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# **THE ELK NEWS**



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### **LODGE OFFICERS**

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Joanne Cassels Lander

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Kelly-Jo Dugas

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Marge Spera, PDDGER

### **TRUSTEES**

- 1 Year - April Barth
- 2 Year - Ed Iraci
- 3 Year - Vicki Rodriguez
- 4 Year - William Repoli, PER
- 5 Year - Thomas Randazzo, PER

### **MESSAGE FROM EXALTED RULER**



Greetings Fellow Elks!

“Teamwork” is the collaborative effort of individuals working together, combining their unique skills and perspectives, to achieve a shared goal or complete a task more effectively than working alone. Doing so requires communication, mutual respect, and shared commitment to both the process and the outcome. It is about synergy, where combined efforts produce a greater result, driven by unity and shared responsibility. The outcomes are increased productivity and a supportive environment.

Diverse perspectives spark creativity and problem-solving. With individual perspectives, we must develop the ability to constructively address disagreements, focusing on solutions vs. adversity. Accountability is distributed, reducing individual pressures. We value diverse inputs and strive to create a supportive atmosphere to our members, volunteers and staff.

The “Common Goal”, a shared understanding of the objectives of our Lodge and a clear understanding of our individual responsibilities within it, results in success. We must strive to align our goals and projects to ensure everyone embraces a similar dedication.

Teamwork in the Elks organization is the cornerstone of its charitable mission, relying on collaboration between our Officers, Committees and Members, to run a successful Lodge, events and community programs. It is integral to foster a supportive environment where volunteers, veterans and community leaders work together to support youth, veterans and local causes.

We are proud of our charitable work, which is the core of our Elks way of life, and also promoting activities and events to support the social aspect of our Lodge.

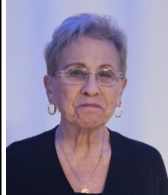
The collaborative approach is driven by the core principles of Brotherly Love and Fidelity, creating a solid bond among our members, while also assuring positive changes in our community.

Fraternally yours,  
Art Lander, Exalted Ruler





# Elk of the Month



## MARCH

I have chosen **GERI CATALANO** for **MARCH'S ELK OF THE MONTH.**

Geri was born in Brooklyn, New York. She was a Hairdresser for 15 years. She then went on to work for Luitpold Pharmaceuticals Inc. in Shirley, Long Island, and became Assistant Supervisor of Production. She retired to Florida in 2004.

She has one daughter, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Her family is her pride and joy.



Geri joined the Elks in 2024. She is always joyfully and energetically willing to assist in any capacity within our Lodge. She always has a smile and is ready to lend a helping hand. Geri is an integral part in the decoration of the Lodge for our events and holidays.

It is my pleasure to appoint Geri as Elk of the Month! Thank you for all you do, Geri!



If your **Birth**day is in March don't forget to come into your lodge for your **FREE** drink!

**PORT ST. LUCIE ELKS MOTORCYCLE RIDERS**  
 Meet every 3rd Tuesday Night at 7pm  
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 FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE  
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Please be advised that if you are at the Lodge or attend a function of the Lodge your photo may be published in the *Elks News* or on our webpage and/or Facebook. Published by PSL Elks Lodge #2658, PER, Thomas Randazzo

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

They say it takes a village — and in our case, it truly took a Lodge to bring our Lofty Goals to fruition. Never before had there been a membership drive where a specific goal was set and then surpassed three times over! We cast a clear vision, even created a thermometer to track our progress, and watched with excitement as the numbers continued to rise.

When we first set our sights on welcoming 25 new members in one month, we believed that goal was ambitious and bold. Yet what unfolded exceeded anything we imagined. Not only did we reach that milestone — we soared past it. To date, we have gained **72 new members... and counting!** This extraordinary accomplishment speaks volumes about the heart, dedication, and unity within our Lodge.

I could not be more proud of the incredible work our Membership Committee team accomplished. Each member played an instrumental role in making this vision a reality. Their energy, follow-through, and commitment to strengthening our Lodge made all the difference. This success belongs to every one of them.

I am deeply grateful for the encouragement and leadership of our ER, Art Landers, whose support fueled our momentum, as well as our DDGER, Rick Barth, for his guidance and belief in our efforts. A special thank you to April Barth, who from the very beginning offered her unwavering support and took the time to teach me the ropes. I am also sincerely thankful for Sandy and Bud Legere, who stood beside me from day one — cheering me on and lifting me up whenever I needed it most.

There is a long list of individuals who helped make this incredible month possible, and in the coming months we will be sure to recognize and celebrate each of them for their contributions. Together, we have demonstrated what is possible when a Lodge unites behind a shared vision. The future of our membership is bright, and this is only the beginning.

With gratitude and pride,

Veronica Montoya  
Membership Committee Chair



**WEDNESDAY'S ARE BURGER NIGHT!!**  
**5PM - 7PM**

Food Friends Fun  
 at the Lodge

**Queen of Hearts**  
**At 7:00pm**  
 Elk Members Only Can Play!



### HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Greetings to All from our Lodge House Committee!

The past month was filled with activity. The Elks returned from their week of Cruising. It was an exciting and memorable experience. Our travel agent was extraordinary in working with us through all the planning and many requests, and generously hosted two Happy Hours for us.

On Super Bowl Sunday, the Lodge was, as expected, "quite lively and loud"! Everyone brought in dishes to share; the amount and variety of food and desserts were tremendous.

Our popular Neil Diamond Tribute Dinner Dance on Valentine's Day was truly an enjoyable evening. We sang to all those songs we fondly remember and love, and the dinner was delicious.

March is sure to be an eventful and interesting month. Some of the highlights of the events are (see the calendar for all the events):

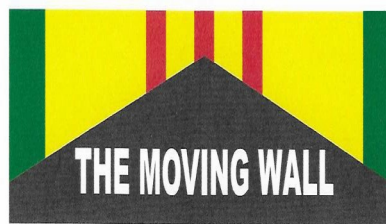
- We are excited to present the P.E.R.'s "Night at the Races" on March 7. It will be an "energetically charged" night you don't want to miss!
- Our Ladies Luncheon is on March 16 with homemade Chicken Soup (the quintessential comfort food) on the menu.
- The St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance on March 17 features, of course, Corn Beef & Cabbage, and music by Big T.
- We will also be hosting an "Appreciation Day for our Volunteers" on March 22. We look forward to showing our gratitude to our awesome volunteers, who are integral in all aspects of our activities and operations.
- On March 28, we will hold our New Officers Installation Ceremony and Dinner.

Our Lodge is seeking an Organist to volunteer to play the organ at our monthly Lodge meetings. Please contact the ER if you are interested.

We appreciate your continuous support, and I look forward to seeing you at "Our Friendly Lodge"!

JoAnne Cassels-Lander  
House Committee Chairman

### VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT



PSL Elks Lodge 2658

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall will be on display at Whickam Park, 2500 Parkway Drive, Melbourne, Florida from May 3<sup>rd</sup> to May 11<sup>th</sup> as part of the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual All Veteran's Reunion which will take place May 7<sup>th</sup> to May 10<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in attending, please sign up below.  
Deadline for sign up is April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.  
Veterans and their spouses ride for free.

For more information, Call Doris Colantoni: 617-247-6130

### LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION

**MONDAY - 6 PM / TUESDAY - 2:30 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY - 4 PM / THURSDAY - 2:30 PM**  
**FRIDAY & SATURDAY - 4 PM**  
**SUNDAY - CLOSED**

**TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**PHONE NUMBERS:**

**BAR & RESERVATIONS 772-335-3557**

**SECRETARY & TREASURER 772-335-3517**

**IF NO ANSWER, PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NUMBER "SPEAK CLEARLY"**

#### 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



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## Attend Meetings



**1st & 3rd Thursdays**  
**Of each month**  
**7:30 p.m.**

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**Elks #2658**  
**ARMCHAIR HORSE RACES**  
**March 7th at 6:00pm**



Membership Drive!!

"Horse Races will be shown on a 12 feet Screen"

**Bar Munchies**  
**Available for Purchase**

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**Ladies Luncheon**  
**March 16th**  
**11:30a.m.**



**On the Menu:**  
**CHICKEN SOUP**

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**  
 772-335-3557

**3 COURSE MEAL \$11.00 PP + TAX**

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**MARCH 21ST**  
**7:00PM**

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**INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS**  
*Ceremony & Dinner*

**March 28**  
**Ceremony at 5:00pm**  
**Dinner at 6:00pm**  
**Open to all Elk Members**

**\*\*MUST CALL TO RESERVE\*\***  
 772-335-3557

Music by: DJ Jo-Jo



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# *St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance*

## **March 17**

## **6:00pm**



**\$35.00  
+ tax pp**

**Advanced Ticket  
Purchase Required!**

*3 Course Meal!*  
**Corned Beef  
and Cabbage**

**Music by:  
BIG T**

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

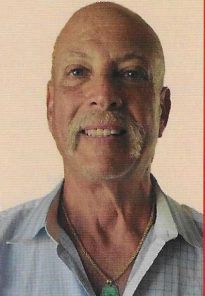
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>LODGE CLOSED</b>	2 <u>LOUNGE OPENS 6 PM</u> POOL LEAGUE 6:30 PM	3 <u>LOUNGE OPENS 2:30 PM</u> Tuesday Dinner 1/2 Chicken \$16.PP +tax 6 PM <b>ELKS MOTORCYCLE RIDERS MEETING 7 PM</b>	4 <u>LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM</u> <u>VETERANS Breakfast 9 AM</u> <u>BURGER NIGHT 5-7PM</u> <u>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7 PM</u> <u>TRIVIA &amp; LINE DANCING</u>	5 <u>LOUNGE OPENS 2:30 PM</u> <b>Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM</b>	6 <u>LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM</u> <b>BINGO</b> EARLY BIRD 6:00 PM REGULAR 7 PM FOOD AVAILABLE 5-7pm	7 <u>LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM</u> <i>Armchair Horse Races!</i> Races Start: 6 PM Bar munchies available
8 <b>LODGE CLOSED</b>	9 <u>LOUNGE OPENS 6 PM</u> <b>BUNCO Night 6:30 PM \$12. PP B.Y.O. Snacks</b> POOL LEAGUE 6:30 PM	10 <u>LOUNGE OPENS 2:30 PM</u> Tuesday Dinner Stuffed Fish \$16.PP +tax 6 PM	11 <u>LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM</u> <u>VET'S COFFEE 9 AM</u> Committee 10:30 Color Guard Practice 11:30 <u>BURGER NIGHT 5-7PM</u> <u>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7</u> <u>TRIVIA at the BAR</u>	12 <u>LOUNGE OPENS 2:30 PM</u> <b>House Committee Meeting 6 PM</b>	13 <u>LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM</u> <b>BINGO</b> EARLY BIRD 6:00 PM REGULAR 7 PM FOOD AVAILABLE 5-7pm	14 <b>LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM</b>
15 <b>LODGE CLOSED</b>	16 <u>LOUNGE OPENS 6 PM</u> <b>Ladies Luncheon 11:30AM / \$11. +tax</b> POOL LEAGUE 6:30 PM	17 <u>LOUNGE OPENS 2:30 PM</u> <b>St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance \$35. +tax PP 6 PM</b>	18 <u>LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM</u> <u>VET'S COFFEE 9 AM</u> <u>BURGER NIGHT 5-7PM</u> <u>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7 PM</u> <u>TRIVIA &amp; LINE DANCING</u>	19 <u>LOUNGE OPENS 2:30 PM</u> <b>BOD Meeting 6:30 PM Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM</b>	20 <u>LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM</u> <b>BINGO</b> EARLY BIRD 6:00 PM REGULAR 7 PM FOOD AVAILABLE 5-7pm	21 <u>LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM</u> <b>SHOW ME THE MONEY STARTS AT 7 PM Bring your own snacks</b>
22 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner by Invitation Only <b>Lodge Closed</b>	23 <u>LOUNGE OPENS 6 PM</u> POOL LEAGUE 6:30 PM	24 <u>LOUNGE OPENS 2:30 PM</u> <b>Elk's Veterans Tuesday Dinner Chicken Francaise \$16.PP +tax / 6 PM</b>	25 <u>LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM</u> <u>VET'S COFFEE 9 AM</u> <u>BURGER NIGHT 5-7PM</u> <u>QUEEN OF HEARTS 7 PM</u> <u>TRIVIA at the BAR</u>	26 <u>LOUNGE OPENS 2:30 PM</u> <b>Orientation &amp; Initiation of New Members 6 PM</b>	27 <u>LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM</u> <b>BINGO</b> EARLY BIRD 6:00 PM REGULAR 7 PM FOOD AVAILABLE 5-7pm	28 <u>LOUNGE OPENS 4 PM</u> <b>Initiation of New Officers 5 PM Dinner 6 PM</b>
29 <b>LODGE CLOSED</b>	30 <u>LOUNGE OPENS 6 PM</u> POOL LEAGUE 6:30 PM	31 <u>LOUNGE OPENS 2:30 PM</u> Tuesday Dinner Stuff Peppers \$16.PP +tax 6 PM				

\*\*\*\* **NON-MEMBERS are NOT PERMITTED** to purchase ALCOHOLIC Drinks. This responsibility is left to the Elk Member.  
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