

The Beacon Bonita Springs Estero Elks #2753

October 2018



God Bless America
And
Our Troops



Since 1990



"Look at how far you've come, not at how far you still have to go".

This quote is very meaningful for our Lodge. When I moved to Florida in 2012, and demitted to Bonita Springs/Estero Lodge, I realized it was a good decision. At that time, however, our Lodge had some financial issues. We have been fortunate to have very good leadership in the meantime and are much more secure financially. We now have a capital fund for emergencies that can occur with a building and equipment that are older. With that said, we have just remodeled our Event Room and have been able to do so because of the capital fund. We also had some generous donations from some of our members for this project. We were lucky to have several of our members oversee this renovation.

Vinny Alleva, Pete Thompson, Dean Pratt and many others spent many hours working on this project. Wayne Godsey was the guiding force as an overseer with the company that installed the flooring. Please stop by the Event Room and

look at the new flooring and the painting that has been done. It is beautiful!

The Board of Directors is also starting to make plans to redo the Lounge in the next year. We are lucky to have so many members that help us financially and also with their expertise.

Steve Cicak, PER, is overseeing our Charitable Golf Tournament which will be held on October 27, 2018. There has been a good response so far for Hole Sponsors. Steve still wants more golfers to sign up to play. If anyone does not have a four-some, they can sign up and Steve will assign them with other players. This is a fun event and includes a Continental Breakfast, Lunch and a Silent Auction. The cost is \$75 per person and also includes a golf cart. Check the bulletin for more information.

We will be asking for volunteers in the near future to help with the Grants that we have been awarded. Most of the volunteer time will not be a long commitment. The volunteers will be very beneficial for the people that are in need.

The District Deputy, Len Wenzel will be visiting our Lodge on October 22. We are having our regular meeting that night instead of the 2nd Monday of the month. Please try to attend that meeting at 7:00.

We are pleased that quite a few of our Elks have purchased Harry Anna pins. We have more pins in the office for you to buy. Thanks for supporting our Children's Camp and the Therapy Services that is our Elks State Project.

The Snowbirds will be flying in very soon and when that happens, we encourage everyone to make reservations for dinner. It will get very busy and we do not want to have to turn away our Lodge members..

"Perfection is not attainable. But if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence".

Vince Lombardi

Fraternally,

Dianne Wilhelm

Exalted Ruler



2018-2019 Lodge Officers

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5 Year	Steve Cicak, PER

Lodge 2753-Past Exalted Rulers

Steve Cicak	2015-2018
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Elenor Leoce	1997-1998
James Douglas	1996-1997
Jimmie Sayger	1995-1996
James Douglas	1994-1995
Robert Distlecamp	1993-1994
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E Brent Snodgrass	1990-1991
Rex Sims	1990-interm

PER's from other Lodges Now members at 2753

Armond Belisle	1964
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Darwin Mueller	1984
Frank Poirier	1978
Jammie Sayger	1995
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Pete Thompson

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Pete Thompson

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Other

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By - Laws

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Kay Wright while up north was in the hospital, heart attack but doing well now.

(long time member and Past President of LOTE)

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Cindy Madej

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Don Myers DOB 10/2/36

Init 10/13/92 DOD 8/24/18



From the Secretary –

We initiated 13 new members in September. We welcome Dolly Ballard, Shawn Christiansen, Dee Dirr, Gar Frantz, Buck Holbrook, Rosaria Liput, Jim Nocito, Morrie Reece, Jerry Sebastian, Barbara & Robert Sheehan, Mark Shell and Glenn Siebert! Also, the following transfers/reinstatements in: Fred Ballard from Port Clinton, Ohio, Glen Malcolm from Union, New Jersey, Daniel Marra from Jeffersonville, Indiana and Thomas Webb from Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

We currently have 74 delinquent members. The list is posted on my door. We really want every lapsed member to renew but if you do not intend to renew your membership, please be considerate and reimburse the Lodge \$19.25 for National & State fees that were paid on your behalf. These fees are billed to the Lodge as of the membership count on March 31st, 2018 whether you paid your dues – or not!

The ELKS Drug Awareness Program (DAP) is recognized as the largest volunteer Drug Awareness Program in the United States. The ELKS DAP strives to teach children and their families about the dangers of illicit drug use and is dedicated to preventing the abuse of legalized prescription drugs. DAP also addresses alcohol & tobacco prevention and bullying. The Red Ribbon Campaign is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation, reaching millions of young people during Red Ribbon Week, October 23rd – October 31st. This year's theme is "Life is Your Journey, Travel Drug Free." Join me in celebrating Red Ribbon Week. Our children have the right to grow up drug free – and we have the responsibility to make that happen. Take the pledge at: www.redribbon.org/pledge.

The Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee is asking ELKS Lodges nationwide to promote the Organ Donor program to help inspire our Members to make life saving donations of organs, eyes and life saving tissue. For more information on the importance of donation and how to become a registered donor you can log onto www.donatelife.net. Thank you for your support!

Barbar Kneer,
Lodge Secretary
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Bonita Springs Estero Elks Lodge #2753 11th Annual Golf Tournament



Saturday, October 27th
Country Creek Golf Club

7:30 AM Continental Breakfast

8:00 AM Shotgun Start

**12:30 PM Lunch at the Elks Lodge &
Silent Auction**

Hole in One Sponsored by Estero Bay Chevrolet

Format: 4 Person Scramble

Steve Cicak, Chairman 513-205-3933

\$75 Per Player



October 31, 2018

Dinner 5:00 To 8:00 PM

Special Menu

Dinner of the Dead

Monster Burgers

Bucket of Bones

Witch Hair Pasta with Spaghetti eyeball

Special Drink "Witches Brew"

Prizes for the Best Male Costume

And Best Female Costume

Heard round the house.....

Please don't be upset when you are asked for your membership card at the bar; this is for your club's protection, without a membership card you cannot purchase alcohol. That is per our liquor license. Our lodge could be fined or closed. Please help us serve you better by having it handy when coming to the bar. Drinks are NOT served by the wait staff. We appreciate your patience.

We have 1 **THEME NIGHT** left for the off season, **October 31st** (Wednesday) we will have a Halloween party 2 (man & woman) best costume prizes.

November 6th (Tuesday) **Billy Dean & Dawn** will be putting on a show in our newly renovated event room. Tickets are on sale. Call the office or see the bartender.

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 14th (Friday) 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

Amy Fitzgerald, House Committee Co-Chair



Bonita Springs Estero Elks #2753

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Lounge Hours

Tues ONLY 11 AM—11 PM

Wed– Sat. 4 PM—11 PM

Sunday & Monday Closed

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October 2018

Reservations are required for Dinner and will only be held for 15 minutes. Also remember the dress code and remind your guest. The entire lodge is smoke free,

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 LODGE CLOSED	2 Dinner 5-8 PM Karaoke 5:30-9:00 PM	3 Dinner 5-8 PM Juke Box Night	4 Dinner 5-8 PM Karaoke 5:30-9:00 PM QUEEN OF- HEARTS	5 Full Dinner Menu Entertainment by Nevada Smith 6:30– 9:30 PM Resv. Required	6 Full Dinner Menu Entertainment by Rick Norris 6:30– 9:30 PM Resv. Required
7 LODGE CLOSED Singles Dance 7 PM	8 LODGE CLOSED	9 Dinner 5-8 PM Karaoke 5:30-9:00 PM	10 Dinner 5-8 PM Birthday Bash Night 7-9 PM IPHONE Seminar	11 Dinner 5-8 PM Karaoke 5:30-9:00 PM QUEEN OF- HEARTS	12 Full Dinner Menu Entertainment by Joe Sassarini 6:30– 9:30 PM Resv. Required	13 10 AM Orientation Full Dinner Menu Entertainment by Harry Boyle 6:30– 9:30 PM Resv. Required
14 LODGE CLOSED Singles Dance 7 PM	15 LODGE CLOSED	16 Dinner 5-8 PM Karaoke 5:30-9:00 PM	17 Dinner 5-8 PM Open MIC Night	18 Dinner 5-8 PM Karaoke 5:30-9:00 PM QUEEN OF- HEARTS	19 Full Dinner Menu Entertainment by Joe Turner 6:30– 9:30 PM Resv. Required	20 Full Dinner Menu Entertainment by Classic II 6:30– 9:30 PM Resv. Required
21 LODGE CLOSED Singles Dance 7 PM	22 7PM Meeting District Deputy Initiation Columbus Day 	23 Dinner 5-8 PM Karaoke 5:30-9:00 PM	24 Dinner 5-8 PM Italian Night	25 Dinner 5-8 PM Karaoke 5:30-9:00 PM QUEEN OF- HEARTS	26 Full Dinner Menu Entertainment by Jerry Dycke 6:30– 9:30 PM Resv. Required	27 Full Dinner Menu Entertainment by Colton 6:30– 9:30 PM Resv. Required Golf Tournament & Lunch
28 LODGE CLOSED Singles Dance 7 PM	29 LODGE CLOSED	30 Dinner 5-8 PM Karaoke 5:30-9:00 PM	31 Dinner 5-8 PM Halloween Party			

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Dinner 5-8 PM Karaoke 5:30-9:00 PM QUEEN OF- HEARTS	2 Full Dinner Menu Entertainment by Nevada Smith 6:30– 9:30 PM Resv. Required	3 Full Dinner Menu Entertainment by Harry Boyle 6:30– 9:30 PM Resv. Required
4 LODGE CLOSED Singles Dance 7 PM	5 LODGE CLOSED	6 Dinner 5-8 PM Karaoke 5:30-9:00 PM 7 PM Ticket Event Billy Dean & Dawn	7 Dinner 5-8 PM Juke Box Night	8 Dinner 5-8 PM Karaoke 5:30-9:00 PM QUEEN OF- HEARTS	9 Full Dinner Menu Entertainment by Joe Turner 6:30– 9:30 PM Resv. Required	10 Full Dinner Menu Entertainment by Jersey Beat 6:30– 9:30 PM Resv. Required



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