



God Bless Our Troops
and Our Freedoms



Since 1990



My Fellow Elks,

It has been inspiring to see the enthusiasm around the lodge this Summer. Attendance has improved significantly compared to last year. Our live entertainment was limited to Saturdays only, with a fair number in attendance. Thursday nights are also bringing in a good crowd. On August 22nd we had another winner in our Queen of Hearts game. A new game started on August 29th. Be sure to support you lodge by playing the Queen of Hearts. Half of all the revenue collected in this game goes back into the Jackpot and the remaining portion supports Elks Charities and our building fund.

Our new caterer has been supplying top quality meals. The dinners have been geared towards fine dining and have been well received. Going forward our caterer will be offering meals aimed at a wider price range in attempt to attract wider range of people for dinner.

We are already planning for our Fall and Winter Seasons. We are planning to be open Tuesdays through Sundays in November and January. Sundays will be our Football Sundays with Antonio cooking up great appetizers and short order meals. We are also planning on offering a Sunday Brunch on the first Sunday of the month beginning in November and continuing into April and possibly beyond.

September started off with a Labor Day Pot Luck picnic. It was a fun time for all. There was a good attendance, great food and fun games for everyone.

October brings in our annual Halloween party where prizes are awarded for the best costumes, but this year we are adding an additional category for best homemade costume. Let's get creative and see what kind of wonderful costumes our members will surprise us with. October also brings Line dance lessons on Tuesday mornings at 11am or only \$5.

In November we will be holding a Family Christmas on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. This is your opportunity to bring your children and grandchildren to meet Santa! More details will be published soon.

Our activities committee has been working hard with future plans. Our Winter activities for the Car Show, Ladies Fashion Show, Country Western Dance and Reverse Raffle are all scheduled for 2025. Volunteers will be needed to help with these events. Contact a Lodge Officer for more information. In addition to these activities plans are underway for our Christmas and New Years Parties.

As an Elk, volunteering your time is the best way to meet new friends and utilize your valuable skills and experience the joy of helping others. Through your efforts we can support our Elks Charities. Be a part of something great!

Fraternaly yours,
Phil Boucher,
Exalted Ruler

Elks Care – Elks Share



2024-2025 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	Phil Boucher
Leading Knight	George Bowden
Loyal Knight	Rufus Morse-Ellington PER
Lecturing Knight	Maria Trapasso PER
Secretary	Karen Sizemore
Treasurer	Barbara Kneer
Esquire	Pete Thompson PER
Tiler	Mary Jo Schmeling
Inner Guard	Susie Copps
Chaplain	Carole Mancini
Mediator	Ron Heldebrandt (PDD) Dale Sayset

Trustees

1 Year	Nancy Bloodgood
2 Year	Dianne Wilhelm (PDDGER)
3 Year	Teresa Woodford
4 Year	Vacant
5 Year	Joe Bell

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
Frank Poirier	1978
David Wiggin	2007
Deanna Wiggin	2009
Lawrence Gibbs	2019

Committees

Auditing & Accounting

Dean Martin

Activities

Shirley Thompson

Entertainment

Phil Boucher

Hoop Shoot

Drug Awareness

Nancy Bloodgood

Flag Day

Phil Boucher

Veterans Day

Phil Boucher

Elks Memorial Day

Rufus Morse-Ellington PER

Volunteers

Pete Thompson PER

Membership

Pete Thompson PER

Public Relations

FRATERNAL COMMITTEES

Accident Prevention

Rufus Morse-Ellington PER

Americanism

Rufus Morse-Ellington PER

By-Laws

BOD

Elks Memorial Day

Rufus Morse-Ellington PER

Elks National Foundation

Judith MacGregor

Investigating Committee

Dale Sayset

Local Charitable Projects

Dianne Wilhelm PDDGER

Judith MacGregor

Lodge Advisor

Dianne Wilhelm PDDGER

PER Association

Dianne Wilhelm PDDGER

Maria Trapasso PER

Darlene Seachrist PER

Pete Thompson PER

Rufus Morse-Ellington PER

Scholarships

Nancy Bloodgood

Standing Relief

BOD

Veteran's Services

Dale Sayset

Presiding Justice of Local Forum

Ed Toth

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 2

Secretary: Option 3

Treasurer: Option 4

Exalted Ruler: Option 6

Beacon Boosters

Thank you for your support
Earl Graylock

Mark Yosway

Be a Beacon Booster

Only \$10 per Month or \$120 per Year

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

September

Lounge Schedule

2024

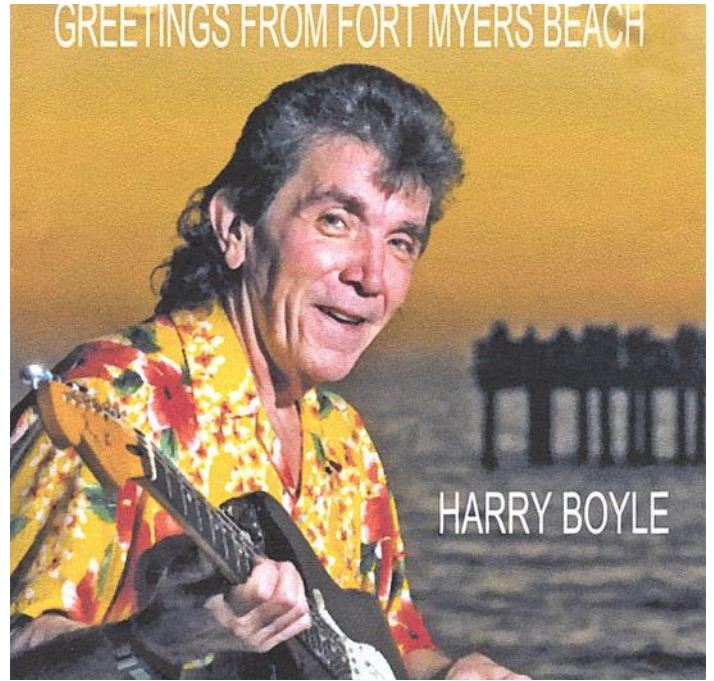
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Closed	Labor Day Picnic 1-4pm	Closed	Closed	Karaoke with Phil Bee 6:30pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm	Manhattan Connection 6:30pm Dinner 5-7pm
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Closed	Membership Meeting (BR) 7pm	Closed	Closed	Karaoke with Phil Bee 6:30pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm	Harry Boyle 6:30pm Dinner 5-7pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Karaoke with Phil Bee 6:30pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm	Joe Sassarini 6:30pm Dinner 5-7pm
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Closed	BOD Meeting 5pm Membership Meeting (BR) 7pm	Closed	Closed	Karaoke with Phil Bee 6:30pm QoH 8:15pm Dinner 5-7pm	Open 4pm	Ron Spataro 6:30pm Dinner 5-7pm
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Karaoke with Phil Bee 6:30pm QoH 8:15pm	Open 4pm	Manhattan Connection 6:30pm

September Entertainment

Sept. 7 - Manhattan Connection



Sept.14 - Harry Boyle



Sept. 21 - Joe Sassarini



Sept.28 — Ron Spataro



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Saturday October 12, 2024

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***Please contact Karen at bpoe2753@comcast.net
Call 239-947-2753 Option 3 for more information***

SSW DISTRICT UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Deep Creek Elks & Punta Gorda Elks

**WE W 'ELK' OME OUR
SOUTH SOUTHWEST VICE PRESIDENT
Sept. 7, 2024**

Hors d'oeuvres
5 - 6:00 PM
Dinner 6:00 PM

\$ 20.00
A Plate



Please Make
Reservations
By Aug 30th

941-764-6925
Mon - Fri 8-11AM

**Roger Spencer
And His Lovely Lady Irma**

MENU

Hors d'oeuvres Table

Shrimp Cocktail, Sun Dried Tomato/Basil Roll Ups, Antipasto Skewers, Caprese Crostini, Feta and Dill Cucumber Crostini

Entrees

1. Salmon Filet - Salad, Potato, Glazed Carrots
2. Chicken Parmesan - Salad, Spaghetti, Garlic Bread
3. Drizzled Pork Medallions - Salad, Potato, Glazed Carrots

Dessert

Cheese Cake

**TO OUR DEEP CREEK MEMBERS
We Would Appreciate Your
Attendance At This Event.
Let's Show How
Apparent It Is That We Love Our
Lodge & The Elks Organization!**

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR
RESERVATIONS TODAY!**

VP HOMECOMING OCTOBER 12TH AT FORT MYERS LODGE



**The Powerful
South-Southwest District
Welcomes**

**FLORIDA STATE ELKS PRESIDENT
RUSS SMITH AND HIS WIFE DENISE**

**FLORIDA STATE VICE PRESIDENT
MIKE CHANDLER AND HIS WIFE CAROLINE**

**Friday - Sunday
September 27 - September 29**

Friday, September 27

4:15 Welcome Party - Hampton Inn

6:30 Dinner - Pulled Pork - Hampton Inn

\$20 Per Person - Casual Dress

RSVP 941-764-6925

Saturday, September 28

9:00 President's Party - Edison Ford Estates

12:30 Lunch - Cape Coral Lodge

Pizza & Salad \$15 per Person

5:30 pm Dinner North Fort Myers

Broasted Chicken \$25 per Person

Music- Bubba Sheldon

Western Attire - RSVP 239-287-8901

ELKS DAY AT THE BUCS



Tampa Bay Buccaneers vs Atlanta Falcons

Sunday, October 27th @ 1 PM

Ticket Options in the 100 Level and 200 Level

Section 131 Section 201

\$206.75 per ticket 162.68 per ticket

**Secure your seats ASAP due to limited
inventory by contacting Steve at 813-508 - 2315
or steve@floridaelks.org**



Saturday, October 12, 2024

Golf Outing

Monday, November 11, 2024

Veterans Day

Saturday, November 16, 2024

Family affair with Santa

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Comedy Show

Sunday, December 1, 2024

Elks Memorial Sunday

Saturday, December 21, 2024

Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

New Years Eve Party

Saturday, January 25, 2025

Car Show

Friday, February 28, 2025

C&W Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 1, 2025

Reverse Raffle

Saturday, March 15, 2025

Fashion Show

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