



Sun. Sept 2 - Labor Day
 Wed. Sept 4 - Book Inspection
 Thur & Fri Sep 13-14 FL Pres Visit
 Sunday-Sept 29 - Breakfast

Elks Care - Elks Share

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

SEPTEMBER 2024

Message from your Exalted Ruler



Aurora Griesler-Jones PER

Our lodge is composed of many good people. Together, we do great work. We donate generous gifts to our many charitable causes. Our belief in Elkdom provides our members with fellowship to accomplish these goals.

Therefore, I will dedicate myself to the job of seeing to handling all things we want our lodge to accomplish. We have many charities that depend on us.

Our snowbird Elks should start returning shortly, and we welcome them back.

We need our members, and we always need volunteers. I want to thank the members who already volunteer and are always coming forward and making good things happen in our lodge.

Our monthly Breakfast crew is a good example. Also, our Thursday night Taco & Pork Sandwich Crew. Thanks to Melody for donating her time on Thursday evenings.

Thanks to the Monday night Shuffle group – good time... and the Saturday night Queen and Got it Bingo groups who come out and enjoy our lodge.

We have our Tuesday spaghetti night and Friday night dinner people who come out and support these evenings of good food, music, and dancing.

Enjoy this time it passes so quickly—Smile—Be proud You are Elks of 2159
 Aurora Griesler Jones, PER, ER

**BREAKFAST
 AT LARGO ELKS #2159**



**SUNDAY, September 29th
 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



**SUNDAY at Largo
 Elks #2159**

**Watch the game at your
 lodge every Sunday!**

Bring your fellow Elks and friends!

10 Large TV's - NFL Package

Bloody Mary's - \$2.00 (until they run out)

**All-beef Belly Busters with all the Fixins!
 Cheeseburger Deluxe & Chips**

Snack on Soft Pretzels / Pizza

(No outside food permitted on Sundays)

Congratulations

To our newly elected Officers.

**Thank you for stepping up!
 Photos on page 5**

Please note: If you are getting a mailed bulletin, it is a shortened version to save printing/postage cost. The full bulletin is available from our website and contains a lot more information.

Sign up for the Weekly Email Blast at: Elks.org/2159. Or just "Google": Largo Elks Lodge. Clicking on the subscribe link will set you up to our webpage which has the links for the Bulletin & Calendar. Kathy Traina, Bulletin Editor Email: Largoelks@gmail.com

A limited lunch is now available at the bar daily from noon to 4:00.

Check with your bartender as to daily menu choices.

Chicken Salad or Tuna Salad Sandwich

(offered on alternate days)

**Cheesburger, Hotdog,
Above include chips
Cup or Bowl of Soup
Pizza
Soft Hot Pretzels.**



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

NO BINGO ON LABOR DAY



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

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

4th Wednesday of the month
7-9pm

MIXTAPE

SING ALONG TO THE SONGS

THE MUSIC YOU LOVE TO HEAR!

Bingo

\$5 TO PLAY
EXCLUDE ALL SWEETS
PRIZES TO 200

CANTON: Distances shown will express you to nearby which may cause incidents of drinking, hepatitis, energy and fuel

LIVE Music by Melody
5-8pm

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 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.

William Morrow.....10/24	Paul Schuyler.....3/25	Kathy Sanford.....1/26	Jim Quarles.....1/32
Richard Lessard.....10/24	Gary Allen.....3/25	Mike Sullivan.....3/26	Bill Bacon.....5/32
Joseph Beauchamp.....11/24	JoAnn Fries.....3/25	Alice Wallace.....4/26	Dave Mason.....1/33
Patricia Hughes.....11/24	Robert Bryce.....4/25	Jim Garthwaite.....6/26	Dallas Dinkins.....2/33
Diane Sharp ER.....11/24	Alfred Howes.....5/25	Anonymous.....3/27	DL&Dee Weidenmeyer.....9/33
Cal Stone.....12/24	Georgia Green.....5/25	Eva Beaudoin.....6/27	Pamela Crawford.....3/34
Dennis Halloran.....1/25	Robert Bryce.....5/25	Lucille Stout.....7/27	Bernadine Vehrs.....12/38
Richard Ribidoux.....1/25	Gary Allen.....6/25	Barbara Sofarelli.....8/27	Daniel MacIntosh.....4/45
Dennis Varone.....1/25	Mark Erickson.....6/25	Mike Sofarelli.....8/27	
Bob Beach.....2/25	Linda Harper.....8/25	John Plunket Memorial...2/29	
John Loschiavo.....2/25	Curtis Corbin.....8/25	Fred Baker.....1/31	
Russell Burke.....2/25	William Morrow.....11/25	Geo.&Kim Feaster.....3/31	
Patty Schuyler.....3/25	Alfred Howes.....12/25	Bill Reynolds.....10/31	

SEPTEMBER 2024

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p>1 Lodge open 12pm Bloody Marys \$2.00 until gone NFL SUNDAYS 10 Large TV's Food Available</p>	<p>2 NO BINGO TODAY Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m. LABOR DAY</p>	<p>3 Pasta & More 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by DINO 5 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>4 Book Inspection Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm</p>	<p>5 TACO NIGHT (Tacos or Taco Salad) 5 to 7:00 pm Music by Melody 5 to 8 pm</p>	<p>6 Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by SUE RICKERT 6 to 9:00 pm</p>	<p>7 SUPER SATURDAY QUEEN 7:00 I Got It Bingo 7:30 Belly Buster Hot Dogs</p>
<p>8 Lodge open 12pm Bloody Marys \$2.00 until gone NFL SUNDAYS 10 Large TV's Food Available</p>	<p>9 Lunch 12 - 2:00 pm BINGO 1:00 pm Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>10 Euchre - 1:00 pm Pasta & More 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by BILL CASTNER 5 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>11 House Committee Meeting 6:30pm</p>	<p>12 ORIENTATION 5:00 PM TACO NIGHT (Tacos or Taco Salad) 5 to 7:00 pm Music by Melody 5 to 8 pm</p>	<p>13 Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by AL RUGGERIO 6 to 9:00 pm FL State's President Visit 9/13-9/14</p>	<p>14 SUPER SATURDAY QUEEN 7:00 I Got It Bingo 7:30 Belly Buster Hot Dogs</p>
<p>15 Lodge open 12pm Bloody Marys \$2.00 until gone NFL SUNDAYS 10 Large TV's Food Available</p>	<p>16 Lunch 12-2:00 pm BINGO 1:00 PM Veterans Committee Meeting 5:00pm BOD Meeting 6:30pm Shuffleboard 6:00 pm</p>	<p>17 Pasta & More 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by AT LARGE 5 - 8:00 pm Veterans' Week</p>	<p>18 INITIATION NEW MEMBERS LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM</p>	<p>19 TACO NIGHT (Tacos or Taco Salad) 5 to 7:00 pm Music by DJ Jimmy Andrew 5 to 8 pm</p>	<p>20 Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by LOUIE BRAVO 6 to 9:00 pm</p>	<p>21 SUPER SATURDAY QUEEN 7:00 I Got It Bingo 7:30 Belly Buster Hot Dogs</p>
<p>22 Lodge open 12pm Bloody Marys \$2.00 until gone NFL SUNDAYS 10 Large TV's Food Available</p>	<p>23 Lunch 12 - 2:00 pm BINGO 1:00 PM Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>24 Euchre - 1:00 pm Pasta & More 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by MELODY 5 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>25 Music Bingo 7-9 PM</p>	<p>26 TACO NIGHT (Tacos or Taco Salad) 5 to 7:00 pm Music by Melody 5 to 8 pm</p>	<p>27 Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 pm Music by BOOTS & LACE 6 to 9:00 pm</p>	<p>28 SUPER SATURDAY QUEEN 7:00 I Got It Bingo 7:30 Belly Buster Hot Dogs</p>
<p>29 BREAKFAST 9:30 to noon \$10 pp Elks & guests NFL SUNDAYS 10 Large TV's Food Available</p>	<p>30 Lunch 12 - 2:00 pm BINGO 1:00 PM Shuffleboard 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Bartenders now offering limited lunch daily 12 to 4:00. See flyer</p>		<p>REMEMBER All Thursday entertainers play for tips only. Food proceeds go to Lodge Projects</p>	 <p>From the Editor LargoElks@gmail.com</p>	



VETERANS' SERVICES



A couple of future events are coming up, so, mark your calendars.

On October 5th, we will be hosting a cookout for the veterans at Bay Pines. If you are interested in helping, let me know.

On October 19th from 12 to 4 pm, the Largo Elks and the Veterans Committee will be hosting the WCD Army of Hope Chicken Barbecue Picnic in our Grove. The meal will be Barbecue Chicken, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, Cole Slaw plus Soda and Water. Beer and Wine will be available for purchase. There will be entertainment, raffles, and vendors. We will also have a Corn Hole Tournament and Turkey Shoot. The price is \$18.00 dollars which includes admission, your meal, water, and soda. In case you don't know, the Army of Hope is the Elks charity that supports our service member's families if they have hardships when their spouses are deployed. This money can also be used to support our Troops when they return home if they need help readjusting.

On November 11th, the Veterans Committee will once again put on a program and luncheon for our Lodge Veterans. I will get a firm time as we get closer. We will again offer the veteran and their spouse or significant other, a free lunch if they attend the program in the dining room. As I said above, we will have a program with a speaker etc.,

We had another successful clothing drive that raised \$5,631.35 worth of clothing. I thank all of you who donated and helped with the drive. The only thing I ask is that you check the clothing before you donate. We can't use ripped or badly stained items. Please, just throw these out. The other thing I ask is that even though we are open from 9-11 please try to come before 10 as we have to sort and count all the clothing. Again, thank you for your support.

As you all know, we also do Welcome Home Kits which are what we give to homeless veterans that get into apartments with the VA'S Help. We are blessed to have PDDGER Jeanne Reinhart overseeing this great mission for the Veterans Committee. She has distributed almost 150 Kits so far. Thank you to all who have donated pots and pans, dishes, glasses, silverware, and small appliances etc. But once again, I know these are homeless veterans, but please check what you are donating. Jeanne recently reported that she had to throw out sheets that were stained, blankets that were torn, a Ninja Coffee maker with an inside filled with mold and a set of mixing bowls that were all rusted. Please, just look at the items before you donate to make sure they are usable. Once again, we thank you for all you do for our Veterans.

We would like to honor all Largo Elk Veterans with their 5x7 photo on our wall. The picture does not have to be of you in uniform if you don't have one. It can be a picture of you wearing a service baseball hat, or just a plain picture of you. You also did not have to serve in a conflict to get your picture up on the wall. Anyone who has served as Active Guard or Reserve is also welcome. Submit a 5x7 picture and on the back of the picture indicate your rank, branch of service and years you served. If you served in a conflict, include that. Once you have that done put it in the box in the Veterans Room or give it to me.

Bob Behm, Veterans Committee Chair



the West Central District is accepting applications for district chair positions.

You do NOT have to be a PER to be a district chair. These positions will go into effect following the State Convention in May 2025.

Completed applications can be given to the lodge advisor or emailed directly to me.

We need the best people to assist in endorsing and promoting Elks' programs/projects throughout the district and our lodges.

Chair job descriptions and the application is posted on the bulletin board in the lounge; or, you can contact me or the lodge secretary (Kathy Traina) for copies of the information.

Questions? Please contact me, Tony Fratello, Steve Harmon, or Joanne Matos.

Jeanne Reinhart PDDGER, WCD
FSEA Business Practices Committee, Secretary
FSEA Parade of Heroes Committee
WCD Director of Information
New Port Richey #2284 Lodge Advisor
727-743-1387 email: jeanne9343@yahoo.com

LODGE OF SORROW



**Joe Anselmi
Jacqueline Auffrey
Frederick Baker
Lester Clester, Jr.
Howard Hawthorne
William Linehan
Nicholas Nickeas
Jon Schweitzer**



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.

During the Wednesday, August 21st Lodge Meeting, Jeanne Reinhart PDDGER conducted the installation of our two newest Officers. Congratulate Mike and Becky when you see them in the Lodge.

Mike Sofarelli - One-year Trustee
Becky Shoaf - Three-year Trustee



Tiara Tuesday





STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT

To The Wonderful West Central District

Friday, September 13th

ST PETERSBURG LODGE
 7PM DINNER | \$20 PER PERSON
 Choice of Beef Tips or Salmon
Business Casual Dress | Friday Red Shirts Encouraged

Saturday, September 14th

CAMBRIA HOTEL
 Boat Tour with a stop at Holiday Isles Lodge for lunch
 \$25 per person

HOLIDAY ISLES LODGE
 11:30am Lunch | \$15 per person
Cool and casual dress - bathing suits encouraged

**NORTH PAVILION AT ARCHIBALD BEACH PARK
 MADEIRA BEACH**
 5:30 PM Arrival
 6:00 PM State President's Address and Awards
 6:30 PM Dinner
 Aloha To Go Food Truck Serving Hawaiian Food
 Ono Beef Teriyaki or Mahi Mahi for \$20
 Shoyu Chicken for \$18
Luau / Beach Attire



Scan me

RSVP by September 1st and purchase tickets by scanning the QR code to the left!



ARMY OF HOPE CHICKEN BARBEQUE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19TH 2024
 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

Please continue dropping off your manufacturers' coupons (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.

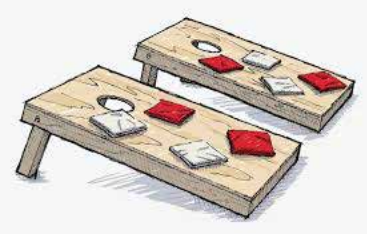


Operation "Little Big Feet"

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 TO REPRESENT LARGO LODGE IN THE ARMY OF HOPE CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT AND COMPETE AGAINST OTHER LODGES

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER YOUR TEAM.

Watch for information in the Email Blast

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Secretary's Hours

Tues.- Fri. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 Phone 587-6558

SecretaryElksLargo@gmail.com

SUMMER HOURS

Lounge opens 12:00
 Sunday - closes at 6:00pm

Lounge Hours

Weekdays: 11 to 8:00 p.m.
 Sundays: 12 to 8:00 p.m.
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 Calendars, Bulletins, Updates,
 Events, Pictures, Lunch & Dinnner
 Menus and more.

Go to 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
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 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, Kathy Huffstutter, Jack Murray

MANAGERS

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

COMMITTEES

Americanism.....Jonny Liebchen
 Auditing & Acctg.....TBD.....
 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
 Flag day.....Jan Rogers PER
 Fraternal.....TBD
 Govt. Relations.....Lee Acosta

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 Activties.....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' ServicesRobert Behm
 Web Master.....Steven Leonowicz
 Youth Activities.....Diane Sharp PER