



God Bless Our Troops
and Our Freedoms



Since 1990



My Fellow Elks,

October is upon us. The crisp fall air has already made its way to Florida. The days are bright and sunny, and so is the future of our lodge.

October begins the return of the snowbirds. Some have already made an appearance. As we look forward to the upcoming season we are excited to announce we have two new entertainers scheduled for 2027. It is our hope that you will enjoy their music.

By now many of you have seen the list of upcoming events. There are many events planned through March of 2027, but there is still more to be planned. We have decided to have a theme night at least once a month. October brings us Halloween as our theme. Next month we have a Jimmy Buffett night with a pig roast. I'm sure many of you are looking forward to returning and seeing old friends and enjoying good food and good music.

This summer was the first summer in a long while that we had Friday night entertainment along with entertainment on Saturdays. We selected Joe Sassarini to play every Friday evening. The turnout has been better than expected. I hope that our members will continue to support the lodge when it is open. It is through your participation that we raise enough revenue to keep the activities going during the summer months.

October kicks off on the morning of the 3rd with our annual golf outing. Later, that night is the District Vice President's visit to our area at Naples lodge. The Bonita Springs and Naples lodges have teamed together in a combined effort to host this event.

On the last day of October is our Halloween dance with Joe Sassarini as our entertainment. There will be many prizes and drink specials. Awards will be given for the best costumes. Come dressed in a costume, maybe this will be your lucky year to win first prize!

We have live entertainment every Friday and Saturday and karaoke every Thursday. Our Queen of Hearts game is drawn every Thursday night at 8:15pm. Take a chance to see if you can find where the Queen is hiding.

Antonio's Scratch Kitchen continues to provide excellent meals. Antonio's Scratch Kitchen continues to provide at least 3 meal options every Saturday. Thursdays and Fridays they offer a larger selection of food that we call our bar food menu.

Saturday nights are intended to be more a refined dining experience. On the last Saturday of every month they offer a prime rib dinner along with a fish or chicken option. We are blessed to have Antonio's Scratch Kitchen providing meals to our members at prices that are competitive.

I hope to see you all during the month of October to participate in all the activities at the lodge.

Fraternally Yours,
Phil Boucher,
Exalted Ruler



Elks Care — Elks Share



2024-2025 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	Phil Boucher
Leading Knight	Dianne Wilhelm (PDDGER)
Loyal Knight	George Bowden
Lecturing Knight	Maria Trapasso PER
Secretary	Gerri Holterhoff
Treasurer	Barbara Kneer
Esquire	Pete Thompson PER
Tiler	Jim Stoke
Inner Guard	Barbara Ogle
Chaplain	Carole Mancini
Mediator	Ron Hildebrandt (PDD)

Trustees

1 Year	Roger Upton
2 Year	Vacant
3 Year	Joe Ciresi
4 Year	Paula Rucket
5 Year	Tim Donovan

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

Lawrence Gibbs	2019
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Committees

Auditing & Accounting

Frank LaBletta
Dean Martin
Denis Avagliano

Activities

Paula Rucket

Entertainment

Phil Boucher

Hoop Shoot

Tom Bloodgood

Soccer Shoot

Tom Bloodgood

Drug Awareness

Tom Bloodgood

Flag Day

Phil Boucher

Veterans Day

Paula Rucket

Elks Memorial Day

Phil Boucher

Volunteers

Pete Thompson PER

Membership

Pete Thompson PER

Orientation

Pete Thompson PER

Public Relations

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Veteran's Services

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Presiding Justice of Local Forum

Dale Sayset

Harry-Anna Foundation

Dianne Wilhelm

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 4

Secretary: Option 3

Treasurer: Option 4

Exalted Ruler: Option 6

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Earl Graylock

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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

October

Lounge Entertainment Schedule

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Gold Star Mother's Day	BOD Meeting 5pm Membership Meeting (BR) 7pm	Closed	Closed	Karaoke 6pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm Dinner 5-7pm Joe Sassarini 6pm	Golf Outing 7:30am Open 4pm Dinner 5-7pm Pop Rox 6pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Karaoke 6pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm Dinner 5-7pm Joe Sassarini 6pm	Open 4pm Dinner 5-7pm Chicago Heat 6pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Closed	Orientation 5:30pm Membership Meeting (BR) 7pm	Closed	Closed	Karaoke 6pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm Dinner 5-7pm Joe Sassarini 6pm	Open 4pm Marly Johnson 6pm Dinner 5-7pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Karaoke 6pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm Dinner 5-7pm Joe Sassarini 6pm	Open 4pm Manhattan Connection 6pm Dinner 5-7pm
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Closed	BOD Meeting 5pm Membership Meeting (BR) 7pm	Closed	Closed	Karaoke 6pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm Dinner 5-7pm Joe Sassarini 6pm	Halloween Open 4pm Dinner 5-7pm Joe Sassarini 6pm

For Reservations Call 239-947-2753 Option #3

Ghost Town Halloween Party

Saturday October 31, 2026

Bonita Springs Estero Elks Lodge

If the spirit moves you.....

Prizes!

Let's go
Ghouls!

Eat. Drink & Be Scary

4—10 PM We're just here for the Boo's—Pick your Poison!

5—7 PM Sup on a Hauntingly Delicious Menu

6—9 PM Dance to the music of Joe Sassarini

Make your reservations by calling 239-947-2753 Ext 3



Golf Outing 10/3/2026 7:30am

Halloween Party 10/31/2026 5pm

Veterans Day 11/11/2026 11am

Jimmy Buffet Night 11/13/2026 5pm

Christmas Party 12/11/2026 5pm

New Years Eve 12/31/2026 5pm

Country Night 1/6/2027 5pm

Car Show 1/16/2027 10am

Valentines Day 2/13/2027 5pm

Superbowl Sunday 2/14/2027 6pm

Rat Pak Show 2/17/2027 5pm

Fashion Show 2/24/2027 10am

Reverse Raffle 3/6/2027 5pm

Cliff Erickson Magic Show 3/17/2027 5pm

This Month in History—The Founding of our Nation

As ER, I am hosting an article about the history of the American Revolution. I hope you will find these items interesting and informative.

Date	Engagement	Outcome	State
01 Oct 1776	Skirmish at French Broad River Col. William Christian pursued retreating Cherokees, destroying everything on their way to Tennessee.	American Victory	NC
11 Oct 1776	Battle of Valcour Island, aka Valcour Bay British defeat Patriot naval force on Lake Champlain, but victory comes too late to press the offensive against the Hudson valley. Part of the Invasion of Quebec Campaign of 1775-76.	British Victory	NY
12 Oct 1776	Naval Engagement at Lake Champlain	British Victory	NY
12 Oct 1776	Skirmish at Throg's Point (Neck)	American Victory	NY
14 Oct 1776	Skirmish at Crown Point (Second)	British Victory	NY
18 Oct 1776	Battle of Pell's Point, aka Pelham Part of the New York and New Jersey 1776-77.	American Victory	NY
18 Oct 1776	Skirmish at New Rochelle	British Victory	NY
18 Oct 1776	Skirmish at Pelham Manor	British Victory	NY
22 Oct 1776	Skirmish at Mamaroneck	American Victory	NY
27 Oct 1776	Skirmish at Neowee Creek SC Patriots fired upon by Cherokees.	British Victory	NC
28 Oct 1776	Battle of White Plains Part of the New York and New Jersey 1776-77 battles.	American Victory	NY

These events highlight the strategic and tactical decisions that played a crucial role in the early stages of the American Revolution.

We lost the majority of the battles, but we won the ones that mattered!

Ref: [List of Revolutionary War Battles, Raids & Skirmishes for 1776 | American Revolutionary War](#)



**WE WANT YOU
TO VOLUNTEER**

Bonita Springs Estero Elks Lodge#2753

**Contact the Lodge office
Phone: 239-947-2753 Option #3**

Join us for Entertaining Evenings:

Our Summer Hours

May through December

Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays

Thursday Nights 4pm

Bar Menu 5-7pm

Karaoke 6pm, Queen of Hearts 8:15

Friday Nights 4pm

Live entertainment with Joe Sassarini—6pm

Bar Menu 5-7pm

Saturday Nights 4pm

Live entertainment (See Calendar) - 6pm

Dinner Served 5-7pm

Your Involvement Helps

If you'd like to assist with event planning or getting involve with committees or the operations of our lodge, please contact the Secretary by calling 239-947-2753, ext. 3 to be a part of the team.

Welcome New Members

We Welcome our new members who joined last month.

Dominick Trapani

John Johnston

To Our Absent Members

Member	Date Passed
Michael Jones	7/10/2026
Michael J Nolan	7/4/2026
Henry Bird	5/24/2026
LaBonte, Louis A	4/16/2026
Thomas A Shambeau	3/23/2026
Henry Anderson	3/10/2026
Peter H Lindsay	2/7/2026
Howard Gump	1/26/2026
Ronald Seink	1/23/2026
James Williams	12/7/2025
Patrick Morroney	7/30/2025

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