



God Bless Our Troops
and Our Freedoms



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My Fellow Elks,

What makes the Elks a fun place to patronize? Is it entertainment? Is it the food? Is it the fellowship? Is it dancing? I venture to guess that it is a bit of all of these and more! Many of us enjoy going to the Elks for different reasons and on different nights. It is always a fun time to be with like-minded people in a clean and safe environment.

Sometimes personalities will clash for any number of reasons, which casts a cloud over the evening. Sometimes a little incident can feel like a big deal to someone else. As Elks, we need to be cognizant of the principles of our order. Not only are they the foundation of our order but they are also the foundation of civil society.

The four principles of our order are Brotherly love, Justice, Charity and Fidelity. We each took an oath to live our lives with these principles as our mentor in life. Brotherly love and Fidelity are two characteristics that each of us should live by. We all strive to live by these principles, but we all have moments when we don't quite live up to our goal.

When we visit the lodge, we are all in a social setting, interacting with each other. We must all be of the mindset that each of us has a right to be there, regardless of our own personal preconceptions. We must share the space within our lodge with each other and protect each other from harm. We should treat each other as though they were family members. As Elks, we are family; a family of Elks.

Dance space has become an issue recently. Some like a free style dance, and some like a Ballroom dance and some like line dancing. Some like all of these, as do I. Our dance floor is small and intimate. The space must be shared. Sometimes the space gets too close for some. We must give way when we can and be polite to those around us.

One thing we must never do is be hasty and shove another member. It is not even a good idea to lay hands on somebody you are annoyed with. Placing your hands on another person may be offensive, so please be aware of personal space.

The world is full of tension and strife. Our lodge should be a refuge from these tensions, so please relax and enjoy our facility. We have a beautiful lodge, and it has so much to offer. Let's enjoy each other's company and an evening of great fun, food and dance.

I pray that you all enjoy the celebration of our nation's 250th anniversary.

Fraternally Yours,
Phil Boucher,
Exalted Ruler



Elks Care — Elks Share



2024-2025 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	Phil Boucher
Leading Knight	Dianne Wilhelm (PDDGER)
Loyal Knight	George Bowden
Lecturing Knight	Maria Trapasso PER
Secretary	Gerri Holterhoff
Treasurer	Barbara Kneer
Esquire	Pete Thompson PER
Tiler	Jim Stoke
Inner Guard	Barbara Ogle
Chaplain	Carole Mancini
Mediator	Ron Hildebrandt (PDD)

Trustees

1 Year	Ron Cumming PER
2 Year	Karon Patterson
3 Year	Joe Ciresi
4 Year	Paula Rucket
5 Year	Tim Donovan

Past Exalted Rulers, Lodge #2753

Rufus Morse-Ellington	2022-2023
Darlene Seachrist	2020-2023
Steve Cicak	2020-2020
Pete Thompson	2019-2020
Dianne Wilhelm	2018-2019
Steve Cicak	2015-2018
Paul Perl	2014-2015
Pete Godshaw	2013-2014
Jeff Morse	2012-2013
Paul Carr	2011-2012
Ravis Prueitt	2010-2011
Maria Trapasso	2009-2010
Richard Cooke	2007-2009
Ronald Cumming	2005-2007
John Bauman	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	Interim-1990

PERS at other lodges, now members

William Lucek	1982
Darwin Mueller	1984
David Wiggin	2007
Deanna Wiggin	2009
Lawrence Gibbs	2019

Committees

Auditing & Accounting

Dean Martin
Denis Avagliano
Frank LaBletta

Activities

Paula Rucket

Entertainment

Phil Boucher

Hoop Shoot

Tom Bloodgood

Soccer Shoot

Tom Bloodgood

Drug Awareness

Tom Bloodgood

Flag Day

Phil Boucher

Veterans Day

Paula Rucket

Elks Memorial Day

Phil Boucher

Volunteers

Pete Thompson PER

Membership

Pete Thompson PER

Orientation

Pete Thompson PER

Public Relations

Shirley Thompson

Government Relations

Phil Boucher

FRATERNAL COMMITTEES

Accident Prevention

Karon Patterson

Americanism

Pete Thompson PER

By-Laws

BOD George Bowden

Elks National Foundation

Jim Rolfes

Investigating Committee

Dale Sayset

Local Charitable Projects

Dianne Wilhelm PDDGER

Lodge Advisor

Dianne Wilhelm PDDGER

PER Association

Dianne Wilhelm PDDGER
Maria Trapasso PER
Pete Thompson PER
Rufus Morse-Ellington PER
Ron Cumming PER

Scholarships

Nancy Bloodgood

Standing Relief

BOD

Veteran's Services

Dale Sayset

Presiding Justice of Local Forum

Ed Toth

Harry-Anna Foundation

Phil Boucher

REGARDING RESERVATIONS

Member's Lounge dinner reservations:

Call 239-947-2753, options #3 or 4.

Please call no later than 2pm on the day before your requested reservation.

Call 239-947-2753

Banquet Hall Rentals: Option 4

Secretary: Option 3

Treasurer: Option 4

Exalted Ruler: Option 6

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Per Statute Section 14.190:

Delinquent or dropped members are not allowed in the lodge at any time.

Also, current members are not permitted to bring former Elks as guests into the lodge.

Elks Care — Elks Share

July

Lounge Entertainment Schedule

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Ladies Tea 3-5pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	 Independence Day Closed
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Karaoke 6pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm Dinner 5-7pm Joe Sassarini 6pm	Open 4pm Dinner 5-7pm Pop Rox 6pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Closed	BOD Meeting 5pm Membership Meeting (BR) 7pm	Closed	Closed	Karaoke 6pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm Dinner 5-7pm Joe Sassarini 6pm	Open 4pm Dinner 5-7pm Lakeshore Sound 6pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Karaoke 6pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm Dinner 5-7pm Joe Sassarini 6pm	Open 4pm Manhattan Connection 6pm Dinner 5-7pm
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Karaoke 6pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm Dinner 5-7pm Joe Sassarini 6pm	Open 4pm Dinner 5-7pm Johnny & Patti Revue 6pm

For Reservations Call 220-947-2752 Option #2

This Month in History—The Founding of our Nation

As ER, I am hosting an article about the history of the American Revolution. I hope you will find these items interesting and informative.

Date	Engagement	Outcome	State
01 Jul 1776	Massacre at Quaker Meadow's	British Victory	NC
Capt. Matthias Barringer and seven militiamen massacred by Cherokees while on a scouting mission.			
01 Jul 1776	Skirmish at Seneca	British Victory	SC
Spurred by British, the Cherokee made a concerted attack on the frontier killing a number of settlers.			
03 Jul 1776	Siege of McDowell's Station	American Victory	NC
Cherokees laid siege to the small fort, but were driven off when BG Rutherford arrived to save the Patriots.			
09 Jul 1776	Skirmish at Gwynn's Island	American Victory	MD
12 Jul 1776	Naval Skirmish at Tappan Sea	British Victory	NY
12 Jul 1776	Skirmish at Charlestown Harbor	British Victory	SC
SC Troops rowed out to British ship attempting to cross the bar out of Charlestown harbor. Brief skirmish.			
15 Jul 1776	Battle of Lyndley's Fort	British Victory	SC
Patriots from the Saluda River Valley who had gathered at Lyndley's Fort on Rayborn Creek were attacked by 102 Loyalists dressed and painted as Indians and 88 real Cherokees. Part of the Southern theater 1775–82.			
16 Jul 1776	Skirmish at St. George's Island	American Victory	MD
20 Jul 1776	Siege of Watauga / Fort Caswell	American Victory	TN
20 Jul 1776	Skirmish at Island Flats	American Victory	TN
21 Jul 1776	Naval Engagement at Dewee's Inlet	American Victory	SC
HMS Glasgow packet ship stranded on sand bar, attacked by SC 2nd Regiment, who set the ship on fire.			
23 Jul 1776	Skirmish at Occoquan Creek	Tie	VA
24 Jul 1776	Skirmish at Sorrel River	British Victory	Quebec

These events highlight the strategic and tactical decisions that played a crucial role in the early stages of the American Revolution.

We lost the majority of the battles, but we won the one that mattered!



**WE WANT YOU
TO VOLUNTEER**

Bonita Springs Estero Elks Lodge#2753

**Contact the Lodge office
Phone: 239-947-2753 Option #3**

Join us for Entertaining Evenings:

Our Summer Hours

May through December

Thursdays Fridays and Saturdays

Thursday Nights 4pm

Bar Menu 5-7pm

Karaoke 6pm, Queen of Hearts 8:15

Friday Nights 4pm

Live entertainment with Joe Sassarini—6pm

Dinner Served 5-7pm

Saturday Nights 4pm

Live entertainment (See Calendar) - 6pm

Dinner Served 5-7pm

Your Involvement Helps

If you'd like to assist with event planning or getting involve with committees or the operations of our lodge, please contact the ER by calling 239-947-2753, ext. 6 to be a part of the team.

Welcome New Members

We Welcome our new members who joined last month.

Nancy Ross

Chet Dudzinski

Robert LeBreton

Joycelyn Hogarty

Meris Fogle (Reinstated)

To Our Absent Members

Member	Date Passed
Henry Bird	5/24/2026
LaBonte, Louis A	4/16/2026
Henry Anderson	3/10/2026
Howard Gump	1/26/2026
Ronald Seink	1/23/2026
James Williams	12/7/2025
Patrick Morroney	7/30/2025

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