



God Bless Our Troops
and Our Freedoms



Since 1990



My Fellow Elks,

The summer season is upon us. The winter season has come and gone, and the lodge is doing well financially. Although my financial goal was not reached, we did better than last year. Generous donations have helped fund our mortgage account. In addition, our Capital account is doing well and building improvements will occur this Summer.

The summer months bring lean times and lower attendance. We will continue to have entertainment every Saturday night and karaoke on Thursday night. On Friday nights in May, we will be having trivia. If the response is good, we will continue this through the summer.

During the summer months, we will be preparing for the upcoming peak season. Many of our members have suggested great ideas to bring our members back, which we will be testing over the summer months. We will be working on an improved wine selection and an improved menu selection beginning in November. We will also be utilizing our banquet room more often beginning in the Fall to host dance parties and membership drives.

Membership is of key importance to the existence of our Lodge. Approximately \$50 of your dues funds our mortgage account and \$40 is paid to the Grand Lodge and the Florida State Elks Association. Each year in April we find that some members do not renew their membership, but we are still required to pay \$40 for those who do not renew. This puts a strain on our finances and requires additional effort to convince our members of the important work that the Elks do for the community.

I encourage our members who have not paid their dues to consider supporting the noble work of the Elks, which is performed by the volunteers within our lodge. I ask that you be a part of our growth as we reach out further into the community with charitable community sponsorships.

While our friends are away during the summer months, I asked that you remember your Lodge in Florida and help support it in whatever way you can. This is your lodge as much as any other member. You have the power to make a difference.

Meanwhile, we will all be working hard to start a new season that will be the best ever.

Fraternally yours,
Phil Boucher,
Exalted Ruler



Elks Care — Elks Share



2024-2025 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	Phil Boucher
Leading Knight	George Bowden
Loyal Knight	Ron Alfonso
Lecturing Knight	Maria Trapasso PER
Secretary	Karen Sizemore
Treasurer	Vacant
Esquire	Tim Donavan
Tiler	Vacant
Inner Guard	Karon Patterson
Chaplain	Carole Mancini
Mediator	Ron Heldebrandt (PDD)
	Dale Sayset

Trustees

1 Year	Dianne Wilhelm (PDDGER)
2 Year	Ron Cumming
3 Year	Reggie Pring
4 Year	Joe Ciresi
5 Year	Dale Sayset

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

Vacant

Entertainment

Phil Boucher

Hoop Shoot

Drug Awareness

Nancy Bloodgood

Flag Day

Phil Boucher

Veterans Day

Phil Boucher

Elks Memorial Day

Phil Boucher

Volunteers

Pete Thompson PER

Membership

Pete Thompson PER

Public Relations

FRATERNAL COMMITTEES

Accident Prevention

Rufus Morse-Ellington PER

Americanism

Phil Boucher

By-Laws

BOD

Elks National Foundation

Jim Rolfes

Investigating Committee

Dale Sayset

Local Charitable Projects

Dianne Wilhelm PDDGER

Judith MacGregor

Lodge Advisor

Dianne Wilhelm PDDGER

PER Association

Dianne Wilhelm PDDGER

Maria Trapasso PER

Pete Thompson PER

Rufus Morse-Ellington PER

Scholarships

Nancy Bloodgood

Standing Relief

BOD

Veteran's Services

Dale Sayset

Presiding Justice of Local Forum

Ed Toth

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 2

Secretary: Option 3

Treasurer: Option 4

Exalted Ruler: Option 6

Beacon Boosters

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Earl Graylock

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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

Elks Care — Elks Share

May

Lounge Schedule

2025

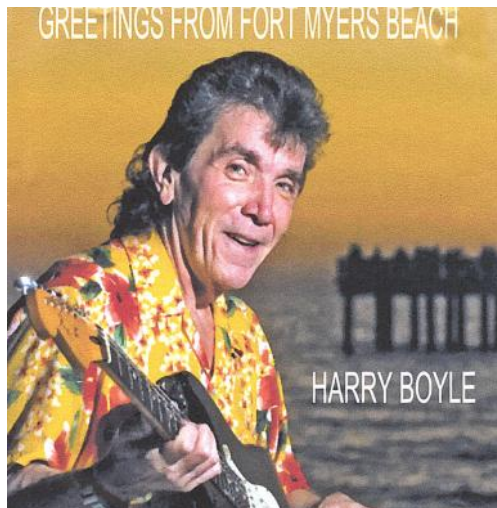
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Closed	BOD Meeting 5pm Membership Meeting (BR) 7pm	Line Dance Class 11am Tacos 5pm Show me the Money 6pm Karaoke with George 7:30pm	Open 4pm 5pm-7pm	Karaoke with Phil Bee 6pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm Trivia 6-8pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm Derby Night Jersey Beat 6pm Dinner 5-7pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Closed	Closed	Line Dance Class 11am	Closed	Karaoke with Phil Bee 6pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm Trivia 6-8pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm Harry Boyle 6pm Dinner 5-7pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Mother's Day Lunch 11am	Membership Meeting (BR) 7pm	Line Dance Class 11am	Closed	Karaoke with Phil Bee 6pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm Trivia 6-8pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm Manhattan Connection 6pm Dinner 5-7pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Closed	BOD Meeting 5pm Membership Meeting (BR) 7pm	Line Dance Class 11am	Closed	Karaoke with Phil Bee 6pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm Ron Spataro 6pm Dinner 5-7pm
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Closed	Memorial Day Picnic 11am	Line Dance Class 11am	Closed	Karaoke with Phil Bee 6pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm Trivia 6-8pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm Joe Sassarini 6:00pm Dinner 5-7pm

May Entertainment

May 3
Jersey Beat



May 10
Harry Boyle



May. 17 - Manhattan
Connection



May 24 - Ron Spataro



May. 31 - Joe Sassarini



Join us for entertaining evenings:

Thursday nights—Karaoke with Phil Bee

Dinner Served 5-7pm

Friday nights—Trivia

Lite Dinner Served 5-7pm

Saturday Nights—Live entertainment

Dinner Served 5-7pm

A flyer for Mother's Day Lunch. It features a light pink background with a red ribbon at the top and several red tulips at the bottom. The text is centered and reads: "JOIN US FOR A" in green, "Mother's Day" in large red script, "LUNCH" in bold red block letters, "From Antonio's Scratch Kitchen" in green, "MAY 11, 2025" in green, and "AT 11AM-2pm" in green. Below this, it says "Doors Open at 10:30am • Great Food, Great Friends" in red. A list of menu items follows: Poached Salmon w Dill Sauce, Fresh Mozzarella Caprese Salad, Carving Station--Roast Port Tenderloin with Gravy, Butter Parmigiana Mashed Potatoes, Penne Pasta with Vodka Sauce, Assorted Dinner Rolls, and Array of Assorted Desserts. At the bottom, it gives the address "3231 Coconut Rd, Bonita Springs, FL" and the phone number "For Reservations call 239-947-2753 Op.t 3".

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Your Involvement is Needed

Positions are open for:

Treasurer, Inner Guard,
and a Bar manager.

Become a part of the governing body and help lead our lodge into a successful year in 2025.

A Treasurer is needed. This is a paid position.

We are also in need of a Tiler Inner Guard.

Contact the ER by calling 239-947-2753, ext. 6 to be a part of the team.

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