



PALM COAST ELKS LODGE #2709, INC

News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 2016 Is Palm Coast Elks Lodge #2709 Month

PALM COAST, FL – On April 4th the Flagler County Board Of County Commissioners and on April 5th the Palm Coast City Council declared April 2016 Palm Coast Elks Lodge #2709 Month! Both the County Commissioners and the City Council recognized the members of Lodge #2709 for 30 years of outstanding and dedicated community service.



Pictured back row from left to right Commissioner George Hanns, Commissioner Nate McLaughlin, Commissioner Barbara Revels, Commissioner Frank Meeker, and Commissioner Charles Ericksen, Jr. Front row from left to right Trustee Mark Fontana, Trustee Jerry O'Gara Jr. President Vincent Gough (Exalted Ruler), First Vice President Ralph Dodge (Leading Knight), Trustee Jerry Dickens Sr., Secretary Danielle Piero, Second Vice President Robert Thoubboron (Loyal Knight), Esquire Rick Bame, and Trustee Fred Szwed.

At their April 4th meeting the Flagler County Board Of County Commissioners Proclaimed:

A PROCLAMATION OF THE
FLAGLER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
DESIGNATING APRIL 2016 AS "PALM COAST ELKS LODGE #2709 MONTH"

WHEREAS, The Palm Coast Elks Lodge #2709 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was instituted on March 31 1986; and

WHEREAS, The Palm Coast Elks Lodge #2709 are our neighbors, coworkers, educators, merchants and professionals from all walks of life, working together in the community to make Flagler County a better place to live, work and play; and

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WHEREAS, The Palm Coast Elks Lodge #2709 are members of the national organization of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Florida State Association of Elks. Which make it possible for City and County Children, Veterans and other organizations to avail themselves of support through scholarships, grants, and other programs to better their lives and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The Palm Coast Elks Lodge #2709 has for the past 30 years supported the residence of the Flagler County, through the following programs. On average \$10,000 in scholarships to local students, Feeding Disabled Veterans, Local Children's sports programs, Annual Drug Awareness Campaign, FGVG Scholarship for young men and women pursuing careers locally in Fire Service and Law Enforcement, Boy Scout Troop # 270, which has produced 17 Eagle Scouts and awarded them each with \$1,000 scholarships, Donation in excess of \$25,000 to the Army of Hope to assist deployed active duty military families, support of local Firefighters with meals, hygiene items and support during the massive forest fires, sending on average 15 local children campers, free of charge to the nationally acclaimed Florida Elks Youth Camp, Providing free of charge to local families medical treatment and therapy for their disabled children through the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services and nearly 30 other programs: and

WHEREAS, The Palm Coast Elks Lodge #2709 does observe the Elks living creed, "Elks Care, Elks Share".

NOW, THEREFORE, THE FLAGLER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS do hereby proclaim April 2016 as "Palm Coast Elks Lodge #2709 Month" in Flagler County and urge the residents of Flagler County to join the Board of County Commissioners in congratulating the Palm Coast Elks Lodge #2709 on their 30th Anniversary not only during Palm Coast Elks Lodge #2709 Month, but all year long.

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Pictured back row from left to right Brother Elk Fire Mike Beadle, Council Member Jason DeLorenzo, Council Member Heidi Shipley, Trustee Jerry Dickens Sr,), First Vice President Ralph Dodge (Leading Knight), Sister Elk Milissa Holland, Brother Elk Mayor Jon Netts, President Vincent Gough (Exalted Ruler), Sister Elk Sonia Byrnes, Trustee Mark Fontana, Council Member Bill McGuire, Trustee Fred Szwed, Council Member Steven Nobile, Esquire Rick Bame, Brother Elk Mark Harmon, and Past District Deputy Tom Brand.

Then at their April 5th meeting the Palm Coast City Council proclaimed:

Whereas, The Palm Coast Elks Lodge #2709 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was instituted on March 31 1986, and;

Whereas, The Palm Coast Elks Lodge #2709 are our neighbors, coworkers, educators, merchants and professionals from all walks of life, working together in the community to make the City of Palm Coast, a better place to live, work and play, and;

Whereas, The Palm Coast Elks Lodge #2709 are members of the national organization of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Florida State Association of Elks. Which make it possible for City and County Children, Veterans and other organizations to avail themselves of support through scholarships, grants, and other programs to better their lives and the community at large, and;

Whereas, The Palm Coast Elks Lodge #2709 has for the past 30 years supported the residence of the City of Palm Coast and Flagler County, though the following programs. On average \$10,000 in scholarships to local students, Feeding Disabled Veterans, Local Children's sports programs, Annual Drug Awareness Campaign, FGVG Scholarship for young men and women pursuing careers locally in Fire Service and Law Enforcement, Boy Scout Troop # 270, which has produced 17 Eagle Scouts and awarded them each with \$1,000

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Whereas, The Palm Coast Elks Lodge #2709 does observe the Elks living creed ... "Elks Care – Elks Share."

Now, Therefore, Be It proclaimed THAT THE PALM COAST MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DO HEREBY DECLARE THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2016 AS

"Palm Coast Elks Lodge #2709 Month"

and urge all residents of the City of Palm Coast to join City Council in congratulating the Palm Coast Elks Lodge #2709 on their 30th Anniversary not only during Palm Coast Elks Lodge #2709 Month, but all year long.

The Palm Coast Elks Lodge #2709 and its more than 1,100 members are part of the nearly 1,900 nationwide Lodges in the Chicago based Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the USA. Last year, the nearly 800,000 member organization contributed more than \$300 million to charitable and philanthropic programs.

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