



God Bless Our Troops
and Our Freedoms



Since 1990



My Fellow Elks,

The New Year brings us to a time of reflection. We reflect on the past year to review our journey through time. It has always been a thrill for me to look back over that past year to see what happened in the news. It is often surprising what has transpired and what has been forgotten.

This past year has been a big success. We have gotten a kitchen caterer who provides consistent quality food and service. Having good food available has always been a priority for our members.

My initial goal was to return the lodge to the days when it was humming with members enjoying the club on an everyday basis. Another goal was to chart our finances. Since I took office and I am proud to say that the lodge has rebounded and is financially stable.

We provided activities and entertainment which attracted members. We increased our attendance from an average of 30 people per evening to nearly 90 people on Saturdays during peak season. Our average off-season numbers increased from 25 to 60 people on Saturday evenings.

We are continuing to increase our membership each month. Our overall membership has increased by over 12% during the current fiscal year.

Charity giving is back on track. In previous few years, finances were so lean that it was difficult to meet our monthly charitable donations. During 2025 we met our monthly charity donations and increased the amount in most instances.

We have improved fundraising through additional activities at the lodge. With the increase in participation from our members, we not only improved our ability to increase our charity revenue but to also maintain our operating goals as well. Generous donations from our members have contributed to our improved bottom line.

We've been making additional principal payments on the mortgage since early 2025 to reduce the principal. This amounts to about \$19,000 annually in addition to our regular mortgage payments.

I am pleased that we have volunteers that have stepped forward to help with the activities through the past year. Without our volunteers, none of our good works could have been accomplished. I encourage our members to continue to volunteer a few hours a month to help make a difference.

My goal was to lead the lodge so that it is a fun place for our members to come to, and to promote profitability so that we can maintain our charitability and provide a financially stable business.

Thank you all!

Phil Boucher,

Exalted Ruler



Elks Care — Elks Share



2024-2025 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	Phil Boucher
Leading Knight	George Bowden
Loyal Knight	Ron Alfonso
Lecturing Knight	Maria Trapasso PER
Secretary	Karen Sizemore
Treasurer	Barbara Kneer
Esquire	Tim Donovan
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 Donovan

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 6

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.

Elks Care — Elks Share

January

Lounge Entertainment Schedule

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				 Closed	Open 4pm Lakeshore Sound 6pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm Dinner 5-7pm Paul Mesich 6pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Closed	Closed	Line Dance Class 11am Tacos 5pm Show me the Money 6pm Karaoke 7:30pm	Open 4pm Line Dance 6pm	Karaoke 6pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm Dinner 5-7pm Johnny & Patti Revue 6pm	Open 4pm Dinner 5-7pm Marly Johnson 6pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Closed	Orientation 5:30pm Membership Meeting (BR) 7pm	Line Dance Class 11am Tacos 5pm Show me the Money 6pm Karaoke 7:30pm	Open 4pm Line Dance 6pm	 Karaoke 6pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm Natl Hat Day	Open 4pm Joe Sassarini 6pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm Dinner 5-7pm Pop Rox 6pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Closed	Closed	Line Dance Class 11am Tacos 5pm Show me the Money 6pm Karaoke 7:30pm	Open 4pm Line Dance 6pm	Karaoke 6pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm Dinner 5-7pm Chicago Heat 6pm	Open 4pm Dinner 5-7pm Ron Spataro 6pm
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Closed	BOD Meeting 5pm Membership Meeting (BR) 7pm	Line Dance Class 11am Tacos 5pm Show me the Money 6pm Karaoke 7:30pm	Open 4pm Line Dance 6pm	Karaoke 6pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm Dinner 5-7pm Harry Boyle 6pm	Open 4pm Manhattan Connection 6pm Dinner 5-7pm

For Reservations Call 239-947-2753 Option #3

CLASSIC AND MODERN CAR SHOW

January 17 2026

10am to 2pm

Elks Lodge Parking Lot

DJ FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

FOOD AVAILABLE

This Is A DO NOT MISS Event



Bonita Springs Estero Elks Lodge
3231 Coconut Rd. Estero FL 34134

Saturday
February 7th 7-9pm
In the Rex Sims Banquet Room



\$30 Cover
Dinner Available
5:30-7pm
Show 7-9pm



The Bonita Springs Estero Elks Lodge

*Cordially Invites
You to a*

*Lady in Red Valentine's Evening
Dedicated To The Color of Romance*

Saturday February 14, 2026

Join Us For An Evening of
Great Dance Music By the
Cat 3 Band From 6-9pm
Cover Charge \$20pp

Call for Dance Tickets No Later Than Monday February 9, 2026
239-947-2753 Option #3

Ladies Please Grace the Evening In Your Most Exquisite Red Attire
Gentlemen Business Casual is Suggested

Dinner Prepared By Antonio's Scratch Kitchen Served 5-7pm
Order Dinner Separate from the Dance

Cash Bar opens at 4pm

Call the Lodge for Dinner Reservations: 239-947-2753 Option #3
Please Make Your Dinner Reservations No Later Than Monday February 9, 2026

Bonita Springs Estero Elks Lodge 3231 Coconut Rd. Estero FL 34134

**Bonita Springs Estero Elks
Lodge #2753**

9279V9Я Raffle

MARCH 7, 2026

\$125 Donation

Includes

Hot Buffet for 2 Plus 4 Drink Tickets

(Well Bottle Beer, House Wine)

**Grand Prize
\$10,000**

Plus \$2,100 Additional Payout

Winner Need Not Be Present Only 300 Tickets Sold

Doors Open at 3:30pm

Open Seating

Dinner 5:30pm - Drawing Starts at 6:30pm

For Tickets Call Shirley 239-319-9849

Benefits: Elks National Foundation

Join us for Entertaining Evenings:

Tuesday Nights

Tacos & More, Show Me the Money & Karaoke

Wednesday Nights

Country Night - Line Dancing

Thursday Nights

Bar Food, Karaoke, Queen of Hearts

Friday Nights

Live entertainment, Dinner Served

Saturday Nights

Live entertainment, Dinner Served

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.



Elks Charity Classic Car Show - Jan. 17th

Rat Pack Show - Feb. 7th

Lady in Red Dance - Feb. 14th

Army of Hope Picnic - Rotunda Lodge Feb. 22

Reverse Raffle - Mar. 7th (Tickets now on Sale)

St. Patrick's Day with Cliff Ericson - Mar. 17th

Ladies Fashion Show - Mar. 21st

Charity Golf Outing - May 2nd

Kentucky Derby, May 2nd

Cinco de Mayo - May 5th

Mother's Day Brunch - May 10th

See the Weekly Blast for more details.

Welcome New Members

We Welcome our new members who joined last month.

Paul Rensing	Jim Seeds
Roger Upton	Joad Upton

To Our Absent Members

Member	Date Passed	
Sue Urbani	11/2/2025	
James Ugone	10/2/2025	
William Ryczaj	9/29/2025	
Joyce Reitz	7/29/2025	
Rex Sims	5/21/2025	PER Honorary Life Member
Robert Oatley	4/15/2025	
George Lemoei Jr	1/11/2025	
Francis P Poirier	1/6/2025	PER Life Member
Luke P Cunningham	10/24/2024	
Agostino Nicastro	9/27/2024	
Donato Manes	9/15/2024	
Joseph D Walters	9/05/2024	

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