

The Beacon Bonita Springs Estero Elks #2753

July and August 2019



God Bless America
And
Our Troops



Since 1990



Some years ago the not so good times peaked for our lodge. We were strapped for money. We were changing cooks, meals were sometimes great, sometimes good, sometimes not good at all. We divided into many cliques and rumors were way out of hand. Someone told me that the lodge would fold within 6 months. Guess what? Today this lodge is stronger than ever, Thank You to all who stayed the course and saw this through. Also thanks to the leadership and we now have a stable or growing membership and we have many more activities. We apply for and get grants from both the National and State Elks Associations to support local charities. We are recognized by the States one of the better lodges.

Everyone I talk to seems to be happy to be part of this lodge. Wonderful, but our increase in activities means we need more volunteers. We need you. As Val Bates PGER put it "Time is a gift of kindness to our fellow man." Volunteer a little time and you will be richly rewarded in love and respect. If I don't get to call you, call me or volunteer when you see me. Give me your name and number. I'll be sure to call you. Thanks in advance!

Fraternally,
Pete Thompson E.R.



As I sit and wonder what I should write about, it becomes obvious that is is about what members are doing and will be doing in this coming month.

The Memorial Service that we had on the 27th of May did see a large gathering. It was a great job done by those members and we all thank you for your hard work. This past month was busy, we had a Lodge Meeting and a new member was initiated and three new members were voted on.

We started the month off with a dinner for the District Vice President. It was well attended and always great to see a large turnout from the members of our lodge. And of course, Rose Cicak and her assistants are the ones to thank for her hard work and she saw to it that all the T's were crossed, and the I's were dotted. Thank you, Rose!!!

The committees were busy with finalizing the remodel on the lounge and of course looking for that new caterer. The Queen is still safe, but everyone is looking for her. One of our members is doing a great job writing Grants and we have received some already. So a large and grateful thanks to Judith MacGregor. And I know that the ER is looking for volunteers to help spend that money so call him and see what you can do to help with our Grants.

Dean Pratt
Secretary

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 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 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

Auditing & Accounting

Carole Kassi Chair
Jack Boyd

Activities Committee

Youth Activies

Susan Baurer
Debbie Lennox

Soccer Shoot

Carol Marchell
Sandra Stead

Drug Awareness

Amy Fitzgerald
Barbara Kneer
Eileen Wolfe
Nancy Bloodgood
Bea Segl

Fraternal Committees

Americanism

Rhonda Moore
Christine Gray

Scholarships

Linda Duncan
Elks National Foundation

Judith & Jim MacGregor

Flag Day

Pete Thompson & Officers

Elks Memorial Day

Jack Walsh

Membership

Amy Fitzgerald
Pete Thompson
Investigating Committee
Dale Sayset
Ken Grogan

Tom Lane

Veteran Services

Jack Walsh

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

Public Relations

Barbara Kneer

Other

State Major Project

Pete Thompson

BY-LAWS

Wayne Godsey

House Committee

Shirley Thompson Chair

Ken Grogan

Nancy Bloodgood

Marc Gagnon

Tom Lane

Dale Sayset

Florence Poggi

Rob Shupe

Darlene Seachrist

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July And August

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Bingo every Tuesday at 6:30 Doors open 5:30

Packets Starting At \$15.00

Happy Hour 4-6PM Bar Menu available.

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Yes, I/We would like to become a

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3231 Coconut Rd. Bonita Springs FL 34134

Queen Of Hearts Drawing every Thursday Night

Promptly at 8:30 PM last ticket sales end at 8:15 pm

You must be present with 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 Minimum Jackpot \$5,000

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

No Exception

July 5th and July 6th this weekend only

\$10.00 a Plate

Friday Night Spaghetti and Meatballs Salad & Garlic Bread

Saturday Night Rotisserie Chicken, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw & a roll

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Name _____

Address _____

Email address _____

___ Want to receive blast

___ want to receive email newsletter and any notice

___ Want to receive hard copy newsletter

Please mail to office 3231 Coconut Rd. Bonita Springs

Or call office 239 947 2753

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Lets update our system by turning in this form



COOKOUT
HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGS
PROVIDED
PLEASE BRING IN A
SIDE DISH TO SHARE
Regular Lodge hours
Bar opens 4:00 pm
Start serving 5:30
Queen of Hearts
Last ticket sold 8:15



LOUNGE WILL BE CLOSED FOR
RENOVATIONS
Aug 12TH TO Sept 2
Labor Day Reopening
Event Room open when Available for
members and guest
Except when a function is reserved
Such as these following Dates as of now
Aug 16, 17 and 23rd 31st
NO AUGUST NEWLETTER

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!
 Third Wednesday each month 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 Open Mic Night Hosts - Marc and Angeles Gagnon

Elk Members & Qualified Guests ... *come on in and join the fun!*

☆★ Please you know - everybody wants to be a star

Calendar of special events Elks 2019-2020 season -

"B" DENOTES BANQUET HALL, "R" IS RESTAURANT/BAR

JULY 4	PIG ROAST AND QUEEN OF HEARTS 6 p.m.	"R"
JULY 31ST	TRIVIA PURSUIT 6:30 P.M.	"B"
AUGUST 11-31	LOUNGE CLOSED FOR REMODELING	
SEPTEMBER 2	LABOR DAY PICNIC AND REOPEN OF LOUNGE PARTY 1-4	\$10.00 "R"
OCTOBER 12	OCTOBER FEST (SPECIAL MENU) CLASSIC II	"R"
OCTOBER 19	GOLF CHARITY OUTING (LUNCH)	\$80.00 "B"
OCTOBER 31	HALLOWEEN DRESS UP FOR QUEEN OF HEARTS	B
NOVEMBER 6	COMEDY SHOW	\$10.00 "B"
(Ron Gargula "Chuckle Hut)	90 Minutes of Laugh - 3 Comedians	
NOVEMBER 11	VETERANS DAY SERVICE 11 A.M. NO CHARGE TO VETERANS	\$10.00 "R"
DECEMBER 11	WEAVER BELIEVER	\$10.00 "B"
(Bluegrass Country Gospel	Family Band-You will love them)	
DECEMBER 20	CHRISTMAS PARTY (SPECIAL MENU) (Joe Sassarini)	"R"
DECEMBER 31	NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY (Ron Spatora)	"B"
JANUARY 12	PIG ROAST 12-3	"R"
JANUARY 25	FASHION SHOW & LUNCH 11 A.M.	\$25.00 "B"
JANUARY 29	TRIBUTE TO ELVIS	\$15.00 "B"
(One of the best-Ladies you will love him)		
FEBRUARY 14	VALENTINES DAY DANCE	"R"
FEBRUARY 19	CAHAL DUNNE AND SPECIAL 30TH ELKS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION	\$15.00 "B"
MARCH 4	TRIBUTE TO NEIL DIAMOND	\$15.00 "B"
MARCH 7	REVERSE RAFFLE 4 p.m. \$100.00	B & R
MARCH 11	CLIFF ERICKSON SHOW 7:30	"B"
Outside event - elks members invited - Music and Magician		
MARCH 17	ST. PATRICKS DAY DINNER AND DANCE	"B & R"
MARCH 25TH	COUNTRY DANCE	"B"
5P.M. DANCE LESSONS, 6 P.M. DINNER, 6:30 TO 9:30 BRETT AND PATTY BAKER.		



Eat. Drink.

Think. Win.

Bonita Springs Estero Elks #2753
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239 947 2753

Open to the public
Wednesday July 31, 2019
Visual Trivia 7:00
\$5.00 Admission

1 to 6 players per team
Large screen and 4 TV's
1st place 60% of take in
2nd place 40% of take in

If this goes well and people are interested we will have Trivia once a month starting in the Fall. So please come and give it a try, anyone can play a lot of easy questions as well as hard.

The Lodge has 4 first aid stations
 Located as followed:



1. on the wall just inside the door of the lounge Bar area
2. In the kitchen near rear exit
3. near exit to Event Room
4. In the Event Hall office beside Pete's desk

**Our 12th Annual
 Charity Golf Tournament**

This event raises money to benefit our many charities

October 19, 2019

Four person scramble and Continental breakfast at Country Creek Golf Club followed by an awards lunch with silent auction, door prizes, and raffles at Elks Lodge #2753.

Golf and lunch 80 per person

Hole Sponsorships available at \$100

Don't play golf....VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

For more info please contact the golf committee.

Thank you Denny Allen 217 273 9008



**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**



As you all probably know, or may have heard, Haney's Catering will be leaving us effective June 30th. Vern Haney came to us several years ago when we desperately needed someone to take over our food services in both the Event Room and Lounge. We were very fortunate to have had the opportunity to partner with him at the time. Since then, he has been providing our Lodge with good food and service at a reasonable price. He and his staff have consistently done a remarkable job for us. Our relationship has been an excellent one as he has always been amenable to our requests. He has repeatedly stepped up to our needs, going above and beyond to support our activities. Haney's Catering has definitely been an asset to our Lodge. Vern Haney and his team will be sorely missed. A heartfelt "Thank You" for all your years of great service and wish you the very best in your future endeavors.

As of September 1st, after the completion of our Lounge renovation, we will be receiving all of our food services from G3 Catering for both the Lounge and the Event Room. Please plan on attending our August 12th meeting to hear all about our new caterer and get answers to any questions you may have regarding these and other upcoming changes.

There will be food service during July and August on Thursday, Friday and Saturday only. Lounge activities will move to the Event Room during the Lounge renovation, which begins on August 9. Consult the bulletin or the Lodge website for specific information, or call the Lodge if you have questions.



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