



God Bless Our Troops
and Our Freedoms



Since 1990



My Fellow Elks,

I am happy to say that we observed two new ritual events in September. We observed 911 Remembrance Day on the 11th and MIA/POW Day on the 19th. We had a fair turnout for both the 911 Remembrance day, and the MIA/POW Day.

I would like to add that both rituals were very moving, and I would encourage you to make an effort to attend next year's ceremonies. Remembering those who lost their lives on 9/11 is a promise Americans made, that we will never forget! We must also never forget those who never returned home from war. Our MIA and POW service members deserve our remembrance.

October promises to be a fun month with great entertainment, food and music. I have been working with Paula Rucket on entertainment and special events. She has been a tremendous help with my efforts to organize entertainment. Halloween is all about fun and Paula and her husband have made excellent flyers for this event. I encourage our members to get involved with our lodge activities. Getting involved is a wonderful opportunity to gain experience and make new friends.

My goal as ER is to have a Membership Drive each month in the Banquet Room during peak season. In November we are having our first membership drive. We are offering a Dinner and Dance show on November 21st with a 9-piece band known as Uptown Express. I am asking each member to support our membership drive by bringing a friend with them to the show.

Membership is important for us to sustain our giving to our charities. Each month our lodge donates to local charities that make a difference in the lives of children, their families, the homeless, the hungry, and most importantly, our Veterans, to whom we owe so much. Your membership helps, but your support through attending the activities we offer and donations from our generous members is what makes a difference in the lives of those most in need. My goal is to build our membership with another hundred people. We can do this together by simply telling our friends about the great things that the Elks do for the community and members along with the fun times offered at the lodge.

Be a part of this growth by taking part in our nightly activities or by getting involved with your lodge. We can only have an influence in our community if we strive together as Elks. Each little bit that we do grows into something bigger than any one of us. Let's work together in Brotherly love to build our lodge and support our charities.

Fraternaly yours,

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

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| 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

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| 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

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|----------------|------|
| 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

October

Lounge Schedule

2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Closed | Closed | Line Dance Class 11am | Closed | Karaoke 6pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm | Open 4pm Line Dancing 6-8pm | Open 4pm Manhattan Connection 6pm Dinner 5-7pm |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Closed | Closed | Line Dance Class 11am | Closed | Karaoke 6pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm | Open 4pm Line Dancing 6-8pm | Open 4pm Ballroom Dance 4pm Jersey Beat 6pm Dinner 5-7pm |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| Closed |  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 Chicago Heat 6pm Dinner 5-7pm |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| Closed | Closed | Line Dance Class 11am | Closed | Karaoke 6pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm | Open 4pm Line Dancing 6-8pm | Oktober Fest Ballroom Dance 4pm Johnny & Patty 6pm Dinner 5-7pm |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 |
| Closed | BOD Meeting 5pm Membership Meeting (BR) 7pm | Line Dance Class 11am | Closed | Karaoke 6pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm | Open 4pm Halloween Dance Harry Boyle 6pm Dinner 5-7pm | Open 4pm Marly Johnson 6pm Dinner 5-7pm |

October Entertainment

Oct. 4, 2025

Manhattan Connection



Oct. 11, 2025

Jersey Beat



Oct 18, 2025

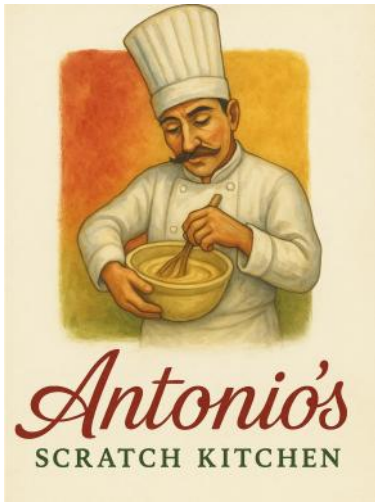
Chicago Heat



Oct. 25, 2025

Johnny & Patty





OCTOBER DINNER MENU FOR SATURDAY NIGHTS

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4th

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| Chicken Sorrentino - with eggplant, prosciutto & mozzarella with a tomato base sauce | \$25 |
| Pork Tenderloin Glazed with honey & garlic | \$25 |
| Broiled Lemon Sole | \$25 |

SATURDAY OCTOBER 11th

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| Chicken Christine - tomatoes & mushrooms Sherry cream Sauce | \$25 |
| <i>Classic Filet Mignon with Béarnaise Sauce</i> | \$35 |
| Pan-seared Grouper with Lemon & Capers | \$28 |

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18th

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| Chicken Nadine with broccoli & mushrooms sherry wine cream | \$25 |
| Braised Short Ribs served with a brown demi-glaze | \$30 |
| Cod Francaise lemon, butter & wine | \$25 |

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25th

See the Oktoberfest flyer for details on page 12

All Entrees are served with potatoes, vegetables & dessert

JOIN US FOR A HAUNTING HALLOWEEN DANCE

Friday For All Elks and their guests
October 31, 2025

DANCE TO SPOOKY MUSIC
Harry Boyle 6-9pm

Dinner
5-7pm

**BEST
COSTUME
CONTEST
AND MORE!**

Call the Lodge for dinner reservations:
239-947-2753 Option #3

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



HALLOWEEN FRIGHTFUL FEAST

— MENU —



— SOUPS & GREENS —

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| Cauldron Brew – Soup of the Day | (4) |
| Potion Combo – Soup & Salad | (12) |
| Avocado Ghoul Salad – Avocado salad with grilled chicken (avocado salad) | (14) |
| Medusa's Greek Salad – Greek salad with grilled chicken | (14) |
| Caesar's Curse – Caesar salad with grilled chicken | (14) |

— BURGERS FROM THE CRYPT —

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| Grave Digger Burger – Hamburger | (10) |
| Cheesy Goblin Burger – Cheeseburger | (12) |
| Bacon Beast Burger – Bacon Cheddar burger) | |
| Shroom & Doom Burger – Mushroom Swiss burger | (14) |
| Ghost Screams – Fish Tacos | (14) |
| Monster Claws – Chicken Fingers | (14) |



**On Veterans Day Join the
Bonita Springs Estero Elks Lodge
To Honor Our Veterans**

Guest Speaker

Nancy Ruth Walls

Collier-Lee Honor Flight

**Tuesday November 11, 2025
Ceremony 11AM**

Open to the Public

Lunch to Follow \$15 - Free to Vets



**Bonita Springs Estero Elks Lodge #2753
3231 Coconut Rd Estero Fl. 239-947-2753**

A Special Dinner Dance Membership Drive

Friday November 21, 2025

Doors Open at 5pm - Music for Dancing 6-9pm

Open to the Public Cost \$55 per person

invite your friends and neighbors

Cash Bar

*A Delicious Buffet Dinner by
Chef Antonio's
"Scratch Kitchen"*

"Uptown Express"



40 Years of Rock and Roll

**RSVP: No later than
November 18, 2025
at 12 Noon
Phone: 239-947-2753
Option #3**



Line Dancing!



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 Oct. 11th

4pm - 5pm Oct. 25th

\$5 per person



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.

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"HURRY HURRY HURRY"

Saturday October 25, 2025

Make your Reservation Now!!!

OKTOBERFEST MENU



ANTONIO'S
Scratch Kitchen



BUFFET INCLUDES:

**Bavarian Pretzels with Beer Cheese Dip &
Mustard**

Bratwurst & Knockwurst w/Kraut

Pork Schnitzel

German Potato Salad

Spaetzle with Brown Butter & Herbs

Braised Red Cabbage with Apples

Apple Strudel with Vanilla Sauce

Black Forest Cake



\$25 ALL INCLUDED



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