

April 2009

11th Kid's Easter Party 18th Vagabond Festival 25th Tacky Party/Karaoke



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Elks Lodge #708 B.P.O.E.

New ER for 2009-2010



John Wavne **Exalted Ruler** 2009-2010

No one Stands So Tall As When they Stoop *To Help A Child.*

Thank you for electing me and giving me the opportunity to serve as your Exalted Ruler for the year 2009-2010. I will pursue all Elk interests for the benefit of Lodge 708. I will become a good listener; I will give my very best and conscientious effort to make all Elks of 708 proud. My motto for the year 2009-2010 will be "The Youth of Today are the Elks of Tomorrow."

The Ladies of the Elks under the leadership of President Rita Smith and her crew are planning a busy year again. Their first engagement along with the Drug Awareness team will be the Easter Party on April 11 from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. The party is for children 6 months to 12 years

old. There will be fun games, egg painting and Easter baskets.

Dress up and come on down April 25th for one of the most fun nights at 708, a Truly Tacky Party put on by Lisa Snyder featuring Kim Rohm's Karaoke.

The Athena House project, support for homeless women veterans, is getting off to a great start thanks to Tracy Horrell and her crew.

If any member has any ideas to help the lodge raise money, let me or any officer know. We are here to help make this great lodge profitable again. Thank you.

Fraternally,

John M. Wayne, ER

April Friday Night Dinner Menu

April (6 or 10 oz Ribeye by Chef Bob Green

April **New York Strip and** Salmon by Chef Rick **Scallops and Shrimp** by Chef Dave

April **Prime Rib** by Chef Bob O Surf and Turf Chicken



Available Every Friday:

- Chicken Finger Basket Fried Shrimp Basket
- Fried Fish Basket
- Hamburger Basket
- Soup
- and Salad Bar

unless otherwise noted, all dinners come with soup, salad bar, a choice of potato, and fresh vegetable

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Exalted Ruler John Wavne Leading Knight Vic Thomas, PER Loyal Knight William (Jay) Kinney Lecturing Knight **Robert Harlow** Tiler **Brian Sanchez EsQuire** Position Available **Inner Guard** Rose DuRant Chaplain Deborah Palladini Secretary Carl Williamson, PER Treasurer Sheri Brown

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Ladies of the Elks President

Rita Smith Vice President Susie Harlow Recording Secretary Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP Treasurer Betty Pickenpaugh, PLP Chaplain Joan Clune Parliamentarian Beverly Wick



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Get on the list maintained by Tampa #708 webmaster, Marty Quire, to start receiving timely notification of Event happenings, changes, or even cancellations. Send your e-mail address to Marty at **mquire@tampabay.rr.com**. Remember you can access your Elksize & the web calendar link at **www.tampaelks.com**!

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From the Editor - Jerry Reid:

I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter, and by all means, let me know of any misprints or other errors. But, please, be nice. :-)

For article and event advertisements, please email **reidhome@tampabay.rr.com** no later than the 15th of the month. If you would like to place a paid advertisement in the newsletter, please see the lodge Secretary.

Thanks to David Partlow for making the copies, and those who assemble and mail the newsletter!



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PIP Dinner Moved to June

The annual Partners in Progress banquet which normally occurs in March has been moved to Saturday June 20, 2009. This is due to other fund-raising efforts by the lodge and personal work related scheduling conflicts. All PIP members will receive formal invitations as normal. The banquet will also be open to non-PIP members for the cost of dinner. More details will be in next month's Elksize. -- Steve Harmon

Join the folks below who Invest in Your Lodge

BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20

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Alley, Sonia& Bill 3/2008 Baranofski, Frances 5/2009 Baranofski, Ron 5/2009 Edwards, PER3, William 3/2009 In Memory of #7, Patrick 11/2007 Mitchell Lynn & Wisely Judy 3/2008 Nyland, Bill & Barbara 9/2007 Wayne, John & Flo 3/2009

SILVER INVESTORS \$21 - \$50

Gukeisen, SGM USA RET, James L. 1/2009 In Memory of Harry Roederer 3/2008 In Memory of Hilda DeGiacomo 9/2009 Kelly, George & Elma 1/2009 LaChance, Rosemary & Roger 3/2009

GOLD INVESTORS \$51 - \$99

DeLand, Paul & Sandra Vans Evers 3/2008 Harmon, Steve, PER 3/2009 Heider, Sally, PER & Ted, PER 3/2008 Huffman, Raymond & Barbara 3/2009 Keller, Maureen & Matt 10/2009 Kennedy, Brenda & Brown, David 3/2009 Nikkinen, Lesley 3/2009 Pickenpaugh, Vemon & Betty FLOE Pres 9/2009 Schindler, Sharon & Babart, PER 2/2009

Schindler, Sharon & Robert; PER 2/2008

PLATINUM INVESTORS - \$100

Brantley, PER, Brian & Sandra 11/2007 Carroll Tom, 3/2008 DuRant, Rose 3/2010 Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 12/2010 Hauf, Dick & Gerry 6/2008 In Memory of Harold Wright 7/2007 In Memory of Ina Moore 12/2010 In Memory of Larry Quire 5/2010 In Memory of Richard A Palmer 8/2012 Jacobs, Jake 12/2009 Kilbourne, Prudence 11/2007 Linville, John 5/2009 Lucas, Vernon 3/2009 Mario, Anthony 1/2010 Palladini, Deborah 3/2010 Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebb a Jean 8/2008 Quire, Bonnie 5/2010 Quire, Marty 1/2009 Ramsey, PER, Richard 7/2009 Reid, Jerry 3/2010 Reid, Linda 3/2010 Schneider, PER, Rick & Jan 3/2009 Sellers, Jr., PER, Frank 3/2009 Smith, Rita 3/2 009 Snyder, Bob & Lisa 5/2008 Stokking, Brenda and Bob Norton 3/2009 Thomas, PER, Guy & Ruth 1/2009 Thomas, PER, Vic & Bemeice 3/2009 Toler, Kathleen 11/2009 Wright, Vera 6/2009

Partners in Progress

Mission of the Partner's In Progress

To increase the financial strength of Tampa Elks Lodge #708, insuring that our Lodge will be around for another 100 years. We will accomplish this by rebuilding our capital through investments made by Lodge Partners who are determined to secure Tampa Elks Lodge #708's long term future. Interest earned on the investments will remain in the investment account and help to increase the overall financial strength of our Lodge.

Elks Care About Our Veterans

Veteran's Committee News

On the second Thursday of each month, the Veteran's Committee entertains the Veterans at the James Haley Veteran's Hospital with Bingo, prizes, stuffed animals, and refreshments. March committee members attending were Gracie Winchell, Joan Clune, Carolyn Williams, Elma Kelly, Vernon and Betty Pickenpaugh, and Bart Moss from the Zephyrhills Lodge.

On the fourth Friday of each month, Tampa Lodge hosts the Veterans from the James Haley Hospital to dinner. They can choose any dinner that's on the menu. The Veteran's Committee provides dessert and assistance to those that need it in wheel chairs. Sondra Chapman along with Vernon and Betty Pickenpaugh assist with the dinner duties.

Please feel free to stop by the Veteran's tables and say hi, give a hug, or a big thank you to our Nation's heroes. The Veterans tables are set up in the back hall because it gives the wheel chair Veteran's more room to get around. They come early, around six o'clock. They must leave early to get back to the hospital before 9:00 p.m. to check in and for medications. The entertainment most times is scheduled early, so the Veteran's can enjoy and even get in a dance or two. Wheel chairs can dance, did you know that?

Fraternally, Vernon Pickenpaugh VAVS Deputy

Ladies of the Elks News

Dear Members,

Thank you for your support of my presidency for this year. I pledge to work hard for you, and hope to lead the LOE to new heights in membership and performance.



I am very pleased with the experienced and dedicated Executive

Board we have for the year: Susie Harlow remains as Vice President and Convention Chairperson, Betty Pickenpaugh, PLP, remains as Treasurer, Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP, is our new Secretary, Joan Clune remains as Chaplain and Beverly Wick has agreed to be Parliamentarian. We will be lucky to be working with our loyal LOE member, John Wayne, as Exalted Ruler for the Lodge.

Gracie Winchell will be our meeting night Hostess. Vera Almstedt has agreed to keep up with the 365 Club. Bill Edwards, PLP, will tackle the Elk's Children's Therapy fundraiser. There are more Chairpersons yet to be appointed. Volunteers appreciated!

The LOE was well represented at the Calendar Meeting. We have a busy year planned, but still have room for great ideas from any of our creative members.

Please attend our first meeting of the year, on April 1st, when we will be finalizing the plans for the Children's Easter Party, then stay to enjoy the refreshments provided by Sondra Chapman and a slice of Gracie Winchell's famous cake. If Wednesdays aren't convenient, come visit us on Thursday, April 16th, and enjoy a Catfish Dinner prepared by Bill Edwards, PLP.

I would like to thank Carrie Leskey for our March dinner of Beef Stew. It was great to have something new on the menu and somebody new in the kitchen.

Thanks to Bonnie Quire for sharing your skill with the flowers for Installation.

I will leave you with my motto for the year:

"Continuity gives us roots; Change gives us branches, letting us stretch and grow and reach new heights."

In Your Service,

Rita Smith LOE President

"365" Club Your Donations Help

Don't forget us. We realize that money is tight all over, but these children desperately need your help. The goal of the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services is to provide Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy to Florida children who do not have easy access to these services. These services are FREE and these services are provided in the patient's home. Your "365" dollars are applied toward a new Therapy Van. This is something else that the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Service does not have to put in their budget.

The Ladies of Elks Auxiliary at #708 sponsor the collection of coins and dollars at the Tampa Elks known as the "365" Club. The little green and white boxes on the tables and the bar are for the collection of your donations.

We received a filled box in February from Matt & Marlene Keller, Gracie Winchell, Robert Connor, and Katherine Jacobs. I also received generous contributions from the Lounge area, Dining area, and the Waitresses. Thanks again to all.

Vera Almstedt – LOE "365" Club Chairperson

LOE April Birthdays

Melissa Bertoch - 04/01 Thomas McHugh - 04/02 Carolyn Williams - 04/07 John Wayne - 04/09 Lynn Szeliga - 04/10 Tina Kamerer - 04/12 Marilyn Fennell - 04/18 Marge Surgoine - 04/18 Johanna Tomz - 04/18 Sondra Chapman - 04/24 Barbara Miller - 04/25 Wendy Qualls - 04/25

Under the Weather

Our thoughts and prayers are continuing for Kitty Shore and Carolyn Miller who have been "under the weather" since last month.

Joan Clune – Chaplain



Melanie Hale Awarded Elk of the Year 2008-09

Congratulations to all the Elks and Ladies of the Elks who were awarded Saturday evening, March 21 by ER Tony Edwards. Awards and certificates of appreciation were given to those who displayed dedication and were consistently active in the lodge during the year.

Officer of the Year: Paul Deland Citizen of the Year: Susie Harlow Lady Officer of the Year: Susie Harlow Lady Elk of the Year: Carrie Leskey

Join us for Sunday Breakfast!

Tampa Elks 708 kitchen cooks up the best breakfast in Tampa, at the best price! *served all Sunday Morning!*

You're invited!

In conjunction with the Florida Elks State Convention: Disney's Coronado Springs Resort

Luncheon & Chinese Auction Sponsored by FL Ladies of Elks (FLOE) Saturday, May 23, 2009 Chinese Auction – To Benefit the

FSEA Major Projects

11:15-12:45

Menu:

- Mixed Deluxe Field Greens with Tomato, Cucumber, & Carrot Served with choice of Ranch Dressing or Balsamic Vinaigrette
- √ Grilled Chicken Breast with Port Wine Sauce & Shitake Mushrooms
- √ Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Julienne Vegetable
- $\sqrt{}$ Assorted Rolls Coffee & Tea Key Lime Pie

Cost - \$22.00 per person – Tables of 10 Everyone Invited – Men, Women, Elks, non- Elks

Tickets must be purchased in Advance, by Monday, **May 18th**. Order your tickets when you pre register for the convention and pick them up at the North Registration Counter when you arrive.

More convention information online at flelks.org

CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY Saturday, April 11, 2009 LOE Sponsored Drug Awareness Supported TAMPA ELK'S #708 LODGE HALL - 3616 W Gandy Blud TIME 2:00 - TO 5:00 p.m. AGES 6 months TO 12 Years (Teenagers welcome to attend and help with younger children) Monetary Donations Gladly Accepted or Wrapped Candy, Small Toys, Grass, Etc (NO plastic eggs) Questions: Betty Pickenpaugh, PLP 653-3087 REFRESHMENTS ENTERTAINMENT GAMES Prizes BASKETS FUN PLEASE SIGN-UP ON THE SHEET ON THE BULLETIN BOARD by April 8, 2009 - (This way we will have enough prizes, baskets, and food for all Children and Guests.)

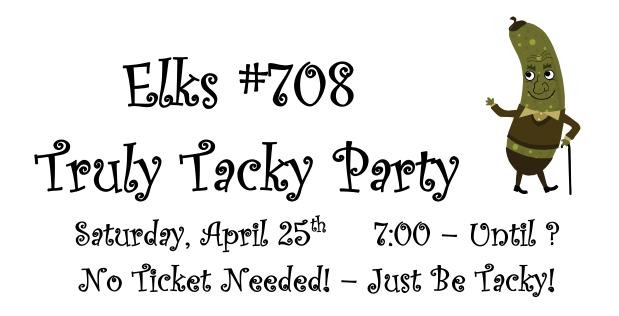
Tampa Elks Lodge's # 708 The Intent on Helping the Homeless Committee Presents: Vagabond Festival – April 18th 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Adults - \$5.00 or 10 cans of food Children - \$2.00 or 4 cans of food Featuring: Hobo Stew & Sandwich Bar Bake Sale



Pauper's Prison - Share the Wealth - Gypsy Auction Tickets on Sale Now!

Also Collecting: any non- perishable food items, toiletries and gently used clothing! Proceeds benefit: The Homeless Coalition of Hillsborough County, Faith Café, and The Covenant House of Tampa

Food & Clothing& Toiletry donations may be brought into the Lodge the week of April 13th.



Join "Kooky Karaoke Kim" Rohm and her tacky friends for truly tactless, tasteless, terrible tons of fun! Featuring:

The Tacky Temptations Contest



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Bring a tacky (but totally edible and tasty) dish to share. The Three Best Tacky Temptations will win Tacky Trophies and Bar Tabs!

<u> Tacky Costume Contest</u>

Dress yourself in your tackiest, most tasteless clothing (Just look in your closet!) and win fabulous prizes.



Jello Shots, Games, and Other Tacky Surprises

Please don't forget to bring your sense of humor! This will be the tackiest, most tasteless Elks event of the year!

Murder Mystery Comedy Dinner Theatre My Big Fat Italian Funeral

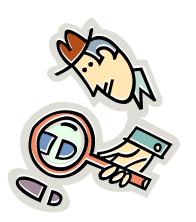


Sponsored by the Tampa Elks Drug Awareness & Youth Activities ** portions of the proceeds also benefit the lodge **

Tickets only \$22!

Friday, May 8th, at the Tampa Elks Lodge Fantastic Steamship Round Dinner Starts at 6:30 p.m.

Sure to be another Sell Out, so get your tickets early! Reserved seating only if tickets bought before April 22nd! Purchase tickets in the lounge or call Bonnie Quire at (813) 831-0606, or Linda at 503-3204



Bada Bing..... Come watch as the mystery deepens over how the Tortellini family matriarch is found dead under questionable circumstances. Is the sexy, southern bride of family boss
Salvatorio hiding a motive? Does the ditzy and english language fracturing Filomina know more than she is pronouncing? Will the tragically angst and fashion aware son Nicodemo ever be happy with the family taste? And lets not forget the husband of the deceased, Luigi. Will his obsession with Olive Oil get him in trouble or his roaming eyes? Hilarious and dysfunctional family drama loudly unfolds as we learn the dark secrets of the Tortellini family and business.



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John A. Williamson



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These members have contributed \$10.00 per year to help offset the cost of the Elksize.

Abel, Charles 8/2009 Angus, Cam & Jim 4/2008 Atwood, Bonnie 9/2009 Baer, Robert (Yogi) 2/2010 Brantley, PER, Brian & Sandra 8/2008 Burk, John 3/2010 Curry, Dianne 10/2008 Dayes, PDDGER, Dick & Eleanore 9/2012 Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 4/2008 Gukeisen, SGM USA RET James L. 11/2010 Heider, PER's, Theodore & Sally 3/2009 In Memory of Bill Denzer 11/2008 In Memory of Bronson & Paul 4/2008 In Memory of Charlie Fiveash 5/2015 In Memory of Gordon Pence 8/2008 In Memory of Harold Wright 6/2010 In Memory of Ina Moore 9/2008 In Memory of Larry Quire, PER 8/2008 In Memory of Richard Palmer, 2/2011 Jorgenson, Sherral 5/2008 Kelley, Thomas 9/2008 Kilbourne, Prudence 11/2008 LaChance, Rosie & Roger 4/2009 Marino, Anthony 8/2008 McBee, Bill & Susan, PLP 2/2010 Nouton, Robert 4/2009 Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean, 8/2010 Parker, Jim & Mabel 3/2009 Pickenpaugh, Vernon & Betty 8/2009 Quire, Bonnie 9/2008 Rodgers, Judd 11/2009 Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018 Smith, Rita 8/2008 Snyder, Bob 12/2009 Snyder, Lisa 12/2009 Thomas, Guy PER, & Ruth 12/2008 Toler, Kathleen 11/2009 Young, Robert & Gerry 9/2009

Tampa Elks Lodge #708 Calendar of Events

April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Invite a friend to visit the lodge. Then invite that friend to become a member! B.P.O.E. Best People On Earth			LOE Meeting 7:30 p <i>Refreshments by</i> <i>Sondra Chapman</i>	2 Dinner Meat Loaf 5:30 - 7:30 p	Dinner Menu 6:30 - 8:30 p 6 or 10 oz Ribeye <i>by Chef Bob Green</i> Music	4 Hall Rentals 10 a - 12:15 p 4 - 11:00 p
5 Best Breakfast in Tampa 8:30 a - 12:30 p Full Menu, Hot Coffee	6	7 JAM Session 5:30 - 7:30 p Meat Loaf	8 Lodge Meeting 7:30 p	9 Athena Visit Dinner 5:30 - 7:30 p Youth Camp _ Meat filled baked ziti by Berni Desserts	10 Dinner Menu 6:30 - 8:30 p New York Strip and Salmon by Chef Rick Scallops & Shrimp by Chef Dave Music	11 Kids Easter Party by LOE and DA 2 - 5:00 p
12 Easter Best Breakfast in Tampa 8:30 a - 12:30 p Full Menu, Hot Coffee	13	14	15 Indoctrination 6:30 p Trustee Meeting 6:30 p	16 LOE Dinner Catfish 5:30 - 7:30 p by Bill Edwards, PER3, PLP	17 Dinner Menu 6:30 - 8:30 p Prime Rib by Chef Bob O Surf and Turf Chicken Music	18 Vagabond Festival 3 - 7:00 p
19 Best Breakfast in Tampa 8:30 a - 12:30 p Full Menu, Hot Coffee	20 LOE Golden Girl's Snack Bar During Bingo	21 JAM Session 5:30 - 7:30 p	22 Lodge Meeting 7:30 p	23 Dinner Country Fried Steak 5:30 - 7:30 p by Carl Williamson, PER	24 Dinner Menu 6:30 - 8:30 p Ribs and Cod by Chef Bob O Assorted Steaks by Chef Bob Green Music	25 Truly Tacky Party by Lisa Snyder / Karaoke with Kooky Kim Rohm 7:00 p
26 Best Breakfast in Tampa 8:30 a - 12:30 p Full Menu, Hot Coffee	27	28	29	30 Dinner One-Item Menu 5:30 - 7:30 p	Coming in May 3rd - PER Picnic at St. Pete Lodge 12-4p 8th - Drug Awareness Mystery Dinner Theater 6:30p	

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Lodge email: tampaelks@verizon.net



April Youth Camp Dinner Thursday, April 9 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Meat Filled Baked Ziti by Berni Turpin Plus Desserts! Help support our Youth Camp!

New! Recipe of the Month Contest!

Do you have a favorite recipe you would like to share with the lodge? **Submit your recipe to the 708 kitchen, and the chefs will select a monthly winner**. The winner will have the honor of preparing the winning dish as part of a specified Friday night dinner menu!

West Central District PER Association

Picnic Sunday May 3, 2009 12:00 - 4:00

\$5.00 donation includes: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Lettuce, Tomato, Sauerkraut & Chips

> Beverages available: Soft Drinks - 50 Cents Alcohol - \$1.00

Poolside at the St. Petersburg Lodge

Tickets from Carl Williamson, PER Brian Brantley, PER or Tony Edwards, PER

