

Wednesday Aug 7 - Clothing Drive
 Saturday, Aug 24 - VP Visit St Pete
 Sunday, Aug 25 - Breakfast

Elks Care - Elks Share **810 16th Ave. S.E. Largo, FL 33771**
West Central District (WCD)

AUGUST 2024

Message from your Exalted Ruler



Aurora Griesler-Jones PER

Has the Florida heat been bothering you lately? Come, stay cool during these hot summer days of August by spending time in your Lodge where it's nice and air conditioned.

The monthly Sunday breakfast has been a big success, and we are having another one on Sunday, August 25. Thanks to our many volunteers who help with this meal. This is a Lodge fundraiser too, so thank you to all who come out and support this.

We heard your requests, and have added a few light lunch items which now are offered daily from noon to 4:00pm.

Be sure you are checking the calendar, weekly email blasts, and our Facebook Page so you don't miss any of the events in the Lodge.

If you are not getting the email blasts each Tuesday, Google, "Largo Elks Lodge," and click on our website. Click on the first link to sign up to receive the bulletin, calendar, and the weekly Blast.

Without our volunteers, we would not be able to have some of the functions we do have. Please step up and let us know you would like to help. There is a volunteer post board on your left as you enter the main lounge area. And, please, anyone who does volunteer be sure to report your hours in the volunteer book at the bar as these hours are then reported to Grand Lodge.

We have a great lodge. Let's work together to make it even greater.

SMILE.... BE PROUD.... YOU ARE A MEMBER OF #2159.
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**BREAKFAST
 AT LARGO ELKS #2159**



**SUNDAY, August 25th
 9:30am to Noon
 \$10 per person**

\$3 Mimosa / \$3 Bloody Mary

**We hope you will support
 this Lodge Fundraiser
 and come join us.**

Open to all Elks & Guests

IF YOU ARE PARKING IN A HANDICAP SPOT, you must display your handicap permit or have a handicap license plate.

WCD Vice President Visitations



The newly elected WCD VP Amanda Baldwin PER will have her final visitation on Saturday, August 24th. This visitation will be held in the St Petersburg Lodge on 66th Street. St Pete and Holiday Isle Lodges are co-hosting this event.

The program begins promptly at 10:00 am, and the cost is \$5. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Everyone who plans on going needs to sign up in the book in the lounge by Tuesday, August 20th.

**Info to come regarding the State President's Visits
 September 13 - 15, 2024**



A limited lunch is now available at the bar daily from noon to 4:00.

Check with your bartender as to daily menu choices.

Chicken Salad or Tuna Salad Sandwich
 (offered on alternate days)
Cheesburger, Hotdog,
Above include chips
Cup or Bowl of Soup
Pizza
Soft Hot Pretzels.

WELkome NEW MEMBERS



Eight new members were initiated on Wednesday, July 17th during our monthly Lodge Meeting. (Seated L-R) Suzan Brazeau, Vicki Matters, Lois Warbington, Mary Schultz. (Standing L-R) Steve Leonard, David Bates, Brian Warbington, Ronald Huey



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

Come early so you can have lunch before bingo.
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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



LIVE MUSIC
5-8pm


THURSDAY

5-7pm
Thursday's at Largo Elks #2159

\$6 Tacos Chicken or Beef:
Two Hard Shell Tacos or Taco Salad Plate with Chips & Sour Cream & Salsa

Benefiting Our Veterans & Youth Activities


Music & Kitchen Prep/Service Provided by Volunteers



Elks Lodge #2159
8100 16th Ave SE, Largo, FL 33771

4th Wednesday of the month

7-9pm



Bingo

SING ALONG TO THE SONGS

THE MUSIC YOU LOVE TO HEAR!

\$5 TO PLAY (includes all 4 songs) PRIZES TO GO!

CAUTION: Excessive Binge will expose you to risks, which may cause incidents of choking, hypoxia, energy and fuel!

Wednesday August 7th, 9-11am
in the grove.

Clothing Drive

Men's clothing (especially L or XL) in good condition (no stains or tears)
Underwear must be in original package.
We now also accept women's clothing.
These items will be delivered to Safe Harbor Shelter for veterans in need.

*** 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.

Donald Harvey.....9/24	Patty Schuyler.....3/25	Alfred Howes.....12/25	Bill Reynolds.....10/31
William Morrow.....10/24	Paul Schuyler.....3/25	Kathy Sanford.....1/26	Jim Quarles.....1/32
Richard Lessard.....10/24	Gary Allen.....3/25	Mike Sullivan.....3/26	Bill Bacon.....5/32
Joseph Beauchamp.....11/24	JoAnn Fries.....3/25	Alice Wallace.....4/26	Dave Mason.....1/33
Patricia Hughes.....11/24	Robert Bryce.....4/25	Jim Garthwaite.....6/26	Dallas Dinkins.....2/33
Diane Sharp ER.....11/24	Alfred Howes.....5/25	Anonymous.....3/27	DL&Dee Weidenmeyer.....9/33
Cal Stone.....12/24	Georgia Green.....5/25	Eva Beaudoin.....6/27	Pamela Crawford.....3/34
Dennis Halloran.....1/25	Robert Bryce.....5/25	Lucille Stout.....7/27	Bernadine Vehrs.....12/38
Richard Ribidoux.....1/25	Gary Allen.....6/25	Barbara Sofarelli.....8/27	Daniel MacIntosh.....4/45
Dennis Varone.....1/25	Mark Erickson.....6/25	Mike Sofarelli.....8/27	
Bob Beach.....2/25	Linda Harper.....8/25	John Plunket Memorial...2/29	
John Loschiavo.....2/25	Curtis Corbin.....8/25	Fred Baker.....1/31	
Russell Burke.....2/25	William Morrow.....11/25	Geo.& Kim Feaster.....3/31	



REVISED

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 From the Editor LargoElks@gmail.com	Bartenders now offering limited lunch daily 12 to 4:00. See flyer	SUMMER HOURS The lounge is open weekdays from Noon to Close		1 PORK SANDWICH 5 to 7:00 pm Music by Melody 5 to 8 pm	2 Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by AL RUGGERIO 6 to 9:00 pm	3 SUPER SATURDAY QUEEN 7:00 I Got It Bingo 7:30 Belly Buster Hot Dogs
4 Lodge open 12 - 6:00 pm Bloody Marys \$2.00 until gone	5 Lunch 12 - 2:00 pm BINGO 1:00 pm Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m.	6 Pasta & More 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by DINO 5 - 8:00 pm	7 	8 TACO NIGHT (Tacos or Taco Salad) 5 to 7:00 pm Music by Melody 5 to 8 pm	9 Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by AT LARGE 6 to 9:00 pm	10 SUPER SATURDAY QUEEN 7:00 I Got It Bingo 7:30 Belly Buster Hot Dogs
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18 Lodge open 12 - 6:00 pm Bloody Marys \$2.00 until gone	19 Lunch 12 - 2:00 pm BINGO 1:00 PM Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m. Veterans Committee 5:00 pm BOD Meeting 6:30 PM	20 Pasta & More 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by BOOTS & LACE 5 - 8:00 pm Veterans Week	21 Lodge Meeting 7:30 p.m. INITIATION of New Members	22 PORK SANDWICH 5 to 7:00 pm Music by Melody 5 to 8 pm	23 Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by DINO 6 to 9:00 pm	24 SUPER SATURDAY QUEEN 7:00 I Got It Bingo 7:30 Belly Buster Hot Dogs VP Visitation @ St Pete Lodge 10am AOH planning meeting following
25 Lodge open 12 - 6:00 pm BREAKFAST 9:30 to noon \$10 pp Eiks & Guests	26 Lunch 12 - 2:00 pm BINGO 1:00 PM Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m.	27 Pasta & More 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by MELODY 5 - 8:00 pm Tiara Tuesday	28 Music Bingo 7-9 PM 	29 TACO NIGHT (Tacos or Taco Salad) 5 to 7:00 pm Music by Melody 5 to 8 pm	30 Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by LOUIE BRAVO 6 to 9:00 pm	31 SUPER SATURDAY QUEEN 7:00 I Got It Bingo 7:30 Belly Buster Hot Dogs



VETERANS' SERVICES



As Chair for the Veterans Committee, I have been asked by several members as to why the Elks Lodge and my committee run events for our veterans in the lodge. They say why are you trying to compete with the American Legion and the VFW who also host veteran events and programs?

The simple answer is right in the Elks Motto which is, "As long as there are Veterans, the Elks will never forget them." Today, our lodge is involved with numerous programs and activities that support our veterans, active-duty troops, and their families. It is also about choice, and the fact that you as a veteran can go to any of these activities, including our events.

I challenge these same veterans to get on the Veterans Committee to make a difference in our community. I belong to both organizations, the Legion and the VFW, and they don't do half of the activities that we do in our lodge for veterans. Some of our activities that the committee participates in:

Welcome Home Kits – We work with the Social Workers at the Bay Pines VA Facility to get homeless veterans off the streets and into an apartment. We try to give them everything they need to set up their apartment. We have delivered 143 kits in the last couple of years.

Veterans Clothing Drive – We have Veterans Clothing Drives quarterly, or when we have a lot of donated items. We collect both men and women's clothing and personal hygiene items. We either take them to the Veterans Mall or to Pinellas Safe Harbor Shelter. We also apply for an ENF Grant for \$2,500 each year to provide the Pinellas Safe Harbor Shelter with food.

Liberty Manor Shelter – The Veterans Committee takes turns cooking a meal once a week for the 6 veterans who live at the shelter in Largo.

Manufacturer Coupons – Our volunteers collect, sort, bundle, and mail coupons to military bases around the world to help military families. If you get coupons from the paper or in the mail, bring them in and put them in the cabinet in the Veterans Room. These are not your Publix or Winn Dixie coupons, but manufacturers' coupons. This group also mails Christmas cards to the troops.

Little Big Feet – We collect knitted/crocheted baby items, and they are mailed to Jacksonville Naval Base Hospital to the Pediatric Department.

Participation in the City of Largo Memorial Day and Veterans Day events - The Veterans Committee purchases and passes out the water for these two events. We also participate in the ceremonies.

Annual cookout at Bay Pines – We apply for a grant for a cookout for about 240 veterans and staff at Bay Pines. Members of the Veteran Committee then host, cook, and serve each year. This year the event will take place on Saturday, October 5th. We are usually joined by Holiday Isle Elks as we also help them with their cookout. This year we will also be serving and providing breakfast for the Stand Down annual event at Bay Pines.

Veterans Week in the lodge – Every 3rd week in the month is Veterans Week in the lodge, and we serve pies for donations and host a group of veterans from Solaris Health Care down the street.

Taco Night in the Lodge – The committee cooks tacos twice a month for the lodge as the proceeds are a fundraiser for the Veterans Committee. The other two weeks, the Youth Activities Committee serves tacos or pulled pork sandwiches as a fundraiser for youth projects.

We can always use your help. Although we have over 100 Elks on our Veterans Committee, it's always the same group of about 20 volunteers that are doing everything. Come out to one of our meetings. We meet every 3rd Monday at 6pm in the lodge. We all as ELKS can make a difference for veterans!

Bob Behm, Veterans Committee Chair

ELK OF THE MONTH - JUNE 2024 Ed Cabana



Ed was chosen as Elk of the Month for all his hard work and dedication.

Thank you, Ed, for all you do.

ER Aurora



On Sunday, July 6th, Steve and Maureen Dunham volunteered their

time to drive seven kids from four area schools to the Elks Youth Camp in Umatilla. The kids spent the week there, and the following week-end Steve & Maureen drove back to pick them up..

Most of these kids had never been to camp before, and they were able to attend for free because of Elks Camp Scholarships. They all had a great time and were excited to be able to make new friends and hope to return next year. Thanks to the Dunhams for volunteering their time and making this trip possible for these kids.



This photo was when they are leaving for camp L to R Renee Boudreaux, Mei Marquez, Eliana Baka, Sherell Gosney, Shawn Gosney, Vincent Caronitt Justin Francesco -- additional photos next page



Congratulations to Dee Finn

Winner of the July 4th Patriotic basket.

Additional Youth Camp Photos



The June breakfast was such a hit, it was decided to schedule more of them. We had a breakfast in July and another one is scheduled Sunday, August 25th. Come and support your Lodge.



4th of July



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SUMMER HOURS

Lounge opens 12:00
 Sunday - closes at 6:00pm

Lounge Hours

Weekdays: 11 to 8:00 p.m.
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 Events, Pictures, Lunch & Dinnner
 Menus and more.

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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.....Bernadine Vehrs
 Chaplain.....Jan Rogers PER
 Esquire.....Lee Acosta
 Tiler.....Dennis Muncy
 Inner Guard.....Joe Acosta
 Secretary.....Kathy Traina
 Treasurer.....Diane Sharp PER

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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 BOD Secretary.....DiAnn Anselmi
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 4 Year trustee.....Rudy Fontane
 3 Year trustee.....Wayne Smith
 2 Year trustee.....Eric Salabay
 1 Year trustee.....TBD

HOUSE COMMITTEE

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

MANAGERS

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

COMMITTEES

Americanism.....Jonny Liebchen
 Auditing & Acctg.....Steve Ford,
 Rick Robinson
 Bingo.....Georgia Greene
 Budget.....Board of Directors
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 Charity Games.....Steve Leonowicz
 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
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 Greeters.....Rudy Fontane
 Harry-Anna Trust Fund....Mardy Oleski
 Hoop Shoot.....Hans Francis
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 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
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 Membership.....Kathy Sanford
 Memorial Day.....Board of Directors
 Orientation.....Gloria Todd PER
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 Kathy Traina
 Presidential Memorial Cert.....TBD
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