

GREATER PINE ISLAND ELKS #2781 5630 PINE ISLAND ROAD BOKEELIA, FL 33922 THE ELKHORN

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LODGE OFFICERS

EXALTED RULER Everett Goodwin,III, PER

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> **TILER** Ron Wade

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INNER GUARD Lisa Wade

LODGE ADVISOR Leroy Lippmann PDDGER

MEDIATOR Leroy Lippmann PDDGER

TRUSTEES

5 Year—VACANT 4 Year—Ed Pfister 3 Year—Kent House 2 Year— Ben Madey 1 Year—Gerry Goyette By the time everyone reads this we will already be into 2023. It's amazing how fast time flies these days! My resolution is that we continue our positive efforts to make our Lodge grow and be successful.

Let's all look back on 2022 and see what changes we can make for 2023. This could be in your personal life, your work life or your Elks life.

Look at all the new members we initiated into our Lodge in 2022 and so many of these new members have become integral to our Lodge. If anyone is interested in getting more involved in the Lodge, please let the Exalted Ruler or Lodge Advisor know. As you know there is a myriad of things and areas where we need your help.

In February, we will have nominations for officers. I ask that everyone look around and nominate who you would like to be your officers for 2023-2024.

We will also be having a trustee opening. Do you know someone that always gives sound financial advice? Maybe they could be our next trustee. Please seriously think about this as our Lodge is growing, the District has noticed that we have become very successful and we want to continue our success into the upcoming years.

No one can go back in time to change what has happened, so work on your present to make yourself a wonderful future.

Sappy New Year!

New Year Wiki. Com

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION AND HARRY ANNA TRUST NEWS

The Elks National Foundation is the charitable arm of our great Order. Established in 1928 with an initial \$100,000 investment, the endowment is now valued at over \$700 million . Over the years the Elks have donated over \$500 million to charitable projects throughout the nation. Our Lodge also benefits from this trust through grant monies awarded to us to lend support to local organizations in the Greater Pine Island Community. Last year our members donated over \$4000 which resulted in grants totaling almost \$21,000 to disperse in our community. Please consider a donation to The Elks National Foundation this year. Every dollar donated will come back to our Lodge to help serve the needy in our community. Contact Lodge ENF Chair Judy Hopkins, PER, to make a contribution. Remember, Elks Care, Elks Share.

Legacy Awards - ENF Scholarship, \$4,000 available to children and grandchildren (or stepchild, step grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2020. The Elk must also be a paid-up member through March 31, 2023. Great-grandchildren are not eligible. If the applicant's parent and grandparent are both Elk members, the applicant must apply through the parent's Elks Lodge. Applications open September 1, 2022. The deadline for application is February 6, 2023. **Elks National Foundation Scholarships online at: https://www.elks.org/scholars**

Hope Scholarship— Florida State Scholarship:

Eligibility: To be eligible to apply for a scholarship award from the HOPE Scholarship Fund, you must:

Be a student in the graduating class of a high school or its related equivalent. Seniors graduating at semester (December) must apply during the application year before they graduate. Be a resident of the state of Florida

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Be a United States citizen.

The scholarship targets students who have a 2.30 - 3.59 unweighted GPA. These students have demonstrated leadership through participation in school activities, community service, and citizenship. Consideration is given to those students who have shouldered extra responsibility such as working throughout their high school careers to help provide support of siblings or family.

Applications online : September 1, 2022 – Due January 15, 2023

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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ENF AND HARRY ANNA TRUST CHAIR

GREATER PINE ISLAND ELKS LODGE 2781 PATH TO RECOVERY

Three months after Hurricane Ian destroyed our lodge our Board of Directors are still working on:

- Debris removal—we have received 2 quotes and have applied for a permit to demolish the building
- Insurance claim– The insurance companies' adjuster told Chairman of the Board Ben Madey that our lodge would be getting the policy limit on the building which is \$878,000.
- The contents settlement should net around \$51,500 because the policy deductible was subtracted from the distribution amount.
- Property Appraisal—On hold at the present time
- Building designs– A committee was appointed at the last board meeting chaired by Treasurer Chris Rogers
- Rebuilding Costs—Board is still working on rebuilding costs.
- Temporary Lodge facility—We are using the VFW on Fridays for Show Me The Money—and they will allow us to use it on Monday nights and Saturdays. Our meeting are held at the First Baptist Church of Pine Island. The Board is still looking at long range solutions for a temporary Lodge facility.
- Lodge Assets and Inventory— Lodge equipment and assets where recovered, cleaned and placed in the storage container.







SHOW ME THE MONEY AT THE VFW FRIDAY NIGHTS AT 6PM





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ELKS HELPING OUR LODGE & COMMUNITY









PITTSBURGH SOUTH HILLS ELKS #28 DELIVERED HURRICANE RELIEF SUPPLIES TO GREATER PINE ISLAND





PLEASE PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR

The Snowbird Committee is beginning to work on the event that will be held at the VFW Post

We are also looking for members who would like to work on the committee.

Jay and Leigh Lingwall are back on the island and would like to meet with

people interested in working on the event.

Thursday, January 5, 2023–12PM at the "V"

If you would like to help sponsor or volunteer for this event please contact the Snowbird Committee Chair: PER Judy Hopkins; juhopkins@msn.com or call 425-346-7226







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January 24, 2023 we will be visited by our **District Deputy**, Diane Wilhelm from the Bonita Springs/Estero Lodge. This will be her official visit and your support of the Lodge by attending and taking part in the Official greeting would be grand. The dinner proceeding the meeting will be Hosted by the Lodge

ELKS LOVE A PARADE THE ELKS TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE FLOAT ALLOWS OUR MEMBERS ACROSS THE NATION TO SHOW THEIR PRIDE AND SHARE IN THE EXCELLENT WORK BEING DONE BY THE BPOE TO PROMOTE THE ORGANIZATION'S MISSION AND VALUES.



GREATER PINE ISLAND ELKS 2781

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Accident Prevention Ed Pfister Americanism Auditing Community Act. Drug Awareness Flag Day **Government Relations** Harry-Anna Hoop Shoot Investigating Lapsation/Membership Lodge Activities ENF Orientation **PER** Association **Public Relations** Relief **Scholarships** Veterans Services Visiting Youth Activities

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