

The Beacon Bonita Springs Estero Elks #2753

September 2018



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And
Our Troops



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“Use what talent you posses; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best”

We have many members in our Lodge that are very talented and are willing to share their time and talents for “good of the Order”. It is such a delight to have so many of our Elks that will always be willing to step in and help when needed.

Good things are happening in our Event Room. The closet has been completed thanks to Dean Pratt, Vinnie Alleva, Dale Sayset and Ron Rist. The painting of the room is proceeding ahead of schedule and will be ready for the installation of the new floor towards the middle of August. The room is looking Spectacular.

Maria Trapasso, Eileen Curcio and myself represented our Lodge at the National Elks Convention in San Antonio July 1 through July 4th. The convention was celebrating its 150th anniversary. The opening ceremony was very impressive with the Presentation of the Flags. During the convention. Emphasis was placed on how much local lodges do for their communities. It was also stressed to make the local communities aware of what the Elks Charities do for them. Michael T Luhr was elected Grand Exalted Ruler for 2018-2019. His Moto is “Working Together To Make a Difference”
Let me thank our Lodge for allowing me to represent our members at the Convention.

Our Lodge has sold 10 Harry Anna Pins this year. We have more in the Secretary’s office that may be purchased. They are \$50 apiece. The money goes to support the Children’s Camp and Therapy Services. We have had several members donate a sizable amount for this worthwhile cause.

We will be hosting the State President’s Dinner at our Lodge on September 29th. We are asked to host this event because Fort Myers Lodge is not large enough to handle the number of guest that will be attending. Please plan on attending this event. It will be an honor to host the dinner. The State President is Frank Malatesta for 2018-2019. His motto is “Make The Best Better.”

Our Lodge will be changing our regularly scheduled meeting from the 2nd Monday in October to the 4th Monday October 22. The District Deputy, Lenny Wenzel will be visiting our Lodge that evening. There will also be an initiation. The orientation for October will be Saturday the 13th at 10:00 AM.

“Perfection is not attainable. But if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence” Vince Lomardi

Fraternally,
Dianne Wilhelm
Exalted Ruler

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Ronald Cumming	2006-2007
John Baumann	2003-2005
Charles Prindle	2002-2003
Robert J Tuyls	2001-2002
Elenor Leoce	2000-2001
Roy Conrad	1999-2000
Carl Hoke	1998-1999
Elenor Leoce	1997-1998
James Douglas	1996-1997
Jimmie Sayger	1995-1996
James Douglas	1994-1995
Robert Distlecamp	1993-1994
Greg Grothe	1991-1993
E Brent Snodgrass	1990-1991
Rex Sims	1990-interm

PER's from other Lodges Now members at 2753

Armond Belisle	1964
Wayne Faux	1995
Reginald Fillman	PDDGER
William Lucek	1982
Darwin Mueller	1984
Frank Poirier	1978
Jammie Sayger	1995
Dr Robert Sloat	1989
Robert Stanton	2003
David Wiggin	2007
Deanna Wiggin	2009

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Flag Day

Pete Thompson

Elks Memorial Day

Pete Thompson

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Allen Swanson BD 7/1/44 Init, 2/28/05 DOD 1/2018

Elizabeth A Smith BD 7/18/38 Init 9/27/09 DOD 7/10/18

James Alpeter BD 12/11/40 Init 2/17/18 DOD 7/26/18



**Rick is doing a wonderful job of hosting karaoke
On Tuesdays and Thursdays. We wish Jack Walsh
all the best as he recovers from injuries sustained
in a car accident!**



From the Secretary –

2018-2019 Grand Lodge Americanism Essay Contest

"What Makes You Proud of America" is the theme for this year's Americanism Essay Contest. This very important Patriotic Contest gives school children in grades 5 - 8 the opportunity to express their views on their pride in America.

Rules:

1. Eligible participants must be Students enrolled in the 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade at the time of the contest.
2. Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.
3. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) *by the entrant*.
4. Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge nearest to the address of the entrant.
5. Participant must be identified by name, grade, school attending and sponsoring Elks Lodge on the Essay. Essay should be submitted to our Lodge on/before December 15th, 2018 along with the Essay Cover Sheet which can be found at elks.org. or call the Secretary, Barbara at 239-947-2753.

Please encourage your children/grandchildren to be contest participants. Grand Lodge will award plaques to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places for national winning essays. An honor, indeed.

Online Subscription Contest

Online subscribers to *The Elks Magazine* have access to exclusive content, including photos, videos and feature article sidebars. By switching to the digital edition you will gain access to these online-only bonuses. You will also help the Lodge participate in *The Elks Magazine* Online Subscription Contest.

To switch from the current print subscription to an online subscription, please visit www.elks.org/elksmag/online. (You will no longer receive the printed edition). The winning lodge will be the one with the highest percentage of lodge members who change their subscription to *The Elks Magazine* from a print subscription to an online subscription between June 1 and December 31, 2018. Thank you for participating!

Do we include a Flag Flying Calendar in the Beacon? It is as follows: **Continue on page 5**



New Members installed August 14, 2018



Wanda Kingston, Angeles Gagnon,

Florence Poggi, Veronica Johnson,

Ronald Vinicky, Cory Rozen, Robert Frazier, Richard Tarin,

The Flag should be displayed on all days, especially on:	
January 1 st	New Year's Day
January 20 th	Inauguration Day
3 rd Monday each Janu-	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
February 12 th	Lincoln's Birthday
3 rd Monday in February	Washington's Birthday & Presidents'
March/April (variable)	Easter
2nd Sunday in May	Mother's Day
3 rd Saturday in May	Armed Services Day
Last Monday in May	Memorial Day (fly at half-staff until
June 14 th	Flag Day
3 rd Sunday in June	Father's Day
July 4 th	Independence Day
1 st Monday in September	Labor Day
September 11 th	Patriot Day (fly at half staff)
September 17 th	Constitution Day (Citizenship Day)
2 nd Monday in October	Columbus Day
1 st Tuesday in November	Election Day
November 11 th	Veterans' Day
4 th Thursday in Novem-	Thanksgiving Day
December 25 th	Christmas Day

And such days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States; the birthdays of States (date of admission); and on State holidays.

* PLUS Anniversary Date of your Town's Founding



A Big Thank You to all the Volunteers who worked diligently to paint the Event Room Hall ahead of schedule , Vinny Alleva, Russ Brown, Dave & Sherry Shoot, John & Darlene Seacrest, Worth Warden, and Pete Thompson. The hall looks extremely professional and beautiful. Great Job and Kudos!!

Heard round the house.....We have **2 THEME NIGHTS** left for the off season, **September 15th** (Saturday) we will have College football game night. **October 31st** (Wednesday) we will have a Halloween party.

November 6th (Tuesday) **Billy Dean & Dawn** will be putting on a show in our event room. Tickets go on sale in October.

December 5th (Wednesday) we will have **Eirinn Abu** performing a Christmas Concert in our event room tickets are \$20 and will go on sale beginning of November.

December TBA will be our Elks **Christmas Party** on the Lounge side of the house. RESERVATION REQUIRED for this event, no tickets necessary.

December 31st (Monday) will be our **New Year's Eve Party**, tickets will go on sale in November also.

Please check the calendar on our website for additional information www.bpoe2753.com

We have hired a new Event Hall Manager, Mary Alleva has joined the Elks team to assist us in promoting our newly renovated "Event Room". When you stop by the lodge introduce yourself to her. She has done a great job at posting events on face book and assisting brides in making the decision to use our facility with its many options. We hope to have that room filled every weekend with an event.

Amy Fitzgerald, House Committee Co-Chair

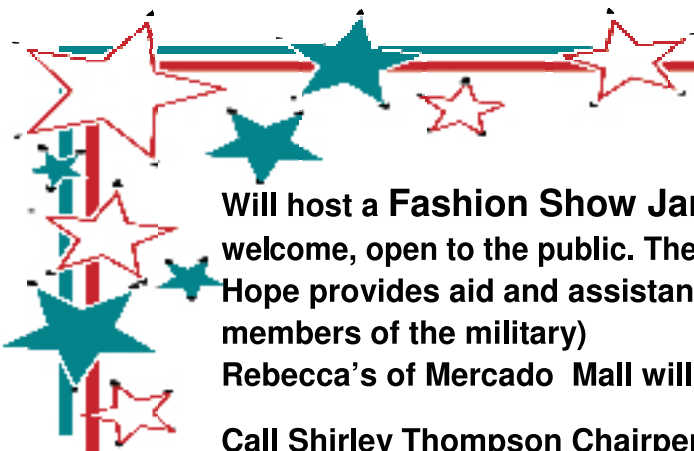
Our Lodge Wins a Promise Grant for 2018-2019

Our lodge continues its successful record of winning grants from the Elks Charitable Foundation. This year we were awarded a \$4000 Promise Grant to purchase computers, internet, and supplies for New Horizons of Southwest Florida locations around the Bonita/Estero area. We are looking for 4-6 lodge members to tutor and mentor elementary aged children (usually in small groups of 1-3) one day a week, any day Monday – Thursday, 3:30-5pm during the school year at any of the facilities in the area. Schedule is flexible. New Horizons is a Christian based non-profit that helps children that are identified by the school system as most in need and all below the poverty level. If you can help tutor just for an hour and a half, a single day a week for even a few months email lodge member, Judith MacGregor, jamacgregor101@gmail.com, or phone 410 991 9115. More information about the wonderful New Horizons program can be found at

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[New Horizons of Southwest Florida](https://www.newhorizonsofswfl.org/)
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Bonita Springs Estero Elks # 2753

Will host a **Fashion Show January 26, 2019** at 11:30 Am – 3:00PM \$25.00 All are welcome, open to the public. The Fashion Show will Benefit the Army of Hope (Army of Hope provides aid and assistance to families of deceased, disabled and deployed members of the military)

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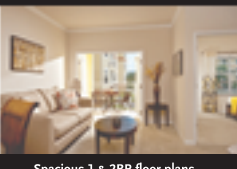
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