



**Elks Care - Elks Share**

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



**Sat. February 1 - Army of Hope  
Feb 6 -8 February Quarterly -Umatilla  
Sat. February 8 - Happy Days Dance  
Sun. February 16 - Quarter Auction  
Sat. February 22 - Boy Scout  
Spaghetti Dinner**

**FEBRUARY 2025**

**Message from your Exalted Ruler**



**Aurora Griesler-Jones PER**

My Fellow Elks.

Here it is February already. This is a very busy month for our lodge. We have Nominations of Officers at the 1st Lodge Meeting which takes place February 5th.

The Election of Officers will be at the second meeting, February 19th. Please do your best to attend.

On Saturday, March 29, there will be an Installation of Officers Dinner. All Largo members are invited to attend, free of charge, and meet your new officers. There will be a sign-up sheet so we can get a head count for the food.

Details will follow early next month.

Please remember to renew your membership by April 1st. The charity work we do is very important. We would not be able to support our charities without YOU!

Smile... Be Happy... You are members of #2159  
Aurora Griesler-Jones, Exalted Ruler, PER



There no longer will be mailed bulletins as of April 2025. If you are not now receiving the Weekly Email Blast (which has links to both the bulletin and calendar) go to **Elks.org/2159** or Google **Largo Elks Lodge**, go to the website, and choose the first link to subscribe and sign up.

As always, there will be some bulletins in the lobby and the bar for those people who don't have a computer.

Always keep the office advised of your contact information. We have members who have not given us their email. See the back page for the office contact information.

*See pages 4-5-6 for flyers on the following February events.*

*Army of Hope  
Happy Days Dance,  
Wing Night  
Quarter Auction,  
Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner  
Come out and support  
your Lodge!*

**Membership Dues**

Grand Lodge will be mailing out the 2025-2026 dues notices soon. Grand Lodge has raised their Master Liability Insurance by \$2.00. As a result, our dues will increase by that amount.

The new dues will be \$119 for Regular Members and \$58.00 for Life Members. Associate Members remain at \$15. These dues will be due by March 31, 2025. Payment can be cash, check, or visa payable at the bar.

**ALSO, ON DINNER NIGHTS (Tuesday & Friday) IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH THE OFFICE WINDOW WILL BE OPEN FROM 4:30 TO 6:00 PM. You can pay your dues at that time and get your new card that day.**

If you are mailing your check, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you wish your card mailed back. Otherwise, your new card will be behind the bar for you to pick up the next time you are in the lodge.

Thank you for your support which helps the Lodge give to our community, veterans, and our children.

Your Office Staff

**PLEASE NOTE**

We will have two Lodge Meetings during the months of February, March and April. The floor will be opened for Officer Nominations for the 2025-2026 Elk Year during the February 5th meeting and Officer Elections will be held at the February 19th meeting. Please come to these important meetings.

Members are encouraged to attend Lodge Meetings to know what is going on in your lodge. Any Elk member in good standing is eligible to run for office, and there is always a need for members to step up to fill these positions when needed.

Speak with any lodge officer to get additional information, and let someone know you would like to be nominated.





Join us on Tuesday,  
February 14th for dinner,  
dancing, and wear your  
RED for Valentine's Day

**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**



Largo Lodge, #2159 wants  
your child to attend camp!  
The Benevolent and Protec-  
tive Order of the Elks  
would like to invite your  
child to our summer youth camp. We currently have  
eight scholarships remaining.

The camp is available for kids between the ages of 9  
through 13. We offer 7 different weeks of camp for your  
child to participate in.

To enroll your child into the camp, first contact Secre-  
tary Kathy Traina (email:secretaryelkslargo@gmail.  
com) or call during office hours Tues-Fri 9 to 12. 727-  
587-6558 to get your child's name on the list. She will  
give you the certificate number and you then have to  
register online at **www.feyc.org**

If you have any questions about the camp, please email  
**summerncamp@feyc.org**



**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**



**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  
MUSIC**

**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 and mailing the bul-  
letin. 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.

Bob Beach.....2/25	Linda Harper.....8/25	Eva Beaudoin.....6/27	Dallas Dinkins.....2/33
John Loschiavo.....2/25	Curtis Corbin.....8/25	Lucille Stout.....7/27	DL&Dee Weidenmeyer.....9/33
Russell Burke.....2/25	Richard Lessard.....11/25	Barbara Sofarelli.....8/27	Pamela Crawford.....3/34
Patty Schuyler.....3/25	William Morrow.....11/25	Mike Sofarelli.....8/27	Bill & Julie Morrow.....11/34
Paul Schuyler.....3/25	Alfred Howes.....12/25	Mike & Pat Hughes.....11/27	Bernadine Vehrs.....12/38
Gary Allen.....3/25	Charles Jones.....12/25	John Plunket Memorial.....2/29	Daniel MacIntosh.....4/45
JoAnn Fries.....3/25	Kathy Sanford.....1/26	Fred Baker.....1/31	
Alfred Howes.....5/25	Julia Zolfo.....1/26	Geo. & Kim Feaster.....3/31	
Georgia Green.....5/25	Mike Sullivan.....3/26	Bill Reynolds.....10/31	
Robert Bryce.....5/25	Alice Wallace.....4/26	Jim Quarles.....1/32	
Gary Allen.....6/25	Jim Garthwaite.....6/26	Bill Bacon.....5/32	
Mark Erickson.....6/25	Anonymous.....3/27	Dave Mason.....1/33	

# February 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>REMEMBER</b> All Thursday entertainers play for tips only. Food proceeds go to Lodge Projects</p>	<p>Bartenders now offering limited lunch daily 12 to 4:00. See flyer</p>					
<p>2 Lodge open 12 - close Bloody Marys \$2.00 until gone <b>NFL SUNDAYS 10 Large TV's NFL Package</b></p>	<p>3 Lunch 12 - 2:00 pm <b>BINGO 1:00 pm</b> <b>B.O.D. Meeting 6:30 pm</b> Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>4 Pasta &amp; More 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by CARLO 5 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>5 <b>Lodge Meeting</b> <b>Officer Nominations 7:30 pm</b></p>	<p>6 <b>TACO NIGHT</b> (Tacos or Taco Salad) or Quesadillas 5 to 7:00 pm <b>Music by Melody 5 to 8 pm</b> <b>February Quarterly - Feb. 6 - 8th</b></p>	<p>7 Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by AL RUGGERIO 6 to 9:00 pm</p>	<p>1 <b>SUPER SATURDAY</b> <b>Army of Hope picnic Noon to 4pm</b> QUEEN 7:00 I Got It Bingo 7:30 <b>Belly Buster Hot Dogs</b></p>
<p>9 Lodge open 12 - close Bloody Marys \$2.00 until gone <b>SUPERBOWL</b></p>	<p>10 Lunch 12 - 2:00 pm <b>BINGO 1:00 PM</b> <b>Veterans Meeting 5:00 PM</b> Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>11 Pasta &amp; More 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by DINO 5 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>12 <b>HOUSE</b> <b>Committee Meeting 6:30 pm</b></p>	<p>13 <b>ORIENTATION 5:00 PM</b> <b>TACO NIGHT</b> Tacos or Taco Salad or Quesadillas 5 to 7:00 pm <b>Music by Melody 5 to 8 pm</b></p>	<p>14 Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by CARLO 6 to 9:00 pm</p>	<p>8 <b>SUPER SATURDAY</b> QUEEN 7:00 I Got It Bingo 7:30 <b>Belly Buster Hot Dogs</b> <b>HAPPY DAYS CONCERT/DANCE</b> doors open 6:00pm</p>
<p>16 Lodge open 12 - close Bloody Marys \$2.00 until gone <b>QUARTER Auction 1 - 4 pm</b></p>	<p>17 Lunch 12 - 2:00 pm <b>BINGO 1:00 pm</b> <b>B.O.D. Meeting 6:30 pm</b> <b>Veteran Comm. Meeting 5:00pm</b> Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>18 Pasta &amp; More 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by CARLO 5 - 8:00 pm <b>Veterans Week</b></p>	<p>19 <b>Lodge Meeting</b> <b>Officer Elections 7:30 pm</b> <b>INITIATION of New Members</b></p>	<p>20 <b>TACO NIGHT</b> (Tacos or Taco Salad) 5 to 7:00 pm <b>Music by Melody 5 to 8 pm</b></p>	<p>21 Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by DINO 6 to 9:00 pm</p>	<p>15 <b>SUPER SATURDAY</b> <b>WING NIGHT 5-7pm</b> QUEEN 7:00 I Got It Bingo 7:30 <b>Belly Buster Hot Dogs</b></p>
<p>23 <b>Lodge Breakfast 9:30 - 12:00</b> <b>All Elks &amp; guests \$10 pp</b></p>	<p>24 Lunch 12 - 2:00 pm <b>BINGO 1:00 PM</b> Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>25 Pasta &amp; More 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by BILL CASTNER 5 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>26 Music Bingo 7-9 PM </p>	<p>27 <b>TACO NIGHT</b> (Tacos or Taco Salad) 5 to 7:00 pm <b>Music by Melody 5 to 8 pm</b></p>	<p>28 Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by CARLO 6 to 9:00 pm</p>	<p>22 <b>SUPER SATURDAY</b> <b>Boy Scouts Spaghetti Dinner 4:30 - 7:00</b> QUEEN 7:00 I Got It Bingo 7:30</p>
						



## VETERANS SERVICES



On February 1st, the Veterans Committee will be supporting the Army of Hope Chicken Barbecue in the Grove. Please get your tickets at the Bar. This is a District event with multiple lodges taking part, and it is the only fundraiser that we have for the Army of Hope.

On February 8th, the Veterans Committee will be joined by the Holiday Isles Veterans Committee as we host a cookout for around 240 patients and staff at Bay Pines VA Center.

There is still a need for generic manufacture coupons, not the ones for stores like Winn Dixie or Publix. You can get them in the mail or in the Sunday paper. Please bring in your coupons and put them in the cupboard as you walk through the Veterans Room.

The Valspar Championship is from March 20th to March 23 at Innisbrook in Palm Harbor. Get tickets at: <https://valsparchampionship.com/tickets-parking/2025military/>. The Valspar Championship is proud to honor the men and women who have served, or are currently serving, our great nation by offering two (2) complimentary grounds tickets per day for U.S. Active Duty and U.S. Military Retirees. Any additional tickets are available at regular price. U.S. Military Veterans are eligible for two grounds tickets at \$35 per ticket and are limited to two (2) tickets per day at that price. U.S Military personnel on Active Duty, Retired or Veteran with proper identification will be allowed access, with one guest, to the Pinch-A-Penny Patriots' Outpost overlooking the 4th hole. The Outpost is open on Thursday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. until the last group has played, and on Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. until the last group has played through 4th green. Complimentary lunch courtesy of Chick-Fil-A and beer courtesy of Michelob ULTRA will be available (while supplies last). Chairs or smoking are not allowed in the Outpost.

By the time this is published, I hope that the Memorial Pavers Project to honor our loved ones is complete. The pavers are back on sale, and the forms to purchase them are on the counter in the lobby. These pavers can be to honor your military member, a loved one, or an Elk member. The process is simple. Pick up a form, fill it out clearly, and then turn it into the bar. You can pay by check or with credit card. The cost is only 60 dollars

Please pick up your BOGOS for the Bay Pines Food Pantry. It's the black tote box in the Lobby. Thank you all for supporting the program.

There are a lot of new members that are Veterans. Be proud to take your place of honor in our lodge by putting your picture on our Veterans Wall. It does not have to be a picture of you in uniform. We will supply the frame, just put a 5 by 7 picture in the box in the Veterans Room or give it to me. On the back of the picture, please put your name, rank, branch of service, years served, conflict name if you served during one. As you enter the dining room, take a look when you have a chance to see your Lodge Veterans.

Bob Behm, Veterans Chair

## WELKome NEW MEMBERS



Five new member joined our Lodge on Wednesday, January 15th. (L-R) Char Buck-Starcher, Anne Quinn, Judy Magyar, Rick Magyar, and Michael Barr. Welcome to Largo #2159

## Congratulations



To PER Diane Sharp for being selected WCD Vice President Elect for the 2025-2026 Elk Year.

The official announcement was made following the WCD PER Association Meeting on Thursday, January 16th at the Largo Lodge. This is a big accomplishment for Diane and our lodge.

## ELK of the Month DECEMBER

### BOB BEHM

*Bob is our Veterans' Chair. He does so much for our veterans and also this lodge. He jumps in and volunteers whenever he sees the need, and we appreciate him.*

**Congratulations!**



## REQUESTING LIFE MEMBERSHIP

<b>Brian Ekborg #6366</b>	<b>35 years</b>
<b>Bruce Douglas #5997</b>	<b>32 years</b>
<b>Kathleen Dalla Costa #2849</b>	<b>30 years</b>
<b>Ronald McMillian #2987</b>	<b>30 years</b>
<b>Russell Cucchiara #4325</b>	<b>37 years</b>



**ARMY OF HOPE CHICKEN BARBEQUE**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025**  
 Noon to 4:00 PM | Price \$18.00

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 John M. Wilson, PER:  
 727-417-1608 | Hvac211@gmail.com | District Chair Army Of Hope

# Upcoming Events

**Largo Lodge #2159**



**JOHNNY CASH**  
**MICHAEL JACKSON**



**CAVE COUPLE**

**Happy Days & The Legends**



Join us for a special night of fun, entertainment, and dancing.  
**Saturday, February 8th**  
**\$10.00**  
 Doors open at 6:00  
 Music 7 to 10 pm  
 Bring snacks for your table  
 Tickets on Sale Now at the Bar or see Ed Cabana



**GREASE**



**Tom Jones**

**Boy Scout Troop 417**  
**Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**



**LARGO, FL**



**Saturday, February 22nd**  
 4:30-7:00 P.M.  
 Tickets: \$8.00  
 Largo Elks #2159, 810 16th Ave SE  
 Largo, FL 33771



Take out available



**Monday**  
**March 17th**  
**2 - 5 pm**

**'POT OF GOLD' Fundraiser**  
**Outrageous Odds!**

*Only 500 Tickets Sold*  
**\$10.00 each**  
 Available at the bar

**Corned Beef & Cabbage Platter**  
 Includes boiled potatoes & carrots  
**Advance tickets \$15.00**  
 Food tickets also available at the bar.

Our Lodge is run by our Volunteers, and there is always a need for more. If you would like to help out with anything, below is some contact information. The more volunteers we have for a specific task means the same people don't have to do it all the time! We will train you!

Tuesdays: Serving window for dinners: contact: Sandy Behm (401) 486-8248 sbehm1957@gmail.com  
Taco Thursday: (alternates between Youth and Veterans) Contact People:  
(Youth Activities) Diane Sharp, PER: 727-644-7424 diane.elks2159@gmail.com  
(Veterans) Bob Behm 401-207-9317 Robert.behm23@gmail.com  
Lodge Repairs - Contact:Ed Cabana, House Committee Co-Chair 727-744-2052 edc112336@yahoo.com

There are other volunteer opportunities. The veterans committee clip coupons, collect knitted/crocheted baby items, serve at various veteran & lodge events. Bob Behm is the Veterans Chair.

Thanks!!!!

Kathy Traina, Lodge Secretary & Bulletin Editor cell 813-784-4343  
secretaryelkslargo@gmail.com or LargoElks@gmail.com

# It's a Quarter Auction!



**Date: Sunday February 16, 2025**

**Time: 1pm – 4pm**

**Doors open at noon**

**Location: Largo Elks Lodge**

**810 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Largo, FL 33771**

**A fundraiser for Largo Lodge**

**Grab your quarters and bring your friends for an afternoon of fun!**



### How does a Quarter Auction work?

1. Entry fee of \$5 gets you a paddle and an event drawing ticket. Additional paddles available for purchase.
2. The number on your paddle matches a number in our drawing basket.
3. When the auction begins, an item will be shown and a quarter value set.
4. If you want the item, you put in your quarters, per paddle, and raise your paddle high!
5. If we draw your number and you played it, then you win!

**It's that easy!**

## LODGE OF SORROW



**John J. Triba, Jr  
Feb 18, 2024.  
26 year Elk member**

## WING NIGHT

**Join us for WING NIGHT  
Saturday, February 15th.**

**Wings available  
5 - 7:00 pm  
(or until they run out)  
Six Wings \$8.00**

**Super Saturday  
Festivities will follow.**

**Share the Wealth  
Drawing!**

**Food and Refreshments  
available for purchase!**

**Raffle**

Some photos from the January 11th Chili Cook Off. It was a great Lodge fundraiser with 17 Chilies to choose from, Belly Buster Hotdogs, desserts - you didn't leave hungry! Additional photos are on our Largo Elks #2159 Facebook page. Thanks Pat Theole and all her crew for their hard work.



ER Aurora and 1st Place Winner - Doug



Doug, Pat, Becky, and Steve



All the 17 Chili Chefs

Maureen and Steve Dunham held an indoor Harry Anna Fundraiser which also was a huge success. We had a large attendance from area lodges as well as WCD leaders. Through their efforts, \$3,130 was raised for Harry Anna. Additional photos are on our Largo Elks #2159 Facebook Page. Thanks to all our volunteers and all those members who attended.



LARGO LODGE 2159  
 B.P.O.E.  
 810 16th Ave. S.E.  
 Largo, Florida 33771



Non-Profit Organization  
 U.S. Postage Paid  
 St. Petersburg, Florida  
 Permit #8004

**2025**

**ELKS LODGE #2159**  
**810 16th Ave. S.E.**  
**Largo, FL 33771**

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

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

**Summer Hours**  
**Lounge opens 12:00**  
**Sunday - closes at 6:00pm**

**Bulletin Editor:**  
**Largoelks@gmail.com**



[Largo Elks Webpage](#)

Vist Us on the Web For News,  
 Calendars, Bulletins, Updates,  
 Events, Pictures, Lunch & Dinnner  
 Menus and more.

Go to [Elks.Org/2159](http://Elks.Org/2159) or  
 Search Google for "largo elks".

## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 2024 - 2025

Exalted Ruler....Aurora Griesler-Jones PER  
 Leading Knight.....Hans Francis  
 Loyal Knight.....Jonny Liebchen  
 Lecturing Knight.....Bernadine Vehrs  
 Chaplain.....Jan Rogers PER  
 Esquire.....Lee Acosta  
 Tiler.....Dennis Muncy  
 Inner Guard.....Joe Acosta  
 Secretary.....Kathy Traina  
 Treasurer.....Diane Sharp PER

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

### HOUSE COMMITTEE

Co-Chairpeople.....Gloria Todd PER  
 & Ed Cabana  
 Georgia Greene, Sandy Behm, Shirley  
 Krieger, Jack Murray

### MANAGERS

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

### COMMITTEES

Americanism.....Jonny Liebchen  
 Auditing & Acctg.....Dennis Muncy,  
 Elizabeth Herr  
 Bingo.....Georgia Greene  
 Budget.....Board of Directors  
 Bulletin Editor.....Kathy Traina  
 By-Laws.....PER Assoc. of Largo 2159  
 Charity Games.....Steve Leonowicz  
 Comm. Projects & Activities.....Jodie Owens  
 Drug Awareness.....Jonny Liebchen  
 ENF Scholarships.....Diane Sharp PER  
 Entertainment...Aurora Griesler-Jones PER  
 Facebook.....Kathy Traina

Grants.....Jeanne Reinhart PDD  
 Greeters.....Rudy Fontane  
 Harry-Anna Trust Fund.....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.....Jan Rogers PER  
 Mediator.....Sonja Lopez DDGER  
 Membership.....Kathy Sanford  
 Memorial Day.....Board of Directors  
 Orientation.....Gloria Todd PER  
 PER President.....Aurora Griesler-Jones PER  
 Photographer.....Hans Francis,  
 Kathy Traina  
 Presidential Memorial Cert.....TBD  
 Presiding Justice.....David Partlow, Atty  
 Public Relations.....Steve Leonowicz  
 Ritual.....Jeanne Reinhart PDD  
 Safety Officer.....Jonny Liebchen  
 Soccer Shoot.....Jonny Liebchen  
 Veterans Services .....Robert Behm  
 Web Master.....Steven Leonowicz  
 Youth Activities.....Diane Sharp PER