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THE ELK NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM EXALTED RULER

Greetings my Fellow Elks!

November is the month for counting our blessings! So, let's all do that. In October, we all went through the devastating storm, Milton. Many in our county had their homes damaged or destroyed, while others lost their lives. Our lodge was very blessed as it did not have any damage. Just the beautiful tree in the back of the lodge was damaged. We were lucky. Please remember to always be Grateful, Thankful, and Blessed.

Keeping up with being thankful, I wish to thank our Chef's; Cindy Cruse and Kelly-Jo Dugas for their participation in making the chili for our 3rd Place Finish in the Chili Cook-Off on October 18th! Cindy Haugland made an amazing chili that was sold at our booth benefitting the St. Lucie County Boys & Girls Club. We actually won 3 awards that day! We took first place for best Non-Profit Organization, second place for the costume contest and of course, our 3rd place win in the Best Chili Contest. It is our lodge's first win ever and I couldn't be prouder of our volunteers! Thank you all!

Once again, November will be a very busy month! We have many events planned and we will need MANY VOLUNTEERS! Please follow us on our Facebook page! That is where you will see everything that is happening at the lodge. Pick an event and commit yourself to volunteer for it. Remember, no volunteers, means no lodge!

This year the lodge will be open on THANKSGIVING DAY FOR DINNER! We are now taking reservations. See the flyer for all the information and remember to make YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY! There is a VERY LIMITED QUANTITY, and this will fill up quickly!

WHO ARE WE???.....WE ARE THE ELKS!!!

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



Elk of the Month

NOVEMBER



I have chosen **John Gravina** for
November Elk of the Month.

John Gravina became a member of Port St Lucie Elks last year and since joining has volunteered, made many new friends, and enjoys the camaraderie here at the Lodge. He is married to Cindy Haugland, and together they have seven children, four grandchildren, and a 5th arriving in January! John was born and raised in Brightwaters, NY, and he and Cindy moved to Port St Lucie in June of 2022.

John is one of nine children and, growing up in a large, strong valued, close-knit family, he quickly learned the importance of volunteering, sharing, and giving back to the community. (Being a twin, he even shared his birthday) Throughout his childhood, John volunteered in numerous community-based organizations and fundraisers, and continued these commitments into adulthood, joining the Bay Shore Fire department and becoming a volunteer firefighter, coaching in community based youth sports programs, volunteering in community events and youth mentoring programs.

Throughout his careers as Funeral Director, Law Enforcement, Private Investigator, Instructor, and business owner, he has always found time to volunteer and give back to the communities he lived in and served. John can often be seen down at the Lodge helping with events and functions, and since April, he shares the responsibility of Bar Manager with Cindy.

Congratulations and thank you for all you do.

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applications due by January 17, 2025

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Help Is Needed
VOLUNTEER TODAY

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

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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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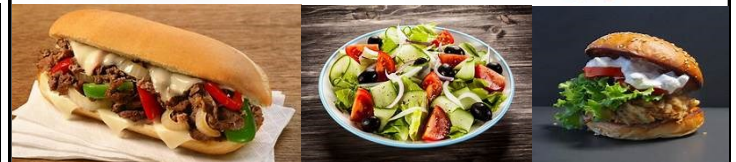
Cost - \$10.00 PP

FROM 5:00 TO 7:00 PM

QUEEN OF HEARTS AT 7:00 PM



Please be advised that if you are at the Lodge or attend a function of the Lodge your photo may be published in the *Elks News* or on our webpage and/or Facebook. Published by PSL Elks Lodge #2658, ER, Thomas Randazzo/PER





HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

MEMBERS ALL;

I can't believe we are approaching the Holiday season, where has the time gone!! The committee has been busy putting an eventful calendar for our members. Our efforts were not in vain, as we recently participated in the Boys & Girls Chili Cook-off at the Mets Stadium and won 1st Place in the TEAM Award, 2nd place in Costume contest and 3rd place in the Competition Chili Contest. Stop in and see our awards, once again our Lodge made Elksdom Shine.

Starting in November we will be starting our STOP THE CLOCK raffle. This is a great fundraiser for the Lodge: however we need participation from ALL our members to help sell the tickets. Please see Joe or Michele D'Esposito for tickets. Sales will be from Nov.1-Feb. 22, 2025 when we will pull a ticket every 15 minutes from 1-6pm.

We will be having various dinner dances and shows this month including a Dinner on Thanksgiving Day. Reservations and tickets will be on sale at the bar, please review the calendar and flyer.

Reminder the use of debit/credit cards for food, alcohol and tickets are for MEMBERS ONLY—there are no exceptions.

Fraternally,

Marge Spera, PDDGER

House Committee Chairperson

VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Free Cruise Tickets Available for Veterans and Active-Duty Military on This Upgraded Ship

Veterans and active-duty troops can sail on a **FREE** three day, two night cruise aboard Margaritaville at Sea, a 1,680-passenger cruise ship that first started sailing in 2022.

The cruise line -- which sails from the Port of Palm Beach, Florida, to Freeport, Grand Bahama Island -- features country music star Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville-themed shows and amenities, and the "iconic Margaritaville lifestyle," according to [the ship's website](#).

In its "Heroes Sail Free" program, veterans, active-duty troops, first responders and educators who are verified through the GovX ID system can get free passage on select 2- to 7- night sailings through 2026.

The ship is owned by the former Bahamas Paradise Cruise Line and Margaritaville Enterprises. It previously sailed as the Grand Classica through Bahama Paradise.

Only those verified through the platform get free tickets, and the offer does not apply to single travelers. The free fare is for the first and second guests sailing in the same cabin, but third and fourth guests can be added to the cabin at prevailing retail rates at the time of booking. This offer applies to Inside and Ocean View cabins on the Margaritaville at Sea Paradise and Interior Staterooms only on the Margaritaville at Sea Islander.

Interested users can book on the ship's website.

The freebie may carry blackout dates, and the website states that additional dates can be added at any time. Passengers on free tickets will need to pay fees and taxes, and the tickets are non-transferable. Qualified passengers can take one free cruise a year, the website says.

God bless our veterans, God bless the men and women serving in our military and their families, and God bless America.

Harry Fava – Veterans Chair

Kathy Borrelli – Veterans Vice-Chair

LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION

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

TUESDAY, THURSDAY - OPENS AT 2PM

SUNDAY - 12PM for Football

PHONE NUMBERS:

BAR & RESERVATIONS 772-335-3557

SECRETARY & TREASURER 772-335-3517

IF NO ANSWER, PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE

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Attend Meetings

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

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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 Starts at 7PM at Saint Lucie Lanes.



**Salute to Veterans
Dinner Dance
November 2nd**

6:00pm Doors Open
6:30pm Dinner Served

**\$25.00 per person
\$30.00 at Door**

Music by: Kiss By A Rose

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MENU:
Salad
Roast Beef Dinner
Mashed Potatoes
Vegetables
Dessert

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PRESENTS
FALL CRAFT
FAIR**

NOVEMBER **9** SATURDAY

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
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Advance Ticket Purchase Required

Elvis Lives!

Entertainment by:
Keith Gipson

**November 16th
6:00pm Dinner
7:00pm Elvis Show
\$25.00 per person**

**Roast Pork
Salad,
Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetable,
Applesauce
& Dessert**

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Membership Drive

**SCOTT BARETTO
DINNER SHOW**

November 23rd

6:00pm Dinner
7:00pm Show

Advanced Tickets:
\$30.00 per person
(CASH BAR ONLY!)

Menu:
Chicken marsala
Risotto
Vegetables
Salad
Dessert

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Thanksgiving Dinner at the Lodge

LIMITED QUANTITY

November 28th

3:00 pm

\$25.00 per person

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
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Menu:
Turkey or Ham
with All the Fixings

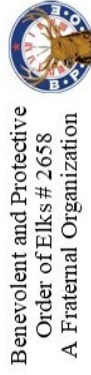
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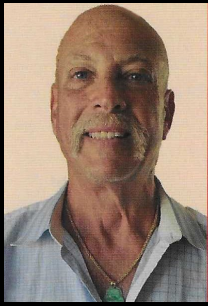
**** LODGE OPENS EVERY DAY AT 4 PM. **
EXCEPT IF NOTED ON CALENDAR.**

NOVEMBER 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Sunday Football 12pm	4 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM POOL LEAGUE 6:30 PM BOWLING 7 PM	5 LOUNGE OPENS 2 PM Jeff's Chicken Cacciatore Dinner 6 PM	6 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM VETERANS Breakfast 9 AM BURGER NIGHT 5-7PM QUEEN OF HEARTS 7 PM TRIVIA at the BAR	7 LOUNGE OPENS 2 PM Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM	8 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM BINGO EARLY BIRD 6:00 PM REGULAR 7 PM FOOD AVAILABLE 5 - 7pm	9 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM ELKS CRAFT FAIR 9 - 12 PM AIN'T THAT A SHAME GAME 6 PM
10 Elks All You Can Eat Breakfast 9am - 11am \$10.PP Sunday Football 12pm	11 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM Game Night 6 - 9pm Food Available POOL LEAGUE 6:30 PM BOWLING 7 PM	12 LOUNGE OPENS 2 PM ???? Meatloaf Dinner 6 PM	13 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM VET'S COFFEE 9 AM BURGER NIGHT 5-7PM QUEEN OF HEARTS 7 PM TRIVIA at the BAR	14 LOUNGE OPENS 2 PM House Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	15 NETWORKING BREAKFAST 7:30AM BINGO EARLY BIRD 6:00 PM REGULAR 7 PM FOOD AVAILABLE 5 - 7pm	16 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM ELVIS DINNER SHOW STARTS AT 6 PM TICKETS \$25 PP PRE PURCHASE ONLY
17 Sunday Football 12pm	18 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM Ladies Luncheon 11:30AM POOL LEAGUE 6:30 PM BOWLING 7 PM	19 LOUNGE OPENS 2 PM Cindy C Cider Braised Pork Dinner 6 pm ELKS MOTORCYCLE RIDERS MEETING 7PM	20 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM VET'S COFFEE 9 AM BURGER NIGHT 5-7PM QUEEN OF HEARTS 7 PM TRIVIA at the BAR	21 LOUNGE OPENS 2 PM BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM	22 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM BINGO EARLY BIRD 6:00 PM REGULAR 7 PM FOOD AVAILABLE 5 - 7pm	23 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM SCOTT BARETTO DINNER SHOW 6 PM DINNER 7 PM SHOW TICKETS \$30 PP CASH BAR ONLY
24 PATRIOTS BREAKFAST 9 - 11am Sunday Football 12pm	25 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM POOL LEAGUE 6:30 PM BOWLING 7 PM	26 LOUNGE OPENS 2 PM NO DINNER	27 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM VET'S COFFEE 9 AM BURGER NIGHT 5-7PM QUEEN OF HEARTS 7 PM TRIVIA at the BAR	28 LOUNGE OPENS 2 PM ELKS THANKSGIVING DINNER 3PM \$25 PP BY RESERVATION!	29 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM BINGO EARLY BIRD 6:00 PM REGULAR 7 PM FOOD AVAILABLE 5 - 7pm	30 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM SHOW ME THE MONEY STARTS AT 7 PM FOOD AVAILABLE 6 PM

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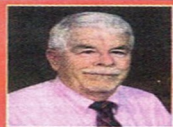
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