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THE ELK NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM EXALTED RULER

Greetings Fellow Elks!

I hope you all have been enjoying those “lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer”; however, our Lodge has not been “lazy”! We hosted many exciting events this summer, particularly our Independence Day BBQ commemorating our Country’s historic 250th Birthday and our “Christmas in July” events.

We attended the 161st Elks National Convention in Chicago from July 4 to July 8. Over 7,000 members from around the nation celebrated one of the most powerful moments in our Order’s history - the 100th Anniversary Ceremony of the Elks National Memorial and Headquarters constructed in Chicago in 1926. We experienced this inspiring event with a tour of this historic building, Grand Lodge sessions, exhibits, seminars, Hoop Shoot national finals, and a memorable celebration honoring service, unity, and Elkdom pride. I was pleased to return from this convention with exciting revelations and history to share with our Lodge members, as well as implementing new programs and ideas.

Through our partnership with the local Village Green School food pantry, we purchased food and hygiene products for our community’s children and families in need. This will be an ongoing program. We have included our Lodge’s Committees to help support this program, by joining together in this community project. “Elks Care, Elks Share.”

We are excited to host a fundraiser dinner dance on August 8th, to benefit the Port St. Lucie Police Athletic League, in collaboration with the “Treasure Coast 10-13 Club”, a fraternal association of retired NYC law enforcement. We are looking forward to substantial participation, which will include our Elks members, members of the 10-13 Club, PAL representatives, and law enforcement officers and officials.

Elks are unified and committed to advocating for those in need of assistance (both within our community and within our Elks family), charity, patriotism, and supporting veterans and youth. This is our core mission and the dedication of our Lodge, made possible with the support of our volunteers.

Please consider becoming a sustainable donor to either the ENF or the Harry-Anna Trust Fund, their official “monthly giving” programs to support youth, veterans, community grants and scholarships. Visit the website, Elks.org.

We encourage our members to become involved in our Lodge’s success, sponsor new members, and attend lodge meetings. Let your voices be heard ... we welcome hearing from you!

Fraternally,

Art Lander, Exalted Ruler





Elk of the Month



AUGUST

I have chosen **LISA WILDERS**

For **AUGUSTS**
ELK OF THE MONTH.

Lisa Wilders is originally from Brooklyn, New York. She moved to Port St Lucie in 2012 when she married her husband John.

Lisa has a very good work ethic and she is always willing to help out anywhere at the lodge, whenever she is available.

You will see Lisa waitressing for the lodge, as well as being a greeter at the door on some Wednesday nights. She also helps with selling 50/50 tickets or raffle basket tickets at events when asked. You can always count on Lisa to help with anything that is needed.

Since joining the Elks, She has encountered many wonderful people who have become great friends and they have made her all feel welcomed.

It is my pleasure to appoint Lisa Wilders as

ELK OF THE MONTH!

*If your Birthday is in August don't forget to come into your lodge for your **FREE** drink!*



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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Hello, to all our fellow Elk members. We are excited to report that we have reduced our delinquent membership from 198 members to fewer than 80! This is a tremendous accomplishment, made possible through the dedication and hard work of our Membership Committee. Our volunteers have spent countless hours making phone calls, sending text messages, and emailing members to encourage renewals while continuing to welcome new members into our Lodge family.

We are also looking forward to hosting Tuesday Night Dinner on August 18. We hope you'll join us for a great evening of food, fellowship, and fun!

Mark your calendars for September 26 when we'll be hosting our Membership Meet & Greet. It's going to be an incredibly fun event, and we can't wait to share more details with you. Stay tuned!

Please continue spreading the word about our amazing Elks Lodge. Invite your friends, neighbors, and family to experience everything our Lodge has to offer. With your help, we're confident we can achieve our goal of 1,000 members!

Together, we're making our Lodge stronger—one member at a time!

Veronica Montoya
Membership Committee Chair

LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY - 4 PM / TUESDAY - 2:30 PM
WEDNESDAY - 4 PM / THURSDAY - 2:30 PM
FRIDAY & SATURDAY - 4 PM
SUNDAY - CLOSED

TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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NOTICE



Pool League meets every Monday night at the lodge.

Pool starts at 6:30pm and random drawing for Players begins.

All members are invited.



Bowling league meets every Monday night at

7PM. At St. Lucie Lanes on US1



HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Greetings to All from our Lodge House Committee!

We are still in the midst of summer, with this year's sweltering Florida temperatures, warm surfs, vacations, socializing, and those occasional seasonal rainy bursts. Soon we will be sharing the roadways with school buses, as the carefree summer winds down and we return to the more structured lifestyle.

July was a special historic month, as we patriotically celebrated the 250th anniversary of America's independence with our July 4th BBQ. We also celebrated a "Christmas in July" themed Ladies' Luncheon, a joyful afternoon with many ladies decked out in their holiday attire. We extended the Christmas theme with our annual dinner dance with the traditional holiday turkey dinner and the Lodge decorated with Christmas trees and festive adornments.

Also in July, we were proud to have the opportunity to host a special luncheon to support our new DDGER Marge Spera and welcomed DVP Kevin Edes.

Our chefs will be preparing specialty Tuesday night dinners, and we look forward to seeing you all there. On the menu this month will be Meatloaf, Chicken Piccata with Pasta, and Cobb Salad with a Tomato Orzo Brie Soup. Reserve your Tuesday nights for dinner at the Lodge and enjoy the companionship of your fellow Elks.

Some exciting events are scheduled for the month of August:

- PSL Police Athletic League Fundraiser Dinner Dance on August 8th.
- Game Night on August 10th, where the house will be loud with competitiveness.
- Our Summer Ladies Luncheon is on August 17th, with raffles and games.
- Veterans' Dinner Dance on August 25th.
- Victory Casino Day Cruise on August 29th.

The House Committee meets twice a month, focusing on various topics and solutions for the welfare of our Lodge, in addition to the planning of dinners and events for the entertainment of our members. In the interim, we also routinely communicate for further discussions. Please feel free to attend our monthly public meeting, as your questions, suggestions and input are always welcome.

Thank you to all our volunteers and to our members for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing everyone at our "Friendly Lodge" for this month's events!

JoAnne Cassels-Lander
House Committee Chairman

VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

This segment is dedicated to the 2 individuals that have made it very possible for our committees to do what they do!

Thank you, Exalted Ruler Art Lander and Past Exalted Ruler Thomas Randazzo.

As we, the Veterans and the Colorguard Committees continue to do good things for our Lodge, we continue to strive to keep our pride high. This newsletter is not about the Veterans or Colorguard Committees; it's about 2 amazing leaders.

The first day I met them both, their guidance paved a path for me. They both saw something in me. They gave me encouragement and the room to grow and allow our committees to build and expand. It has opened a lot of doors, and now we have a full Veterans Committee and a full Colorguard Committee. Both committees are doing wonderful things for our Lodge, Veterans, and Flags. Our E.R. and P.E.R., have both worked hard to make our lodge what it is. Thank you both!

I would also like to welcome to our Veterans Committee; Joanna Dulasjy, Terry Haeseker, and our new Colorguard Commander Lauri Archibald! If you are interested in becoming a member of either committee, please reach out to Kathy at 772-203-6684.

Kathy Borrelli
Chair of the Veterans & Colorguard Committees



A Word from THE ANONYMOUS ELK

During the previous few Wednesday nights leading up to the 50/50 Drawing and the Queen of Hearts drawing, many people are still talking during the announcements when they really should be paying attention and giving the speakers the courtesy of being quiet and respectful. It's only a few minutes out of the entire night!

The people making various announcements take the time to put their speeches together to inform everyone of past and upcoming events, and it is very wrong to not give them the few minutes they need to cover these items.

We have some great and dedicated volunteers who deserve to be recognized for all they do for us, and it's disrespectful to them when you don't listen and give them a deserved hand of applause.

By doing this you could miss out on the information, and then miss some fun and interesting events and meetings. Such as the Lodge Meetings where it seems people just aren't attending to stay informed.

On a positive note, we do have some folks who try to remind people to stop and listen when the announcements are being made, and they are a credit to the Lodge for doing this!

And as always, remember ELKS CARE ELKS SHARE!



“What it means to ME to be an ELK!”

I have been a member and a volunteer of our Elks Lodge for two years. Originally from Massachusetts and Virginia, I moved to Port St. Lucie in 2004. A friend introduced me to this lodge, knowing that I would enjoy the activities.

One of the things that impressed me about our lodge was the many events and activities that I can participate in. The fun events kept me coming back!

I enjoy volunteering as front desk greeter, helping wherever I am needed, and especially at Friday night bingo. Volunteering introduces me to many people, and I have made new friends. Everyone I meet is outgoing and interested in other members, and I appreciate the kindness and friendliness. We call our lodge the “Friendly Lodge”, and it truly is.

Our members make me feel welcome, invite me to sit with them, and include me in their conversations. That is very important to me, and I am happy to be a member of this lodge.

By Ruth O’Brien

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To solve a sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows, and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes with bold borders without creating any repetitions in any column, row, or box.

PORT ST. LUCIE ELKS LODGE
2658

★ FIRST & THIRD ★
THURSDAYS
OF EVERY MONTH
IS THE LODGE MEETING
★ 7:30 P.M. ★

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****CHECK TIMES when LODGE OPENS.**
ON CALENDAR.**

AUGUST 2026

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 LODGE CLOSED	3 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM POOL LEAGUE 6:30 PM 2nd Chance Drawing 7PM	4 LOUNGE OPENS 2:30 PM Tuesday Dinner Meatloaf Dinner \$13. PP + Tax 6 PM	5 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM VETERANS 9AM Breakfast BURGER NIGHT 5-7PM QUEEN OF HEARTS 7 PM TRIVIA 7:30 PM	6 LOUNGE OPENS 2:30 PM Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM	7 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM BINGO EARLY BIRD 6:00 PM REGULAR 7 PM FOOD AVAILABLE 5 - 7pm	8 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM 10-13 CLUB P.A.L. Fundraiser <i>See Flyer for Info</i>
9 LODGE CLOSED	10 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM GAME Night 6:30 PM POOL LEAGUE 6:30 2nd Chance Drawing 7PM	11 LOUNGE OPENS 2:30 PM Tuesday Dinner Chicken Piccata \$16. PP + Tax 6 PM	12 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM VET'S COFFEE 9 AM Vets Committee & Color Guard meet 11:30 BURGER NIGHT 5-7PM QUEEN OF HEARTS 7 TRIVIA 7:30 PM	13 LOUNGE OPENS 2:30 PM House Committee Meeting 6 PM	14 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM BINGO EARLY BIRD 6:00 PM REGULAR 7 PM FOOD AVAILABLE 5 - 7pm	15 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM
16 LODGE CLOSED	17 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM Ladies Luncheon 11:30AM / \$11.PP POOL LEAGUE 6:30 2nd Chance Drawing 7PM	18 LOUNGE OPENS 2:30 PM Tuesday Dinner Chicken Tortilla Soup & Beef Taco Salad 13.PP + Tax 6PM ELKS MOTORCYCLE RIDERS MEETING 7 PM	19 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM VET'S COFFEE 9 AM BURGER NIGHT 5-7PM QUEEN OF HEARTS 7 PM TRIVIA 7:30 PM	20 LOUNGE OPENS 2:30 PM BOD Meeting 6:30 PM NO LODGE MEETING	21 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM BINGO EARLY BIRD 6:00 PM REGULAR 7 PM FOOD AVAILABLE 5 - 7pm	22 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM
23 LODGE CLOSED	24 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM POOL LEAGUE 6:30 PM 2nd Chance Drawing 7PM	25 LOUNGE OPENS 2:30 PM Elk's Veterans Tuesday Dinner Pork Chops \$16. PP + Tax 6 PM	26 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM VET'S COFFEE 9 AM BURGER NIGHT 5-7PM QUEEN OF HEARTS 7 PM TRIVIA 7:30 PM	27 LOUNGE OPENS 2:30 PM Orientation & Initiation of New Members 6 PM	28 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM BINGO EARLY BIRD 6:00 PM REGULAR 7 PM FOOD AVAILABLE 5 - 7pm	29 VICTORY Casino Cruise <i>See Flyer for Info</i>
30 LODGE CLOSED	31 LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM POOL LEAGUE 6:30 2nd Chance Drawing 7PM	**** NON-MEMBERS are NOT PERMITTED to purchase ALCOHOLIC Drinks. This responsibility is left to the Elk Member. A signed Membership Card will be presented to the Bartender to Purchase ALCOHOLIC Drinks. Thank you! ****				





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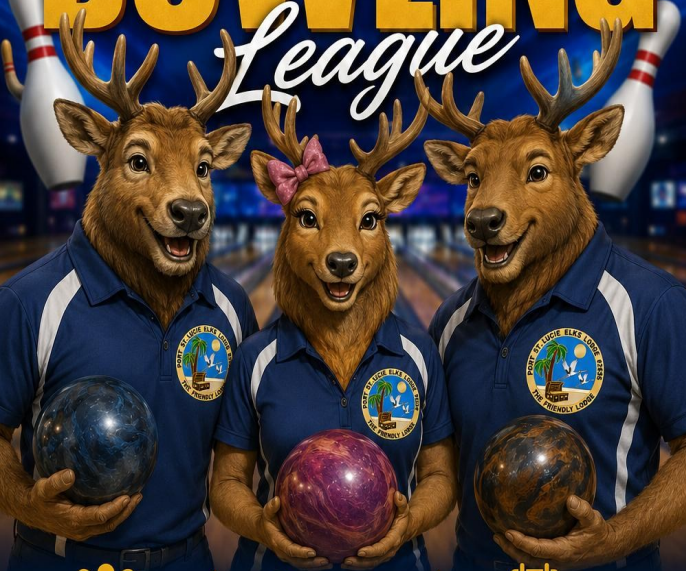
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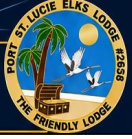
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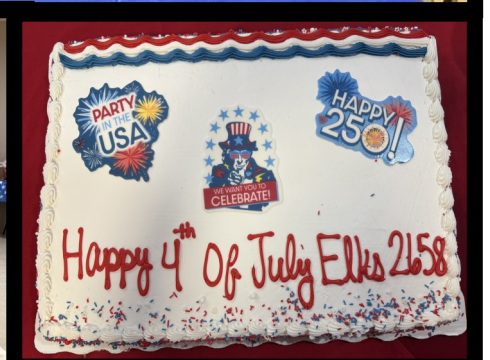
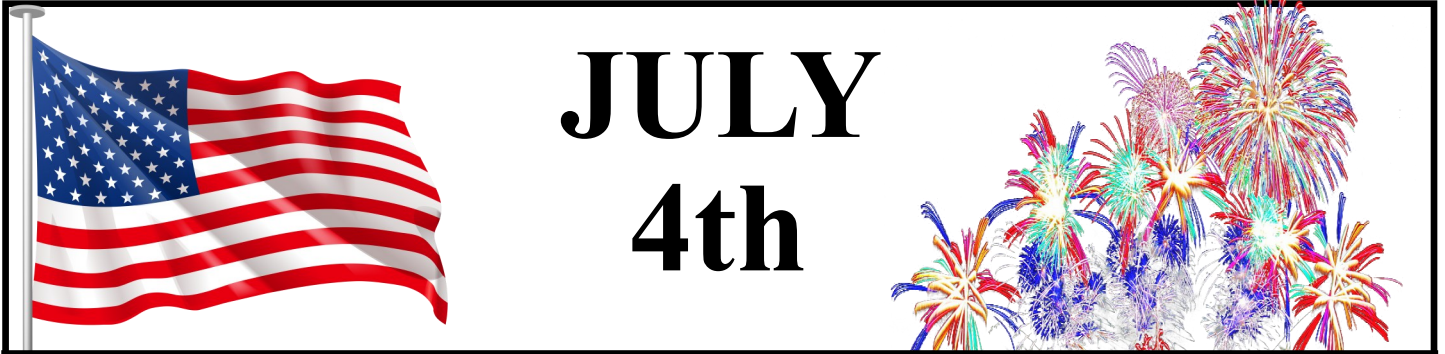
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