

Lakewood Rancher



A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION

MONTHLY NEWLETTER LAKEWOOD RANCH SARASOTA ELKS LODGE 2855

August 2019

Message from Exalted Ruler Randy Volkart



Since my last message, my wife (Nancy) and I had the privilege of representing our Lodge at the National Elks Convention which was held in St. Louis during the first week in July. It was truly amazing and exciting to be among the 7,000 Elks in attendance.

If you would like to attend next year's event, it will be in Baltimore, followed by Tampa in 2021.

On Saturday afternoon, August 10th our Lodge will be celebrating its 10th anniversary.

The theme for the celebration is "Seafood Bonanza" and will feature a variety of dinners offered for your enjoyment.

We'll be serving lobster, mussels, shrimp, oysters and also a pulled pork dinner for those "landlubbers"

Music will be provided by Blackwater Jack. This promises to be the party of the year, so get your food tickets while they are still available.

We're making changes to the Monday Night Trivia program which for the past 10 years has been played just for fun and "bragging rights". Now there will be a cash prize for any team that wins two weeks in a row! If you are not currently playing Trivia, you can get involved by forming your own team or joining one of the teams already playing.

Congratulations to our Lodge Scholarship winners. 1st place (\$1500) went to Emma Grabowski and 2nd place (\$1000) to Nick Cinnelli. Congratulations to both winners of whom we are so proud.

This month's volunteer spotlight is on our Lodge's grounds crew. They mow, trim, and weed. Thank you Cindy Bevelhymmer, Ron Lee, Frank Iannello, Paul Reddy, John Jernigan, Brian Dunne, Jerry Ditty and Kevin Feaster. You're the best!

Do YOU have time to help? Contact me or Jerry Ditty.

Quote of the month by Aesop, "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted".

Clarification on Donor of Elk Statue

Last month's newsletter stated that the PER Association had purchased the new Elk Statue gracing our front entrance. However, while the project to secure the statute was under the auspices of the PER Association, we had a mystery donor who actually

came forward and paid for it. Our apologies for the mis-reporting last month.

And while our donor still desires to remain anonymous he has our deepest gratitude for his generosity.



Our beautiful new Elk statue!

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Joe Cooper
DDGER

Joe Cooper New District Deputy Grand Exalter Ruler

Back from the recent Grand Lodge Convention in St Louis where he was officially installed as our new District Deputy Grand Exalter Ruler, Joe Cooper is 'fresh' and ready to go to work.

His visitation schedule is published below.

8/10/19 - DD Clinic 9:30
Bradenton, #1511

South Hillsborough
9/24/19 - Inspection & Initiation

Sarasota South
9/26/19 - Inspection & Initiation

Palmetto
10/8/19 - Inspection & Initiation

Manasota
10/16/19 - Inspection & Initiation

Lakewood Ranch

10/5/19 - Initiation 11 am

10/24/19 - Inspection

Venice

11/13/19 - Inspection & Initiation

Bradenton

11/25/19 - Inspection & Initiation

4/18/20 - DD Clinic 9:30

Lakewood Ranch Sarasota #2855



From the Lodge Secretary



Brett Davis, PDDGER
Secretary

A number of members have reported that while traveling and having either forgotten, or lost their membership card, have received a helpful hint when attempting to visit other Lodges.

They were advised to take a picture of their membership card on their smartphone and that image would be proof of their membership being current.

Here is another great suggestion. If you have not already

done so, register online at the Grand Lodge website elks.org. All you need is your member number and our Lodge number (2855) to register. And once registered you can take advantage of all the information, manuals, and updates from Grand Lodge.

And remember, that unlike commercial for-profit corporations, all our 'profits' go either to our various charitable efforts or is invested back into the Lodge

to enhance the facility or amenities.

As we celebrate our 10th anniversary this month, we thank you for your continued patronage and support.

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Children's Therapy Services: Supported by your donations to HarryAnna Charities.

Florida Elks: Helping Children Develop and Grow

When a young child gets access to free in-home therapy, everything changes for that child and family.



Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services provides **in-home physical therapy** and **occupational therapy** to Florida children. Priority is given to children in need whose families have limited financial resources and would not otherwise have ready access to these therapy services.



Therapists are employed by the Florida Elks and are licensed to practice by the state of Florida. With 26 mobile units, our therapists are treating children throughout the state covering most of its 67 counties.

The services received by patients who meet eligibility requirements are absolutely free. We do not receive financial assistance from any level of government. Instead, we receive our funding from the Florida Elks Charitable Trust Fund, Elks lodges, various Florida Elks ladies organizations, the Elks National Foundation, and most importantly, from generous public donations.

Florida Elks: Together we can do great things!



PER Corner

Fundraisers for projects that the Lodge needs.

The PER association is committed to not only render advice and assistance to the Lodge officers and committees, but also in helping to raise funds that the Lodge needs for its continued maintenance.

Case in point...the need to replace the carpeting around the entrance and bar area

which is rapidly becoming an eyesore and in need of replacement.

We are currently working with the Lodge Board of Directors in exploring various ideas on how to raise those funds.

We will keep you posted on how we are progressing.

The Past Exalted Ruler's Association consist of all the Past Exalted Rulers of the Lodge and all Past Exalted Rulers of another Lodge who are now members of this Lodge and shall advise and extend its counsel to all Lodge Officers and Committees and shall have duties among which are: *To make recommendations for Lodge Committee appointments and candidates for office, Assist the Exalted Ruler, Engage in and make recommendations in other activities which will promote the good of the Lodge and the Order.*

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Lodge Officers 2019-2020

Exalted Ruler	Randy Volkart
Leading Knight	Tonya Ditty, PER
Loyal Knight	Rick Thorson, PER
Lecturing Knight	Kathy Hogue
Secretary	Brett Davis, PDDGER
Treasurer	Gloria Wilkinson
5 yr Trustee	Jerry Ditty
4 yr Trustee	Roe Hyer
3 yr Trustee	Darrin Simone Sr. PER
2 yr Trustee	Terry Layland
1 yr Trustee	Leon Duis
Esquire	Frank Malatesta, PSP
Chaplain	Kay Thorson
Inner Guard	Gene Brusco, PER
Tiler	Ron Lee
Lodge Advisors	Frank Malatesta PSP Brett Davis PDDGER

PER Association

President - Tonya Ditty
Vice President - Darrin Simeone Sr
Secretary - Rick Thorson

Committees

Activities - Tonya Ditty, PER
Community Projects - Rick Thorson, PER
Youth Activities - Randy Volkart, ER
Hoop Shoot - Joe Halpin
Soccer Shoot - Randy Volkart, ER
Drug Awareness - Sarah Davis
Fraternal - Randy Volkart, ER
Americanism - Rick Thorson, PER
ENF - Brett Davis, PDDGER
Flag Day - Rick Thorson, PER
Elks Memorial Day - Randy Volkart, ER
Lodge Activities - Norma Perugino
Veterans - Tom Sweeney
Accident Prevention—Terry Layland
EFELT - Clay Wakefield
Elks Training - Tonya Ditty, PER
Entertainment - Roe Hyer
Government Relations - Rick Thorson, PER
Interlodge Visitation - Brett Davis, PDDGER
Investigation - Don LaFrance, PDDGER
Orientation - Darrin Simone Sr., PER
Ranch Hands - Tonya Ditty, PER
Ritualistic - Frank Malatesta, PDDGER, PSP
Scholarship - Dawn Fallon
Sickness & Distress - Joanne DiCarlo
State Major Project - Kathy Hogue & Joanne DiCarlo
Website - Kayla Goddard