

The Beacon Bonita Springs/Estero Elks Lodge #2753

May/June 2020



God Bless America
And
Our Troops



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A couple of months ago, when I was elected Exalted Ruler of our Lodge, I could not have imagined that I would begin my term of office in a closed lodge. Closed, not because of anything we have done or failed to do, but because of a pandemic. I had anticipated dealing with any number of other issues, but nothing of this nature.

Like many of you, I am looking forward to the time when the Lodge can re-open. However, I want to assure you that when we reopen, we will do so in a manner that respects and protects the health and safety of our members.

The COVID-19 pandemic is an unprecedented event. It is different from anything we have experienced in our lifetimes. It has affected or will affect all of us in one way or another. In times like this, our families should come first. However, we must also remember our Obligation as Elks, which demands that we come to the aid of others.

Last month, and on your behalf, the Lodge applied for and received a \$2,000 Elks National Foundation grant for the Harry Chapin Food Bank. In addition, the Lodge building was offered as a possible site for a temporary hospital, should one be needed. The Lodge continues to welcome charitable donations, which will certainly be put to good use during this difficult period.

Although communications have been spotty since the Lodge closed, we have been made aware of at least two of our members who have passed, Mary Lou Eichert and Elisabeth (Liz) Glosser. We pray for both our departed members and for their families.

Dues collections are lagging those of previous years. Part of the problem may be that the Lodge remains closed. It is also possible that the COVID-19 crisis has created financial challenges for some of our members. However, this crisis did not relieve the Lodge of its ongoing financial obligations, like utilities and mortgage payments. With the kitchen and bar closed, dues are the only source of revenue available to us. If you have not already done so, **we urge you to promptly pay your dues.**

Be certain that the Lodge office has your current e-mail address. Our Secretary uses e-mail blasts to provide updates on Lodge activities. He will use e-mail to notify you when the Lodge reopens. Please provide your current e-mail address to Dean Pratt by telephone at (239) 947-2753.

One of the worst things about COVID-19 is that it has forced us apart. In most crisis situations, we would be gathering to comfort and support each other or to worship. We would be coming together to discuss ways to address the problem. Instead, this awful pandemic has separated us, forcing everyone to deal with this in near isolation. It was particularly painful for Anne and me when we were kept away from services during Holy Week.

Times like this should teach us that we do not control everything, and that we take too many of our blessings for granted. As strong as we perceive ourselves to be, sometimes, we need help, just as others need help from us. These are important lessons to learn, even if we have been forced to learn them during difficult times, brought about by horrible and unpredictable events.

God bless you and your family as we weather this crisis together.

Fraternally yours
Wayne Godsey ER



2020-2021 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	Wayne Godsey
Leading Knight	Darlene Seachrist
Loyal Knight	Dale Sayset
Lecturing Knight	Tom Lane
Treasurer	Ben Mazzoccoli
Secretary	Dean Pratt
Esquire	Pete Thompson PER
Tiler	Paulette Cooke
Inner Guard	Amy Fitzgerald
Chaplin	Marc Gagnon
Mediator	Rex Sims

TRUSTEES

1 YEAR	Dan Croft
2 year	Frank Scandale
3 year	Steve Cicak
4 year	Dianne Wilhelm
5 year	Frank Toner

Lodge #2753 Past Exalted Rulers

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 Cook	2007-2009
Ronald Cummings	2005-2007
John Baumann	2003-2005
Charles Prindle	2002-2003
Robert J Tuyls	2001-2002
Elenor Leoce	2000-2001
Roy Conrad	1999-2000
Carl Hoke	1998-1999
Elnor Leoce	1997-1998
James Douglas	1996-1997
Jimmie Sayger	1995-1996
James Douglas	1994-1995
Robert Distlecamp	1993-1994
Greg Grothe	1991-1993
E Bent Snodgrass	1990-1991
Rex Sims	1990-interm

PER'S from other Lodges now Members At #2753

Armond Belisle	1964
Wayne Faux	1995
Reginald Fillman	PDDGER
William Lucek	1982
Darwin Mueller	1984
Frank Poirier	1978
Jammie Sayger	1995
Dr. Robert Sloat	1989
Robert Stanton	2003
David Wiggin	2007
Deanna Wiggin	2009
Mike Adamski	2002

COMMITTEES

Auditing & Accounting

TBA

Activities Committee

Darlene Seachrist

Youth Activities

Susan Bauer

Debbie Lennox

Soccer Shoot

Carol Marchell

Sandra Stead

Drug Awareness

Nancy Bloodgood

Bea Segl

Fraternal Committees

Americanism

Rhonda Moore

Pete Thompson PER

Scholarships

Mike Adamski

Dianne Wilhelm PER

Elks National Foundation

Judith MacGregor

Local Charitable Projects

Dianne Wilhelm PER, Chair

Judith MacGregor

ENF Fundraising

Judith MacGregor, Chair

Dianne Wilhelm PER

Flag Day

Wane Godsey & Officers

Elks Memorial Day

Darlene Seachrist

John Seachrist

Membership

Amy Fitzgerald

Investigating Committee

Dale Sayset

Veteran Services

John Seachrist

Pete Thompson PER

Accident Prevention

Frank Toner

Frank Scandale

PER Association

Dianne Wilhelm

Maria Trapasso

Steve Cicak

Standing Relief

Wayne Godsey and BOD

Public Relations

Barbara Kneer

Other

State Major Project

Wayne Godsey

BY-LAWS

Wayne godsey

House Committee

Ben Mazzaccoli Chair

Marc Gagnon

Tom Lane

Dale Sayset

Darlene Seachrist

Shirley Thompson

BOOSTERS
Bill Ribble
Tom & Lois Olivera
Dick & Karen Bertrand



CALLING INTO THE LODGE 239 947 2753

For Lodge Information please press 1

For Dinner Reservations please press 2

For the event room manager please press 3

For the Secretary please press 4

For the Treasurer please press 5

For the Bar please press 6

For the Exalted Ruler please press 7

For information regarding events please press 9



Submitted by Wayne Godsey

My dad served as a gunner's mate on the USS Manley during the Second World War. This photo of his ship was taken in September, 1940, a little over a year before the United States entered the war.

The Manley was launched in August 1917 as DD-74, a 4-stack Caldwell-class Destroyer. The ship was decommissioned after World War I, and then recommissioned in May 1930. After modifications, including removing two of her four stacks and outfitting her with four Higgins landing boats, the Manley was reclassified in 1940 as APD-1, the Navy's first high-speed transport.

Serving in the South Pacific during World War II, the Manley earned five Battle Stars and a Navy Unit Commendation. From August to November in 1942, she landed troops and ammunition on Guadalcanal, and evacuated wounded Marines. She was part of the task force that invaded the Marshall Islands. She made strikes on the Kwajalein Atoll and participated in the invasion of Saipan. During the liberation of the Philippines, the Manley landed elements of the 11th Airborne Division on Luzon. Later, she put troops ashore on Corregidor, in order to block the Japanese retreat into Bataan.

I share this with you not only because I am proud of my father's service, but also because it reminds me that America has defeated formidable enemies in the past. Many of them posed far greater threats to our way of life than does COVID-19. Just as in 1941, an attacker from the Far East took America by surprise. And while this virus represents a different type of adversary, America has overcome worse.

COVID-19 has not created just a health crisis; it has disrupted our lives and toppled one of the strongest economies in American history. As a result, millions of Americans are out of work.

In a free market economy like ours, the recovery of small businesses will have a greater impact on how our nation recovers than either government loans or big business. In other words, the speed and strength of America's recovery will depend largely on the recovery of neighborhood shops, offices, bars and restaurants.

As Elks and as Americans, we did our part to limit the spread of COVID-19. It's now our duty to help our communities recover from the economic carnage caused by this scourge. We must end our self-isolation, as soon as it is safe to do so. We may need to wear masks for a while, and we may have to continue social distancing. But, we must reject a bunker mentality and resume normal activities.

There will continue to be risks, but the greatest risk is that people will remain isolated in their homes for too long. If we don't get out and get the economy re-started, we will contribute to the collapse of even more businesses. The sad result will be that more of our friends and neighbors will lose their jobs.

Past generations of Americans overcame many challenges greater than those posed by COVID-19. It now falls to our generation to repair the economic damage inflicted by this horrible virus. We must emerge from our homes and patronize the bars, restaurants and retail establishments that have served us so well and for so long.

Only when we get out and get moving, will the economy begin to move again. And as we return to life as we knew it, don't forget to visit your Elks Lodge. You've been missed!



ELIZABETH GLOSSER, INITIATED Jan 2015, PASSED APR 6 2020,

MARY LOU EICHERT, INITIATED NOV 2007, PASSED APR 6 2020

EDWARD SNAY, INITIATED MAY 2014, PASSED FEB 29 2020

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Memorial Day Boy Scout Flag Service

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\$10. Lunch

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Mattson's Catering Elks Dinner Menu



Appetizers

Mussels with Caramelized Fennel and Butter Leeks	\$10.00
Coconut Shrimp	\$9.00
Chicken Tenders	\$8.00
Cheese Quesadilla	\$6.00

Salads

House Salads	\$3.50
Caesar Salad	\$4.50
Add Chicken \$2.50 Add Salmon \$10.00	
Add Shrimp \$4.00	



Entrees

<p>1. Thyme basted Pork Chops with Heirloom Mushroom Sauce \$17.00 Pan Seared and Basted with Butter and Thyme topped with a rich Heirloom Mushroom Sauce served with Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Chef's Vegetable</p> <p>2. Herb Marinated Skirt Steak with Béarnaise Sauce and Fries \$16.00 Tender Skirt Steak Marinated and Gilled topped with a Creamy Béarnaise Sauce served with Fries and Chef's Vegetable.</p> <p>3. Roasted Half Chicken with Lentils, Frisee and Walnut Vinaigrette \$15.00 Golden Brown Roasted Half Chicken with Lentils and peppery Frisee tossed in a Walnut Vinaigrette and Chef's Vegetable</p>	<p>4. Garlic Honey Atlantic Salmon with Ginger Rice and Mango Salsa \$18.00 8oz. of Fresh Atlantic Salmon with Ginger Rice and topped with Mango Salsa</p> <p>5. Three Blackened Mahi Tacos with Mango Slaw \$14.00 Fresh Mahi Blackened and topped with a Sweet and Creamy Mango Slaw served with Fries</p> <p>6. Elks Lodge Hamburger \$9.00 8oz. Patty grilled to perfection comes with Lettuce and Tomato and served with Fries Additional Toppings .50 cents ea. Caramelized Onions, Guacamole, Salsa, Blue Cheese, American Cheese, Provolone, Swiss or Cheddar</p>
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*Ask the waitress if there are any specials or a dessert for tonight
Please Note: Tax and 18% Gratuity will be included on your bill*



Celebration

Flag Ceremony

with Lodge Officers

1:00 pm



Come One! Come All!

"Bean Bag Toss Competition"

****Every Fourth Wednesday of the Month.****

Gift Certificates will be awarded for 1st and 2nd Place Winners to be used, in house, toward food and/or cocktails.

1st Place Team: (4) \$5 Gift Certificates
 2nd Place Team: (2) \$5 Gift Certificates

Hope to see YOU for some fun, fun, fun here at the Lodge ...

GAME ON!!!!

REX SIMMS EVENT ROOM

IT'S AVAILABLE!

Throw a party, have a meeting, have a wedding, have a ball in the Elks Event Room. Elk members receive a 10% discount. Call Sheila, Banquet Manager (239) 947-2753



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