

The Beacon

Bonita Springs/Estero Elks Lodge #2753

July 2021



God Bless our
Troops and our
Freedoms



Since 1990



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone is enjoying your time outside your homes and being allowed to be around other people including friends and family! My husband and I are sure enjoying our freedoms, rights and great nights out at our beautiful Lodge. In case you haven't noticed, we have made some changes around the Lodge. We now have a Dart Machine and we would love to start a Dart League and also a game night, hopefully in August.

Also, we have some new members who have stepped up to help us.. Again, this is your Lodge too, so please volunteer to help in any way you can to make our Lodge the BEST it can be.

Many thanks to our House Committee for the successful May & June events. The Derby party was a lot of fun and the participants were really "into" it. Mother's Day was lovely, as usual. Memorial Day was poignant and Flag Day was a testament to our dedication to the flag of the USA.

Happy 4th of July to everyone! God Bless All!

Make sure to keep the Secretary informed and updated on any changes to your mailing address, telephone number and email address so that you don't miss out on any upcoming events at the Lodge.

We will be hosting the August VP dinner at our Lodge. It is important that we have a great turnout for this event to show our support as Dianne Wilhelm (PER from our Lodge) is this year's SSW District's Vice President. Please check out the flyer which includes all the information on it in this month's BEACON. Seats will be limited. We hope to see you there!

Respectfully Yours,

Darlene Seachrist, Exalted Ruler

2021 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	Darlene Seachrist
Leading Knight	Maria Trapasso PER
Loyal Knight	Dale Sayset
Lecturing Knight	Barbara Kneer
Secretary	Dean Pr Pratt
Treasurer	Amy Fitzgerald
Esquire	Pete Tjompson
Tiler	Cathy Hamilton
Inner Guard	Susie Copps
Chaplain	Mike Adamski
Mediator	Rex Sims PER
	Dale Sayset

Trustees

1 Year	Frank Scandale
2 Year	George Bowden
3 Year	Dianne Wilhelm
4 Year	Frank Toner
5 Year	Fred Mesiti

Past Exalted Ruler, Lodge #2753

Darlene Seachrist	2020-2021
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 Cummings	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
Elenore Leoce	1997-1998
James Douglas	1996-1997
Jimmie Sayger	1995-1996
James Douglas	1994-1995
Robert Distlecamp	1993-1994
Greg Grothe	1991-1993
E. Bent Snodgrass	1990-1991
Rex Sims	Interim-1990

PERS at other lodges, now members here

Mike Adamski	2002
Armond Belisle	1964
Wayne Faux	1995
William Lucek	1982
Darwin Mueller	1984
Frank Poirier	1978
Dr. Robert Sloat	1989
David Wiggin	2007
Deanna Wiggin	2009

COMMITTEES**Auditing & Accounting****Activities**

Darlene Seachrist ER
Shirley Thompson

Youth Activities

Mike Adamski PER
Debbie Lennox

Hoop Shoot

Mike Adamski PER

Drug Awareness

Mike Adamski PER
Nancy Blookgood

FRATERNAL COMMITTEES**Accident Prevention**

Frank Toner
John Seachrist

Americanism

Rhonda Moore
Pete Thompson PER

Antlers

Mike Adamski PER

By-Laws

BOD

Elks Memorial Day

Pete Thompson
Fred Mesiti

Elks National Foundation

Judith MacGregor

Investigating Committee

Dale Sayset

Local Charitable Projects

Dianne Wilhelm
Judith MacGregor

Lodge Advisor

Dianne Wilhelm PER

Membership

Darlene Seachrist ER
George Bowden

PER Association

Dianne Wilhelm
Maria Trapasso PER

Public Relations**Scholarships**

Mike Adamski PER

Standing Relief

BOD

Veteran's Services

Dale Sayset

Presiding Justice of Local Forum

John I Middaugh

House Committee

Brenda Stankoski, Chair
Mike Adamski
Ed Freeman
Gar Frantz
Sue Klein
Debbie Lennox
Pete Thompson PER

**REGARDING
RESERVATIONS**

Call 239-947-2753
Option #1

Leave a message that includes:

Your name

Phone #

in party

Date of your reservation

Please call no later than
3PM on the day of your requested reservation.

BEACON BOOSTERS

Thank you!

Tom & Lois Oliveri

Heard Around the House.....

The Queen of Hearts has been suspended for the summer and will resume in October. A committee of 3 –5 members is needed to continue. You must be committed to being at the Lodge every Thursday night, If you are interested, please let me or any other House Committee member know.

The plans are in the works to have a Game Night up and running on Tuesday nights for the summer. More information to follow.

Missy Campbell is our new Banquet Room Manager. She has great plans for the event room and we feel like she is a good fit for our Lodge.

We have formed a decorating committee that is being led by Joan Eaton and Alice Perret. The other members are Michele Bell, Sandy Harper and Susan Senopole. If you are enjoying the decorations, please be sure to let them know. Also, we need mason jars. If you have any you can donate, please let me or one of the decorating committee know.

We are looking for volunteers to serve on our activities committee. We have many fun events planned in the upcoming months and we could use some help in implementing them.

Although nothing is planned for July 4th, we have some exciting plans for September, October and Veteran's Day. Stay tuned!

Brenda Stankowski
House Committee Chair
nonnyandpoppy@yahoo.com

**Banquet Hall For Rent
Any & All Occasions
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FLAG FLYING DATES 2021



New Year's Day: January 1
Martin Luther King Jr. Day: January 18
Inauguration Day, January 20
Lincoln's Birthday: February 12
President's Day/Washington's Birthday:(2/22) February 15
St. Patrick's Day: March 17
National Vietnam War Veterans Day: March 29
National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day: April 9
Easter Sunday: April 4
Loyalty Day: May 1
International Firefighters Day: May 4
VE Day: May 8 76th Anniversary in 2021
Mother's Day: May 9
Peace Officer's Memorial Day: May 15 (*half-staff*)
Armed Forces Day: May 15
Memorial Day: May 31 (*half-staff until noon*)

Remember D-Day: June 6 — 77th Anniversary in 2021
Flag Day / Army's Birthday: June 14
Father's Day: June 20
Independence Day: July 4
National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day: July 27
Coast Guard's Birthday: August 4
VJ Day: September 2
Labor Day: September 6
Patriot Day: September 11 (*half-staff*)
Constitution Day: September 17
POW/MIA Recognition Day: September 17
Air National Guard Birthday: September 18
Air Force Birthday: September 18
Gold Star Mother's Day: September 26
National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Day: October 3 (*half-staff*)
Columbus Day: October 11
Navy's Birthday: October 13
Election Day: November 2
Marine Corps Birthday: November 10
Veterans Day: November 11
Thanksgiving Day: November 25
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day: December 7 (*half-staff*)
79th Anniversary in 2021

National Guard's Birthday: December 13
Christmas Day: December 25

From Your Board of Directors.....

The Board has met several times already and we are determined to make 2021-22 a successful year for Lodge #2753.

Golf Tournament

We are reviving the Golf Tournament which we have renamed in memory of Ravis Prueitt (PER) who started the tournament almost 15 years ago. It will be held on October 23rd at Country Creek Golf Course. We need everyone's support in a lot of ways. If you are a golfer, please plan to play with your foursome. (\$80 per player) If you are a business owner, please be a hole sponsor (\$125). We need an underwriter to sponsor the luncheon and we would love to have several special someone's step up to the plate and be gold sponsors—\$1000.00 or more! We could use donations for the silent auction —gift certificates, baskets, etc. We will also need volunteers on the day of the event.

Estero Bay Chevrolet is providing a car and the insurance for the Hole-in-One Contest!

Contact Ron Alfonso at 847-312-9788.

AT & T Tower

Our quest to have the AT & T Tower installed on the back of our Lodge property continues to move forward. We recently completed the balloon test on Saturday, June 12th and on Tuesday, June 15th, a town meeting convened to answer any questions regarding its' placement and intended improvements to the local area. It is anticipated that our next challenge will be appearing before the Estero Planning Committee to obtain approval for the construction of the tower. This has been a long and painstaking process that, if successful, will be financially beneficial to our Lodge. A notification will be sent out when we are advised of the hearing date and time.

We need businesses to advertise in our newsletter, the Beacon. Business card size ads are only \$165 for twelve issues. That's less than \$15 per issue. There are other sizes available as well. See the back page of this newsletter. Remember, you reach over 800 of our Elks brothers and sisters. Call the Secretary, Dean Pratt at 239-947-2753 or Barbara Kneer at 239-272-8691 to place your ad.

Please consider being a Beacon Booster. Only \$10 per issue.

We have a lot to overcome from the past pandemic year! We thank our members for your continued heartfelt support!

The Board



Maintenance Position Available

Help Wanted: Maintenance person, part-time (20 hrs/week) to assist with projects around the Elks Lodge.

Experience Required. \$12.50 per hour. If interested, please call the Secretary, Dean Pratt at 239-947-2753.



*You're Invited
to Welcome VP Dianne Wilhelm*



August 21, 2021

RSVP by Monday August 16, 2021

Bonita Springs/Estero Lodge #2753 call 239 947 2753

3231 Coconut Rd Bonita Springs Fl 34134

Naples Lodge # 2010 call 239 643 4368

5:00 pm Cocktail Hour / Appetizers

6:00 pm Dinner \$18.00

Menu

Tossed House Salad,

Garlic and Rosemary Roasted Chicken,

Herb Baked Red Bliss Potato,

Buttered Green Beans,

Apple Crisp



Bonita Springs Estero Elks Lodge #2753
Ravis Prueitt Memorial Golf Tournament



Saturday, October 23rd
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 \$80 Per Player



Contact: Ron Alfonso at 847-312-9788

or Joe Ciresi at 239-248-9654

July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Dinner 5-8 pm Karaoke 6-9pm	2 Dinner 5-8 pm Rich Nuckols, DJ 6:30-9:30pm	3 Dinner 5-8 pm Entertainment: Rick Norris
4 Happy Independence Day!	5	6	7	8 Dinner 5-8 pm Karaoke 6-9pm	9 Dinner 5-8 pm Rich Nuckols, DJ 6:30-9:30pm	10 Dinner 5-8 pm Entertainment Joe Sassarini:
11	12	13	14	15 Dinner 5-8 pm Karaoke 6-9pm	16 Dinner 5-8 pm Rich Nuckols, DJ 6:30-9:30pm	17 Dinner 5-8 pm Entertainment: Jersey Beat
18	19 Board Meeting 6 pm	20	21	22 Dinner 5-8 pm Karaoke 6-9pm	23 Dinner 5-8 pm Rich Nuckols,DJ 6:30-9:30pm	24 Dinner 5-8 pm Entertainment: Jerry Dycke
25	26 Lodge Meeting 7pm	27	28	29 Dinner 5-8 pm Karaoke 6-9pm	30 Dinner 5-8 pm Rich Nuckols,DJ 6:30-9:30pm	31 Dinner 5-8 pm Entertainment: Joe Turner

Office Hours are Monday—Friday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Lounge/Bar Hours are Thursday—Saturday 4:00 PM—11:00 PM

Dinner Served Thursday—Saturday 5:00—8:00 PM Reservations are Necessary

Dress Code for Friday and Saturday : HATS are not allowed at any time

Non Smoking Building—Smoking is permissible on the Screened Lanai

NIGHTLY ENTERTAINMENT THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY!!!

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