

The Beacon Bonita Springs/Estero Elks Lodge #2753

September 2019 Beacon



God Bless America
And
Our Troops



Since 1990



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 will 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**

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

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Carole Kassi Chair
Jack Boyd

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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

Mike Adamski

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

Mike Adamski

Darlene Seachrist

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

BEACON BOOSTERS THIS MONTH

September

Tom & Lois Oliveri Bill Ribble

Yes, I/We would like to become a
Bonita Springs Estero Beacon Booster

Enclosed is \$10.00

Name _____

Address _____

City/ St/Zip _____

Mail To Bonita Springs Estero Elks Lodge #2753

3231 Coconut Rd. Bonita Springs Fl 34134

Attention all Veterans

Please submit your 5 X 7

Military Photo (no frame)

For Display on our Military Wall

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

Regarding special events ticket sale

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)

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



LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

The Bonita Springs/Estero Elks Club

Join us on

Monday, September 2, 2019

1:00 - 4:00pm



AWARD WINNING BBQ

BBQ Pulled Pork, BBQ Chicken, Legs & Thighs, Baked Mac & Cheese, Corn, Cole Slaw, Corn Bread & Sweet Rolls w/Butter
Come meet Mike & Karen Gonda, the owner's of our new catering company, along with the Elks Catering Team and enjoy some delicious BBQ!

\$20 / Ticket

For Tickets Call:

Shirley Thompson 239-399-9849 or

Nancy Bloodgood 908-581-5623

Deadline to order tickets is Aug. 29th
(3 days before event)

It's Available!!!

Throw a party!

Have a meeting, Have a wedding!

Have a ball in our Elks Event Room!

Accommodates up to 250 guests.

Call Sheila, Event Room Manager at

203 703 3980



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 plan 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!*

★☆☆ (Because you know - everybody wants to be a star)



To my Fellow Elks:

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

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



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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