



Saturday, May 4th Derby Day
 Sunday, May 5th Cinco De Mayo
 Sunday, May 12th Mother's Day
 Thur., May 22-26th FL State Convention
 Monday, May 27th Memorial Day

Elks Care - Elks Share

810 16th Ave. S.E. Largo, FL 33771
West Central District (WCD)

MAY 2024

Message from your Exalted Ruler



It is an honor to be addressing you as your Exalted Ruler. I will do my best to live up to your expectations. Our Lodge is composed of many good people. Together, we do great work and make generous gifts to our many causes. Therefore, I will dedicate myself to the job of being all the things we want our lodge to be.

Enjoy this time... it passes so quickly.

Smile....Be Proud....You are a member of #2159
Aurora Griesler-Jones PER

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Largo Lodge #2159 Officers - 2024 to 2025



From L-R: Wayne Smith-3-Yr Trustee; Lee Acosta-Esquire; Diane Sharp PER-Treasurer; Eric Salabay-2-Yr Trustee; Bernadine Vehrs-Tiler; Aurora Griesler-Jones, ER PER; Hans Francis-Leading Knight; Jonny Liebchen-Loyal Knight; Kathy Traina-Lodge Secretary; Jan Rogers PER-Chaplain; DiAnn Anselmi-5-Yr Trustee; Rudy Fontane-4-Yr Trustee; Joe Acosta-Inner Guard.

ELK OF THE YEAR
Melody Nephew



Congratulations!

OFFICER OF THE YEAR
DiAnn Anselmi



DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN
OF THE YEAR
Bob Behm



**The lodge is in
 need of a
 Lecturing
 Knight.**

**Please speak
 with ER Aurora
 or any officer.**

PLEASE NOTE

There is a SIGN UP BOOK in the lounge which will have all events each month in one book. Not every event requires a sign-up, but when food is involved, it helps our hard-working volunteers plan if they know how many are coming! So, please sign up!!

WELKome NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our two newest members who were initiated on Wednesday, April 17th.
(L-R) Dawn Mattson and Susana De Hernandez.



BINGO MONDAY'S
@ 1:00 PM
(In the main dining room)
LUNCH available
12pm to 2:00 pm

NO BINGO MEMORIAL DAY

Come Find the Queen!!!



The Queen is up and running along with I Got It Bingo.
Come out- bring friends
Enjoy our fabulous
Largo Elks Belly Buster
hotdogs

The Queen 7:00pm
I Got it Bingo 7:30pm



KENTUCKY DERBY DAY
Saturday, May 4th
4:00pm
Pot Luck - Bring your best dish.
Baskets / Raffles
Prize for the Most Creative Hat.
Sign up at the bar

Put on your sombrero, have a margarita, enjoy some Mexican food, listen to some music, as we celebrate Cinco de Mayo
Sunday, May 5th
2 to 5pm



A SPECIAL DAY FOR MOTHERS OF LARGO ELKS



We will be having a free lunch and dessert for all our mothers. Lunch will be available for purchase for other members.
Sunday, May 12th
Lunch will be served from
12:00 to 3:00 pm.

Please sign up at the Bar. I hope to see you there!
ER Aurora Griesler-Jones PER



THURSDAY



Every Thursday Night is Tacos Night
Only \$6 (5 - 7pm)
Two Hard Shell Tacos or Taco Salad Bowl
with Chips & Sour Cream & Salsa
Music by Melody
from 5 to 8pm
Proceeds benefit Youth Activities.



Music Bingo

The FOURTH Wednesday
each month. 7 - 9pm

\$5 TO PLAY 3 GAMES

*** B * O * O * S * T * E * R * S ***

This club is made up of members who have donated money to help with the cost of printing and mailing the bulletin. We are very low on donors to this endeavor in comparison to our membership. This is a strictly voluntary donation, but with costs escalating, all donations are appreciated and put to good use. We ask for \$10 per year.

Bill Davidson.....6/24
John Schumann.....6/24
Kathy Burns.....6/24
Don Burns.....6/24
Barbara Hennessey.....8/24
George Wagner.....8/24
Donald Harvey.....9/24
William Morrow.....10/24
Richard Lessard.....10/24
Joseph Beauchamp.....11/24
Patricia Hughes.....11/24
Diane Sharp ER.....11/24
Cal Stone.....12/24

Dennis Halloran.....1/25
Richard Ribidoux.....1/25
Dennis Varone.....1/25
Bob Beach.....2/25
John Loschiavo.....2/25
Russell Burke.....2/25
Patty Schuyler.....3/25
Paul Schuyler.....3/25
Gary Allen.....3/25
JoAnn Fries.....3/25
Georgia Greene.....4/25
Robert Bryce.....4/25
Alfred Howes.....5/25

Gary Allen.....6/25
Linda Harper.....8/25
William Morrow.....11/25
Alfred Howes.....12/25
Kathy Sanford.....1/26
Mike Sullivan.....3/26
Alice Wallace.....4/26
Jim Garthwaite.....6/26
Anonymous.....3/27
Eva Beaudoin.....6/27
Lucille Stout.....7/27
Barbara Sofarelli.....8/27
Mike Sofarelli.....8/27

John Plunket Memorial.....2/29
Fred Baker.....1/31
Geo. & Kim Feaster.....3/31
Bill Reynolds.....10/31
Jim Quarles.....1/32
Bill Bacon.....5/32
Dave Mason.....1/33
Dallas Dinkins.....2/33
DL&Dee Weidenmeyer.....9/33
Pamela Crawford.....3/34
Bernadine Vehrs.....12/38
Daniel MacIntosh.....4/45



2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>REMEMBER All Thursday entertainers play for tips only. Food proceeds go to Lodge Projects</p>	<p>6 Lunch 12 - 2:00 pm BINGO 1:00 pm Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>7 Euchre 1:00 pm Pasta & More 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by DINO 5 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>1 The lounge is open on weekdays from 11am to 10pm.</p>	<p>2 TACO NIGHT (Tacos or Taco Salad) 5 to 7:00 pm Music by Melody 5 to 8 pm</p>	<p>3 Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by AL RUGGERIO 6 to 9:00 pm</p>	<p>4 DERBY DAY 4:00 PM - POT LUCK QUEEN 7:00 I Got It Bingo 7:30</p>
<p>5 Lodge open 12 - 8:00 pm Bloody Marys \$2.00 until gone CINCO de MAYO Drink Specials Mexican Food</p>	<p>6 Lunch 12 - 2:00 pm BINGO 1:00 pm BOD MEETING 6:30pm Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>7 Euchre 1:00 pm Pasta & More 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by DINO 5 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>8 HOUSE COMMITTEE Meeting 6:30PM</p>	<p>9 ORIENTATION 5:00 PM TACO NIGHT (Tacos or Taco Salad) 5 to 7:00 pm Music by Melody 5 to 8 pm</p>	<p>10 Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by AT LARGE 6 to 9:00 pm</p>	<p>11 SUPER SATURDAY QUEEN 7:00 I Got It Bingo 7:30 Belly Buster Hot Dogs</p>
<p>12 Lodge open 12-8pm See flyer - Mom's free lunch 12-3:00</p>	<p>13 Lunch 12 - 2:00 pm BINGO 1:00 PM BOD MEETING 6:30pm Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>14 Pasta & More 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by MELODY 5 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>15 LODGE MEETING 7:30 p.m. Initiation of New Members</p>	<p>16 TACO NIGHT (Tacos or Taco Salad) 5 to 7:00 pm Music by Melody 5 to 8 pm</p>	<p>17 Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by DINO 6 to 9:00 pm</p>	<p>18 SUPER SATURDAY QUEEN 7:00 I Got It Bingo 7:30 Belly Buster Hot Dogs</p>
<p>19 Lodge open 12 - 8:00 pm Bloody Marys \$2.00 until gone Veterans Committee meeting 10:00 am</p>	<p>20 Lunch 12 - 2:00 pm BINGO 1:00 PM Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>21 Euchre 1:00 pm Pasta & More 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by BILL CASTNER 5 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>22 Music Bingo 7-9 PM </p>	<p>23 TACO NIGHT (Tacos or Taco Salad) 5 to 7:00 pm Music by Melody 5 to 8 pm</p>	<p>24 Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by TBD 6 to 9:00 pm</p>	<p>25 SUPER SATURDAY QUEEN 7:00 I Got It Bingo 7:30 Belly Buster Hot Dogs</p>
<p>26 Lodge open 12 - 8:00 pm Bloody Marys \$2.00 until gone</p>	<p>27 NO BINGO Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>28 Pasta & More 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by RON TEW 5 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>29 The lounge is open on weekdays from 11am to 10pm,</p>	<p>30 TACO NIGHT (Tacos or Taco Salad) 5 to 7:00 pm Music by Melody 5 to 8 pm</p>	<p>31 Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by LOUIE BRAVO 6 to 9:00 pm</p>	<p> From the Editor LargoElks@ gmail.com</p>



VETERANS' SERVICES



To update you on our Brick Paver Project, Tom Krieger and I rented a stump remover to clear the stumps and Troop 217 Eagle Scout, Aaron Shaw, started working on the project. So, we need your application and \$60 asap so we can get these pavers ordered. You can get a form from the bar or pick one up at Veteran's Hall. Fill it out (printing carefully) and pay at the bar with check, cash, or credit card. The 8" x 8" engraved Memorial Paver cost \$60.00. If you have any questions, my number is on the form; so, you can call me.

We had several requests from members for the Military Bracelets. We now have some at the bar for sale, and, if you would like any to sell, contact Bob Behm.

In April, the Veterans Stand Down that was held for homeless veterans at Bay Pines VA was a success. Our Lodge donated \$1,000 dollars to Edgard Solivan, the VSA at Bay Pines, for this event. Hopefully, next year we can get a Grant to host a breakfast for them. Also, in April, the Vietnam Americans from neighboring communities held an event at the Wounded Warriors Abilities Ranch in Pinellas Park to honor the sacrifices of the Republic of Vietnam and its allies, including America.

On May 4th, there will be a Woman's Veterans baby shower at Bay Pines. More to follow.

On May 30th, there will be a free Dental Veterans' Clinic in Lakeland for all veterans. You must pre-register. There are flyers in the Veterans Room.

Also, on May 30th, the Veterans Committee will be participating and providing water during the City of Largo's Memorial Day Ceremonies at Largo Central Park.

I hope when you go through the Veterans Room to the dining room, you look at the veterans wall of pictures honoring our Largo Elks Veterans. As you can see, it is filling up, but there is plenty of room left for all our other veterans. If you are a veteran of any service, please get me a 5 by 7 picture of you in uniform or with you wearing a cap with your service indicated. On the back of the picture, put your name, rank, branch of service, and years served. If you were in a conflict, you can put that on the back also. Remember, this wall is to honor your service to your country.

Thank you All and God bless America!

Bob Behm Veteran Ccommittee Chair



Please remember that the dessert donations on Tuesday and Fridays go towards the entertainment costs. Thanks to EVERYONE that brings in the desserts and takes them home in their tummies!!

The 3rd week each month is Veterans Week and the **Veterans Committee** offers their desserts on Tuesday and Fridays. Donations during that week go to various veterans' projects. Thank you for your generous donations.

thank you

It has been my pleasure to serve as Lodge Advisor to Largo Lodge for the past 7 years. Since the announcement that Lodge Advisors are changing at the DD Clinic in March, I have been asked by numerous people if I was still going to be a member of Largo. The answer is "Yes." I am still writing the grants, working with the Veterans Committee, and more as the need arises.

I have been appointed to serve as Lodge Advisor at New Port Richey Lodge #2284. Which, as you can imagine, is much closer to my home. This is a new experience, and I look forward to working with the New Port Richey leadership and members.

Thank you for your devotion and support for Largo Lodge! And, thank you for all the support that you have given me over the years!

Jeanne Reinhart, PDDGER

WCD Vice President Visitations



The newly elected WCD VP, Amanda Baldwin PER, will begin visiting the lodges in our district June 1st.. See schedule below.

Each lodge takes a turn acting as host with the cost of the meal being \$5. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. A sign-up sheet will be in the lounge as each visit draws closer so we can give an accurate headcount as to how many members plan on attending. All visitation programs will start at 10:00am..

Saturday, June 1st..... NPR & Tarpon Springs
@ New Port Richey

Saturday, June 15th....DUN/CLW & Tampa
@ Dunedin/Clearwater

Saturday, July 27th.....Seminole & Largo
@ Seminole

Saturday, August 24th.....St Petersburg & Holiday Isles
@ St Petersburg

State President's Visits - September 13 - 15



We celebrated the retirement of Frank Palladini PSP after the March 23rd DD Clinic that was held in our lodge. Frank had been the WCD Leader for 22 years. Congratulations Frank & Jeanne

Additional photos from the Officer Installation Dinner.



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Lounge Hours
Weekdays: 11 to 8:00 p.m.
Sundays: 12 to 8:00 p.m.
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**Lodge Office is closed
on the holidays**

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Search Google for "largo elks".

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 2024 - 2025

Exalted Ruler.....Aurora Griesler-Jones PER
Leading Knight.....Hans Francis
Loyal Knight.....Jonny Liebchen
Lecturing Knight..... TBD
Chaplain.....Jan Rogers PER
Esquire.....Lee Acosta
Tiler.....Bernadine Vehrs
Inner Guard.....Joe Acosta
Secretary.....Kathy Traina
Treasurer.....Diane Sharp PER

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman.....Aurora Griesler-Jones PER
Exalted Ruler....Aurora Griesler-Jones PER
Leading Knight.....Hans Francis
Loyal Knight.....Jonny Liebchen
Lecturing Knight..... TBD
Lodge Secretary.....Kathy Traina
Treasurer.....Diane Sharp PER
BOD Secretary..... DiAnn Anselmi
5 Year trustee.....DiAnn Anselmi
4 Year trustee.....Rudy Fontane
3 Year trustee.....Wayne Smith
2 Year trustee.....Eric Salabay
1 Year trustee.....Dale Rosko

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Co-Chairpeople.....Gloria Todd PER
& Ed Cabana
Georgia Green, Sandy Behm,
Shirley Krieger, Jack Murray

MANAGERS

Dining Room.....Aurora Griesler-Jones PER
Bar.....Marcia Lowe

COMMITTEES

Americanism.....Gloria Todd PER
Auditing & Acctg...Sonja Lopez DDGER,
Steve Ford, Rick Robinson
Bingo.....Georgia Greene
Budget.....Board of Directors
Bulletin Editor.....Kathy Traina
By-Laws.....PER Assoc. of Largo 2159
Charity Games.....Steve Lenowicz
Comm. Projects & Activities.....Jodie Owens
Drug Awareness.....Jonny Liebchen
ENF Scholarships.....Diane Sharp PER
Entertainment...Aurora Griesler-Jones PER
Facebook.....Kathy Traina
Flag day.....Jan Rogers PER
Fraternal..... TBD

Govt. Relations.....Lee Acosta
Grants.....Jeanne Reinhart PDD
Greeters.....Rudy Fontane
Harry-Anna Trust Fund.....Mardy Oleski
Hoop Shoot.....Hans Francis
Interlodge Visitation.....Kathy Traina
Investigations.....Pat Thoele
Lapsation.....Kathy Sanford
Lodge Activities.....Board of Directors
Lodge Advisor.....JoAnne Matos PDD
Lodge Booking...Aurora Griesler-Jones PER
Lodge Memorial.....Jan Rogers PER
Mediator.....Sonja Lopez DDGER
Membership.....Kathy Sanford
Memorial Day.....Board of Directors
Orientation.....Gloria Todd PER
PER President.....TBD
Photographer.....Hans Francis,
Kathy Traina
Presidential Memorial Cert.....TBD
Presiding Justice.....David Partlow
Public Relations.....Steve Lenowicz
Ritual.....Jeanne Reinhart PDD
Safety Officer.....Jonny Liebchen
Soccer Shoot.....Jonny Liebchen
Veterans' ServicesRobert Behm
Web Master.....Steven Leonowicz
Youth Activities.....Diane Sharp PER