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# **Port Saint Lucie Elks Lodge #2658**

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## **THE ELK NEWS**



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- 1 Year - Barbara Iraci
- 2 Year - April Barth
- 3 Year - Ed Iraci
- 4 Year - Vicki Rodriguez
- 5 Year - William Repoli, PER



### **MESSAGE FROM EXALTED RULER**

Greetings my Fellow Elks!

I am very honored to let you know that our Lodge will be hosting the Florida Elks State President Russ Smith and his First Lady Denise! Our State President and First Lady will be arriving for their official visit to the Southeast Central District, on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. The President's party will be arriving at the Holiday Inn located at 10120 South Florida Hwy 1. in Port St. Lucie around 4:30pm. I am asking for our lodge members to show up in force to welcome our State President! Please be at the hotel by 4:00p.m. to help hold banners and photos to welcome them. I know I can count on our members to show up and give them a proper welcome! It will be fun!

On Saturday, September 7, we will be hosting their official dinner at the lodge. Our dinner theme is Western Night! Dress up in your best cowboy/cowgirl attire and be ready to chow down on a wonderful dinner of Chicken and Ribs served with all the fixins'! Cocktails will be served at 5:00 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:00 p.m. The cost is just \$25.00 per person and tickets are on sale now! We will be having another Wagon of Cheer Raffle (proceeds to go to the HarryAnna Foundation), a jail to "arrest" people to be bonded out, and great music by Scott LaPierre. Make sure to purchase your tickets early since our Western Night Dinner always sells out!

Then on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, the Presidential party will be at our lodge for breakfast. From 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. we will be serving a hot breakfast. The cost is just \$10.00 per person. I would once again like to see a big turnout for this. Thank you all and remember to put it on your calendars!

Another very special event that will be held is the Men in Pink Fundraiser Dinner benefitting the American Cancer Society for Breast Cancer. Our Ladies Luncheon Chairpersons, April Barth and JoAnne Cassels-Lander started the monthly Ladies Luncheon to help different charities. This dinner will be on September 21 and will cost \$25.00 per person (advanced tickets). There will be a funny surprise after the dinner that you will surely not want to miss! So, purchase your tickets early and plan to have a great and fun (with a bunch of laughs) time while raising money for this amazing cause! Make sure to check out all the flyers in the newsletter for more information!

**Remember..... Who are we?.....WE ARE THE ELKS!!**

Your Exalted Ruler,  
Thomas Randazzo  
P.E.R./Exalted Ruler



# Elk of the Month

## SEPTEMBER



I have chosen **Marge Spera** for **September Elk of the Month**.

Marge Spera was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. and raised in Lake Ronkonkoma, Long Island. She attended Port Jefferson High School, Molloy College, taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at St. John Of God School in Central Islip, L.I. She and her husband Sam, owned and operated a Seafood Market/Restaurant for 20 years. After his passing in 1984, Marge moved to Florida with her children. She spent over 35 years in the financial service industry in various positions from sales, consumer and mortgage loan officer, Underwriter, Processing Manager to a Vice President of Marketing for Citibank.

Ever since she became a member 15 years ago, she became an active member chairing many activities. She served her Lodge as Secretary, Esquire, Leading Knight, Exalted Ruler (3X). She served the district as the Orientation Chairman for 5 years and District Auditor for 5 years. On the State level, Marge served as State Chairman of Lodge Activities, a Director of Florida Elks Therapy Services, a member of Business Practices and ultimately became a District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 2018-2019. She has been called upon numerous times to assist and train secretaries in other Lodges and also does the Officer Training seminar for "seasoned secretaries". She believes in sharing her knowledge. Currently she is our House Chairman, Hoop Shoot Chairman, Event coordinator and volunteers wherever she is needed.

Thank you for all you do for the lodge! Congratulations!

# FSEA Sponsored Scholarships

Florida Elks:  
Student Scholarships  
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Enabling deserving students  
the opportunity of success instead  
of a lifetime of what might have been.



## C. Valentine Bates Memorial HOPE Scholarship



The mission of the Florida State Elks Association C. Valentine Bates Memorial HOPE Scholarship is to provide financial support for the educational needs of Florida high school seniors without which they would not be able to achieve their educational goals.

The scholarship targets students who have a  
**2.30 - 3.59 unweighted GPA.**

The 2025 application period opens August 1, 2024 with  
applications due by January 17, 2025

Download Application at [floridaelks.org/hope-scholarship](http://floridaelks.org/hope-scholarship)

Walters & Waitresses  
Bartenders  
Cooks

Help Is Needed  
**VOLUNTEER TODAY**

If your birthday is in September don't forget to come into your lodge for your **FREE** drink!

**PORT ST. LUCIE ELKS MOTORCYCLE RIDERS**  
Meet every 3rd Tuesday Night at 7pm  
OPEN TO ALL ELKS MEMBERS  
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE  
CALL: PETE JORDAN 772-285-0123

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

### BURGER NIGHT & QUEEN OF HEARTS

#### MENU:

CHOICE OF A BURGER's, CHEESE STEAK, FISH SANDWICH, CHICKEN SANDWICH OR A SALAD.

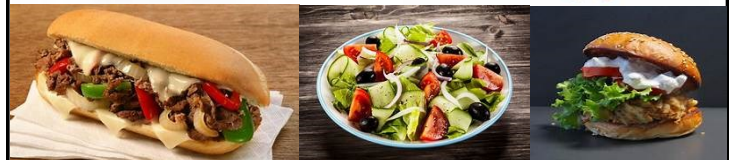
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**"ALL SERVED WITH FRENCH FRIES"**

Cost - \$10.00 PP

FROM 5:00 TO 7:00 PM

QUEEN OF HEARTS AT 7:00 PM



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### HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE: WHO & WHAT ARE THEIR DUTIES?

According to Grand Lodge Statues 16.040 and our By-Laws the Exalted Ruler appoints 9 members of the Lodge to be the managing body of the Club. The committee elects the Chairman and secretary at the first meeting in April. Your House Committee is responsible for and in charge of all functions that deal with food and the bar including the employment and fixing of prices for goods and services; they are also responsible for managing the social activities of the Club. Anything having to do with these areas need to be brought to the House Committee.

The managing body of the club has the power to suspend any member from the facilities privileges for violation of Lodge rules and conduct unbecoming an Elk on the Club premises.

Reminder: Non members are NOT PERMITTED TO PURCHASE FOOD OR DRINK from the club. It is the responsibility of the Elk member who "signed them in".

Thank you for your cooperation.

Marge Spera, PDDGER  
House Chairman

### VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

#### A Few Questions to All Elk Members

- 1 – How many of you have signed up a new member this year or have asked at least 2 friends to join?
  - 2 – How many of you have called 3 members that you know on the lapsation list to ask them why they have not renewed their membership? Sometimes a call from a friend can mean the world to people!
  - 3 – How many of you have volunteered for more than 1 event this year or invited a friend as a guest to an event so they can see what the Elks are about?
  - 4 – How many have come up with a new idea and tried to propose it to your lodge to get new things moving forward?
  - 5 – How many of you have researched other Elk Lodges trying to get new ideas that are posting their success stories?
  - 6 – How many are trying to get the Elks good name back into your community, so people can learn who and what the Elks are?
  - 7 – And lastly, how many of you know Veterans who just might be interested in attending our lodges **FREE BREAKFAST & HAIR CUTS** which is open to all Veterans the first Wednesday of every month. Remember, they do not have to be an Elk member to attend.
- This is just a start on questions members should be asking themselves. If you truly care about the Elks, you will be trying to move forward, increase membership, and promote Elkdom. For the Elks to succeed we must get our name out there and get back to increasing our membership numbers. **IT ALL STARTS WITH ASKING SOMEONE WHY THEY ARE NOT AN ELK.** Not waiting for them to come to you!

#### ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE

Harry Fava – Veteran Chair  
Kathy Borrelli – Veteran Co-chair

## Make Your Voice Herd.

### Attend Meetings



1st & 3rd Thursdays  
Of each month  
7:30 p.m.

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### LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY,  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
LODGE OPENS AT 4PM.

TUESDAY, THURSDAY - OPENS AT 2PM

SUNDAY - CLOSED

#### PHONE NUMBERS:

BAR & RESERVATIONS 772-335-3557  
SECRETARY & TREASURER 772-335-3517  
IF NO ANSWER, PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE

#### NOTICE



Pool League meets every Monday night at the lodge. Play starts at 6:30pm and random drawing for Players begins. All members are invited.



Bowling league will resume in September.



September 2nd

# LABOR DAY Celebration

\$15.00 Advanced Tickets  
\$20.00 At The Door

**ON THE MENU:**  
Hamburgers,  
hotdogs,  
fried chicken,  
pulled pork,  
corn on the cob,  
salads,  
watermelon  
& more!

12:00pm  
to  
4:00pm  
Food served at 1:00pm

**RAFFLE BASKETS 50/50**

Music by  
**Tori Lee**

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**Free Free Free Free Free**

## MEMBER APPRECIATION NIGHT

**September 14th**

Lounge opens at 6pm  
6:30pm Snack Food served

**We Appreciate Our Members! ❤️**

Call to reserve  
772-335-3557

*For Elks Members and their spouses only please 😊*

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Fundraiser for the American Cancer Society

## Men in Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Dinner

**September 21**

6:00pm doors open  
Dinner at 6:30pm

\$25.00 p.p. (advanced tickets)  
\$30.00 p.p. (Day of event)

**On the menu:**  
Salad  
Roast Beef with Gravy  
Mashed potatoes  
Corn  
Dessert

Music by:  
DJ Jo-Jo

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**COME PLAY**

# POKENO

**September 29th**  
**4:00pm**

**3 Boards for \$5.00**

*Benefits the BOYS & GIRLS CLUB of St. Lucie County*

Call to Reserve 772-335-3557      Bar Food available for purchase



# WANTED

Port St Lucie  
Elks Lodge 2658

Proudly Hosts

FSEA PRESIDENT & FIRST LADY  
RUSSELL & DENISE SMITH

COUNTRY/WESTERN NIGHT

Saturday, September 7th

\$25.00 per person

Cocktails at 5:00pm  
Dinner at 6:00pm

Music by:  
Scott La Pierre

Menu:  
Hors d'oeuvres  
Salad  
Chicken & Ribs  
Dessert  
And more!

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**\*\* LODGE OPENS EVERY DAY AT 4 PM.\*\***  
**EXCEPT IF NOTED ON CALENDAR.**

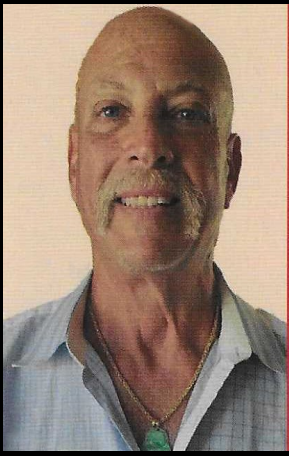
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1  <b>CLOSED</b></p> <p>Come out &amp; Help To clean up your LODGE!</p>	<p>2 <b>Labor Day Picnic</b> Music By: Tori Lee Opens at 12pm Food at 1pm \$15.PP Early Ticket \$20.PP at the Door</p>	<p>3 <b>LOUNGE OPENS 2 PM</b> Fantasy Football 6 pm. Bring in your own food / snacks. No Tuesday night Dinner</p>	<p>4 <b>LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM</b> <b>VETERANS</b> Breakfast 9 AM <b>BURGER NIGHT 5-7PM</b> QUEEN OF HEARTS 7 PM TRIVIA at the BAR</p>	<p>5 <b>LOUNGE OPENS 2 PM</b> <b>Lodge Meeting</b> 7:30 PM</p>	<p>6 <b>NETWORKING BREAKFAST 7:30AM</b> FOOD AVAILABLE 5 - 7pm <b>BINGO</b> EARLY BIRD 6:00 PM REGULAR 7 PM</p>	<p>7 <b>LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM</b> <b>STATE President Visits</b> Western Night 6pm Dinner \$25 PP Music by: Scott LaPierre</p>
<p>8  <b>Elks Breakfast</b> 9am - 11am  Sunday Football 12pm</p>	<p>9 <b>LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM</b> <b>POOL LEAGUE</b> 6:30 PM</p>	<p>10 <b>LOUNGE OPENS 2 PM</b> <b>Jeff's 1/2 Chicken Dinner</b> 6 PM</p>	<p>11 <b>LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM</b> VET'S COFFEE 9 AM <b>BURGER NIGHT 5-7PM</b> QUEEN OF HEARTS 7 PM TRIVIA at the BAR</p>	<p>12 <b>LOUNGE OPENS 2 PM</b> <b>House Committee Meeting</b> 6:30 PM</p>	<p>13 <b>LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM</b> <b>BINGO</b> EARLY BIRD 6:00 PM REGULAR 7 PM FOOD AVAILABLE 5 - 7pm</p>	<p>14 <b>LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM</b> <b>FREE MEMBERS APPRECIATION NIGHT</b> Starts at 6 pm</p>
<p>15  Sunday Football 12pm</p>	<p>16 <b>LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM</b> <b>Ladies Luncheon</b> 11:30AM <b>POOL LEAGUE</b> 6:30 PM</p>	<p>17 <b>LOUNGE OPENS 2 PM</b> <b>Bob &amp; Ken's Eggplant Dinner</b> 6 pm <b>ELKS MOTORCYCLE RIDERS MEETING 7PM</b></p>	<p>18 <b>LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM</b> VET'S COFFEE 9 AM <b>BURGER NIGHT 5-7PM</b> QUEEN OF HEARTS 7 PM TRIVIA at the BAR</p>	<p>19 <b>LOUNGE OPENS 2 PM</b> <b>BOARD MEETING</b> 6:00 PM <b>LODGE MEETING</b> 7:30 PM</p>	<p>20 <b>NETWORKING BREAKFAST 7:30AM</b> FOOD AVAILABLE 5 - 7pm <b>BINGO</b> EARLY BIRD 6:00 PM REGULAR 7 PM</p>	<p>21 <b>LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM</b> <b>Men in Pink Fundraiser Dinner</b> 6 - 9 pm . Dinner 6:30 DJ by : Jo-Jo Advanced Tickets \$25. PP Tickets at Door \$30. PP</p>
<p>22  <b>Elks MRC Breakfast</b> 9am - 11am \$10.PP  Sunday Football 12pm</p>	<p>23 <b>LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM</b> <b>POOL LEAGUE</b> 6:30 PM</p>	<p>24 <b>LOUNGE OPENS 2 PM</b> <b>Cindy C. Beef Stew Dinner</b> 6 PM</p>	<p>25 <b>LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM</b> VET'S COFFEE 9 AM <b>BURGER NIGHT 5-7PM</b> QUEEN OF HEARTS 7 PM TRIVIA at the BAR</p>	<p>26 <b>LOUNGE OPENS 2 PM</b> <b>ORIENTATION of New Members</b> 6PM <b>INITIATION of New Members</b> 7 PM</p>	<p>27 <b>LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM</b> <b>BINGO</b> EARLY BIRD 6:00 PM REGULAR 7 PM FOOD AVAILABLE 5 - 7pm</p>	<p>28 <b>LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM</b> <b>Pub Crawl</b> Meet at the Lodge 9:30am Bus leaves at 10am <b>SOLD OUT</b></p>
<p>29  Sunday Football 12pm <b>Pokeno Game</b> 4pm Bar Food Available 3 boards for \$5.00</p>	<p>30 <b>LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM</b> <b>POOL LEAGUE</b> 6:30 PM</p>					

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2024**

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