



Saturday, April 6  
Officer Installation Dinner  
Sunday, April 14th  
PER Installation - Holiday Isles  
Saturday, April 26 - Autism Gala

**Elks Care - Elks Share**

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

**APRIL 2024**

**Message from your Exalted Ruler**



Aurora Griesler-Jones  
PER

The Installation of Officers will be held on Saturday, April 6th at 4 PM.

This will be followed by a nice dinner and music. Please sign the book at the bar. Open to all members at no charge.

Come and join me as we start a new year (April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025) at Largo Lodge #2159.

Aurora Griesler-Jones PER

**WELKome  
NEW MEMBERS**



Welcome to the eight new members who were initiated on Wednesday, March 20th.

(Back L-R) Jim Healy, Nick Kulikowsky,  
Barry Smith, Mack Glass

(Front L-R) Pamela Barber, Sarah Gold,  
Jan Huey, Roberta Straughn

**SAVE  
the  
DATE**

**Information to come**



**We are celebrating  
Cinco de Mayo  
on  
Saturday, May 4th.**

**Come join us!!**



**MOTHER'S DAY  
Sunday, May 12th**


**A celebration is being  
planned, so watch for  
details.**



On St Patrick's Day, we had  
a birthday celebration for our  
102-year-old member,  
Erwin Stark.

Congratulations Erv!





## State Convention

Orlando, Florida  
May 22-25, 2024

**REGISTER NOW**

The 118th Annual Convention of the Florida State Elks Association will be held at the Rosen Centre, 9840 International Drive, Orlando, Florida, 32819, May 23-26, 2024. The cutoff date for reservations is 5:00pm April 22 or when sold out. Reservations are being accepted through the Rosen Centre reservations link on the Florida State Elks website at [www.floridaelks.org](http://www.floridaelks.org).


### ELK OF THE MONTH - MARCH

#### LINDA HAMBLY



Linda Hamby joined our Lodge after attending the 2022 Blind Auction. She was so impressed with the event that she knew she wanted to be involved. Since then, she has helped me with every Lodge project. She has tirelessly cooked tacos on many Thursday nights. And, has helped in the kitchen whenever asked. She is a good friend and a great volunteer

## LODGE OF SORROW



Ronald Loiselle    12/2/2023

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Jim Charles - #5061

IS APPLYING FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP



## 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 starting Bingo.

## 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            7:00pm  
I Got it Bingo 7:30pm


### IT'S BACK!



## THURSDAY



Every Thursday Night is Tacos Night  
Only \$6 (5 – 7pm)  
Two Hard Shell Tacos or Taco Salad Bowl  
with Chips & Sour Cream & Salsa  
Music by Melody  
from 5 to 8pm  
Proceeds benefit Youth Activities.



## Music Bingo

The FOURTH Wednesday  
each month.    7 - 9pm

**\$5 TO PLAY      3 GAMES**

### \*\*\* 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 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.

Georgia Green.....5/24  
Bill Davidson.....6/24  
John Schumann.....6/24  
Kathy Burns.....6/24  
Don Burns.....6/24  
Barbara Hennessey.....8/24  
George Wagner.....824  
Donald Harvey.....9/24  
William Morrow.....10/24  
Richard Lessard.....10/24  
Joseph Beauchamp.....11/24  
Patricia Hughes.....11/24  
Diane Sharp ER.....11/24



Cal Stone.....12/24  
Dennis Halloran.....1/25  
Richard Ribidoux.....1/25  
Dennis Varone.....1/25  
Bob Beach.....2/25  
John Loschiavo.....2/25  
Russell Burke.....2/25  
Patty Schuyler.....3/25  
Paul Schuyler.....3/25  
Gary Allen.....3/25  
JoAnn Fries.....3/25  
Alfred Howes.....5/25  
Gary Allen.....6/25

Linda Harper.....8/25  
William Morrow.....11/25  
Alfred Howes.....12/25  
Kathy Sanford.....1/26  
Mike Sullivan.....3/26  
Alice Wallace.....4/26  
Jim Garthwaite.....6/26  
Anonymous.....3/27  
Eva Beaudoin.....6/27  
Lucille Stout.....7/27  
Barbara Sofarelli.....8/27  
Mike Sofarelli.....8/27  
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  
Bernadine Vehrs.....12/38  
Daniel MacIntosh.....4/45



# APRIL 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p><b>REMEMBER</b> All Thursday entertainers play for tips only. Food proceeds go to Lodge Projects</p>	<p>1</p> <p>LUNCH 12 - 2:00 PM BINGO 1:00 pm Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pasta &amp; More 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by MELODY 5 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>BOD Meeting 6:00 pm PER 6:30 Lodge Meeting 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>TACO NIGHT (Tacos or Taco Salad) 5 to 7:00 pm Music by Melody 5 to 8 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by AL RUGGERIO 6 to 9:00 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>OFFICER INSTALLATION DINNER 4:00 PM</b>  QUEEN 7:00 I Got It Bingo 7:30  Belly Buster Hot Dogs</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Lodge open 12 - 8:00 pm Bloody Marys \$2.00 until gone</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Lunch 12 - 2:00 pm BINGO 1:00 pm Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>Euchre - 1:00 pm</b> Pasta &amp; More 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by DINO 5 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p><b>House Committee Meeting 6:30 PM</b></p>	<p>11</p> <p><b>ORIENTATION 5:00 PM</b> TACO NIGHT (Tacos or Taco Salad) 5 to 7:00 pm Music by Melody 5 to 8 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by JACKIE V 6 to 9:00 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p><b>SUPER SATURDAY</b> QUEEN 7:00 I Got It Bingo 7:30  Belly Buster Hot Dogs</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Lodge open 12 - 8:00 pm Bloody Marys \$2.00 until gone <b>Veteran Comm. Meeting 10:00am</b> <b>PER Installation 2pm Holiday Isles</b></p>	<p>15</p> <p>Lunch 12 - 2:00 pm BINGO 1:00 PM Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Pasta &amp; More 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by AT LARGE 5 - 8:00 pm <b>VETERANS WEEK</b></p>	<p>17</p> <p>BOD Meeting 6:00 pm Lodge Meeting 7:30 p.m. <b>INITIATION of New Members</b></p>	<p>18</p> <p>TACO NIGHT (Tacos or Taco Salad) 5 to 7:00 pm Music by Melody 5 to 8 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by DINO 6 to 9:00 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>SUPER SATURDAY</b> QUEEN 7:00 I Got It Bingo 7:30  Belly Buster Hot Dogs</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Lodge open 12 - 8:00 pm Bloody Marys \$2.00 until gone Veterans committee meeting 10:00 am</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Lunch 12 - 2:00 pm BINGO 1:00 PM Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p> <p><b>Euchre - 1:00 pm</b> Pasta &amp; More 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by BOOTS &amp; LACE 5 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Music Bingo 7-9 PM</p>	<p>25</p> <p>TACO NIGHT (Tacos or Taco Salad) 5 to 7:00 pm Music by Melody 5 to 8 pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by BILL CASTNER 6 to 9:00 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>SUPER SATURDAY</b> QUEEN 7:00 I Got It Bingo 7:30  Belly Buster Hot Dogs</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Lodge open 12 - 8:00 pm Bloody Marys \$2.00 until gone</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Lunch 12 - 2:00 pm BINGO 1:00 PM Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Pasta &amp; More 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by 5 - 8:00 pm</p>				



Registration is now open for Florida Elks Veterans who wish to attend the 2024 Parade of Heroes trip to Washington, D.C. November 8 – 10, 2024. Please go to the website for more information and to sign up.

<https://www.floridaelks.org/veterans-historic-program/parade-of-heroes>

Donations are also being accepted to assist with the cost of the Veterans. (Caregivers/spouse/signification others pay their own way.) Donations

payable to Florida Elks Charities can be sent to Parade of Heroes Committee Member Jan Gens, St. Petersburg Lodge, 2675 66th St. N, St. Petersburg, FL 33710.



## VETERANS' SERVICES



You may have seen the 8x8 paver on the display case in the lobby. This is an example of the bricks that will be placed in the area around our Elk to honor your loved ones. Although we would like all Military, you can honor any loved one. The pavers can be purchased for \$60.00. Pick up a purchase form at the bar or in the office. Fill out the form and submit it to the bar along with payment, either cash or credit card. Please print your information legibly, as someone will have to read it on the other end to make up the brick. Please feel free to call me with any questions. My number is on the form. We have only sold 20 so far, and we have to reach 170 to complete the project.

We are hoping to have veterans from Sodalis Nursing Home in the house in April on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Please stop by and welcome them.

There are several events coming up in the upcoming months. Saturday, April 6th from 9 to 1:00 pm is the Veterans Stand Down for homeless vets. This is held in the Veterans Courtyard at Bay Pines. Hopefully, next year we can get a Grant to provide breakfast for them. There are flyers in the Veterans Room explaining the Stand Down.

On April 28th from 12 to 2 pm at the Wounded Warriors Abilities Ranch in Pinellas Park, the Vietnam Americans from all our neighboring communities will be having an event to honor the sacrifices of the Republic of Vietnam and all of its allies, like America. It is a free event, there will be food provided.

On May 4th there will be a Woman's Veterans baby shower at Bay Pines, more to follow.

On May 30th is a free Dental Veteran's Clinic in Lakeland for all veterans. You must pre-register. There are flyers in the Veterans room.

Also, on May 30th the Veterans Committee will be participating and providing water during the City of Largo's Memorial Day ceremonies at Largo Central Park.

As you walk through the Veterans Room to the dining room, I hope many of you look at the veterans wall of pictures honoring our Largo Elks Veterans. As you can see, it is filling up; but there is plenty of room left for all our other veterans. If you are a veteran of any service, please get me a 5x7 picture of you preferably in uniform. If you do

~~see VETERANS, next column

## AROUND THE LOUNGE by Marcia Lowe

Boy! Do we know how to be Irish? The 6th Annual Pot of Gold party was a huge success. The goals were met. All 500 tickets were sold. Twenty-two people won a share of the pot. The big winner of the \$1,000.00 prize went to our new chef, Harold Campbell. Jeanne Reinhart PDDGER won \$500, and a bingo player won the \$250 pot. Congratulations to all the winners.

Cynthia Paxhia, our lodge secretary, was crowned Queen for the Day as she sold over 100 tickets. This event had many, many, great supporters this year. I want to thank Bob Behm, Sandy Behm, and Shirley Krieger. Combined, they also sold 100 tickets. Thanks to those of you who always take tickets and sell them. There are too many to list, but know this, I know who you are. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! I have the best team of bartenders who all worked to make this event happen, but a big thank you to Robin for selling over 60 tickets. A special thanks to all those busy leprechauns who arrived early and helped set up and worked tirelessly throughout the day. First Dude, Wayne Roberts, did an excellent job cooking, and his special crew were in the kitchen dishing it up. Thanks to everyone. It truly takes a village to pull off such an event. And thank you to all our members for doing your part in making it successful. Thank you, Jimmy, for having a louder voice than me.

At 2:30 we took a short break to celebrate the birthday of our own 102-year-old leprechaun, Erwin Stark. Family, friends, and elks all sang happy birthday, and he gave a short speech about his life. Special guests, Rudy and Dolly Masi were on hand to celebrate with him. Thank you, Erwin, for sharing your birthday with us. Keep on doing whatever it is you are doing right for these past 102 years.

Thank you again, and I will be back for our 7th Pot of Gold in 2025.

Marcia, Bar Manager

## ~~VETERANS, continued from previous column

not have a photo in uniform, you can wear a ball cap with your service branch on the cap and take a photo. On the back of the picture put your name, rank, branch of service and years served. If you were in a conflict, you can add that on the back also. Remember this wall is to honor your service to your country!

Thank you all, and God bless America!  
Bob Behm Veteran Chair



**Photos from the St Paddy Pot Of Gold Event. Great turnout!!  
Additional photos are on our Lodge Facebook page, so be sure to check them out.**



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Menus and more.

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

## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 2023 - 2024

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

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman.....TBD  
Exalted Ruler...Aurora Griesler-Jones PER  
Leading Knight.....Hans Francis  
Loyal Knight.....TBD  
Lecturing Knight.....TBD  
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.....Wayne Smith  
2 Year trustee.....Eric Salabay  
1 Year trustee.....TBD

### HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chairman.....TBD  
Kathy Huffstutter, Georgia Green,  
Gloria Todd, Ed Cabana, Sandy Behm,  
Shirley Krieger, Eli Rodriguez

### MANAGERS

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

### COMMITTEES

Americanism..... TBD  
Auditing & Acctg.....Mike Clark  
Bingo.....Georgia Greene  
Budget.....Board of Directors  
Bulletin Editor.....Kathy Traina  
By-Laws.....PER Assoc. of Largo 2159  
Charity Games.....Steve Lenowicz  
Comm. Projects & Activities.....TBD  
Drug Awareness.....TBD  
ENF Scholarships.....TBD  
Elks Training.....Sonja Lopez DDGER  
Entertainment...Aurora Griesler-Jones PER  
Facebook.....Kathy Traina  
Flag day.....Jan Rogers PER  
Fraternal.....TBD  
Govt. Relations.....Lee Acosta  
Grants.....Jeanne Reinhart PDD

Greeters.....Lee Acosta  
Harry-Anna Trust Fund.....Mardy Oleski  
Hoop Shoot.....TBD  
Interlodge Visitation.....Kathy Traina  
Investigations.....Pat Thoele  
Lapsation.....TBD  
Lodge Activties.....Board of Directors  
Lodge Advisor.....JoAnne Matos PDD  
Lodge Bookings.....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.....TBD  
Photographer.....Hans Francis,  
Kathy Traina  
Presidential Memorial Cert.....TBD  
Presiding Justice.....David Partlow  
Public Relations.....Steve Lenowicz  
Ritual.....Jeanne Reinhart PDD  
Safety Officer.....TBD  
Soccer Shoot.....TBD  
Veterans' Services .....Robert Behm  
Web Master.....Steven Leonowicz  
Youth Activities..... TBD