



God Bless Our  
Troops and Our  
Freedoms



Since 1990



My Fellow Elks,

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as your Exalted Ruler for the past year.

I extend my congratulations to the new slate of incoming officers for the upcoming *Elk* year, April 2024 – March 2025. Installation of the incoming officers will take place on March 27. Those interested in serving as officers appointed by the Exalted Ruler should notify the incoming ER of your interest to serve in this capacity prior to the installation ceremony.

Lodge events in March:

2 March – Reverse Raffle

22 March – Country Western Dance, 5 – 10 PM

Remember – *Elks Care – Elks Share. WE ARE The Elks*

Read the Blast to keep up with what is going on in your lodge. If your phone number, mailing address or email changes PLEASE let us know!

Again, it has been a pleasure and honor to have served as your Exalted Ruler for the past year.

Fraternally,

Rufus Morse-Ellington, Exalted Ruler



*Elks* Care – *Elks* Share



## **2022-2023 Lodge Officers**

Exalted Ruler	Rufus Morse-Ellington
Leading Knight	George Bowden
Loyal Knight	Phil Boucher
Lecturing Knight	
Secretary	
Treasurer	Barbara Kneer
Esquire	Pete Thompson
Tiler	Alice Peret
Inner Guard	Susie Copps
Chaplain	Carole Mancini
Mediator	Rex Sims PER
	Dale Sayset

## **Trustees**

1 Year	Joe Bell
2 Year	
3 Year	Julie Amoroso
4 Year	Ted McKenna
5 Year	

## **Exalted Rulers, Lodge #2753**

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**

Armond Belisle	1964
Wayne Faux	1995
William Lucek	1982
Darwin Mueller	1984
Frank Poirier	1978
David Wiggin	2007
Deanna Wiggin	2009
Len Wenzel	2011 PDDGER
Lawrence Gibbs	2019

## **Committees**

### **Auditing & Accounting**

Joe Bell & Cindy Sklebar

### **Activities**

Phil Boucher

### **Entertainment**

Phil Boucher

### **Hoop Shoot**

### **Drug Awareness**

Nancy Bloodgood

### **Flag Day**

Phil Boucher

### **Veterans Day**

Phil Boucher

### **Elks Memorial Day**

Rufus Morse-Ellington

## **FRATERNAL COMMITTEES**

### **Accident Prevention**

Rufus Morse-Ellington

### **Americanism**

Rufus Morse-Ellington

### **By-Laws**

BOD

### **Elks Memorial Day**

Rufus Morse-Ellington

### **Elks National Foundation**

Judith MacGregor

### **Investigating Committee**

Dale Sayset

### **Local Charitable Projects**

Dianne Wilhelm PDDGER

Judith MacGregor

### **Lodge Advisor**

Dianne Wilhelm PDDGER

## **Membership**

Darlene Seachrist PER

George Bowden

### **PER Association**

Dianne Wilhelm PDDGER

Maria Trapasso PER

Darlene Seachrist PER

Pete Thompson PER

## **Public Relations**

## **Scholarships**

Nancy Bloodgood

## **Standing Relief**

BOD

## **Veteran's Services**

Dale Sayset

## **Presiding Justice of Local Forum**

John I Middaugh

## **REGARDING RESERVATIONS**

Call 239-947-2753

Member's Lounge dinner reservations:

Options #1

Please call no later than 12pm on the day before your requested reservation.

Banquet Hall Rentals: Option 2

Secretary: Option 3

Treasurer: Option 4

Exalted Ruler: Option 6

### **Beacon Boosters**

Thank you for your support  
Earl Graylock  
Dale Sayset  
Mark Yosway

### **Be a Beacon Booster**

**Only \$10 per Month or \$120 per Year**

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.



**Joanne Ribble**  
Councilmember-District 1

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**Elks Care — Elks Share**

# March

## Lounge Schedule

## 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
Closed	Membership Meeting (BR) 7pm Election of Officers	Tacos 5pm Show me the Money 6pm Karaoke with George 7:30pm	Bar opens 4pm	Karaoke with Phil Bee 6:30pm QoH 8:15pm	John Dearing Music 6:30pm	Reverse Raffle 4-10pm
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Closed	Closed	Tacos 5pm Show me the Money 6pm Karaoke with George 7:30pm	Bar opens 4pm Two-Step Dance Lessons 6pm	Karaoke with Phil Bee 6:30pm QoH 8:15pm	Jerry Dycke 6:30pm	Joe Sassarini 6:30pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Closed	Membership Meeting	Tacos 5pm Show me the Money 6pm Karaoke with George 7:30pm	Bar opens 4pm	Karaoke with Phil Bee 6:30pm QoH 8:15pm	Steve Michaels 6:30pm	Manhattan Connection 6:30pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Closed	BOD Meeting 6pm	Tacos 5pm Show me the Money 6pm Karaoke with George 7:30pm	Bar opens 4pm Two-Step Dance Lessons 6pm	Karaoke with Phil Bee 6:30pm QoH 8:15pm	Country Western Dance 5-9:30pm Ron Spataro 6:30pm	Reunion (Harry Boyle) 6:30pm
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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# March Entertainment



**Mar. 1, 2024**

**John Dearing**



**Mar. 8, 2024**

**Jerry Dycke**



**Mar. 9, 2024**

**Joe Sassarini**



**Mar. 15, 2024**

**Steve Michaels**



**Mar. 16, 2024**

**Manhattan  
Connection**



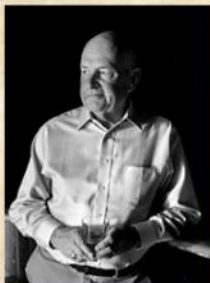
**Mar. 22, 2024**

**Ron Spataro**



**Mar. 23, 2024**

**Reunion  
with  
Harry Boyle &  
Jim Randall**



**Mar. 30, 2024**

**John Dearing**



**Mar. 30, 2024**

**Alex Alexandro**

**Reflections  
of the past**





REVERSE  
RAFFLE

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*Bonita Springs Estero Elks  
lodge #2753*

**Saturday March 2, 2024**

**Grand Prize \$10.000**

**1st & Every 25th  
Ticket Drawn  
Cash Prize**

**3:30 pm Doors Open  
6:00 pm Buffet  
7:00 pm Drawing Begins**

Only 300 tickets to be sold  
Do not need to be an Elk to WIN  
Do not need to be present to WIN  
2 Hot buffets included  
6 Drink Tickets included

**for tickets Call  
Shirley 239 319 9849  
Office Mon, Thu, Fri.  
10 am to 2:00 pm**

**Parking Limited Share a Ride  
3231 Coconut Rd  
Bonita Springs Fl 34134**

*St. Patrick's Day—Saturday March 16th*



**Celebrate With**



## **Manhattan Connection**



**Dancing from**

**6:30-9:30pm**

**Corned Beef &  
Cabbage  
Dinner 5-7pm**

**Reservations by the 12th**

**\$20 including dessert**

**Paid in Advanced**

**(No exceptions)**

**Dance 6:30—9:30pm**



**For Reservations Call**

**239-947-2753 Option #1**

**Please make reservations early.**





**FRIDAY MARCH 22, 2024**

**Country & Western  
Dinner Dance**

**\$25. pp**

**5 PM DANCE LESSONS**

**6 PM CHUCK WAGON DINNER**

**6:30- 9:30 ENTERTAINMENT BY  
BRETT BAKER**

**50/50  
JAIL FOR \$**



**BBQ CHICKEN < BAKED BEANS < CORN ON COB < ROLLS & BUTTER <  
BROWNIES & ICECREAM**

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A poster for country two-step dance lessons. The background is a brick wall. At the top, the word "COUNTRY" is in white on a red-to-pink gradient rectangle. Below it, "Two-Step" is in a stylized blue and red font on a dark grey tilted rectangle. Underneath, "Dance Lessons" is in a blue and red font. In the center, there are silhouettes of six people in cowboy hats. Overlaid on these silhouettes is the text "WEDNESDAY NIGHTS" in red and pink, "MARCH 6 & 20 AT 6PM" in white, "all skill levels!" in cyan, "Led by Pete Thompson" in cyan, and "Bonita Springs Elks Lodge #2753" in white. At the bottom left, there is a small watermark "Made with PosterMyWall.com".

COUNTRY

Two-Step

Dance Lessons

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NIGHTS**

MARCH 6 & 20 AT 6PM

**all skill levels!**

Led by Pete Thompson

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