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WOW! Things are moving at a rapid pace. How does one keep up? A great crew of hard workers are doing a fabulous job, completely renovating our lounge under the direction of our project manager Angeles Gagnon. It is not an easy task to undertake with quite a few unexpected situations arising daily but Angeles and her crew are making great progress. By the time you read this, the project wil be complete or near completion. Thank You for your patience and support during our renovations.

Our grand reopening event will be on Labor Day, September 2nd, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. with our new food service providers, G3 Catering Company, providing their award winning BBQ extravaganza. Their menu will include pulled pork, BBQ chicken, baked beans, macaroni & cheese, corn, cole slaw, cornbread and sweet rolls w/butter. Tickets are only \$20 per person. Please come meet our new caterers, see our newly renovated lounge, and enjoy a delicious meal in the company of your brothers & sisters.

Shirley and I have been attending the District Vice President's visits to district lodges on Saturday evenings, you may have noticed our absence, I hate to miss the 11 o'clock ritual but feel a duty to represent our lodge at these dinners. Every Elk is invited to attend these dinners and I would love to have you show up. The dinners are \$15. pp, you get to see other lodges and mingle with other Elks. I would love to see more representation from our lodge. The schedule of the upcoming dinners are Sept 7th Greater Pine Island, Sept 14th Fort Myers, and Sept 21 Punta Gordo. Social hour begins at 5 pm followed by dinner at 6 pm. Also the State President's visit to our district is Sept 27th and 28th. I will have more information at our next lodge meeting on Sept. 9th at 7 pm

Please remember to read our blast and visit our website to keep abreast of what is going on in our lodge.

Fraternally Yours, ER Pete Thompson

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For the event room manager please press 3

For the Secretary please press 4

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Leave in front office with your name

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 \$5,700

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

No Exception

Regarding reservation

When making reservation call lodge 239 947 2753 opt 2

Leave name on reservations and must state how many for dinner only

Also must leave contact telephone number

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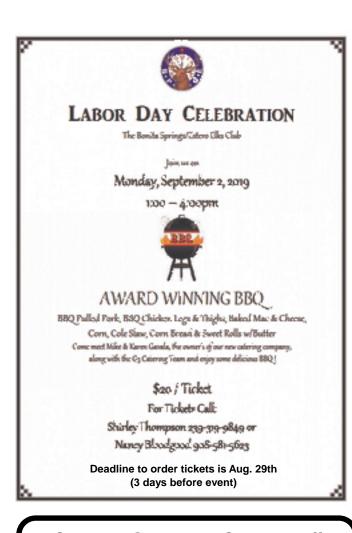
There will always be a cut off date for ordering tickets

Such as Labor Day Sept 2, Deadline to order tickets is Aug. 29th (3 days before event)

Nov. 11th Veterans Day, Veterans must make reservations

lunch ticket sales \$15 pp

deadline will be Nov7th (3 days before event)













For those of you who may not know me, my name is Angeles Gagnon and I am the Loyal Knight at the Bonita Springs/Estero Elks Lodge # 2753. At present I am serving as the Project Manager for the renovation of the Members' Lounge.

I want to personally thank all of you who have continued to come in and support the Lodge since the beginning of the renovation project. We appreciate your support AND PATIENCE as our volunteer crew has launched this project. We encourage you to continue enjoying the Lounge (or the Event Room, when the Lounge becomes unavailable) throughout the remainder of the project. I can assure you that the House Committee and the Board are very grateful for your support and understanding.

So far, we have replaced all the ceiling tiles and done most of the painting. We will soon be replacing all the fans and wall sconces. That will be followed by new cabinets, a new granite bar and replacement of the flooring. We will be expanding the stage to better accommodate our entertainers. What started as a single project to replace worn carpeting has grown into several inter-related projects, which should result in a much-improved dinner and entertainment experience for our Members and their guests.

All this is being paid for out of our Capital Improvements account, which became part of our annual budget four years ago. And while it will be unnecessary for the Lodge to borrow any money to complete these projects, our Capital account will be significantly depleted.

If you have a desire to support this project of your Lodge, we encourage your donations. Open your hearts and your wallets, and show your support for the Lodge by sending your contribution to our Treasurer, Ben Mazzoccoli.

Please drop off or mail your check to Ben, indicating "Lounge Project Donation". Thank you so much for your anticipated participation.

Sincerely & Respectfully Yours: Angeles O. Gagnon - Loyal Knight Project Manager

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

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

For more info please contact the golf committee.

Thank you Denny Allen 217 273 9008



G3 Catering is excited to join forces with the Bonita Springs/Estero Elks Lodge this season!! We're looking forward to providing you and your guests with exceptional cuisine and professional customer service.



Michael and Karen Gavala

Chef Michael Gavala has 35+ years of restaurant/catering experience. His passion for food began in his youth working for his uncle's catering company. Starting out as dishwasher and working his way up, Chef Gavala developed a clear vision of how to effectively operate all angles of a restaurant and catering company keeping his clients' visions and requests close in mind and executing each detail with precision. After attending the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY, Gavala started his first catering business and gourmet Italian Market in New Jersey.

Karen Gavala has been passionate about cooking since her youth, starting out in the kitchen alongside her mother watching and helping every chance she had. Years later, she met Michael and that's when she expanded and refined her culinary skills by working hands on, side-by side with Chef Gavala.

In 1994, Chef Gavala and his wife Karen moved to Ft. Myers and became owners/operators of Sasse il Pizzaiuolo where they created new twists on classical Italian and country French cuisine earning a two time title of Best Italian Restaurant from Gulf Shore Life. In 2000, Chef Gavala was recognized by the Chaine des Rotisseurs Bonita Springs Chapter for extraordinary culinary skills. They expanded the restaurant and offered the first and only home winemaking facility in the area having grapes shipped in from Napa Valley each Summer/Fall.

In addition to off-premise catering, in 2013 Gavala's G3 Catering Company became the exclusive caterer for the Sidney & Berne Davis Arts Center in historic downtown Fort Myers, offering its clients consistent, upscale catering with a variety of custom menus and options to please each clients' unique style, taste and budget. G3 Catering continues to hold a 5-star rating on Google, WeddingWire and The Knot. In addition, the Gavala's recently built Misty Morning Barn, a 4,000 sq. ft. barn wedding venue located in Fort Myers off of Corkscrew Road where they will be the exclusive caterers.



Brenton Wilson

Chef Wilson has been working with G3 Catering and training under the instruction of Chef Gavala for over 12 years. He started with the company in an entry level position and has developed his skills and culinary knowledge earning the position of Executive Chef through his perseverance and dedication.



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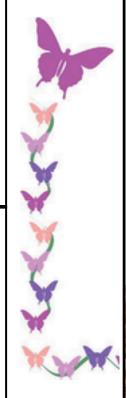
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