



**Elks Care - Elks Share**

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

**JULY 2025**

**Message from your Exalted Ruler**



Jonny Liebchen, E.R.

Wow, July is here.... The summer is flying by....

Join the Lodge Friday night July 4th when Al Ruggerio will be entertaining in our dining room, and Chef Harold will be serving some dinner specials!!! Great viewing of the City of Largo 4th of July Fireworks can be seen from our Tiki Hut & parking lot so bring a lawn chair.



Several lodge members and I will be in Kansas City, Missouri over the 4th of July Holiday for the Elks National Grand Lodge Convention. I will be giving a report of the Grand Lodge Convention news soon after returning at the next Membership meeting.

Congratulations to Barbara Rogers, Largo Elks Lodge # 2159 Elk Volunteer of the Month (May 2025) !!!

Special thanks to All our great Volunteers, Officer's, Trustees, Committee People and Members who continue to make our Lodge Run!!!

Best Wishes to All.

Fraternally,  
 Jonny Liebchen, Exalted Ruler

*Congratulations*

Diane Sharp, PER was elected the West Central District Vice President during the May Florida State Convention.

**Congratulations, Diane!**



**WELKome**  
**NEW MEMBERS**



Welcome to our newest member. Joseph Nocella was initiated into our Lodge on Wednesday, June 18th.

Welcome Joe!!



Coming soon  
 beginning in  
 August on  
 Tuesday afternoons.  
 1 - 4 pm

**Bar Games!!**

Information to come,  
 so, stay tuned!!



**We are excited to be bringing  
back daily lunches on  
weekdays  
Monday through Friday  
Information to come!!**

**PLEASE NOTE**

We need to make a correction to our ByLaws to reflect the changes in red below.

These changes will be brought up to the Floor at the August 20th Lodge Meeting and voted on.

We've always had this \$30 application fee, but it was missing in our ByLaws

#### ARTICLE X: FEES AND DUES

Section 1. **There is a \$30 application fee** for initiation in this Lodge for an applicant who has passed his twenty-sixth birthday.

Section 2. **There is a \$30 application fee** for initiation in this Lodge for an applicant making application prior to his twenty-sixth birthday.

#### **EVERY 4th SUNDAY LARGO ELKS #2159 BREAKFAST**



**9:30am to Noon - \$10 per person**

**\$3 Mimosa / \$3 Bloody Mary  
Full bar available  
We hope you will support this Lodge  
Fundraiser and come join us.  
Open to all Elks & Guests**



**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  
Proceeds benefit our charities**

**BINGO RESUMES 7/14**



#### **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 7:00 pm  
I Got It Bingo 7:30 pm**



**LIVE  
Music by Melody  
5-8pm**

**Blaine & Mary Dellecker**



**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**

#### **\*\*\* 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 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.

Linda Harper.....8/25  
Curtis Corbin.....8/25  
Richard Lessard.....11/25  
William Morrow.....11/25  
Alfred Howes.....12/25  
Charles Jones.....12/25  
Kathy Sanford.....1/26  
Julia Zolfo.....1/26  
Beth Thompson.....2/26  
Mary Dellecker.....2/26  
Blaine Dellecker.....2/26  
Dennis Varone.....2/26



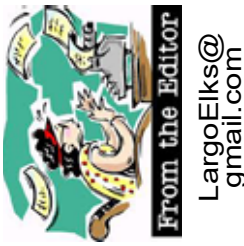
Mike Sullivan.....3/26  
Alice Wallace.....4/26  
Kathy Sanford.....4/26  
Debra Cooney.....4/26  
Russell Burke.....4/26  
Carol Geppel.....5/26  
Peter Losi.....5/26  
Jim Garthwaite.....6/26  
Anonymous.....3/27  
Alfred Howes.....4/27  
Eva Beaudoin.....6/27  
Lucille Stout.....7/27

Barbara Sofarelli.....8/27  
Mike Sofarelli.....8/27  
Mike & Pat Hughes.....11/27  
John Plunket Memorial....2/29  
Dave Mason.....5/30  
Fred Baker.....1/31  
Geo. & Kim Feaster.....3/31  
Bill Reynolds.....10/31  
Jim Quarles.....1/32  
Bill Bacon.....5/32  
Dave Ma-son.....1/33

Dallas Dinkins.....2/33  
DL&Dee Weidenmeyer.....9/33  
Pamela Crawford.....3/34  
Bill & Julie Morrow.....11/34  
Bernadine Vehrs.....12/38  
Daniel MacIntosh.....4/45



# July 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<div>7</div> <div>Lunch 12 - 2:00 pm</div> <div><b>NO BINGO TODAY</b> Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m.</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Pasta &amp; More 5:00 to 7:00 pm</div> <div>Music by LOUIE BRAVO 5 - 8:00 pm</div>	<div>9</div> <div><b>HOUSE</b> <b>Committee Meeting</b> <b>6:30 pm</b></div>	<div>10</div> <div><b>ORIENTATION</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> <b>2nd Thurs</b> <b>TACO NIGHT</b> (Tacos or Taco Salad) 5 to 7:00 pm <b>Music by Melody</b> <b>5 to 8 pm</b></div>	<div>11</div> <div>Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by BOOTS &amp; LACE 6 to 9:00 pm</div>	<div>12</div> <div><b>VP Visit at Dunedin Lodge 10:00am</b> <b>must sign up</b> <b>SUPER SATURDAY</b> QUEEN 7:00 I Got It Bingo 7:30 <b>Belly Buster Hot Dogs</b></div>
<div>13</div> <div>Lodge open 12 - 6:00 pm <b>Summer Season</b> Bloody Marys \$2.00 until gone</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Lunch 12 - 2:00 pm <b>NO BINGO TODAY</b> <b>BOD MEETING</b> <b>6:30PM</b> Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m.</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Pasta &amp; More 5:00 to 7:00 pm</div> <div>Music by AT LARGE 5 - 8:00 pm</div>	<div>16</div> <div><b>Lodge Meeting</b> <b>7:30 p.m.</b> <b>INITIATION</b> <b>of</b> <b>New Members</b></div>	<div>17</div> <div><b>TACO NIGHT</b> (Tacos or Taco Salad) 5 to 7:00 pm <b>Music by Melody</b> <b>5 to 8 pm</b></div>	<div>18</div> <div>Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by STEVE WALKER 6 to 9:00 pm</div>	<div>19</div> <div><b>SUPER SATURDAY</b> QUEEN 7:00 I Got It Bingo 7:30 <b>Belly Buster Hot Dogs</b></div>
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<div>27</div> <div><b>4TH Sunday</b> <b>Lodge Breakfast</b> <b>9:30 to 12:00</b> <b>\$10 - Elks &amp; guests</b></div>	<div>28</div> <div>Lunch 12 - 2:00 pm <b>BINGO 1:00 PM</b> Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m.</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Pasta &amp; More 5:00 to 7:00 pm</div> <div>Music by BOOTS &amp; LACE 5 - 8:00 pm</div>	<div>30</div> <div><b>Lunch is now available</b> <b>Mon through Friday</b></div>	<div>31</div> <div><b>TACO NIGHT</b> (Tacos or Taco Salad) 5 to 7:00 pm <b>Music by Melody</b> <b>5 to 8 pm</b></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>



## VETERANS SERVICES



The next Veterans Committee Meeting will be held on July 21st at 5pm. Veterans' Week at the lodge will be Tuesday the 22nd and Friday the 25th.

The 4th Sunday Breakfast at the Lodge will be July 27 from 9:30-12pm and the cost is \$10. The Veterans Committee made \$338.19 profit for the lodge in May.

Please pick up your Bogos for the Bay Pines Food Pantry and place them in the Tote Box in the Lobby. Last month we had nothing to bring them. Thank you to all who support this program.

Please bring your coupons in for our coupon program for our Veterans overseas. These are the manufacture coupons that come in the Sunday paper or in the mail. They are not the local store coupons like Publix or Winn Dixie. Just bring them in and put them in the cupboard in the Veterans room.

There will be no Veterans Clothing Drives until October, so, please don't drop off any clothes at the barn or the Lodge.

PDDGER Reinhart is looking for someone to take over our Welcome Home Program. She is willing to work with anyone until they learn the program. If you are interested, please contact Bob Behm or PDDGER Reinhart.

Mark your Calendars – WCD Veterans Fund Barbecue – Saturday October 25, 2025  
Largo Elks Veterans/Spouse Free Luncheon and Program – Sunday, November 9th.

Bob Behm, Veterans Chair

*Congratulations!*

**ELK OF THE MONTH'  
MAY 2025  
BARBARA ROGERS**



### WCD Vice President Visitations

Newly elected Diane Sharp, WCD Vice President, has two remaining visitations. July 12th at Dunedin (see flyer next column) and August 9th for her Homecoming at Largo. Be sure to sign up for each visitation in the Event Book at the Bar. **Deadline is the Tuesday prior to the visitation.**

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. We need to give a headcount a few days prior to each date.

Saturday, July 12th.....Dunedin/Clrw & Tampa Lodge  
@ **Dunedin Lodge - Theme - Beach - Casual**

Saturday, August 9th.....Homecoming Visit  
Largo Lodge & Seminole Lodge  
@ **Largo Lodge - Theme - Hawaii - Casual**

**Florida State President's Visit  
Friday, September 12 & Saturday, September 13  
Largo - Info to come**

**DUNEDIN CLEARWATER  
&**

**TAMPA ELKS LODGE  
HOSTING VP VISITATION  
SATURDAY JULY 12th**

**Join us as we co-host this fun  
event!**

**Time- 10 am**

**Theme- Beach Casual**

**Location- Dunedin Elks**

**1240 San Christopher Dr Dunedin**

**\$5.00 Brunch served**

**Raffle Baskets**

**Please RSVP to your lodge  
secretary**

**Don't miss this Royal Caribbean Elks Fundraising Group Cruise leaving from Tampa.**  
**Invite your family and friends. Open to anyone.**  
**\$500 refundable deposit required upon booking.**  
**Final payment due Oct 15.**  
**Price does not include Gratuity or any optional insurance coverage.**  
**Call Lisa to book your cabin.**

*Thank you*

I would like to thank all who helped make Flag Day a wonderful ceremony. ER Jonny for leading us, Jim Braier, for his readings, Bob Behm and all his veterans for a wonderful Flag presentation, Rudy Fontaine Flag folding explanation, our flag folders, all our officers, Aurora for the wonderful refreshments as always, and of course Old Glory, Gloria Todd.  
 Thank you all. Lee Acosta

**Rhapsody of the Seas**  
**January 18-24 2026**  
**Fundraising Group Cruise**  
**Out Of Tampa**



Date	Port of Call	Arrive	Depart	Activity
SUN18/JAN2026	Tampa, Florida	-	4:00 PM	Boarding
MON19/JAN2026	Cruising	-	-	Cruising
TUE20/JAN2026	Cozumel, Mexico	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	Docked
WED21/JAN2026	Belize City, Belize	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Tendered
THU22/JAN2026	Puerto Costa Maya, Mexico	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	Docked
FRI23/JAN2026	Cruising	-	-	Cruising
SAT24/JAN2026	Tampa, Florida	7:00 AM	-	Departure

**Interior cabin for 2**

**\$1,093.12**

**Oceanview cabin-**

**\$1,163.12**

**Balcony cabins will be priced at time of booking**

**Each cabin will earn \$50.00 towards Elks Fundraiser**

**Contact Lisa Hodrick at Lisa's Seas the day 727-597-0955**



**School will be back in session soon, and Largo Lodge 2159 is having its annual School Supply Drive.**

**Below is a list of items needed. There will be a box in the lobby.**

**Or, if you would prefer to donate cash, A jar will be in the bar area and we will buy the supplies.**

**Contact: Roberta Straughn 617-708-5175**

2 pencils	Pencil sharpener with lid cover
pens (black, red, & blue ink)	pencil case
pocket folders	standard/metric ruler
1-subject notebooks	glue sticks
composition book	scissors
highlighters	non-toxic wax crayons
colored pencils	erasers

**Last day to donate August 9<sup>th</sup>**

**LODGE OF SORROW**



**Blaine Dellecker 5/18/2025**  
**Jeffery Couturier 5/19/2025**  
**Karen Pyburn 5/25/25**





## Florida Elk's Day with the Rays



**SATURDAY,  
JULY 19**

START TIME: 7:05 PM  
GATES OPEN: 5:35 PM



**200-Level Tickets are \$65 (\$90 value) in section  
215-217 and include a Rays/Elk's co-branded hat**

**Deadline to purchase is Saturday, July 5, 2025**

## Elks Day at the Rays is back!

Members and non-Elks are all welcome to attend!

Sunday, July 19th at 7:05PM vs. Baltimore Orioles.

200-Level Tickets are \$65 (\$90 value) in section (\$5 from each ticket benefits Harry-Anna Trust Fund)

Hurry! Deadline to purchase: Saturday, July 5th

For more information and tickets, please visit [Floridaelks.org/rays](http://Floridaelks.org/rays)

Questions? Contact Steve Harmon at [steve@floridaelks.org](mailto:steve@floridaelks.org)



## You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Where: Largo Elks Lodge 2159

When: Thursday July 17, 2025



Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk Screenings.**

**Trusted by over 10 million customers.**

Screenings are simple and painless. Get peace of mind or early detection.

**Who should attend:** Anyone over the age of 40

### Special Pricing for \$159

- Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- Plus a FREE Hypertension Screening

### 4 ways to book your appointment...

Scan here:



Call 888-814-0466  
and use promo  
code: HSCA001

Visit  
[LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA](http://LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA)

Text the word  
"circle" to  
216-279-1607

These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as including the presence of coronary artery disease.

Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.

***Congratulations to Bob Behm  
for being awarded Veteran Affairs  
Volunteer of the Year for all that  
he's done for our area veterans.***





Additional photos from the State Convention in May. Also some photos taken in the St Pete Hospitality Room where Diane received her VP Banner.





The June 17th VP St Pete Visitation (Western Theme).  
As always, additional photos are posted on our Largo Lodge  
2159 Facebook page.







Photos from our Flag Day Celebration that was held June 8th. It was a very impressive ceremony. Additional photos on our Facebook.



The Americanism Committee



Below are a few photos from the recent cleanup, stump grinding, and just a lot of hard work to clean up our Lodge in the awful heat!! Tom Krieger, Jonny Leibchen, Bob Jump, and even Diane Sharp was pulling weeds...





## WCD VETERANS FUND BARBEQUE

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

Noon to 4:00 PM | Price \$15.00

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Price includes entrance fee, Barbeque chicken platter, soda, or water. Beer and Wine are available for purchase.

Entertainment by Kris Pierce

Basket Raffles | 50/50 Drawings

Vendors Welcome | Vendor Cost \$20

### LARGO ELKS LODGE #2159

810 16th Avenue SE, Largo, FL 33771

**Bring your chairs, umbrellas, and pop-ups!**

Tickets available at your Lodge.

Any questions please contact District Co-Chairs:

John M. Wilson, PER: 727-417-1608 | [Hvac211@gmail.com](mailto:Hvac211@gmail.com)

Sheryl Wilson, 727-692-3812





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**Secretary's Hours**  
Tues.- Fri. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Phone 587-6558  
SecretaryElksLargo@gmail.com  
Kathy Traina

**Lounge Hours**  
Weekdays: 11 to 10:00 p.m.  
Sundays: 12 to 8:00 p.m.  
Phone 584-0801

**Summer (off Season) Hours**  
Lounge opens 12:00  
Sunday - closes at 6:00pm

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Search Google for "largo elks".

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## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 2025 - 2026

Exalted Ruler.....Jonny Liebchen  
Leading Knight.....Steve Cardozo PER  
Loyal Knight.....Hans Francis  
Lecturing Knight.....Dennis Muncy  
Chaplain.....Jan Rogers PER  
Esquire.....Lee Acosta  
Tiler.....DuBar Brewer  
Inner Guard.....Joe Acosta  
Secretary.....Kathy Traina  
Treasurer.....Diane Sharp PER

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman.....Jonny Liebchen ER  
Exalted Ruler.....Jonny Liebchen ER  
Leading Knight.....Steve Cardozo PER  
Loyal Knight.....Hans Francis  
Lecturing Knight.....Dennis Muncy  
Lodge Secretary.....Kathy Traina  
Treasurer.....Diane Sharp PER  
BOD Secretary.....DiAnn Anselmi  
5 Year trustee.....Aurora Griesler-Jones PER  
4 Year trustee.....DiAnn Anselmi  
3Year trustee.....Rudy Fontane  
2 Year trustee.....Becky Shoaf  
1 Year trustee.....Eric Salabay

### HOUSE COMMITTEE

Co- Chairmen  
Mike Sofarelli & Wayne Roberts

H.C. Members  
Georgia Greene, Barbara Rogers,  
Todd Smeltzer, Roberta Straughn

### MANAGERS

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

### COMMITTEES

Americanism.....Vickie Matters  
Susana Leal, Paula Williams  
Auditing & Acctg.....Mike Clark, Barbara  
Rogers

Bingo.....Georgia Greene  
Budget.....Board of Directors  
Bulletin Editor.....Kathy Traina  
By-Laws.....PER Assoc. of Largo 2159  
Comm. Projects & Activities.....Bob Behm  
Drug Awareness.....Rudy Fontane  
ENF Scholarships.....DiAnn Anselmi  
ENF Fundraiser.....DiAnn Anselmi  
Entertainment...Aurora Griesler-Jones PER  
Facebook.....Kathy Traina  
Flag day.....Lee Acosta  
Fraternal.....Kathy Sanford  
Govt. Relations.....Lee Acosta  
Grants.....Jeanne Reinhart PDD

Harry-Anna Trust Fund.....Maureen  
Dunham / Mardy Oleski  
Hoop Shoot.....Hans Francis  
Interlodge Visitation.....Kathy Traina  
Investigations.....Pat Thoele  
Lapsation.....Kathy Sanford  
Lodge Activities.....Board of Directors  
Lodge Advisor.....JoAnne Matos PDD  
Lodge Booking..Aurora Griesler-Jones PER  
Lodge Memorial.....Lee Acosta  
Mediator.....Bob Behm  
Membership.....Kathy Sanford  
Memorial Day.....Board of Directors  
Orientation.....Gloria Todd PER  
PER President.....TBD  
Photographer.....Hans Francis,  
Kathy Traina, Dave Mason  
Presiding Justice.....David Partlow, Atty  
Public Relations.....Steve Leonowicz  
Ritual.....Jeanne Reinhart PDD  
Safety Officer.....Hans Francis  
Soccer Shoot.....Hans Francis  
Veterans' Services.....Robert Behm  
Volunteer Coordinators..Sandy Behm  
and Shirley Krieger  
Web Master.....Steven Leonowicz  
Youth Activities.....Diane Sharp PER