduated in 1995 from National Louis University with a degree in Applied Behavioral Sciences. Masi also attended and received certifications from the University of North Carolina's Kenan-Flagler Business School for Leaders.

Masi joined St. Petersburg #1224 on August 23, 2005. Over the years Masi has served as Committee Chairperson in many lodge Committees, including but not limited to Board of Directors, House Committee, two-time President of St. Pete #1224 PER Association and Exalted Ruler twice. Masi has also served as WCD VP and DDGER and other Chairs within the WCD. Most recently Masi has been serving FSEA as Historical Commemorative Programs Liaison since 2009, FEYC Board of Directors 2017 – 2018, Present Member of FSEA Board of Directors and Executive Committee 2018 – 2019 and many other roles in previous years. 2019 – 2020 VPAL.

Masi and his wife Dolly, PLP, PER have been blessed with 30 years of marriage. Between them they have two sons Rey III and Rudy Jr. (deceased), a grandson Rey IV and granddaughter Aurelia.

These are challenging times, but FSEA will emerge stronger. With a relentless focus on our veterans, kids and community and a preparedness to challenge ourselves and take bold decisions we can retain our position as our communities' champions. This is a great



team made up of great people, with real expertise and we are confident that together we can succeed.

Rudy's 2020-2021 FSEA Motto is "Florida Elks – Warm, Friendly, & Active"! Rudy asks his fellow members of St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 to join together with First Lady Dolly, VPAL Suzi and Joey Simonelli, and Rudy in leading the way showing Florida Elks are Warm, Friendly, and Active.

## CONGRATULATIONS Toni Goodrich FSEA Sergeant-At-Arms 2020-2021



Congratulations to St. Pete Lodge Secretary and WCD PDD Toni Goodrich. Toni has been appointed to the Florida State Elks Association position of SERGEANT AT ARMS for the 2020 -2021 Elk

year. The Sergeant at Arms executes the orders of the State President and assists in preserving order, act as Marshall on public occasions, and during closed sessions. The Sergeant-At-Arms also assists the Tiler in examining the qualifications of all persons wanting admission to meetings and any other assignments given by the President.

## PRESENTING Joanne Matos West Central District Vice President of the Florida State Elks Association 2020-2021



Joanne Matos was born and raised in Newark, New Jersey. In 1992, her family relocated to Gulfport, Florida, where she attained her real state license.

Matos joined St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 in 2011. She has served as Lecturing Knight, Loyal Knight, Leading Knight, Exalted Ruler for 2016-2017 and Trustee. At lodge level, she has served on the House Committee Secretary. Matos has been named Elk of the Year 2013 -2014 and Officer of the Year 2015-2016. She has been District Chair of the Harry-Anna Trust Fund and has served as the West Central District Esquire. Matos has also Vice Chair and State Chair of Orientation.

In addition to belonging to the Elks, she is a member of St. Petersburg Elks Ladies of Elks Auxiliary since 1998 and of the American Legion Auxiliary.

She and Robert have been married for 39 years and have one son, Eric Matos.

## St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 DECEASED 2020-2021

David C. Flad, PER .....	08/01/19
Alvin (Al) Cube, PDD, LM .....	08/07/19
Harry Eisnagle .....	08/10/19
Joe Slatton, PER .....	08/18/19
James M. Amenta .....	10/28/19
Raymond Harbart PER .....	10/28/19
Larry F. Cloud .....	11/01/19
Amy Lounsbury .....	11/19/19
John B. Wood .....	01/13/20
Larry Severance, LM .....	03/23/20
Adam Nowakowski LM .....	04/04/20
Robert Johnson .....	04/30/20
Larissa Miller .....	05/23/20
Judi Schmickle, PER .....	06/25/20

*....so drink from the fountain of fellowship to the  
brother who clasped your hand and wrote your worth  
in the rock of earth and your faults upon the sand....*

***"To our Absent Members"***

### Platinum Spotlight Boosters

In Memory of Phyllis Povelitis .....	7/20
Blaine M Russell .....	4/21
Doug Breyette .....	3/21
Wayne L. Everett .....	5/21
In Memory of Al Goodrich .....	7/20
In Memory of William A Schulz .....	11/20

### Gold Spotlight Boosters

Cathy & Carmine Casale .....	4/21
Bob Davis .....	3/21

## Be a SPOTLIGHT BOOSTER

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**OTHER \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Prayer Chain Requests

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

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 call me soon and sign up.

Cell 727-735-7073  
Bobbie Wycoff

*God Bless our Military and first responders.  
Keep them in your prayers*

*Time is:  
Too slow for those who wait,  
Too swift for those who fear,  
Too long for those who grieve,  
Too short for those who rejoice,  
But for those who love,  
Time is Eternity.*

*Even life's frightening moments cannot separate us from  
the love of GOD.*

*Dear father God, help us to keep praying and  
keep reaching out in love to  
those around us and keep us safe.*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!!!**



## Can you spare some change?

We're asking you to help "fill the piggies" at the bar. Your spare change 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.

These services are provided in the patient's home without regard to the ability to pay. **Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services** strives to provide the highest quality services possible to this special population.

**THANK YOU** for your help in making it possible for the Ladies of Elks auxiliary to help these children.



## GREAT NEWS St. Pete Lodge WE DID IT AGAIN!!!!

St. Petersburg Elks Lodge 1224 has earned the distinct honor of being recognized by Grand Lodge as the 1st Place Winner for the 2019- 2020 All American Lodge Division V (1101-1500 membership). All American Lodges are selected in six divisions based upon membership size.

All American Lodge is the highest honor a lodge can receive according to current Lodge Exalter Ruler Doc Cook. The lodge will be recognized with the 1st Place All American Lodge Division V Plaque. The distinction was earned during the year PER Dawn Lieber served as Lodge Exalted Ruler.

To earn All American Lodge honors, a lodge and its members must demonstrate their commitment to the various programs of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks amongst other criteria. St. Petersburg Elks Lodge 1224 accomplished this thanks to a dedicated team of officers, committee members and most importantly, its volunteers and membership. ER, Doc Cook wishes to give a special thanks and shout out to AA Lodge Committee Members Dawn Lieber PER, Rudy Masi, Sr. FSEA President, Toni Goodrich PDD, and May Graci. Much planning and effort went on behind the scenes to put together all the supporting materials and make this happen by the committee.

Some highlights from St. Pete Lodge 1224 2019-2020 campaign included its commitment to help and honor our veterans for their service and sacrifice. The lodge is active and very vocal towards those veterans that are homeless, veterans who suffer from psychosocial disorders and veterans that need social interaction with others. Many activities are held on a bi-weekly basis to meet these needs which include; a bowling program, dinner/karaoke nights, donation of blankets and clothing, gift cards, and substantial monetary donations to different C.W. Bill Young VAMC programs, just to name a few.

The lodge also continued its solid youth programs that include drug awareness programs held at the lodge several times a year, donations to different youth activities throughout the city of St. Petersburg and its surrounding cities, such as softball, baseball and soccer, as well as its commitment to its own youth and adult life skills programs. The Lodge also participated in the Elks National Hoop and Soccer Shoots and Scholarship programs.

Amongst some of the most recent donations that St. Pete Lodge made, \$1000 to Bike MS: The Citrus 2020 Tour, \$1500 to NW Youth Baseball and Softball, recognized 16 First Responders for their outstanding contributions to law enforcement, fire and medical rescues. Donations were also made to Southeastern Guide Dogs, had large toy and food drives at Christmas time, donations to the Music Therapy Programs of Music Sweet Music, Inc., monetary donations to several St. Petersburg hospitals, sent disadvantaged kids to the Elks Youth summer camp, donated school supplies and monies to several area schools and made donations to foster care programs, and many other programs throughout the city of St. Petersburg.

Since our Installment on February 16, 1911, the objective of Pete Elks Lodge 1224 has been to open our doors, welcome the community, and educate them on what the Elks organization has to offer. Since moving to its present home in 1970, St. Pete Lodge has become a place where members come together, share meals



and where their children grow up healthy and learn the values of the Elks.

PER Dawn Lieber wishes to thank all of our volunteers and lodge members for their dedication, commitment, time and contributions. PER Dawn says, "winning this award is a powerful validation that St. Petersburg Lodge 1224 is passionate about our veterans, making a difference in the lives of children, and adults in our community."





## Meet new Grand Exalted Ruler Paul R. Ryan

Paul R. Ryan was born in Elgin, Illinois and raised in Redwood Falls, Minnesota. He graduated from New London-Spicer High School and attended/graduated from Southwest Minnesota State University.

He worked in the food and beverage industry for 12 years, he has worked in the real estate industry for the last 25 and now owns his own real estate company. He has served as local and state Real Estate Board of Directors where he received Realtor of the Year in 2008. Ryan has also served as treasurer and president of his local chamber of commerce.

Ryan has been a member of our order for 14 years after being initiated into the Wilmar Minnesota Elks Lodge in October of

2005. Ryan served in their Board of Directors for 11 years and as Chairman from 2009 – 2018. He received his Dedicated Service Award in 2009 and was Office of the Year in 2010. He was Leading Knight on three different occasions 2010, 2017 and 2018, becoming Exalted Ruler in 2011. Ryan received the Exalted Ruler Appreciation Award for Outstanding Service and Dedication in 2017 – 2018. He was also named as an Honorary Life Member in 2015, for his services for local, state and Grand Lodge.

Paul R. Ryan served the Grand Lodge as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 2012 and 2013. He was elected to the Board of Grand Trustees in 2015 serving as Building Applications-East Member, Approving Member, Secretary and most recently as Chairman.

Ryan is married to Stacey Jo Ryan and has three children, Jordan Andrew Ryan (wife Alex), Cassandra Jo and Jackson Paul Ryan. His theme 2020-2021 is "Creating Momentum for the Future of Elkdom".

**Save the Date!!!** Tune in Monday July, 29, 2020 as Re-Creation USA, Inc. presents "SING AMERICA!" especially for you!

### FLORIDA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION!



Tune in Monday **July 29, 2020**,  
as RE-CREATION presents  
**Sing America!**  
especially for YOU!



This special presentation is a celebration of the FSEA and YOUR dedication to America's Veterans, through the Army of Hope and your hospitality at Camp!

Re-Creation is the group YOU have supported in a grand way, through vehicle and trailer donations, as well as grants to the Vets Homes for CD's and DVD's  
Let us thank YOU for YOUR Service!

Show starts at 7:00 EST | Search for Re-Creation USA



# RE-CREATION

TOURS for VETERANS



**Due to the increase of COVID-19 and the safety of our members, the lodge is closed until further notice. Your HC is meeting regularly to decide when it will be prudent to re-open.**

# SPRINGTIGHT

St. Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224

## July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>OFFICE HOURS:</b> <b>Mon-Fri: 10am-2 pm</b> <b>Thur.: 5-7 pm</b> <b>Sat: 10am – Noon</b> <b>OFFICE: 344-6551</b> <b>LOUNGE: 344-6553</b> <b>*Officer of the Night</b>	<b>ALL JULY EVENTS AND DATES ARE PENDING. PLEASE LOG ON TO WWW.BPOE1224.COM FOR UPDATES</b>	<b>THE LODGE RESTAURANT</b> <b>OPEN @ 11AM 7 Days!</b> <b>Lunch &amp; Dinner Spec.</b> <b>* Closes at 7pm 1st &amp; 4th Tuesday of the month</b>	<b>1</b> Tiki Open - 5PM* Dart League 7PM  Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>2</b> Tiki Open - 5PM* Karaoke by Johnny Miller 5 PM  Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>3</b> Tiki Open - 5PM* MUSIC: TBD  Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>4</b> Tiki Open - Noon* HAPPY 4TH OF JULY  Lunch & Dinner Specials
<b>5</b> Tiki Open - Noon* Queen of Hearts - 4PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Music Poolside: TBD Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>6</b>  Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>7</b>  Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>8</b> Tiki Open - 5PM* Dart League 7PM  Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>9</b> Tiki Open - 5PM* <b>House Meeting 6PM</b> Karaoke by Johnny Miller 5 PM  Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>10</b> Tiki Open - 5PM* MUSIC: TBD  Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>11</b> Tiki Open - Noon*  Lunch & Dinner Specials
<b>12</b> Tiki Open - Noon* Queen of Hearts - 4PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Music Poolside: TBD Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>13</b>  <b>Orientation/Initiation 6:30 PM</b>  Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>14</b>  <b>Lodge Meeting 7PM</b>  Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>15</b> Tiki Open - 5PM* Dart League 7PM  Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>16</b> Tiki Open - 5PM* Karaoke by Johnny Miller 5 PM  Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>17</b> Tiki Open - 5PM* MUSIC: TBD  Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>18</b> Tiki Open - Noon*  Lunch & Dinner Specials
<b>19</b> Tiki Open - Noon* Queen of Hearts - 4PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Music Poolside: TBD Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>20</b>  Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>21</b>  <b>Board of Directors Meeting 7PM</b>  Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>22</b> Tiki Open - 5PM* Dart League 7PM  Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>23</b> Tiki Open - 5PM* Karaoke by Johnny Miller 5 PM  Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>24</b> Tiki Open - 5PM* MUSIC: TBD  Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>25</b> Tiki Open - Noon* VP Visitation Largo Lodge 6PM  Lunch & Dinner Specials
<b>26</b> Tiki Open - Noon* Queen of Hearts - 4PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Music Poolside: TBD Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>27</b>  Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>28</b>  Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>29</b> Tiki Open - 5PM* Dart League 7PM  Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>30</b> Tiki Open - 5PM* Karaoke by Johnny Miller 5 PM  Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>31</b> Tiki Open - 5PM* MUSIC: TBD  Lunch & Dinner Specials	<b>*PLEASE NOTE:</b> <b>TIKI HOURS WILL RESUME WHEN THE BARS ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO RE OPEN</b>



With the virus messing all of our lives up I have been able to go to the VA on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to help with the vets that at this time cannot leave the area. Hopefully before too long the bowling and other activities that we are used to doing with them will reopen.

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