

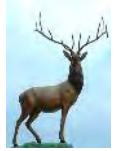


Port Orange Elks Lodge #2723
*United We Stand * One Nation Under God*

**DECEMBER
2021**

Orange Peel

*Celebrating over 30 years of service to our Community
Award Winning Publication*



Exalted Ruler's Message

VETERANS DAY

Thanks Elaine for the photo's

Happy Holidays everyone. Hope Y'all have a wonderful Christmas. I would like to take this opportunity to THANK all of our members for their hard work and support. It means so much to me especially during this Holiday season. We have come a long way this year because of y'all. Thanks again and have a very Merry Christmas.



PONCE INLET AND EMORY BENNETT





PORT ORANGE ELKS #2723 SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Paul Leonard, Scholarship Chairman

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The Elks scholarship season is coming to a close. We will be grading the applications by the middle of this month. The Legacy Award scholarship for Elks families has a February 7, 2022 deadline

STUDENT OF THE MONTH ATLANTIC HIGH SCHOOL

On Tuesday, November 9, 2021, I presented Student of the Month awards at Atlantic High School.

Erica Darcy of South Daytona is the daughter of Jill and Dan Darcy. Erica has a 4.3877 GPA and plans to attend a university in Florida, working towards a degree in graphic design.

Aidan Zimmermann of Port Orange is the son of Joyce and Daniel Zimmermann. Aidan has a 4.3269 GPA and is dual enrolled at Daytona State College. He plans to complete his AA there and transfer to UCF majoring in education, becoming a high school teacher and coach.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH SPRUCE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

On Tuesday, November 9, 2021, I presented Student of the Month awards at Spruce Creek High School.

Dylin Bundza of Port Orange, is the daughter of Kelli and Justin Bundza. Dylin has a 4.12 GPA and plans to attend Florida State University and get a bachelor's degree in public health, then on to medical school to become a pediatrician.

Nilay Bhavsar of Deland, is the son of Nilima and Janak Bhavsar. Nilay has a 4.75 GPA. He plans to attend an undergraduate school majoring in biology and pre-med with the goal of being a physician.



Principal: Jason Watson
Students, Erica Darcy & Aidan Zimmermann
Assistant Principal, Dawn Alves
Scholarship Chairman: Paul Leonard.



Principal: Dr. Todd Sparger
Students, Nilay Bhavsar & Dylin Bundza
Guidance Counselor: Karie Cappiello
Scholarship Chairman: Paul Leonard.

Louise Lauthain and I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Fraternally yours,
Paul Leonard, Lodge Scholarship Chairman

DECEMBER ELK'S OF THE MONTH

The Port Orange Elks Lodge #2723 is proud to have many members, who work constantly for the good of the Lodge. We find these people quietly working behind the scenes without notice. They can be found in everything that makes our Lodge successful and they are an outstanding example of what being an Elk is all about. This being said, the December Elks of the Month is the



WEDNESDAY MORNING WORK CREW

VOLUNTEER
all that's missing is U!

WEDNESDAY MORNING WORK CREW



WENDNESDAY MORNING WORK CREW NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

IF YOU CAN USE A SCREWDRIVER, HAMMER, PAINT BRUSH, DO ANY KIND OF CHORE LIKE FIXING ELECTRIC, PLUMBING, HANG BANNERS, MOP OR VACUUM FLOORS, EDGING OR CUTTING THE LAWN, CLIMB SMALL LADDER TO CLEAN FILTERS, FILL THE BAR ICE COOLERS, MOVE CHAIRS, SET UP TABLES, DRINK COFFEE, EAT DONUTS, JUST VISIT THE WEDNESDAY MORNING CREW AND KEEP THEM COMPANY. THEY WILL FIND SOMETHING FOR YOU TO DO.

CONTACT KEVIN CLOUATRE AT 618-954-8661 OR EMAIL AT CLUOTTX4@SBCGLOBAL



HALLOWEEN THANKS GARY FOR THE PHOTO'S



DINNING AT THE MALIBU BEACH GRILL

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(386) 492-2968 OPEN 2-6 PM
DAN SIKORA, GENERAL MANAGER

A VIP tasting at the Malibu Beach Grill is a dining experience designed to introduce new guests to our cocktails, featured wines and specials as well as highlight some of our signature dishes. It is hosted by a member of the management team who explains each dish as they take you on a guided tour through the chosen menu. Each course, appetizer, salad, entrée and dessert, is paired with a cocktail or wine designed to enhance and enliven the food. The entire experience lasts approximately 2 hours and is not soon forgotten. All you have to do is make your VIP tasting reservation with Dan Sikora. Present the certificate on your chosen night and the only cost to you will be gratuity for the server.

MALIBU TICKETS
ARE \$10 EACH OR 3 FOR \$20.00
DRAWING WILL BE ON NEW YEAR'S EVE AT 5:30 PM
ESTIMATED COST OF THE DINNER IS APROX \$600.00 +/-
WINNING TICKET WILL HAVE DINNER FOR 8

TO HAVE YOUR CHARITABLE ARTICLE PUBLISHED !

If you would like recognition to be published in local newspapers, the Florida Elks Magazine and the Elks National Magazine, of a charitable event for our Lodge, follow below guidelines:

- 1 A 3-4 sentence explanation of the event.
- 2 If picture is available, send as an attachment.
- 3 Submit to Frank Kuczkowski no later than 5 days after the event.

FRANK KUCZKOWSKI, PER
frankk@cfl.rr.com



** GAMING ENTHUSIAST **

STOP IN AT THE LODGE AND PLAY OUR NEW (LEGAL) SLOT MACHINES AND PULL TABS



Volusia Regional Community Charities, Inc.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUPPORT THE PORT ORANGE ELKS CAN NOW BE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

As many of you are aware, donations made to the Port Orange Elks (for the benefit of the many community causes the Elks support), historically have not been tax deductible because we are not designated 501 (c) 3 according to IRS regulations. The Elks are a 501(c) 8 Fraternal Organization. This provides our Lodge a not-for-profit status, but donations from the community or our members directly to the Elks are not tax deductible. We have struggled for many years with how we can remedy that situation. We have recently established a relationship with a new organization, namely Volusia Regional Community Charities, Inc. also known as VRCCI.

VRCCI was established because it sees the value to our local community that is provided by fraternal organizations. Like the Elks, all fraternal organizations experience difficulty raising funds when donations are not tax deductible. VRCCI is an independent organization from the Elks, but will accept donations on its behalf.

We are in the process of setting up general funds within VRCCI where donations for the benefit of the Elks various programs can "PASS THRU". VRCCI will charge an administrative fee which will never be more than 10%. This fee is to cover the expenses involved with the necessary record keeping and numerous federal and state tax filings required from a 501 (c) 3 as well as provide you with the necessary tax deduction documents. Officers and Directors of VRCCI are all volunteers and receive no compensation.

Your donations will be used to help the Lodge support its charitable operations.

Youth Programs

Veterans Programs

Homeless or needy families

Support for the Elderly

There are also isolated situations where a tax deductible fund raising effort is appropriate, such as supporting a specific family of a fallen Police Officer or Firefighter. We can rapidly without a lot of red tape create a pass thru fund to help that specific situation – and team up with the other fraternal organizations throughout the community to improve the effectiveness securing donations.

In order to make a tax deductible donation you must simply designate on your check (made payable to VRCCI) indicating in the memo section of the check that it is to benefit the Port Orange Elks #2723. VRCCI will see that your intentions are met. VRCCI will also provide at a later date a receipt acknowledging your tax deductible donation. That receipt will indicate the required information regarding your tax deductible donation.

For more information on the Elks relationship to VRCCI or to make a tax deductible donation to VRCCI, please contact Frank Tamberelli, Daniel Black, Danny Mowbray or Steve Coleman. Sincerely,
The VRCCI Board of Directors

Mailing Address:

1648 Taylor Road, Box 423 – 386.243.0785 – Info@vrcci.org – Website: VRCCI.org



OPEN 4 PM MONDAY- FRIDAY.
CLOSED SUNDAYS & NON FUNCTION SATURDAYS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Lodge Open 4 PM Bar Bingo 6:15 Hot Dogs Hamburgs	2 Lodge Open 4 PM Lodge Meeting 6:30 PM	3 Open 9 AM BINGO 11 AM <i>King of Hearts</i> 7 PM Dinner 5-7 PM Music	4
5 MEMORIAL DAY 2 PM	6 Lodge open 4PM Shuffleboard Cornhole	7 Lodge open 4 PM Cornhole	8 Lodge Open 4 PM Bar Bingo 6:15 Hot Dogs Hamburgs	9 Lodge Open 4 PM PER MEETING 6:00 PM	10 Open 9 AM BINGO 11 AM <i>King of Hearts</i> 7 PM Dinner 5-7 PM Music	11
12	13 Lodge open 4PM Shuffleboard Cornhole	14 Lodge open 4 PM Cornhole	15 Open 4 PM Bar Bingo 6:15 Hot Dogs Hamburgs	16 Lodge Open 4 PM Board Meeting 6:30 PM	17 Open 9 AM BINGO 11 AM <i>King of Hearts</i> 7 PM Dinner 5-7 PM 	18
19	20 Lodge open 4PM Shuffleboard Cornhole	21 Lodge open 4 PM Cornhole	22 Open 4 PM Bar Bingo 6:15 Hot Dogs Hamburgs	23 EGGNOG PARTY 5-8 PM	24 LODGE CLOSED EVE OF CHRISTMAS	
26	27 Lodge open 4PM Shuffleboard Cornhole	28 Lodge open 4 PM Cornhole	29 Open 4 PM Bar Bingo 6:15 Hot Dogs Hamburgs	30 Lodge Open 4 PM	31 Around The World Celebration 5 PM to 8 PM	HAPPY NEW YEAR

Retirements, Weddings, Holidays, Birthdays,
Friendly Get-together Hall Rental Specials.
Contact Bud Pankevich 386-852-3039

MONTHLY VETERANS BIRTHDAY PARTY AT EMORY BENNETT

The 4th Friday of every month at 2:00 PM, the Port Orange Elks will hold a Birthday Party for our Veterans. Volunteers are needed to help make this a special day for our Veterans.

PLEASE CONTACT JERRY PETERSON at 386-847-3086



Birthday Celebration at Emory L. Bennett Memorial Veteran's Nursing



We still aren't able to join the celebration due to social distancing and concern for protecting our Veterans, but we continue to provide them with the cake, soda and ice cream for their birthday month party. We hope that we will be able too celebrate with them soon.

DECEMBER FRIDAY MENU'S

December 3rd

*Fish-Blackened Broiled or Fried
Chicken and Biscuit with Slaw*

December 10th

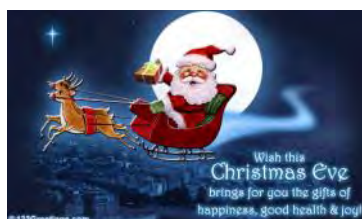
*Fish-Blackened Broiled or
Fried
Meatloaf with Sides*

December 17th

*Fish-Blackened Broiled or Fried
Pork Chop in Special Sauce & Sides*

December 24th

Christmas Eve NO dinner



*** FRIDAY BINGO ***

**Volunteers
needed!**



Friday Bingo—Open to the Public

EVERY FRIDAY MORNING

Doors will open at 9am
Bingo starts at 11am

**We are in need of volunteers to help out.
If you can spare some time on Fridays
please let us know by contacting
Bette at 407-618-3520
(PLEASE leave a message)**

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS



Please keep all members in your prayers as well as those that we do not know about.

Remember sickness and distress is always in order.

Harry Croft is recovering from rotator cuff surgery
Bob Harris still in Hospital
Monica Bairo's Mother started Radiation.
Please Pray for all as well as those we do not know about.

Fraternally,
Michelle Greci, Chaplain
386-631-3063
386-788-9242

Sick



Lodge Christmas Eggnog Party

The Lodge Christmas Eggnog Party will be on Thursday December 23, 2021 from 5 pm to 8 pm. Come and enjoy an Eggnog Cocktail or plain Eggnog on the Lodge. Refreshments will be served. The winner of the Christmas Basket Raffle will be drawn at this event. Mark your calendars! Hope to see you there.

New Year's Eve "Around the World Celebration"

New Year's Eve "Around the World Celebration". Welcome the year 2022 with fellow Elks on December 31, 2021 from 2pm to 6pm. Champagne toasts every hour while celebrating the "ball dropping" around the World. New Year Eve favors will be available. Please bring a dish to pass. The VIP Tasting at Malibu Beach Grill Raffle winner will be drawn at 4:30 PM. Mark your Calendars. Come and enjoy saying "Goodbye" to 2021 and "Hello" to a Happy Healthy and Prosperous Year 2022!

Elks Birthdays

DECEMBER

1	William	Hosking
2	Norman	Frappier
3	Bernard	Meyer
3	Raymond	Mohr
4	Daniel	Mokry
5	Michael	Manko
6	Debra	Rogers Sciacca
6	Harvey	Morse
10	Fred	Mc Cracken
10	Robert	Harris
10	Stanley	Magurczek
14	Anne	Woods
14	Michael	Maira
15	Walter	Doherty
18	Constance	St Denny
19	Carolyn	Hohenstein
19	Charles	Hale
19	Daniel	Theodore
21	Johnnie	Conner
22	Billy	Wilson
23	Albert	Judd
25	Charles	Christensen
31	Gwen	Reichenberger



Orange Peel Boosters

Pamela Bickell.....	05/22
George Brennan ...XX.	12/21
Clyde Bridewell	01/22
Clifford Capelle	08/22
Bob Cornelius.....XX.	12/21
Hank Lunsford	11/22
Tim Hill.....	05/22
The Kuczkowski's...XX.	12/21
Linda/Larry Lee	06/22
Paul/Theresa Leonard...	04/23
Art Rauch.....	10/22
Ed/Joyce Swanson.....	12/21
Dori Nash	11/22

HELP SHRINK THE CAN BY
BEING A BOOSTER



**PLEASE CHECK YOUR EXPIRATION
STATUS, RENEW YOUR BOOSTER
AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR
YOUR LODGE! NAMES WILL BE
REMOVED 2 MONTHS BACK DUE**

KING OF HEARTS FRIDAY EVENINGS

TICKET SALES AT 5 :30 PM DRAWING

AT 7 PM



*Tickets available at the bar
during the week.*

2021-2022 Port Orange House Committee

House Committee!
Always open for suggestions!

Chair

Frank Tamberelli, PSP

Members

Jerry	Peterson, ER
Kevin	Clouatre
Debi	Noridgren
Harry	Croft
Gary	VanOpdorp, PER
Linda	Lee, PER
Daniel	Black
Bud	Pankevich

Members
whose names
appear on the
birthday list
and attend the
Birthday BASH
are entitled to



one free well
drink of their
choice,

At the bar.

*For more information
contact Tony Sperduti,
386-295-9688 or email,
tsper1932@outlook.com*

Please include my name as a supporter of The Newsletter for one year at \$10.00

Name _____ Member # _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

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**Retirements, Weddings,
Holidays, Birthdays, Friendly**



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- Note Pads
- Posters
- Door Hangers
- 2-3 Part
- Forms
- Invitations
- Programs
- Table Tents
- Programs

THE OFFICERS AND LODGE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN MOVED TO AN INSIDE PAGE

Officers 2021-2022

Exalted Ruler	Gerald Peterson, PER	386-847-3086
Leading Knight	Kevin Clouatre	618-954-8661
Loyal Knight	Debi Nordgren	386-846-5023
Lecturing Knight	Harry Croft	386-882-0421
Secretary	Jeannette Artymovitch	386-492-4484
Treasurer	Steve Coleman	386-334-2713

Trustees

5 Year Trustee	Gary VanOpdorp, PER	386-299-3403
4 Year Trustee	Frank Tamberelli, PSP	704-860-1949
3 Year Trustee	Linda Lee, PER	386-383-3877
2 Year Trustee	Daniel Black	716-969-0990
1 Year Trustee	Bud Pankevich	386-304-8909

Appointed Officers

Esquire	Mack Higgins	386-756-8834
Chaplain	Michelle Greci	386-631-3063
Inner Guard	Art Rauch	386-256-5631
Organist	Paul Leonard	386-756-4348
District Deputy	Erica Barger	
Lodge Advisor	Frank Tamberelli, PSP	704-860-1949
Tiler	Lou Greci, PER	386-295-2707

Lodge Committees

Accident Prevention	Kevin Clouatre	618-954-8661
Americanism	Gary VanOpdorp, PER	386-299-3403
Auditing - Chair Person	Frank Kuczkowski, PER	386-492-6105
BINGO-Friday	Bette Dealey	407-618-3520
By-Laws (PER's)	Danny Mowbray, PER	386-310-7749
Community Activities	Frank Tamberelli, PSP	704-860-1949
Drug Awareness	Debra Nordgren	386-846-5023
ENF/Harry Anna Trust	Angelo Cretella, PDDGER	917-449-8247
Flag Day	Dan Theodore, PER	386-322-8983
Government Relations	Bud Pankevich	386-304-8909
Board of Directors	Frank Tamberelli, PSP	704-860-1949
Indoctrination	Jeannette Artymovitch	386-492-4484
Interlodge Visitation	Gary VanOpdorp, PER	386-299-3403
Investigation	Ari Morris	386-756-6100
Lodge Activities	Mary Edgar	386-763-9136
Medal of Valor	Dan Theodore, PER	386-322-8983
Mediator	Ray Warren	386-212-3963
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PER Association	Linda Lee, PER	386-383-3877
Public Relations	Frank Kuczkowski, PER	386-492-6105
Scholarships	Paul Leonard	386-756-4348
Standing Relief	Lou Greci, PER	386-295-2707
Veterans Affairs	Gerald Peterson, PER	386-847-3086
Youth Activities	Lou Greci, PER	386-295-2707

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Author Unknown

A VETERAN DIED TODAY

This was a poem I found and edited to fit the Orange Peel

He was getting old and paunchy, his hair was falling fast, as he sat around the Legion, telling stories of the past; of a war that he once fought in and the deeds that he had done. In his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, everyone. Sometimes to his neighbors his tales became a joke, all his buddies listened quietly for they knew where of he spoke. We'll hear his tales no longer, for old Joe has passed away, and the world's a little poorer

For a Veteran has died today.

He won't be mourned by many, just his children and his wife, for he lived an ordinary very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family, going quietly on his way; and the world won't note his passing,

Though a Veteran has died today.

When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state, thousands note their passing, and proclaim that they were great.

They tell of their life stories from the time they were young, but the passing of a Veteran goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land; some jerk who breaks his promise and cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow who in times of war and strife, goes off to serve his country and offers up his life?

While the ordinary Veteran, who offered up his all, is paid off with a medal and perhaps a pension, small.

It is not the politicians with their compromise and ploys, who won for us the freedom that our country enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger, with enemies at hand, would you want some cop-out, with his ever-waffling stand?

Or would you want a Veteran, His home, his country, his kin; Just a common Veteran, who would fight until the end.

He was just a common Veteran, his ranks growing thin, but his presence should remind us, We may need his likes again.

When our country is in conflict, we find the Veteran's part, is to clean up all the troubles that the politicians start. If we cannot do them honor While here to hear the praise, then at least let's give them homage at the end of their days.

Perhaps just a simple headline in the paper that might say:

"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING; A VETERAN HAS DIED TODAY."