October 2009

10th Spaghetti to Benefit Vets **10th** LOE Yard Sale Password and Karaoke **31st** Halloween Party





It's the members who make this lodge.

Dear Elks and Elks Families,

OUR MOTTO, ELKS CARE — ELKS SHARE, is so prevalent in our great Lodge #708. Here, all our loyal members share their thoughts, ideas and prayers. Our memorial services, indoctrinations of new members and lodge activities are a success because of the members who are this lodge. Thanks to all of you, we are the "#1 Lodge on the other side of the Bay."

OOPS!!!! I made an error in last month's bulletin. Mr. Michael Smith (Plant City Lodge) will become the State President in 2010. He will then be named Grand Exalted Ruler at our Orlando National Convention in 2010 for the 2010-2011 year. Please show your support by purchasing his pins for \$10. Pins can be ordered from any Grand Lodge Officer or me.

Thanks to our Trustees for putting on a Great Luau and Membership Drive on Labor Day. The Steel Band and the

delicious tender pig cooked by Chris and John along with everything else prepared by other members of our lodge. Dick Florence, the Americanism Chairman, for his time, display and presentation of the five flags representing our country's heritage.

Our air conditioner handler in the back room continues to plague us. The Trustees are diligently working on resolving the problem. We are sorry for the inconvenience to our members and guests.

The Book Inspection and special meeting on Sunday, Sept. 13th and the Wednesday night, Sept. 16th "Special Initiation" meetings went as scheduled. Our District Deputy, Mr. Iwan Choronenko spoke and we welcomed new members being initiated that evening.

Our Tropicana Expedition went well this year under the leadership of Brian, Chris, Jeremy and Tony PER. Thank you

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and your crews for a JOB WELL DONE.

Athena House with Tracy is going strong and continues to help the disabled veteran women

in our community.

The lodge clean-up day helped our lodge become a better place to visit. Thanks to all that came out and worked so hard. Also thanks to those donating their time in the lodge interior redesign effort. It's looking terrific.

Our lodge is in need of a couple good people with QuickBooks experience to fill our Treasurer's position. Interested candidates, please contact one of the Trustees or me.

Thanks to all your continued support.

John Wavne **Exalted Ruler**



1/2-Price - One Friday Night Dinner - Coupon Bring three non-member guests to Friday Dinner, get your own dinner at half price.



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HELP SUPPORT YOUR LODGE!

Come on down in your best costume!

Hallowee Party October 31, 6:30 p.m.



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From the Lodge Secretary

Proposed new members.

New Members: Sponsor: Joe Perryman John Redding Walter A. Rollins H. Kelly Sapp Patrick Egan James Harlow **Todd Davis** Jeremy Hall Randy Conte Alan Jones

Congratulations!

Officer of the Month

Carl Williamson

Secretary

Elk of the Month Richard Florence

Americanism Chairman

Thank you.

I would like to thank the members that attended Sally Heider's memorial service. The PER Officers that conducted the services were excellent. Our friends and relatives that attended were impressed and moved by the service. A special thanks to Lynn, Brian, Robert and all the others that worked so hard to help in making Sally's final wishes a reality. Regards,

Ted Heider, PER



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Contributing to PIP helps ensure a strong Elks Lodge for future generations.



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.

To contribute or for more information, contact Steve Harmon, PER



Thanks to those who donate blood!

Elks and guests that graciously gave blood in September were:

Jackie Appel **Betty Gnadt** Flo Wayne Jeff Fickles Randy Nicholls Victor Thomas

Sean Geerholt **Amanda Polito** Tom McHugh Jan Bertoch Melissa Bertock **Brian Sanchez**

Lodge Beautification Went Beautifully!



During the first week of September, a group of dedicated individuals stormed the lodge with brooms, mops, rags and cleaning supplies and gave the lodge a cleaning like it hasn't had in a while. The clean-up went from 10:00 a.m. until about 6:00 p.m., with everything in the social area being swept, scrubbed, and buffed. Even the dining room chairs were scrubbed from top to bottom!

The outpouring of support for the lodge came from Susie, James, Jerry, Linda, Bonnie Q, Bonnie 2, Paul, Tracy, Addison, Jackie, Betty G, Sherral, Ed Mc., David P., John & Flo, Knuckles, Chris M., Brian B., Dick F., Todd B., Vic, Bob O., A.J., Lauren, Nicholas, Theresa, Tammy, Bill H., Rita S., and Hailey!

Robbie Harlow is doing a fantastic job of maintaining the lodge. Thanks so much for all the hard work! And we hope the members who haven't been in for a while will drop by to see how much better the lodge is looking!

Thank you! Linda Řeid



Be an Elksize Booster!

Just \$10.00 per year helps offset the cost of printing/mailing the Elksize. The following members give!

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Buddy can you spare some time?

400 Veterans seeking a Deputy or Two for James Haley Hospital to assist and serve the Veterans in Bingo, Pizza or other fantastic assignments.

Frank Sellers VAVS Representative 4851 W Gandy Blvd # 735 Tampa, FL. 33611

BENEFIT FOR OUR VETERANS

Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday October 10, 2009

At 3616 Gandy Blvd, BPOE 708

Prepared By: Fran Baranofski & Dan Linville

Dinner will include: Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Desserts

Dinner will be held from 6:30-7:30

Tickets will be \$10.00 and can be obtained from Lynn Brown and The elks Bartender

There will also be Music, a 50/50 Raffle, and Raffle Table with many great prizes to get.

PASSWOR

The game show that's sweeping the lodge!

By Popular Request PASSWORD Game Show hosted by Linda Reid In the Lodge Dining area (next game Saturday, Oct. 24)

Game starts at 5:30 p.m. Donation of \$5 suggested Snacks/Refreshments/Prizes 1st Place Winners - \$50 2nd Place Winners - \$30 3rd & 4th Place Winners - Free Drink (winnings based on how many play)

Volunteers needed for Monday night Bingo.

Any help or time will be appreciated on any Monday night. The schedule is: Be at Bingo by 5PM to help setup playing cards and sell playing sheets, be able to call Bingo cards back to the Bingo caller, payout the winnings to the players, and help with cleanup at the end of the evening.

Job perks: Free dinner from the kitchen, 2 free drinks from the bar, (and if you are very lucky) a Gracie snack!! We usually finish up around 10PM-1030PM.

I also wanted to thank the BINGO committee for allowing me the privilege of serving as a volunteer to help our Lodge. Due to my travel plans I won't be able to continue, however when I'm in town I'll be glad to help out as I did before.

Thanks to all, Betty Gnadt

Quickbook Experience Needed in Lodge Office

Our lodge is in need of a couple of good people with QuickBooks experience to fill our Treasurer's position. Interested candidates, please contact one of the Trustees or John Wayne, ER.

Bill & Sheri Brown's Cookson Hills Toy Run

Bill & Sheri Brown's Cookson Hills Toy Run will be Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009. We are accepting new and very like new toys (must be clean and ready for wrapping). Children ages newborn to 18.

If anyone would like to donate or has any questions, please contact Sheri Brown, Elks Treasurer either at the lodge, e-mail: cooksontoyrun @aol.com or call 813-643-5758. We also are in need of Sponsors and volunteers. A \$50 donation gets your name, company name or "In Memory Of" on our T-shirt and a free T-shirt.



"Homeward Bound for Those Who Served"







The VAVS Committee of the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital (JAHVH) is sponsoring its second "Homeward Bound for Those Who Served" for Make A Difference Day, October 24, 2009.

What is Make a Difference Day?

Make a Difference Day is the most encompassing national day of helping others – a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. The VAVS National Advisory Committee encouraged VAVS' participation in Make A Difference Day. Let's make our second year of participation even more successful than the first. Check out the Make A Difference Day website at http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday/index.html.

What is Our Project, "Homeward Bound for Those Who Served?"

JAHVH's Medical Foster Home program provides an alternative to nursing home placement for approximately 53 nonservice connected veterans who are dependent, chronically or terminally ill with limited family support and finances. After each of these veterans' monthly expenses, there is little left for the niceties. The Foster Home staff and caregivers will obtain a wish list from each of the veterans in this program. Through donations and participation from individuals and organizations, the VAVS Subcommittee and Committee intends to grant some of these veterans'

wishes and present each of these heroes with gifts at their places of residence on Saturday, October 24, 2009.

How Can You Help?

Call Voluntary Service for a "wish list" or "wish lists" to fill which will be available after July 31, 2009. Have organization members or friends donate items on the wish list(s) and place in a gift bag(s).

Or you could write a check made payable to James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, earmarked Make A Difference Day in the memo section and mail to Voluntary Service (135), James. Haley Veterans' Hospital, 13000 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., Tampa, FL 33612.

Deadline for donations and gifts is Friday, October 9, 2009.

You can even be a part of the gift delivery to the veterans on Make A Difference Day, Saturday, October 24, 2009, with hospital staff.

For more information about "Homeward Bound to Those Who Served," please contact either Deborah Gottardi or Diane Layman of Voluntary Service at 813-972-7533.

Voluntary Service (135), James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, 13000 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., Tampa, FL 33612.

Frank Sellers VAVS

Murders She Wrote Mystery Dinner Theatre Group has Found a New Playhouse for Tampa Public Performances! It's at the Elks Lodge Hall!

Their October show "Murder on the 19th Hole" is scheduled for Saturday Evening, October 17, 2009. Cocktails (cash bar) 6 - 6:30, Show starts 6:30 with First Course after first act. Tickets are \$35 for Dinner and Show and are available from Murders She Wrote. Call for reservations: 813-727-7012 or 813-715-4736 Email at SUM220@AOL.COM

Sharing Elkdom



How many times have American patriots in their own times, arisen to their country's call - Let Freedom Ring

How many heroes have been sacrificed to breach or block a battlefield's wall - Let Freedom Ring

How many countless times in storied places, within God's guiding hands through His halls, have past And current BPO Elks members been willing and able to aid and comfort those most needy in our Communities all across these great lands - Let Freedom Ring

How many children and families were aided through sickness or financial straits; ravages of storms; Or personal sacrifice of homes, limbs, or even life itself - Let Freedom Ring

The calling of BPO Elks is as clear as Elkdom's tolling clock on the eleventh hour, calling us to serve In Charity; with Justice; always with Brotherly Love; and with unending Fidelity - Let Freedom Ring

Let Freedom Ring for all Elks who strive with pride to better our fellowship for the brotherhood of All Americans!

Americanism - Let Freedom Ring

Richard H. Florance Americanism Chairman

Athena News.

On Oct.8th we will be going to Athena House and having our pizza game night with the ladies. We will also be discussing what project we will be working on with the ladies for the troops in Iraq.

Our monthly meeting is scheduled for Oct.22nd.

Oct. 25th we will once again join the ladies at Athena House for pumpkin carving and a BBQ.

Anyone interested in joining the Athena House Committee please contact Tracy Horrell at 813-453-2268.

Thanks, Tracy Horrell

LOE TEA PARTY

I would like to thank all the members and guests that purchased tickets to the Tea Party, I think all would agree that we had a wonderful afternoon, sharing good food and good fellowship. A big thank you goes out to FRAN BARANOFSKI for baking lovely cakes, as well as LYNN BROWN who has always said yes to me whenever I have needed help. Thanks goes out to CAROL HEYE who so generously donated a table full of items to auction off, it really helped out. Thanks to TRACY HORRELL, CAROLYN WILLIAMS, SUSIE HARLOW, VERA WRIGHT and STACY MANLY for donating items to help keep the cost down. JOAN CLUE, LYNN SZELIGA, and MELANI HALE, helped set up the function, thank you ladies.

The Tampa Yacht and Country Club donated the linens and everything that we used to serve, we are very grateful to this great club, and without their support we would not be able to hold such an event. President RITA SMITH did a wonderful job of keeping us entertained with the great games. Thanks a lot. And last but not least to St. Teresa who's name I invoked numerous times to help me.

Sheila Gombarcik



Volunteers welcomed!

Do you enjoy working with Children? We'd welcome you to the Drug Awareness Committee! Watch for upcoming events. For info call 813-503-3204.

Ladies of the Elks News

Dear Members,

Most of you have by now heard that Betty Pickenpaugh, our beloved Treasurer, Past Lady President, and Past Florida Ladies President, survived a severe stroke on September 8th, and she will be working on her recovery for some time to come. We counted on Betty for so many different

things, from handling our money, to telling us our history, giving us guidance and suggestions, keeping us informed about what is going on in the district and state, producing our flyers and tickets, keeping our closet in papers supplies, chairing several events each year and the list goes on and on. It is going to take more than one person to fill this void, which we hope will be temporary. Each of your Officers will take on a little more responsibility, but we are going to need 3 or 4 more people to step up. Besides keeping the books, between now and Christmas Betty has four extra LOE activities she was planning. Please make every effort to come to our October meeting and help us get everything sorted out. Remember, many hands make light

During the second half of August, the LOE was almost as hot as the weather!

John Flower's Fettuccini Alfredo exceeded expectations, as did the crowd! I know all of you that showed up were glad that you did! Thank you, John! Thanks also to Bob Orcutt who came in to help John in the kitchen.

Our Recording Secretary, Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP, outdid herself with a fantastic Tea Party Fundraiser. The presentation was lovely, the food exquisite, and the conversation lively. It was the perfect preface to the testosterone laden football season! I'm sure you are already looking forward to



the next one. See Shelagh's article for more details.

At our September meeting we voted to retain the funding for the concrete foundation slab for the new shed for another ninety days. As of this writing, the permit has finally been approved, and we may have the shed soon.

Following the meeting, we enjoyed the leftover beef tips and noodles. Melissa Bertoch couldn't make the meeting, so again thanks go to Bob Orcutt for his help in the kitchen. I'm sorry Gracie Winchell couldn't make the meeting either, but I'm glad she sent a mighty

On September 16th we held a special meeting and entertained Rita Choronenko and her entourage of Dignitaries' wives. Rita is the wife of Iwan Choronenko, the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. We had introductions, roll call, hor 'doerves and then played games.

I want to thank Ebba Jean Palladini for her help and advice with the protocol, Flo Wayne PLP, for organizing the Lodge Officer's wives, Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP, for slaving in the kitchen, VP Susie Harlow for setting up the meeting room and assisting with games, Bonnie Gilchrist, Melissa Bertoch, Diane Cuccinello and Lesley Nikkinen for their assistance with the food and games, Brian Brantley, PER for procuring the bread, Jay Kinney for "Working it out", Gracie for her show stopping cookie bars, and all who donated prizes: Betty Pickenpaugh, PLP, PSP, Bonnie Atwood, Shelagh Gombarcik, Betty Gnadt, Beth Boyd, Susie Harlow, Melissa Bertoch, Tina Higgins, Marilyn Fennell, Gracie Winchell, and Leslie Nikkinen, PLP. The response was overwhelming, and I'm sorry I did not plan games that

created more winners. That full table of prizes sure made a great impression on our guests, as did all of you who participated. Thank you.

In Your Service,

Rita Smith LOE President

LOE Yard Sale October 10th

8AM-2PM • Rain or Shine!

The LOE will begin accepting donations for their yard sale on Saturday, October 3rd.

Boxes and smaller items may be placed in the antler room, on the side by the pool tables. Larger items should be placed in the back hall beginning Tuesday, October 6th, so as not to interfere with Bingo.

We will be accepting clean, ready to sale items like books, movies, music, household items, tools, toys, furniture, sports equipment, etc, but please no clothing other than shoes, accessories and outerwear like coats and jackets. If you are contributing items that may be undervalued by those of us doing the tagging, please tag them before you bring them in. (Last year some Coach™ purses in great condition were unwittingly tagged at \$5.00 apiece!)

We will be tagging the items on Friday night, October 9th, and offer a "sneak preview" sale for Elk members at that time.

Caution: If you have personal items in the Antler room, such as speakers or lamps, you may want to remove them before that Saturday. Personal items have been known to end up in the sale by mistake!



October 7th - LOE Meeting refreshments by Barbara Huffman, Dessert by Gracie

October 10 Yard Sale (See Advertisement) -Rita Smith, Chairperson October 15th -LOE Dinner

"Southern Hospitality" by Tammy Manley & Tracy Horrell

Salvation Army Christmas Stockings. A Great Opportunity to Share.

It is time again to start thinking about our Annual Christmas Stocking Stuffing Project for the Salvation Army Tree of Lights.

We have agreed to fill 50 stockings again this year. These are for children in the Tampa Bay Area that would not, but for your generosity, receive a Christmas Stocking full of gifts or a Christmas Stocking at all.

The stockings are for boys and girls 5 - 12 years of age. Suggested small items are: coloring books (able to roll), bubbles, paperback books, small writing pads, comics, children's jewelry, beads, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, pens, small games and puzzles, grooming items (combs, mirrors, tooth brushes, toothpaste, (etc.), hair accessories, small toys (cars, trucks, dolls, yo-yos, balls), stickers, McDonald Certificates, and socks.

Please DO NOT include perishable items such as candy, gum, fruit, balloons, or anything where storage time would be a problem.

We will fill stockings after the LOE Business Meeting on November 4th. Please bring your donations before the meeting, so we can see what else needs to be purchased to Rita Smith 431-3020, or Susie Harlow at 839-5064, or Betty Pickenpaugh 653-3087.

Betty Pickenpaugh, PLP.

LOE October Birthdays

Dianne Cuccinello	10/05
Vernon Pickenpaugh	10/07
Carrie Ann Leskey	10/11
Beverly Wick	10/15
Bonnie Atwood	10/18
Theresa Matthews	10/19
Robert Snyder Jr	10/26

We are all offering our prayers and best wishes for Betty Pickenpaugh who is currently in St. Joseph's Hospital recovering from a stroke.

Joan Clune, LOE Chaplain

365 Club News



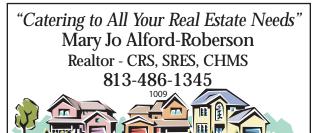
Last month we emptied our 365 Club fund and sent \$861.00 to the Florida Ladies of the Elks, where it will be combined with all the other 365 Club money from around the state, and presented to the Florida Elks Children's Therapy chairman for use towards the purchase of a new Therapy Van. It is the small contributions from members like you, gathered up by the LOE, that have furnished all the vans for the Florida State Project over the years. We will receive a report on the state-wide amount for the year at the Florida Ladies of the Elks conference, and will report that total next month.

We are now working towards next year's contribution, and received filled boxes in September from Dick Florance, Ida Garcia, Aida Diaz and many generous but anonymous donations from the boxes in the lounge and dining room at the Lodge.

If you would like to take a box to your home or worksite to fill up and bring back, any bartender or waitress can get an empty one for you. The children that use our services throughout the state, and of course, the Tampa Ladies of the Elks, sincerely appreciate all donations.

Vera Almstedt

365 Club Chairperson



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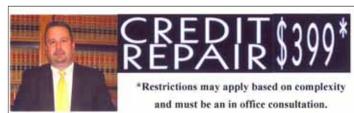
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Tampa Elks Lodge #708 Calendar of Events



October 2009

Sun Thur Sat Mon Tues Wed Fri Dinner Dinner Come enjoy a nice pint Ray's 5:30 - 7:30 p 6:30-830 Concession

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Music

2:40 p

Hall Rental

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Best Breakfast in Tampa 8:30 a - 12:00 p Full Menu Bucs @ Red- skins 1:00	5	JAM Session 7:30 p	LOE Meeting 7:30 Refreshments by Barbara Huffman	YouthCamp Dinner 5:30 - 7:30 p Youth Camp Dinner - Roast Pork, Dressing, Potatoes & veg by Berni Desserts	9 Dinner 6:30-8:30 Music	FLOE Inaugural Ball Seminole LOE yard sale 6:30pm dinner by Fran, for Vets
Best Breakfast in Tampa 8:30 a - 12:00 p Full Menu Bucs @ Eagles 1:00	12 Bingo 6:30 p	13	14 Lodge Meeting 7:30 p	LOE Dinner Down Home Comfort Food Oven Fried Chicken, homemade maca- roni and cheese and green bean w/ biscuits. by Tammy, Beth & Tracy 5:30-7:30p	Dinner 6:30-8:30 Music	Hall Rental Murder Mystery 5:00 p
Best Breakfast in Tampa 8:30 a - 12:00 p Full Menu Panthers @ Bucs 1:00	Bingo 6:30 p Golden Girls Bingo Kitchen	JAM Session 7:30 p	21	Dinner 5:30-7:30p	Dinner 6:30-8:30 Music hall rental	PASSWORD with Linda Reid 5:30 p Karaoke with Hambone Jerry Reid 7:30
Best Breakfast in Tampa 8:30 a - 12:00 p Full Menu Patriots vs Bucs in London 1:00	Bingo 6:30 p	27	Lodge Meeting 7:30 p	Dinner 5:30-7:30p	Dinner 6:30-8:30 Music	HALLOWEEN PARTY

October Friday Night Dinner Menu,

Oct. 9 Salmon, N.Y. strip, Chef's Special Oct. 16 Prime Rib, Chicken. Chef's Special

Oct. 23 Rib Eye Steak Catfish-fried, blackened, or grilled Chef's Special

- vailable Every Friday: Chicken Finger Basket Fried Shrimp Basket
- Fried Fish Basket Hamburger Basket Soup and Salad Bar

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Youth Camp Dinner Thursday, October 8 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Roast Pork
with stuffing, Mashed potatoes,
vegetable, bread & butter.
by Berni Turpin
Desserts available!
Help support our Youth Camp!





Are you ready for some football?

Join your friends at the Lodge to cheer for the team! Enjoy watching the game on our *three screens*, enjoy football food at halftime for a small donation, check out the drink specials, and maybe even win some money!

October Regular Season Schedule:

Sun	10/4	Bucs at Redskins	1:00
Sun	10/11	Bucs at Eagles	1:00
Sun	10/18	Panthers at Bucs	1:00
Sun	10/25	Bucs vs Patriots in London	1:00

There is a sign up sheet at the Lodge if you would enjoy being a game host by providing the food for one of the games this season. Ask Bobby Green about the games for prizes.