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and Our Freedoms



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My Fellow Elks,

As we enter August the lodge is doing well financially. The Summer months typically see revenue that is less than our expenses. This year is no different. As ER it is my responsibility to find ways to increase revenue.

This year we tried something new. One of our members offered to fund Friday night entertainment from May to June for Joe Sassarini. The members responded in a positive manner with attendance averaging just below 50. When the funding ran out in July, we decided to continue Friday night entertainment to see if we could afford to continue this practice. The members continue to support this effort, but attendance is fluctuating more

with summer vacations. Revenue is short of expenses, but it is above what we experienced when there was no Friday entertainment.

I am asking our members to continue supporting our efforts by attending lodge entertainment. For those members who spend the summer elsewhere, please consider donating to the lodge while you are away to support the lodge financially.

Our officers and volunteers are hard at work planning the upcoming season. Our Winter months must be planned 6 or more months in advance. As early as May we're working on Special events in September, October and November. Our planning for next year's New Years Eve party began just days later in January!

It takes a lot of planning to execute a single event. We are always open to people helping with planning. If you would like to assist with planning, you can contact the lodge Secretary about what you'd like to do and what skills you can offer.

Finally, I would like to encourage our members to attend Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening activities. It's always a lot of fun and a great time to socialize with friends and family.

It is also our only source of revenue during the summer months. So, come in and relax to great music, drinks and food. Your Elks lodge is a safe place for you to enjoy. Please see our monthly calendar for activity times and planned events.

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	Karon Patterson
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

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

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

Shirley Thompson

Government Relations

Phil Boucher

FRATERNAL COMMITTEES

Accident Prevention

Karon Patterson

Americanism

Pete Thompson PER

By-Laws

BOD George Bowden

Elks National Foundation

Jim Rolfes

Investigating Committee

Dale Sayset

Local Charitable Projects

Dianne Wilhelm PDDGER

Lodge Advisor

Dianne Wilhelm PDDGER

PER Association

Dianne Wilhelm PDDGER
Maria Trapasso PER
Pete Thompson PER
Rufus Morse-Ellington PER
Ron Cumming 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 4

Secretary: Option 3

Treasurer: Option 4

Exalted Ruler: Option 6

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Jane Southworth

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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

August

Lounge Entertainment Schedule

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
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 Johnny & Patti Revue 6pm
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Closed	Closed	 Closed Coast Guard Day	Closed	Karaoke 6pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm	 Open 4pm Dinner 5-7pm Joe Sassarini 6pm Purple Heart Day	Open 4pm Dinner 5-7pm Jersey Beat 6pm
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Shutdown	Shutdown	Shutdown	Shutdown	Shutdown	Shutdown	Shutdown
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Shutdown	Shutdown	Shutdown	Shutdown	Shutdown	Shutdown	Shutdown
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Closed	BOD Meeting 5pm Membership Meeting (BR) 7pm	Closed	Closed	Karaoke 6pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm	Luau Party Open 4pm Dinner 5-7pm Joe Sassarini 6pm 	Open 4pm Manhattan Connection 6pm Dinner 5-7pm

For Reservations Call 239-947-2753 Option #3

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 Aug 1776	Cherokee Expedition (Rutherford's Campaign) BG Griffith Rutherford led a large army to meet up with South Carolinians under Col. Andrew Williamson against the Cherokees in the middle towns.	American Victory	NC
01 Aug 1776	Skirmish at Seneca Town (Essenecca) Patriots under Militia Maj. Andrew Williams burned the Cherokee village at present-day Clemson.	British Victory	SC
01 Aug 1776	Skirmish at Oconoe	British Victory	SC
01 Aug 1776	Cherokee Expedition (Christie's Campaign) Col. William Christian (VA), with Col. Joseph Williams of Surry County (NC), led ~1,800 men against the Cherokee Overhill Towns - in what is now eastern Tennessee.	American Victory	TN
03 Aug 1776	Naval Engagement at Tappan Sea Part of the Atlantic Theater 1775–83.	British Victory	NY
07 Aug 1776	Naval Engagement at Portsmouth	American Victory	NH
08 Aug 1776	Skirmish at Cherokee Towns Brass Town, Cheowee, Estatoe, Jocassee, Keowee, Sugar Town.	American Victory	SC
10 Aug 1776	Skirmish at Beaufort	Draw	SC
10 Aug 1776	Skirmish at Tugaloo River Maj. Andrew Pickens's militia fought minor skirmish while crossing the Tugaloo River.	American Victory	SC
12 Aug 1776	Skirmish at Tamasee (Tomassy) Maj. Andrew Williamson and Maj. Andrew Pickens defeated a large Cherokee war party and burned the Indian town of Tamasee.	Draw	SC
12 Aug 1776	Skirmish at The Ring Fight 200 Cherokees attacked Maj. Andrew Pickens and 25 militia. From a circle, firing in turn, the Patriots held off attackers until a rescue force arrived.	American Victory	SC
15 Aug 1776	Skirmish at Roanoke Inlet British navy landed a foraging party, but they were quickly driven off by Capt. Dennis Duage and his militia.	American Victory	NC
16 Aug 1776	Naval Engagement at Tappan Sea	British Victory	NY
23 Aug 1776	Skirmish at Long Island	Draw	NY
26 Aug 1776	Skirmish at Valley Grove	British Victory	NY
27 Aug 1776	HMS Britannia captured	American Victory	Atlantic Ocean
27 Aug 1776	Battle of Long Island (First) The largest battle of the war the Patriot army is outflanked and routed on Long Island but later manages to evacuate to Manhattan. Part of the New York and New Jersey 1776-77.	British Victory	NY
28 Aug 1776	Skirmish at Jamaica/Brookland	British 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 one 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.

No initiations in July

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
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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