

SPOTLIGHT



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1911-2021 *110 Years of Service to the Community*
 Elks National Foundation
 Elks Children's Therapy Services
 Elks Youth Camp

*** ALL AMERICAN LODGE • DIVISION V • 2019-2020 1ST PLACE ***

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JANUARY 2021

FREE Drawing Every 15 minutes!!

FREE!
FREE!
FREE!
FREE!

FREE!
FREE!
FREE!
FREE!



RAFFLE

FRIDAY NIGHT JAN 8TH
6:30-9:30pm

Let's get this New Year
started with some fun!

Drawing EVERY 15 MINUTES!!!

Ladies of Elks Auxiliary present
Arts & Crafts Market

Saturday
February 6th, 2021
9am - 1pm

Arts, Crafts, Local Vendors and Gifts

St Pete Elks Lodge #1224
Parking Lot

Vendors \$25

For application and info please
 email Virginia Warfield at vwarfield@gmail.com
 Bring your own tables and tents

2675 66th St N, St Petersburg

COUNTRY WESTERN NIGHT

SATURDAY | JAN 16th

DINNER 6PM

MENU

BBQ Chicken
Rice, Corn & Salad

MUSIC 7-10PM

SOUTHERN NIGHT'S BAND

TICKETS \$15

RE-CREATION
 AMERICA'S AMBASSADORS TO HOSPITALIZED VETERANS

Live!
JAN 31st



Featuring our
 very own **ELK**
"Rey Garcia"

COLOR ME AMERICA

Dinner

Delicious Pork Loin
 Dinner and Dessert

Served - 5PM

TICKETS \$20.00

Showtime

Prompt Start Time

Starts - 6PM

Re-Creation now presents more than
 320 shows annually in order to fund
 tours to VA Medical Centers and State
 Veterans Homes in all 50 states!

**"AMERICA'S AMBASSADORS
 to HOSPITALIZED VETERANS"**
 Serving across our nation in VA
 Medical Centers and State Veterans
 Homes for 40 years!

"TOURS FOR VETERANS"
They toured for us ... now we tour for them!

OFFICERS

Michael "Doc" Cook	Exalted Ruler
Dan Masi	Leading Knight
Sharon Litserski	Loyal Knight
Al Litserski	Lecturing Knight
Toni Goodrich, PDD	Secretary
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Carol Barkalow	Esquire
Bobbie Wycoff	Chaplain
Kirk Martin	Inner Guard
Anne Marie Bongoriorno	Tiler

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mimi Reich, Secretary	5 Year Trustee
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HOUSE COMMITTEE

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Dan Masi	Sharon Litserski
Al Litserski	Jerry Mieldazis
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Toni Goodrich	Theresa Sims
Todd Dourm	

KITCHEN

John Bauer, The Lodge Restaurant

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Katherine (Kat) Chaplin	Americanism
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Sherrie McNeil	Bar Chair

Kim Gano	
Brian Metzgar	
Rudy Masi, Sr., PDD	
Dan Masi	Children's Christmas Party
Mimi Reich	Christmas Baskets
Open	Christmas Baskets Co-Chair
Dan Masi	Community Activities
Al Litserski	Drug Awareness
H. Tom Shriver, PDD	Elks Training
Sharon Litserski	ENF Chair
Theresa Sims	Entertainment
Sharon Litserski	Flag Day
H. Tom Shriver, PDD	Funeral Services
Open	Golf Tournament
Dolly Masi, PER	Government Relations
Dawn Lieber, PER	Grant Writer
John Bauer	Grill
Al Litserski	Harry Anna
Open	Historian
Dave Furst	Hoop Shoot

Investigation Committee

Anne Marie Bongoriorno
Jan Giallourakis, Kim Gano

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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 Litserski	Mother's Day
Dan Masi	New Years Eve
PER's Association	Old Timer's Night
Dan Masi	Orientation
Dawn Lieber, PER	PER Association

Boy Scouts	
Building	
By-Laws	
Children's Christmas Party	
Christmas Baskets	
Christmas Baskets Co-Chair	
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May Graci	Photographer
Mark Mettetal, PER	Pool
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Traci Steen	Presiding Justice of Forum
May Graci	Public Relations
Mark Mettetal, PER	Ritual
Rick Marks	Safety
Grace Hirigoyen	Scholarship
Dan Masi	Sickness & Distress
Randy Bryant	Soccer Shoot
Johnny Miller	Veterans Representative
	Army of Hope
	VAVS Representative
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Open	Vol. Activity Coordinator
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	webmaster@bpoe1224.com
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SPOTLIGHT

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LADIES OF ELKS AUXILIARY

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Bonnie Barnes	1 Year Trustee
Sharon Litserski	2 Year Trustee
Barbara Middleton	3 Year Trustee

We're rolling out the red carpet for you!

Rescheduled...

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY

Please be my guest...

SATURDAY, JAN 9TH | 6-9PM

Thank you for your devoted time and effort in planning the Lodge's many activities. Your contribution allowed the Lodge to offer an exceptional experience for all members to enjoy.

Please make your reservation - a MUST for this Event!

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the lounge or call the office at 344-6551
- PER, Dawn E Lieber

Member Note: "Thank you"

It takes volunteers to make these events happen and we had a Great Group of Volunteers. Stacey and I may have taken the lead on this Event but the Volunteers help was second to none which makes things go a lot smoother. We learned a few more things this year to make things run even better for the next year. If or when you're at the Lodge and you see any of these folks give them a pat on the back for their help. We enjoy helping out when we can knowing that it goes to The Best Elks Lodge around!!

Susan Walton
Diane [Dee] Mercer
Molly Heineman
Sabrina Campbell
Jill Harrington
Midge
Ann Marie
Dawn Lieber
Steve Martin[not that Steve Martin] but a way better Steve Martin..Great friend of mine.

—Randy Bryant, Soccer Shoot Chairperson



I'm not going to say that I'll miss 2020. It's definitely been one of those years to forget. Everything that we knew as being normal was certainly abnormal. It has shaped our lives in ways that it'll take some time to recover.

For the last article of this calendar year, I came across a piece entitled 7 Rules of Life. These seven rules are simple in nature, and for this past year, I've tried to keep them in mind as I've navigated this turbulent year.

- Make peace with your past so it won't disturb your future. Unfortunately, I'm the type of person who worries. What if's are a constant reminder that I have a long way to go.
- What other people think of you is none of your business. Being in the field of education, I learned that lesson a long time ago. However, I do tend to try to appease people.
- The only person in charge of your happiness is you. Turn the negative into a positive. In other words, look for the good in the situation.
- Don't compare your life to others. Comparison is the thief of joy. Don't get caught up in the situation and let your mind wonder about what others have or do.
- Time heals almost everything. Give it time. The key word in the phrase is "almost." There are some things in life that take longer to get over or never get over. Accept that and try to

move on the best you can without letting it get the best of you.

- STOP thinking so much. It's alright not to know all the answers. As an educator, I want to know the answer to questions my students ask but it's ok to say "I don't know" is an acceptable answer. Don't over think it...it will be ok.
- SMILE... you don't own all the problems of the world. There will be times in life when you don't feel like smiling but I try to remember that others are watching to see how you are coping with the situation. Smiling is more healthy and therapeutic than worrying about something beyond your control.

So long 2020 and hello 2021. We hope you'll be better!

Michael "Doc" Cook
Exalted Ruler

Jan Giallourakis | LOEA President Message



Happy New Year! I know we don't have many good memories from the past year but I pray things change in the coming new year!

I'd like to welcome Diane Baines, our new member of the LOEA! Welcome!

I apologize for not having a "Lady of the Month" but we have all worked very hard together to make this year a success considering the COVID-19 Virus.

The Christmas Sock Exchange was a great success! Everyone enjoyed the games and had a great time exchanging their socks filled with gifts.

Tickets are now on sale as the LOEA will be hosting "Country Western Night" on Saturday, January 16th at 6 PM. We will serve BBQ Chicken and the entertainment for the night will be the Southern Knight Band, playing from 7 to 10 PM. Please remember seating will be limited so purchase your tickets early.

LOEA have 2 events coming up in February:
"Arts and Craft Market" Lodge parking lot, Saturday, February 6th,

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Vendors \$25.00! Applications will be at the Lodge. The Ladies Auxiliary will purchase a table for a bake sale and donations are greatly appreciated!

Saturday, February 13th, 6PM join us for "Crazy Little Thing Called . . ." Mixtape Bingo, Dancing and More! The cost will be \$5.00 to play with prizes to the winners! Food can be purchased the day of event from our regular menu! Entertainment will be provided by Batman Media! You don't want to miss this very exciting event!

As a reminder the LOEA piggy banks on the bar are very hungry for your spare change. The monies from these banks go to the Elks Children Therapy Services. Please help us help these kids.

May the New Year bring you happiness, peace, and prosperity. Wishing you a joyous 2021!

Jan Giallourakis
LOEA President

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

PROPOSED CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE	SPONSOR	OCCUPATION
John W Andrews, Esq	Dolly Masi, PER	Atty-Andrews Law Group
Lorna Babcock	Toni Goodrich	RV Traveler
Paul Emmanuel	Anne Marie Bongiorno	Residential Appraiser
Hans E Francis	Jan Giallourakis	VA Health Care
Vera Kierecki	Robert Matos	Retired Nurse
Kimberly Litto	Marcia Fischer	Retired
Joseph Noling	Doug Howland #2099	Retired U of F Professor
Veronica Nonemaker	Midge McNeil	Retired

TRANSFERS

FROM

William Robbins	Westbrook, CT #1784
Robert Diamond	Gilroy, CA #1567
Karl Klein	Bordentown, NJ 2085

You're INVITED... *Lodge Meetings are held the 2nd & 4th Tuesday EVERY month at 7:00PM. (Unless otherwise stated)*

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.



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

Fraternally,
Doc Cook, ER



**Thank You For
Going Above
and Beyond!**

Volunteers are not paid...not because they're worthless, but because...they're priceless!
-Sherry Anderson

NOVEMBER ELK OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS Jans Gens!

DECEMBER ELK OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS Georgette Keene!

**A 3-NIGHT
STAY AT
Punta Gorda
Elks CABIN***

On Beautiful Peace River

*based on availability

\$5 PER TICKET

Prize includes a \$150 Gift Certificate to be used towards food and beverages

Winner will be drawn on January 31st at the "ReCreation" VP fundraiser. You do not have to be present to win.

Search for the QUEEN OF HEARTS



**Drawings Every
Sunday at 4:00pm**

**Tickets Available
at the Bar
EVERY DAY**

Only 1 Ticket Drawn

**You must be an Elk, an Elk Spouse or Widow
of an Elk to enter.**



St. Petersburg Elks Lodge 2020 Soccer Shoot

On Saturday, November 21st, St. Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224 held its 2020 Elks Soccer Shoot Competition at the Azalea Youth Soccer League & Pinellas County United Soccer Club in St. Petersburg.

The event was chaired by Randy Bryant and assisted by various volunteers, some who were first time volunteers and a few returning volunteers who assisted with the 109 contestants.

This event was free of charge and was open to all children ages 8-16 with birthdays as of January 1. The competition consisted of five individual age groups: U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14 and U-16. Boys and girls shot separately. With all of the COVID-19 restrictions we've been dealing with, Bryant and his team were very pleased with the turnout of players.

The list of winners were as follows:

U8 Boys Division 1st place Winner - Robert Deliz, Jr scored 38 points

U8 Girls Division 1st place Winner - Brooklyn Sabota scored 35 points

U10 Boys Division 1st place Winner - Ashby Green 47 points

U10 Girls Division 1st place Winner - Taygen Jensen scored 18 points

U12 Boys Division 1st place Winner - Jorden Byers scored 49 points

U12 Girls Division 1st place Winner - Sophia Jannino scored 48 points. This was the overall High Score for Girls for the entire Soccer Shoot.

U14 Boys Division 1st place Winner - Giovanni Lopez - scored 55 points. This was the overall High Score for Boys for the entire Soccer Shoot

U14 Girls Division 1st place Winner - Hannah Martin - scored 33 points

U16 Girls Division 1st place Winner - Nivaeh Storck - scored 38 points

The winners in each of the age groups will move on to compete in District Competition.

Special Thanks to Lou of the Azalea Soccer League and the Concession Stand workers Kurt and Renee for being so helpful and understanding of the Elks Lodge needs to run the Soccer Shoot. Lou provided the regulation size soccer goals for the Big Kids and a generous amount of space to set up the younger kids' areas. Kurt and Renee provided the refreshments and Hot Dogs for the kids.

Because as we all know, everything is better for a kid if they can have a Hot Dog and beverage after a competition. All participants also received a T-Shirt for their participation in the Soccer Shoot.

Many thanks to Soccer Shoot volunteer Sherri "Midge" McNeil for photos.



St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 DECEASED 2020-2021

John B Wood01/13/20
 Timothy F Ungashick, LM02/13/20
 Larry Severance, LM03/23/20
 Duane E Whaley, LM03/29/20
 Adam Nowakowski LM04/04/20
 Robert Johnson04/30/20
 Larissa Miller05/23/20
 Judi Schmickle, PER06/25/20
 James E Hink, PER06/27/20
 John Voss, PER, HLM, PVP07/06/20
 Alan G Maw, LM08/21/20
 Louis Masi Sr (Uncle Chico)09/06/20
 Mary Jane Arvidson09/28/20

*....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 Povelitis7/21
 Blaine M Russell4/21
 Doug Breyette3/21
 Wayne L. Everett5/21
In Memory of Al Goodrich7/21
In Memory of William A. Schulz11/21

Gold Spotlight Boosters

Cathy & Carmine Casale4/21
 Bob Davis3/21
 Kenneth Cichowski7/21

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:

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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

THOUGHTFUL WORDS

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

THE LORD IS MY SHEPARD

*A Sunday School teacher decided to have
 her young class memorize one of the most
 Quoted passages in the bible-Psalm 23.*

*She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter.
 Little Rick was excited about the task
 but he just couldn't remember the Psalm.*

*After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.
 On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23
 in front Of the congregation, Rick was so nervous, when it
 was his turn, heStepped up to the microphone and said
 proudly...*

"The lord is my Shepherd and that's all I need to know."

*Perhaps they are not stars in the sky
 But rather openings where our loved ones*

Shine down to let us know they are happy.

*Happy New Year and may 2021 be
 so much better than 2020*

*Bless this New Year Lord and heal
 this terrible pandemic!!*



Lodge Annual Children's Christmas Party 2020

On December 19th, the magic of Christmas and Santa's yearly visit to St. Petersburg Elks Lodge 1224 was different

this past 2020 year. Families with their kids drove up, through the Lodge's North Pole Drive to wave hello and have a quick, physically distant chat with Santa and Mrs. Claus from the safety of their cars. After their chat, each child received an age-appropriate special gift selected by Santa himself!

Over 300 kids from St. Petersburg's Community were signed up for this event. Besides the age-appropriate gifts, the kids received packs that had an assortment of gift certificates donated from various restaurants. We had 200 Happy Meal certs. from McDonald's, 50 pizza certs. from Papa John's, 100 gift certs. for appetizers from Kobe's. Also received were cookies for the kids from Wendy's and toiletries & games from Walgreens.

Santa & Mrs. Claus and their Elves followed all COVID-19 guidelines. The lodge didn't have its usual luncheon with refreshments for all attendees as is customary. There were no sing-a-longs, nor reindeer games, no sitting on Santa's lap, but it was important to continue the tradition, so long as we could do it as safely as possible for all involved. The lodge had the community's health in mind, this was the safest path.

Besides the drive by, as in years past, the lodge delivered gifts to several foster homes, gifts were given to the St. Petersburg Police department so that they could pass them on to those that need it most.

Also visibly seen along the Lodge's "North Pole Drive", the Elks Drug Awareness trailer, with Elves handing out drug awareness material to those waiting to see Santa and Mrs. Claus. Also displayed, were a St. Petersburg Fire Department truck with firefighters and the Elks Therapy Services van. St. Petersburg Police Department guided the traffic along 66th street.

Christmas party event chairperson Leading Knight, Dan Masi also expressed his sincere gratitude to Charity Works, Proforma and the Remedy Farm for their generous donation and sponsorship of our event. The lodge really appreciates it. LK Masi, also expressed his thanks to the various volunteers who helped during the event.

PRESENTED BY  

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

\$5 TO PLAY
(ALL PROCEEDS GO TO CHARITY)

SUNDAY | JANUARY 10TH | 2-4PM

JUKEBOX

SING ALONG TO THE SONGS

THE MUSIC YOU LOVE TO HEAR!

CAUTION! Jukebox Mania will expose you to music, which may cause sudden outbursts of singing, joy, happiness, energy and fun! Attend at your own risk!

Music & Games

BATMAN MEDIA'S
FRIENDLY FEUD

SURVEY SAYS...

SATURDAY JANUARY 23rd 2021

FUN STARTS AT 6:00 PM
PLAY SOLO OR BRING A TEAM.

FOOD SPECIALS



ELKS LODGE #1224
2675 66th St, St. Petersburg, FL 33710

SAT • FEB 6 • 6PM

TRIVIA NIGHT

.....All profits will benefit our local Vets.....

Sign in
between
6 & 7PM

\$5
ENTRY

Up to 8 people per team

**** Fantastic Prizes ****

LODGE MENU AND SPECIALS AVAILABLE



7PM WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
League Starts JAN 4TH



\$2⁰⁰ per person
per week +\$1⁰⁰
for games
"Game on!"

Sign-up sheet is located on lounge billboard



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.

LODGE HALL BOOKINGS

Weddings, Anniversaries,
Parties, Meetings, Lunches or
whatever you can think up,
we want to work with you!!!

Call Kim Gano...
(727) 244-5108 or
events1224@gmail.com



BOOK YOUR NEXT POOL PARTY HERE!

Contact Kim: (727) 244-5108
events1224@gmail.com



"What Happens at
Karaoke... stays at
Karaoke!"

Karaoke Night
BE THE STAR

with **Johnny Miller**

EVERY THURSDAY
KARAOKE FUN
STARTS AT 5:30!

THE LODGE
Restaurant
Dinner Specials
5pm

Jan 7th
Liver & Onions

Jan 21st
Pizza & Subs
5 to 9pm



2021 Elks National Convention
Tampa, Florida July 4-7, 2021

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

www.floridaelks.org
Hotel info available March 1, 2021



Chef John's JANUARY SPECIALS

Thursday January 7th
Liver & Onions Dinner

Wednesday January 13th
Pasta Bar Night All You Can Eat \$12.95

Thursday January 21st
Pizza And Sub Night 5 to 9

Saturday January 23rd
Prime Rib Night - 8 Oz \$13.00
Mashed Potato, Mixed Vegetables,
Dinner Roll, Au jus And Creamed Horseradish

Wednesday January 27th
Pasta Bar Night All You Can Eat \$12.95

Friday January 29th
New Orleans Blue Crab Night \$14.95
3 Fresh Blue Crabs, 1/4 Pound Crawfish,
6 Little Neck Clams, Andouille Sausage,
Steamed Red potato,
Corn On The Cobb and Cole Slaw




Crazy Little Thing Called ...

Music & Games

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2021 6PM

\$5.00 to play
Prizes to win

Mixtape Bingo
Dancing
and More!



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1224 • JANUARY

LIVE MUSIC Line-Up

FRIDAY NIGHT HALL

January 8 - Sweet Tea and Harmony
January 15 - Dazzler
January 22 - Jackie Vee
January 29 - Sounds of Yesterday

SATURDAY NIGHT HALL

TICKETS ON SALE NOW...

"Country Western Night"

January 16 - Southern Knights

SUNDAY • FEB 28TH • 2-6PM

**PER'S
9TH
Annual**

BBQ & Bluegrass

MUSIC: Clear Water
Bluegrass Review

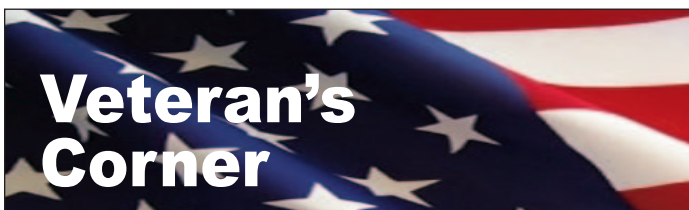
Menu

Your choice of:
**Baked Chicken Leg & Thigh
w/BBQ Sauce**
or
BBQ Pulled Pork
or
Braised BBQ Beef

Each served with
Cole Slaw, Potato Salad
Baked Beans & Dinner Roll

**TICKETS
\$15⁰⁰**






Well the New Year is upon us and with the virus still lurking we still can't do much with the veterans. Most veterans will start to get the vaccine. My nephew is a doctor at James A. Haley and called me this morning asking if I had got mine yet. I told him "no" but I'm sure it won't be too long. He mentioned that the nursing home part has already started receiving theirs.

I want to bring up a subject that no one likes to talk about but it is important for veterans to know. Burial Benefits for veterans: The va will pay \$796 toward burial and funeral expenses for deaths on or after October 1, 2019 (if hospitalized by VA at time of death), or \$300 toward burial and funeral expenses (if not hospitalized by va at the time of death) and a plot-interment allowance of \$796 (if not buried in a National Cemetery). You can visit vetsburialbenefits.com for more information. None of us are getting any younger and we need to take advantage of what we are entitled too as veterans.

If you are a donor on your drivers license and call (727) 344-6551 and let one of the secretaries know the Elks have a program for that also. Also clothes donations are needed especially good used jackets. As always, it would be nice also to see more Elks at our meetings.

In Comradeship,
Johnny Miller
Veterans Chairman

WANTED: DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE BAY PINES two days a week from 9-12 Requires being an elk. Please contact Johnny Miller: (727) 642-8004.



Veterans Crisis Line

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.

1-800-273-8255
PRESS 1

NATIONAL

SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

suicidepreventionlifeline.org

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

Memorial Cards

Now Available

Honor a deceased loved one or friend.

With your donation, all proceeds go to your choice, Veterans or Harry Anna.

Samples available in the lodge office.



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.

The support of caring people like you helps us to provide some of these following services....

ENF - Elk's National Foundation - When you give to the Elks National 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.

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



Yes, I wish to help my Lodge achieve their goals to help our Community, Elks Charities and Lodge. Please find enclosed my donation for the:

Please find a check in the amount of _____ as my donation.

☐ **ENF - Elk's National Foundation** \$10 _____ \$15 _____ \$20 _____ Other _____

☐ **Restoration of Pool/Tiki and other areas** \$10 _____ \$15 _____ \$20 _____ Other _____

Please remit your check to or bring to:
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3 Tiki Open – Noon Queen of Hearts – 4PM Lunch & Dinner Limited Menu	4 Lunch Menu 11-3PM	5 Lunch & Dinner Limited Menu	6 Tiki Open – 5PM <u>NEW Dart League STARTS 7PM</u> Lunch & Dinner Limited Menu	7 House Meeting 7PM Karaoke by Johnny Miller 5PM Liver & Onion Dinner Lunch & Dinner Limited Menu	8 PER Meeting 7PM Tiki Open – 5PM FREE Raffle Every 15 Minutes! 6:30–9:30PM MUSIC 7-10PM: Sweet Tea & Harmony Lunch & Dinner Limited Menu	9 Tiki Open – 3PM "Thank You To Volunteers" APPRECIATION PARTY 6-9PM (Reservation Only) Lunch & Dinner Limited Menu
10 Tiki Open – Noon JUKEBOX BINGO 2-4PM Queen of Hearts – 4PM Lunch & Dinner Limited Menu	11 LOEA Meeting 7 PM Lunch Menu 11-3PM	12 Lodge Meeting 7PM Lunch & Dinner Limited Menu	13 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM Pasta Bar Night All You Can Eat \$12.95 Lunch & Dinner Limited Menu	14 Karaoke by Johnny Miller 5PM Lunch & Dinner Limited Menu	15 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 7-10PM: Dazzler Lunch & Dinner Limited Menu	16 Tiki Open – 3PM COUNTRY WESTERN NIGHT DINNER 6PM MUSIC: Southern Nights 7-10PM Tickets \$15 Lunch & Dinner Ltd Menu
17 Tiki Open – Noon Queen of Hearts – 4PM Lunch & Dinner Limited Menu	18 Orientation/Initiation 6:30 PM Lunch Menu 11-3PM	19 Board of Directors Meeting 7PM Lunch & Dinner Limited Menu	20 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM Lunch & Dinner Limited Menu	21 Karaoke by Johnny Miller 5PM Pizza And Sub Night 5 to 9 Lunch & Dinner Limited Menu	22 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 7-10PM: Jackie Vee Lunch & Dinner Limited Menu	23 Tiki Open – 3PM BATMAN'S FRIENDLY FEUD MUSIC & GAMES 6-9PM Prime Rib Night Lunch & Dinner Limited Menu
24 Tiki Open – Noon Queen of Hearts – 4PM Lunch/Din Limited Menu	25 Lunch Menu 11-3PM	26 Lodge Meeting 7PM Lunch & Dinner Limited Menu	27 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM Pasta Bar Night All You Can Eat \$12.95 Lunch & Dinner Limited Menu	28 Karaoke by Johnny Miller 5PM Lunch & Dinner Limited Menu	29 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 7-10PM: Sounds of Yesterday Blue Crab Night Lunch & Dinner Limited Menu	30 Tiki Open – 3PM Lunch & Dinner Limited Menu
31 Tiki Open – Noon Queen of Hearts – 4PM Lunch/Din Limited Menu RE-CREATION TIX \$20 DINR 5PM • SHOW 6PM						

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Our annual Children's Christmas Party and Community Christmas Food Basket brought cheer, fun, and food to many local children and many needy families despite changes due to covid. Thanks to St. Pete #1224 Leading Knight and FSEA Development Director Dan Masi for securing much of the food items for the baskets! Thanks to Dan's wife Casey for Charing the FL Elks – Walgreens Toy Drive which provided most of the toys! Thank you to St. Pete Elk members Gina & Stan Wilkins of the Kind Mouse for your generous donations! Thanks to the many, many volunteers for donating your time and treasures to help make Christmas special! You are a wonderful example of this year's motto, FL Elks – Warm, Friendly & Active! We are proud of each of you and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

Re-Creation USA hosted a live virtual fabulous Christmas Show specifically for FL State Elks on Dec 14. The cast featured St. Pete Elks member Rey Garcia. Re-Creation helped many Elks relieve the stress brought on by covid and get into the spirit of the season. Re-Creation and Rey Garcia, we are thankful to you! We are proud of you and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

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