





Since 1990



My Fellow Elks,

As Elks, we belong to a Benevolent organization, but what does Benevolent mean? Ask each member and you'll get a different answer. It describes someone or something as kind, generous, and caring towards others. It originates from the Latin word "benevolentia," meaning "good will."

As an organization, it can also refer to any act or organization aiming to benefit or actively promoting the good of others, including moral, ethical, or humanitarian actions or institutions.

Within our membership you find many kind and generous people. We should all be proud of the good work that we do as Elks. We raise money for our Veterans and local charities. We care for and look out for each other in our daily lives. It is our constant guide and

faithful monitor, as mentioned in the initiation of each member.

As Elks, we must remember this guide and avoid the hatred and anger that surrounds us daily from political pressures, differences in ideology and opinion. Our world bombards us with negativity daily. It becomes an influence that is difficult to overcome.

At our lodge we pride ourselves on brotherly love. We enjoy the company of our fellow Elks. It is our oasis from the tension that the world puts on us. It is our place to gather and enjoy fellowship, dinners, dancing, and more.

During the month of July, we hosted our annual Christmas in July event by collecting non-perishable foods as a donation for the Café of Life of Bonita Springs. Our generous members donated boxes of food valued at well over \$1200. On July 28th we presented the Café of Life with a donation of \$1000 from our charity account. Your hard work and generosity are a beacon within our community, a shining light to the world.

Earlier this year we donated to the Estero Schools by supporting the High School football team, a 501C3 organization. As a result, our lodge logo, with our phone number and address, will be on the backs of tee shirt giveaways, at the games showing our purpose in the community of support for our Veterans. These are seeds of good works that we plant around us to tell the public about us.

As Elks, we need to be part of our communities as well as our lodge, but we also need to tell others about our work and the nature of our organization. We need to expand our sphere of influence in our community. Along with that we need volunteers to help plan events for our lodge and community.

You can make a difference by volunteering your time and skill to make an impact for good that benefits everyone around you.

Fraternally yours, Phil Boucher, Exalted Ruler







2024-2025 Lodge Officers

Phil Boucher **Exalted Ruler** Leading Knight George Bowden Loyal Knight Ron Alfonso Lecturing Knight Maria Trapasso PER Secretary Karen Sizemore Treasurer Barbara Kneer Esquire Tim Donavan Tiler Paula Rucket Inner Guard Karon Patterson Chaplain Carole Mancini Mediator Ron Hildebrandt (PDD)

Trustees

1 Year Dianne Wilhelm (PDDGER)
2 Year Ron Cumming
3 Year Reggie Pring
4 Year Joe Ciresi
5 Year Dale Sayset

Past Exalted Rulers, Lodge #2753

Rufus Morse-Ellington	2022-2023
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

William Lucek	1982	
Darwin Mueller	1984	
David Wiggin	2007	
Deanna Wiggin	2009	
Lawrence Gibbs	2019	

Committees

Auditing & Accounting

Dean Martin Denis Avagliano Frank LaBletta

Activities
Phil Boucher

Entertainment

Phil Boucher

Hoop Shoot Phil Boucher

Soccer Shoot Phil Boucher

Drug Awareness

Phil Boucher
Flag Day
Phil Boucher

Veterans Day Phil Boucher

Elks Memorial Day

Phil Boucher Volunteers

Pete Thompson PER

Membership

Pete Thompson PER

Orientation Tim Donavan

Public Relations
Shirley Thompson

Government Relations

Phil Boucher

FRATERNAL COMMITTEES

Accident Prevention

Rufus Morse-Ellington PER

Americanism
Phil Boucher

By-Laws BOD

Elks National Foundation

Jim Rolfes

Investigating Committee

Dale Sayset

Local Charitable Projects

Dianne Wilhelm PDDGER

Judith MacGregor

Lodge Advisor

Dianne Wilhelm PDDGER

PER Association

Dianne Wilhelm PDDGER
Maria Trapasso PER
Pete Thompson PER
Rufus Morse-Ellington PER

Scholarships

Nancy Bloodgood

Standing Relief

BOD

Veteran's Services

Dale Sayset

Presiding Justice of Local Forum

Ed Toth

Harry-Anna Foundation

Phil Boucher

REGARDING RESERVATIONS

Member's Lounge dinner reservations: Call 239-947-2753, options #3 or 4. Please call no later than 2pm on the day before your requested reservation.

Call 239-947-2753

Banquet Hall Rentals: Option 2

Secretary: Option 3
Treasurer: Option 4
Exalted Ruler: Option 6

Beacon Boosters

Thank you for your support

Earl Graylock

Jane Southmore

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.

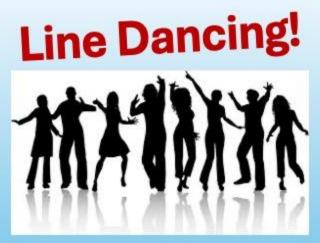


August

Lounge Schedule

2025

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	Closed	BOD Meeting 5pm Membership Meeting (BR) 7pm	Line Dance Class 11am	Closed	Karaoke 6pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm Line Dancing 6-8pm	Open 4pm Jersey Beat 6pm Dinner 5-7pm
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	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Closed	BOD Meeting 5pm Membership Meeting (BR) 7pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed



Every Tuesday 11:00 AM Until Noon \$5.00 Per Person

Questions? Contact Sandra -- smilazzo@hotmail.com



Ballroom Dance Lessons In the Lounge

4PM - 5pm Aug. 9th 4pm - 5pm Sept. 13th

4pm - 5pm Sept. 27th

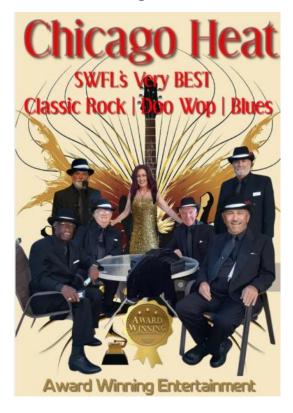
\$5 per person

August Entertainment

Aug. 2
Jersey Beat



Aug 9 Chicago Heat



August 16 VP Dinner

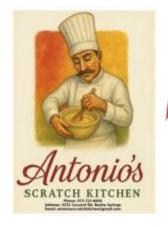
Event held in Banquet Room.

All members are invited to attend.

\$30 for Dinner and Appetizers.

See Flyer on page 7.

August 23 & 30 Closed for Summer Shutdown



August Dinner Menu

Saturday August 2, 2025

Entree Selections

Choose of one

Sole Puttanesca

Tender sole fillet simmered in a rustic tomato sauce with olives, capers and garlic, served over Linguine

Chicken Milanese

Crisp pan-fried chicken cutlet topped with fresh mozzarella, vine-ripened tomatoes, and basil chiffonade

Braised Boneless Short Ribs

Slow-cooked in red wine demi-glaze and served with garlic whipped potatoes

Dessert-Chef Selection

\$25 per person

Saturday August 9, 2025

Entree Selections

Choose of one

Chicken Française

Lightly egg-battered and sautéed in a lemon white wine butter sauce

Baked Cod Oreganata

Flaky cod topped with seasoned breadcrumbs, lemon, and olive oil, served over herbed rice pilat

Grilled Bistro Sirloin

Sliced sirloin steak with rosemary demi-glaze, served with roasted potatoes

You're Invited to Welcome South Southwest District VP

Vincent Primavera



August 16, 2025

RSVP by Monday August 11, 2025

Bonita Springs Estero Lodge 2753

Reservations please call 913-909-1839 ONLY

NOT THE LODGE

3231 Coconut Rd Bonita Springs Fl 34134
With Naples Lodge 2010
5:00 pm Cocktail Hour / Appetizers
6:00 pm Dinner \$30.00

Roasted Rosemary Crusted Pork Tenderloin,

Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Salad, Dinner Rolls and Sheet Cake



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FLORIDA ELKS SOUTH-SOUTHWEST DISTRICT



ROD STEWART TRIBUTE SHOW

26th SEPTEMBER 2025

LIVE SHOW & DINNER FROM 5 - 9 PM

BONITA SPRINGS/ESTERO LODGE #2753 3231 COCONUT RD, BONITA SPRINGS



CONTACT YOUR LOCAL LODGE FOR TICKETS

Elks Lodge 2753

Bonita Springs

Presents the





Annual

Golf Tournament

Saturday October 4, 2025

Villages of Country Creek Golf Club

Donation, Only \$100 per Golfer

21180 Country Creek Drive Estero, Florida 33928

Fill out our Registration Form.

Please contact Karen at bpoe2753@comcast.net Call 239-947-2753 Option 3 for more information

Join us for entertaining evenings:

Thursday nights—Karaoke

Dinner Served 5-7pm

Friday nights—Line Dance Music and more!

Snacks available

Saturday Nights—Live entertainment

Dinner Served 5-7pm

Your Involvement Helps

If you'd like to assist with event planning or getting involve with the operations of our lodge, please contact the ER by calling 239-947-2753, ext. 6 to be a part of the team.

Welcome New Members

We Welcome our new members that joined last month.

Robert Gustafson

Patricia Nabbs

Joann Hynes

Richard Musgraves

Barbara Ogle

Margaret Tachna

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