

# The Beacon Bonita Springs/Estero Elks Lodge #2753

## February 2020



God Bless America  
And  
Our Troops



Since 1990



WOW! Talk about Gala Events. We had over 200 people attend our New Years Event. Everyone was dressed to impress. Many tuxedos and glamorous dresses. We even had fireworks (on the big screen). Ron Spataro did a fabulous job entertaining us and the meal was awesome. We have had another great event, The Elvis Show, which was a sellout. By the time you read this everyone will be talking about it. The Fashion Show was the 25th. Great fashions were provided by Rebecca's of Mercato and of course beautiful models. The men of the Elks served the meals with much dignity and the ladies liked that.

We, or I should say a committee headed by Judith MacGregor, completed the freedom grant at our lodge. Thank you volunteer members, Nancy Bloodgood, Darlene and John Seachrist, Judith and Jim Macgregor, and Shirley and Pete Thompson, for shopping and delivering over \$2000 of house hold items for the Hearts and Homes for Homeless Veterans along with 52 new sheets worth over another \$1000. Thank you to all the members that bought in the sheets for our "Campaign for Sheets".

For those of you who could not get tickets to the Elvis Show, now is a good time for you to think about the 30th Anniversary of our lodge and Cahal Dunne Show coming February 19th. I can predict another sellout for it is a sit down dinner and Cahal is a composer, Pianist, comedian, story teller and television personality. He has performed with Bob Hope, Al Martino, Tony Orlando and for several American Presidents. So with his Irish to Broadway to Country repertoire, a great show is guaranteed!

We had a wonderful celebration of life memorial for a WWII Veteran and a great Elk on Jan 11th. Joe Petrich passed away Nov. 11th and we will miss him dearly.

Fraternally, Pete Thompson ER



**2019-2020 Lodge Officers**

EXALTED RULER	Pete Thompson
Leading Knight	Wayne Godsey
Loyal Knight	Angeles Gagnon
Lecturing Knight	Darlene Seachrist
Treasurer	Ben Mazzoccoli
Secretary	Dean Pratt
Esquire	Amy Fitzgerald
Tiler	Paulette Cooke
Inner Guard	Ken Grogan
Chaplin	Marc Gagnon
Mediator	Rex Sims

**TRUSTEES**

1 year	Frank Poirier
2 year	Dan Croft
3 year	Frank Scandale
4 year	Steve Cicak
5 year	Dianne Wilhelm

**Lodge #2753 Past Exalted Rulers**

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 Cook	2007-2009
Ronald Cummings	2005-2007
John Baumann	2003-2005
Charles Prindle	2002-2003
Robert J Tuyls	2001-2002
Elenor Leoco	2000-2001
Roy Conrad	1999-2000
Carl Hoke	1998-1999
Elenor Leoco	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	1990-interm

**PER'S from other Lodges now Members at #2753**

Armond Belisle	1964
Wayne Faux	1995
Reginald Fillman	PDDGER
William Lucek	1982
Darwin Mueller	1984
Frank Poirier	1978
Jammie Sayger	1995
Dr Robert Sloat	1989
Robert Stanton	2003
David Wiggin	2007
Deanna Wiggin	2009
Mike Adamski	2002



**COMMITTEES**

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Jack Boyd

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Youth Activies

Susan Baurer  
Debbie Lennox

Soccer Shoot

Carol Marchell  
Sandra Stead

Drug Awareness

Amy Fitzgerald  
Eileen Wolfe  
Nancy Bloodgood  
Bea Segl

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Flag Day

Pete Thompson & Officers

Elks Memorial Day

Membership

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Pete Thompson

Investigating Committee

Dale Sayset

Ken Grogan

Tom Lane

Veteran Services

John Seachrist

Accident Prevention

Frank Scandale

PER Association

Dianne Wilhelm

Maria Trapasso

Standing Relief

Amy Fitzgerald

Wayne Godsey

Dean Pratt

Peter Thompson

Frank Poirier

Dan Croft

Frank Scandale

Steve Cicak

Dianne Wilhelm

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**Other**

State Major Project

Pete Thompson

BY-LAWS

Wayne Godsey

House Committee

Shirley Thompson Chairperson

Ken Grogan

Nancy Bloodgood

Marc Gagnon

Tom Lane

Dale Sayset

Florence Poggi

Mike Adamski

Darlene Seachrist

**Beacon Booster**  
TOM AND LOIS OLIVERI  
DICK AND KAREN BERTRAND  
BILL RIBBLE

**CALLING INTO THE LODGE 239 947 2753**

**For Lodge Information please press 1**

**For Dinner Reservations please press 2**

**For the event room manager please press 3**

**For the Secretary please press 4**

**For the Treasurer please press 5**

**For the Bar please press 6**

**For the Exalted Ruler please press 7**

**For information regarding events please press 9**

NOMINATIONS FOR ELKS OFFICERS FOR 2020-2021 WILL TAKE PLACE AT  
THE FEBRUARY 10 MEETING

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ELECTIONS FOR ELKS OFFICERS FOR 2020-2021 WILL TAKE PLACE

AT THE FEBRUARY 24 MEETING

BOTH MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7 P.M.



### STORIES & SONGS

**Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:30 - 9:00**

Stories & Songs, a dynamic performance by three completely different kinds of performers, will take you back to places and times you hold dear, enlighten you with new stories, and generate beautiful memories that will stay with you long after this incredible evening!

Performers: Carlene Thissen, Tim McGeary, and Dianna Fox

Tickets will be \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. See [www.carlenethissen.com/schedule](http://www.carlenethissen.com/schedule) for more information.



Carlene Thissen



Tim McGeary



Dianna Fox



**Rev. Thomas J. Slater, Pastor**

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US WEEKLY AT  
**CHRISTUS VICTOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Sunday Worship Services:**

May through December 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

**Adult Forum and Children's Programs:**

Sunday's at 9:30 a.m.

239-597-1043

***We have many community volunteer opportunities, as well as fun activities:***

Feeding the Senior Population through the Café of Life Program  
Helping with Food Pantries and the Immokalee Friendship House  
Crochet and Sewing Projects / Mah Jongg on Wednesday's at 1 pm

**CALL US and see how YOU can get involved!**

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# Bonita Springs-Estero Elks #2753 - Making a Difference



"The Teddy Bears Picnic"  
to benefit Our Mother's Home

Monday, February 17th

Doors open at 11:30.

Lunch at 12 Noon

Speaker & Interactive Program at 12:30.

Luncheon \$12 - plus a baby related item

Prepaid Reservations Only

Make checks to: BPOE #2753

Mail to the Lodge: 3231 Coconut Rd., Bonita Springs, FL 34134

ATTN. Barbara Kneer

Need more information? Call Barbara @239-272-8691, Sue Ford @239-878-6565  
or Sharon Fay @ 239-947-8789

## Can't make the Luncheon? How can you help?

**Donate anything baby related: Bottles, Interactive Toys & Puzzles, Books, Crib Sheets & Blankets, Tubs and Toddler Snacks are a few suggestions.**

We also need larger ticket items such as car seats and strollers. (We suggest you go in together with your friends on the larger items) Money & Gift Cards are also very useful.

Please note:

Everything can be dropped off in the lobby at the Lodge during business or bar hours.

**Queen Of Hearts Drawing every Thursday Night**  
Promptly at 8:30 pm ticket sales end at 8:15 pm  
You must present your current Elks membership card to win

Tickets on sale all week

1 Ticket	\$1.00
6 Tickets	\$5.00
12 Tickets	\$10.00
25 Tickets	\$20.00



Draw any numbered card, #2 through 10, Jack or King	\$25
Any Ace:	\$60
Any other Queen	\$100
Any Joker	\$200
Queen of Hearts at time of printing	\$3342

**REMINDER You Must put your Name and Telephone number on the Ticket as per the rules to qualify!!!**

**No Exception**

To INCREASE MEMBERSHIP

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**Super Bowl Sunday  
February 2, 2020  
Tailgate Buffet  
Snacks and dessert  
Doors open at 4:30 pm  
\$30.00 pp**

**Come One! Come All!**

**"Bean Bag Toss Competition"**

**\*\*Every Fourth Wednesday of the Month.\*\***

Gift Certificates will be awarded for  
1st and 2nd Place Winners to be used, in house,  
toward food and/or cocktails.

1st Place Team: (4) \$5 Gift Certificates  
2nd Place Team: (2) \$5 Gift Certificates

Hope to see YOU for some fun, fun, fun  
here at the Lodge ...

**GAME ON!!!!**

**Open Mic Night**  
Bonita Springs Estero Elks Lodge #2753

We hope you will join us for an evening of creativity, culture, and community. Come show us what you've got or enjoy our very own local talent and our revolving door of performers and entertaining guests.

*Open Mic Night* is a live show at which audience members who are amateur performers or professionals who want to try out new material or plug an upcoming show are given the opportunity to perform onstage. Performers include musicians, singers, actors, poets, magicians, puppeteers, comedians, speakers, dancers, ...whatever!

This is surely a night not to miss! 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Note: Open Mic Night in Feb will be the first Wed, Feb. 5, due to a special event on Wed. Feb 19. This change is in effect for February only!

Elk Members & Qualified Guests ... come on in and join the fun  
☆★ (Cause you know - everybody wants to be a star)

**Bonita Springs Estero Elks #2753**  
Present the Ever Popular & Anticipated  
**REVERSE RAFFLE**

**\*GRAND PRIZE: \$10,000.00!!**

**\*Plus additional prizes throughout the evening**  
**Saturday, March 7th, 2020**

**Entry fee donation of \$100.00 - Covers 2 Guests**

**Only 300 Tickets will be sold**

**Don't delay – get yours before they're gone!**

**4-6 PM Open Bar**

**Well Drinks, House Wine, Draft Beer**

**6:00 PM Buffet dinner:**

**Meatballs w/ Marinara**

**Italian Sausage w/ Peppers & Onions**

**Baked Pasta Alfredo**

**Green Beans**

**Italian Bread & Butter**

**Dessert**

Please Note: You do not have to be an Elk to win and you do need not to be present to win.

Entertainer in the Lounge: Rick Norris

We accept checks payable to BPOE 2753, credit cards (Amex, Visa, MC & Discover) and of course CASH!



**PRIME RIB • STEAKS • SEAFOOD**

Many Thanks to the owner of the Pewter Mug Restaurant for his generous donations to the Elks, 16 lbs of Prime Rib to raffle off and also sponsoring the golf outing. We made the lodge \$1196., thanks to our members participating in the raffle.

Everyone will have another chance to win the next raffle of Prime Rib. Drawing April 9th just in time for Easter. Get your tickets soon at the lodge.



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**DRESS CODE**

Discouraged during the day and not permitted evenings

Hats, Caps, tee shirts, tank tops,  
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Hats, caps, tee shirts, short shorts for women

Jeans may not be worn on Friday or Saturday evenings



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