



Apr 5 - Stand Down at VA
 Apr 19 - WCD Vets Comm. Meeting
 Apr 20 - Easter Dinner
 April 25th - Autism Gala
 Apr 27 - 4th Sun. Breakfast

Elks Care - Elks Share

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

APRIL 2025

Message from your Exalted Ruler



Jonny Liebchen, E.R.

I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to serve as Exalted Ruler for Largo Lodge #2159 for the upcoming Elk Year of April 2025, to March 2026.

Special thanks to all the Past Exalted Rulers who oave helped train and prepare me for this position.

Our lodge's Installation of Officers dinner was held on Saturday, March 29, 2025. All who attended enjoyed a great meal and the entertainment that was provided by our member and Super Volunteer, Melody Nephew. Photos will be in the May bulletin

We will continue our successful and fun events of the past, along with some new, exciting, and fun events!

Reminder – April 1st dues were due. Please renew if you haven't done so. "Thank You, Thank You" to all that have paid their membership.

A special Thank You to all our outstanding Volunteers, Officers, and Members who continue to make our Lodge great.

Best wishes to all,
 Jonny Liebchen, ER

EASTER DINNER
SUNDAY, APRIL 20 - 1 TO 3PM
\$18
 Ham w/pineapple, scallop potatoes,
 cheesy broccoli/cauliflower bake, slaw,
 roll, and dessert
Purchase tickets from bartenders

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NEW MEMBERS



Twelve new candidates were initiated on Wednesday, March 19. Please welcome: **(Front)** Delores Ann Wagner, Bruce Cook, Bruce Cox, Carol Ann Klingensmith, Randy Simpson, Debra Cooney. **(Back)** Kay Pries, Wilfred Rodgers, Anne Brennan, Michael Camic, James Palmer, and Carol Poole



April 1st starts a whole new Elk Year. Your dues help to keep this lodge running and to help us continue supporting the Charities that we, as Elks, support. Dues can be paid by cash, check, or credit card at the bar. You can give your credit card number by phone to the bartender (see back page for Lounge phone number). If paying by mail, include a stamped envelope and your card will be mailed to you. Otherwise, your card will be behind the bar for the next time you are in the lodge.

ALSO, ON DINNER NIGHTS (Tuesday & Friday) IN APRIL 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.

Regular Dues: \$119..... Lifetime Dues (30+ years) \$58

PRESENTED BY
Elks Lodge #2159
8100 16th Ave SE, Largo, FL 33771

4th Wednesday of the month
7-9pm

MIXTAPE

Bingo

SING ALONG TO THE SONGS

THE MUSIC YOU LOVE TO HEAR!

\$5 TO PLAY
(COVERS ALL 3 GAMES)

PROCEEDS TO CHARITY

CAUTION: Mixtape Bingo will expose you to music, which may cause outbreaks of singing, happiness, energy and fun!

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

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

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.



Alfred Howes.....5/25
Georgia Green.....5/25
Robert Bryce.....5/25
Gary Allen.....6/25
Mark Erickson.....6/25
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
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
Fred Baker.....1/31
Geo. & Kim Feaster.....3/31
Bill Reynolds.....10/31
Jim Quarles.....1/32
Bill Bacon.....5/32

Dave Mason.....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

APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>Bartenders now offering limited lunch 12 to 4:00.</div>	BOD March 31 6:30pm	<div>1 Pasta & More 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by DINO 5 - 8:00 pm</div>	<div>2 Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm</div>	<div>3 TACO NIGHT (Tacos or Taco Salad or Quesadillas)) 5 to 7:00 pm Music by Melody 5 to 8 pm</div>	<div>4 Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by AL RUGGERIO 6 to 9:00 pm</div>	<div>5 SUPER SATURDAY QUEEN 7:00 I Got It Bingo 7:30 Belly Buster Hot Dogs Stand-Down at V.A. Bay Pines</div>
<div>6 Lodge open 12 - close Bloody Marys \$2.00 until gone</div>	<div>7 Lunch 12 - 2:00 pm BINGO 1:00 pm Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m.</div>	<div>8 Pasta & More 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by STEVE WALKER 5 - 8:00 pm</div>	<div>9 House Committee 6:30 pm</div>	<div>10 ORIENTATION 5:00 PM TACO NIGHT Tacos or Taco Salad or Quesadillas 5 to 7:00 pm Music by Melody 5 to 8 pm</div>	<div>11 Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by BILL CASTNER 6 to 9:00 pm</div>	<div>12 SUPER SATURDAY QUEEN 7:00 I Got It Bingo 7:30 Belly Buster Hot Dogs</div>
<div>13 Lodge open 12 - close Bloody Marys \$2.00 until gone WCD PER MEETING 2:00 PM</div>	<div>14 Lunch 12 - 2:00 pm BINGO 1:00 PM BOD meeting 6:30pm Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m.2</div>	<div>15 Pasta & More 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by BOOTS & LACE 5 - 8:00 pm Veterans Week</div>	<div>16 Lodge Meeting 7:30 p.m. INITIATION of New Members</div>	<div>17 TACO NIGHT (Tacos or Taco Salad) 5 to 7:00 pm Music by Melody 5 to 8 pm</div>	<div>18 Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by AT LARGE 6 to 9:00 pm</div>	<div>19 WCD Veterans Committee 10:00am SUPER SATURDAY QUEEN 7:00 I Got It Bingo 7:30 Belly Buster Hot Dogs</div>
<div>20 EASTER DINNER 1 TO 3 PM Tickets at BAR</div>	<div>21 Lunch 12 - 2:00 pm BINGO 1:00 PM Veterans Meeting 5:00 PM Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m.</div>	<div>22 Pasta & More 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by LOUIE BRAVO 5 - 8:00 pm</div>	<div>23 Music Bingo 7-9 PM</div>	<div>24 TACO NIGHT (Tacos or Taco Salad) 5 to 7:00 pm Music by Melody 5 to 8 pm</div>	<div>25 Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by DINO 6 to 9:00 pm</div>	<div>26 SUPER SATURDAY QUEEN 7:00 I Got It Bingo 7:30 Belly Buster Hot Dogs</div>
<div>27 4th Sunday Lodge Breakfast 9:30 - 12:00 All Elks & guests \$10 pp</div>	<div>28 Lunch 12 - 2:00 pm BINGO 1:00 PM Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m.</div>	<div>29 Pasta & More 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by MELODY 5 - 8:00 pm</div>	<div>30 </div>	<div>REMEMBER On Thursday Melody play for tips only. Food proceeds go to Youth or Veterans Projects</div>	<div></div>	



VETERANS SERVICES



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 place them in in the cupboard as you walk through the Veterans Room. Our volunteers then mail these coupons to military bases overseas.

The Veterans Committee joined by Holiday Islas Elks hosted a cookout for Bay Pines VA. We cooked for 220 veterans, many of them severely handclapped.

Please pick up your Bogos for the Bay Pines Food Pantry. It's the Black Tote Box in the Lobby. I delivered \$375.00 worth of Bogos last month. Thank you to all who support this 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, and, if you served during a conflict, put the conflict. Take a look when you have a chance to check out our Lodge Veterans Wall.

Thank you all who support our Lodge Breakfast on the 4th Sunday of every month from 9:30 to 12. We have raised \$5,952.00 profit for the lodge so far. In March we had 140 people purchase breakfast.

The applications are now open for the 2025 Parade of Heroes to Washington DC which will take place on November 9-12, 2025. It's free for all Veterans and is open to all Veterans that served from WWII to the Gulf War. Register on the FSEA Website in the Veterans section. If you need help with the application, see me.

Bob Behm, Veterans Chair



Back during the Army of Hope picnic I noticed how unsafe the supports that held the window door on the Annex bar window were. They were all cracked and dry-rotted.

One of our talented members of the Veterans Committee, Bob

Jump, stepped up and not only made new supports for the door but painted them red for safety!

Thank you Bob!

Bob Behm,
Vets Comm. Chair



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

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

To enroll your child into the camp, first contact Secretary Kathy Traina (email: secretaryelkslargo@gmail.com) or call during office hours Tues-Fri 9 to 12:00 at 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 **summercamp@feyc.org**

LODGE OF SORROW



Raymond Scalise - July 17, 2024
Kenneth Toms - March 2, 2025





**ELK OF THE MONTH
February - Georgia Greene**



The below members were chosen because of their dedication, continuing volunteering, and support of our Lodge. Thank you all!

**VOLUNTEER Extraordinaire
PER John Wilson**

John is a member of Holiday Isle and an Associate Member of Largo and he is usually found working in our kitchen



**ELK OF THE MONTH
March - Gary Johnson**



Recently, Troop 417 respectfully retired over 200 US flags that were worn and faded from serving our community. If you have old flags, you can drop them in the box in the Lodge lobby.

Joe Fritz
Troop Committee
Chairman



Our Lodge is run by our Volunteers, and there is always a need for more help. 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: Attend a House Committee meeting - see the calendar.

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.

Kathy Traina, Lodge Secretary & Bulletin Editor
SecretaryElksLargo@gmail.com or LargoElks@gmail.com



See our Facebook page for additional photos from the St Paddy / Pot of Gold Day. Food was fabulous thanks to Wayne Roberts & Diane Sharp, WCD End. VP. It was a full house! Again, thanks to our many volunteers.



Wonderful WCD Elk Leaders Culture

The Wonderful West Central District Elks are Successful because WE –

- Produce Results that matter with Speed and Agility
- Communicate Openly & Collaborate Effectively
- Speak & Act with Kindness & Integrity
- Work both Hard & Smart
- Have FUN!
- Focus on the Big Picture
- Are a We not an I, We are a Team
- Keep Members Informed and Involved
- Have a “Can Do” Make it Happen Attitude
- Treat our guest/members with Dignity, Warmth & Friendship
- Practice the Foundation and Groundwork of our Order



Operation “Little Big Feet”

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, the Veterans Committee, under the program, “Little Big Feet,” mail **BABY ITEMS** to the USO Naval Air Hospital Pediatric Unit in Jacksonville. Place your completed projects in the Veteran Cabinet in the Veteran Hall. Remember to include your name & estimated hours inside any bags as we do count volunteer hours.



If you have any questions, contact the Little Big Feet Chair, DiAnn Anselmi
email: dkanselmi@gmail.com

Sign up NOW...
May 2nd to May 4th, 2025



Third Annual...
Florida Ladies of Elks
RV Rally Fundraiser
OPEN to ALL!



Champions Run RV Resort!

4213 NW 27th Place, Ocala, FL 34482

(352) 322-2992 Large sites! FHU

24'x70' level concrete sites!

2 nights for \$130.32 for May 2-4th (\$65.16 daily rate)

Registration online NOW at www.floridaelks.org

Registration fee is \$25pp (separate from the camping fees)

JOIN us for a weekend of FUN, games, music, 50/50, raffles and fellowship.

Proceeds to benefit our Florida Elks Youth Camp!

JOIN us as we go “Camping for the Kids”

Let us know if you are interested via email or text:

Becky Long, PSP, FLOE, 352-572-6987 rebeccalong330@gmail.com

Connie Kael Poage, PSP FLOE, 813-763-5148 ckael@verizon.net

Pauline Talbott, SP, PSP FLOE, 321-432-7497 ladyelk2714@gmail.com

Suzi Simonelli, PSP FSEA 772-260-6865 persuzi66@gmail.com



Please continue dropping off your manufacturers' coupon (not Walgreens, Publix, etc.) and put them in the cabinet in the Veterans Hall.

The coupons are cut by volunteers as an on-going project of the Veterans Committee. Ola Joseph will then periodically mail them to various military bases abroad.



Please remember that the dessert donations on Tuesday and Fridays go towards the entertainment costs. Thanks to

EVERYONE that brings in the desserts and takes them home in their tummies!!

The 3rd week each month is Veterans Week and the **Veterans Committee** offers their desserts on Tuesday and Fridays. Donations during that week go to various veterans projects. Thank you for your generous donations.



Looking for a room to hold your special event?

Speak with Aurora Griesler-Jones PER for information.

Insurance is required.

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2025

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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

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Search Google for "largo elks".

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
3 Year trustee.....Rudy Fontane
2 Year trustee.....Becky Shoaf
1 Year trustee.....Eric Salabay

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chairman.....TBD
Georgia Greene, Wayne Roberts,
Barbara Rogers, William Todd Smeltzer,
Mike Sofarelli, Roberta Straughn

MANAGERS

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

COMMITTEES

Americanism.....Vickie Matters
Susana Leal, Paula Williams
Auditing & Acctg.....Elizabeth Herr,
Judy Magyar, 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' ServicesRobert Behm
Web Master.....Steven Leonowicz
Youth Activities.....Diane Sharp PER