

The Beacon Bonita Springs Estero Elks #2753

November 2018



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And
Our Troops



Since 1990



“Love Deeply and passionately...you might get hurt but it's the only way to live life completely.

Don't settle for being an average person-each of us is extraordinary.”

Our Legacy as Elks has proved to be a reflection of the above quote. Many times through the years as members of this Order there has been much love shown and also some hurts. In the end most Elks do not settle for being average and rise to be extraordinary. We have many such members in our lodge. We are fortunate to have volunteers that pitch in and help when needed.

The State President's Dinner was held in our Event Room on Sept 29. It was well attended and the room was beautiful. I heard a number of positive remarks about our facility!

Thanks goes to our members who have been supporting our 50/50 drawings. The money has been designated to go to Harry Anna. This is the Elks State project to support children's therapies.

It is hard to believe it is November already! Please note the flyer in the Beacon.

We will be honoring our veterans with a service on Sunday, November 11th, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. See flyer on page 4.

Please attend our Open House on November 14 and please bring a friend. We want to showcase our newly renovated Event Hall. 5:00—8:00 PM

"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence." Vince Lombardi

Fraternally,
Dianne Wilhelm
Exalted Ruler

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 can not 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.

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.

November 14th (Wednesday) **OPEN HOUSE in the Event Room.**

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

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Elenor Leoce	1997-1998
James Douglas	1996-1997
Jimmie Sayger	1995-1996
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Other

State Major Project

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Scholarships

Nancy Bloodgood

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!

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Secretary's office 239 947 2753



From The Secretary—



We initiate new brothers & sisters into our Lodge almost every month of the year. For that, I am thankful. The following is the Leading Knight's offer in the Initiation ceremony. Few of you have not heard it again since you had your own initiation. There was a lot to take in that might so you may not remember it. I am moved every time I hear it and I wanted to share it with you again. It has great value in our daily lives.

My brother, the emblem of this station is the Flag of our Country; and its motto is Charity, the cornerstone of every Elk structure, the highest virtue of every Elk creed.

The daily gifts we bestow increase our own riches. The help we extend to those in need is added to our own strength. The witchery of wealth is not in having, but in sharing. The real benefactor of mankind counts his store in what is given, not in what is saved.

But, as Elks, we teach not alone the charity of alms, but the higher and nobler charity of thought, word and deed. Our whole influence in life is determined by the good deeds we do rather than by the emotions we feel. The kindest feeling may vanish, the best resolve may be forgotten; but the influence of a good deed, honestly and promptly performed, will continue forever. There's a legend that in olden times a feast was laid on high Olympus for all the gods, and thither each did bear the goddess of his highest choice, until the throng had filled the mountain top.

Wealth and Riches came resplendent in their robes of gold, and Greed and Avarice their companions were. Peace came, and all did wonder that she leant upon the arm of War. Justice and Mercy entered, and between, them proudly walked the god of Right. Faith came with Doubt, and Hope entered by the side of Fear.

Thus, each in turn, until at last, uninvited and unattended, came sweet Charity, in flowing robes of purest white, and in her arms she bore a wilderness of flowers, dear tokens of remembrance for them all.

Then Wealth and Riches drew their gorgeous robes aside, while Greed and Avarice protested loudly that one so poorly dressed should royal feast attend.

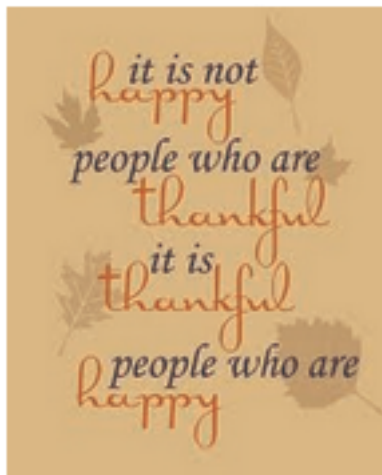
Charity gave them answer soft and mild: "Have I in truth no welcome here, and is there none in all this company who will my companion be? Behold, I bring you sweetest flowers in offering and beg that you accept them from my hand. Royal robes would not befit me well, for what grace I have is not in figure nor in form. True, I come in simple raiment, unannounced, yet Misery and Want await me at the door. I speak to you of their distress, and argue for their cause."

Whereupon the gods with one acclaim did vote her purest, truest: noblest of all the Graces, ladened her with royal gifts, proffered her a crown and begged that she would sit upon the throne.

But she made them answer, that she sought her throne not among the gods, but in the hearts of men; and, commending kindly deeds unto them all, went again upon her way.

This legend teaches us, my brother, that Charity is the greatest of all the virtues; and that it should ever rule us in our hearts and in our lives, leading us to speak no unkind word, to harbor no evil thought, to bear no malice, to support no wrong; but to nurture, love and protect; to condone, forgive and forget."

Happy Thanksgiving!
Barbara Kneer
230-947-2753
bpoe2753@comcast.net



**BEACON BOOSTERS THIS MONTH
NOVEMBER**

Tom & Lois Oliveri Bill Ribble

THANK YOU!

Yes, I/We would like to become a
Bonita Springs Estero Beacon Booster

Enclosed is \$10.00

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Mail To Bonita Springs Estero Elks Lodge #2753

3231 Coconut Rd. Bonita Springs FL 34134



**Billy Dean & Dawn
November 6, 2018
7:00—10:00 PM
\$15.00
Ticketed Event**



**Bonita Springs Estero Elks 2753
3231 Coconut Rd
Bonita Springs 34134
239 947 2753**

November 11, 2018 11:00 AM—1:00 PM

12:30 Lunch \$10.00

(FREE for Veterans with proof of service)

Flags presented by Veterans

11:15 AM Dignitaries with Speeches

Village of Estero

Lee County Sheriffs Dept

Videos and Honor all Veterans



**Elks Lodge #2753
OPEN HOUSE
November 14, 2018
5:00 - 8:00 PM
Hor's d'Oeuvres
1 Free Well Drink**

Come out to see our newly renovated hall.



Queen Of Hearts Drawing every Thursday Night

Promptly at 8:30 PM

You must present your currant Elks membership card to win

Tickets are on sale all week

1 ticket	\$1.00
6 tickets	\$5.00
25 tickets	\$20.00



Draw any numbered card, #2 Through Jack or King: \$25.

Any Ace: \$60

Any other Queen: \$100.

Any Joker: \$200

Queen of Hearts Minimum Jackpot \$1,000.

As of date of this printing, jackpot is \$15,926.



Annual Elks Memorial Service

We will meet on Sunday, December 2nd at 1:00 PM to honor the memory of our departed Elks brothers and sisters. This year, we will be remembering the following members who have passed on since our last Memorial Service in 2017

Name:	Date of Birth	Deceased Date
James "Andy" Alpete	12/11/1940	7/26/2018
Gaye Bethea	3/23/1932	4/6/2018
Marilyn Godshaw	3/10/1940	5/30/2018
Alvin Gramentz	6/8/1942	4/6/2018
John Knoff	10/13/1934	1/28/2018
Michael Linde	9/28/1945	11/19/2017
Ferry Martell	1/26/1946	12/18/2017
Charles McIntyre	9/4/1930	12/23/2017
Don Myers	10/2/1936	8/24/2018
Elizabeth "Betsy" Smith	7/18/1938	7/10/2018
Michael Peterson	2/7/1940	1/30/2018
Robert Selby	7/5/1932	1/12/2018
Allan Swanson	7/1/1944	1/1/2018
Ed Whalen	4/18/1931	5/29/2018

Elkdom Pride Fashion Show & Luncheon To Benefit Army of Hope

(THE ARMY OF HOPE PROVIDES AID AND ASSISTANCE TO THE FAMILIES OF DECEASED, DISABLED AND DEPLOYED MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY)

January 26, 2019 11:30 AM \$25.00

Door will open at 11:00 AM

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iPhone/iPad Seminar for Senior Citizens 7:00 - 9:00 PM, November 7, 2018 Estero Elks Lodge Banquet Hall

On November 7th Dr. Morrie Reece, a retired Apple Computer Senior Executive for Education, will present a multimedia seminar for Seniors on the iPhone and iPad. Morrie spent 30 years in Apple's Education division, and received 17 Golden Apple Awards, Apple's highest award for achievement. In this seminar Morrie will present, and demonstrate, a variety of topics that are of special interest to all senior citizens who use an iPhone or an iPad. If you are a new iPhone or iPad owner, or even if you've used one for years, this seminar is for you. During this two hour presentation Morrie will present, and demonstrate, the following topics:

1. Privacy and Security Issues: How to Stay Safe and Avoid Malware, Scams and Phishing.
2. 10 Settings You Need to Change, and Probably Haven't.
3. Things You Don't Know About Your iPhone or iPad - But You Should. Ignorance is NOT bliss.
4. How to Speed up Your iPhone or iPad
5. How to Get the Best Battery Life
6. Tips for Shooting Good Photos and Video
7. Why Does Your iPhone or iPad Storage Keep Filling Up ?
8. Morrie's 12 Recommended Apps for Seniors

This seminar is free to all, and no registration is necessary; just show up at 7 PM. Come and learn important things, and have some fun.

FREEDOM GRANT For Hearts and Homes for Veterans

Not only has the Grand Lodge provided our Lodge #2753 with a Grant to help our Veterans of Lee County financially in Aiding and comfort, Housing, Pro Active, Keeping Veterans in homes, Paying for housing, vouchers, and home retention. You may also help as individuals by donating any items such as decent furniture, washers, dryers, new household items. Many Thanks to Lodge #2753 Volunteers, our Committee for **The Freedom Grant** Shirley Thompson, Ginny Poirier, Irene Cloutier, Carole Myer, Nancy Bloodgood, John Searchrist and Morrie Reece, will be furnishing a whole house hold of stuff for a few homeless Veterans with this Grant.



Hearts and Homes for Veterans, Inc ABOUT US



Hearts and Homes for Veterans, Inc. is a Florida nonprofit corporation that was created on March 25, 2013. Its purpose is to support homeless veterans, and their families, who find themselves without the necessities of everyday life.

Hearts and Homes for Veterans is committed to empowering these veterans to lift themselves out of poverty and then, in turn, reach back and help other veterans do the same.

Our Philosophy: Low income and very low income Veterans should not pay more than 30% of their gross income on housing, and our units are priced with this in mind. There are many factors that come into play in determining the rental rate, such as the Veteran's health care costs, employment status, and debt.

We stand ready to help, providing services to meet the needs of our Veterans. We use our time, talent and donations to support Veterans' causes in Lee County.

Goals:

- To provide subsidized housing to very low, low, and medium income Veterans
- Provide homeless Veterans with transitional and permanent housing, food and support they need in finding employment, as well as transportation to V.A. clinic, job interviews, and to apply for benefits
- To support and help all needy Veterans with disabilities by providing the means to attain and modify housing
- Helping our returning Veterans to repatriate back into our community as active and productive citizens

DONATE

We are located at:

2230 Alicia St. Fort Myers, FL
33901

Email: vets@hhveterans.com

Phone: 239-674-1719
239-336-5521

Hearts & Homes is a not for profit 501 c3. All donations are tax deductible.

We are always seeking caring volunteers to assist our Veterans. Currently, we are seeking volunteers to:

GET INVOLVED

VOLUNTEERS

Help provide transportation services

Work at fundraising events

Assist Veterans' with job searches

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

- There is a great need for medical professionals, particularly dentists to provide pro-bono services for our Veterans.
- Counselors and therapists who would like to donate their time are also encouraged to contact us.

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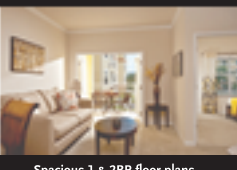
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