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**Exalted Ruler Address**

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Happy July! Happy Independence Day! Or should I wish you a Merry Christmas?

I continue to receive many comments from Elks both within our own lodge and even several lodges across the district and state. Most express appreciation of my writing style and/or my creative wit (if there is such a thing). That said, I have also received admonishment for my being long winded and my inability to get to the point. Now to that end, I simply say; thank you. How is that for direct?

I have never been one for the “thank you, thank you, and thank you” type of article. I have been and am a member of a number of organizations and I have had considerable experience in writing such addresses. You always seem to forget someone and ultimately hurt someone's feelings. That's not going to happen here, unless you disapprove of my writing style... Sorry, I couldn't resist.

This year, we celebrate the 234<sup>th</sup> Year of Independence of The United States. Unfurl your flag, fire up the grill, thank a Vet, dust off your copy of the Declaration of Independence or Constitution (You do have a copy, don't you?) and even read a few passages. Whatever you do, remember the United States is what we as Americans made it and continue to make it. Go out and make this day special, don't waste it. For many Elks, is it especially memorable as we kick off our National Convention in Orlando. This year's convention is even more memorable as we prepare to install Mike Smith, of Plant City, as our Grand Exalted Ruler. It is a good time to be a Florida Elk! Still, any way you do it; Happy Birthday America!

Christmas you ask? Absolutely! Christmas is a time of giving, even if the temperature is above 90-degrees. Still, during this special time of year, we tend to reflect on gifts to the family, gifts to friends and spending time with people we care about. It is precisely for that reason that I am pleased to announce Tampa Lodge #708's Christmas In July Celebration, scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup>. Now, Instead of the normal cards, carols, crumpets and candy canes, we are going to do it “Motown Style.” Linda Reid, our Hall Rental/ Entertainment/Do “anything that is asked of her” Committee Chairman has secured live music belting out “Motown sounds” for your dining and dancing pleasure. In addition, there will be Reindeer Games (like our horse races) and a live auction to round out the evenings activities. Now here's the best part; we will do all of this to raise money for the Harry-Anna Trust! So, circle the date on your calendars, send your best tropical shirt and Bermuda shorts to the cleaners, because Santa Claus is coming to town in beach attire and you should too.

Tickets for Christmas in July are \$15.00 per adult and include a fine Christmas dinner of finger lickin' good chicken or ribs and fixin's (How is that for getting you into a Motown mood?).

Why not keep the warm feeling and expand the good will that accompanies the spirit of giving? How about volunteering and give the gift of time? Have you volunteered at our lodge lately? I continue to see the same faces attending to the same functions day in and day out to

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E.R.  
A.J. Matthews

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**Ladies of the Elks  
Presidential Address**

I would like to take this opportunity to Thank all of you for your strong support these last 3 months! It really does help to know that I have the support of the ladies!

We were certainly busy at convention selling chances on our treasure chest of booze and cups. We made \$587.00 in sales. A BIG Thanks to all who donated booze for our treasure chest. The convention was a blast and the Lodge 708 definitely had the best hospitality room! The ladies luncheon was quite nice and Beth Boyd and Susie Harlow won some nice gifts in the Chinese Auction.

Have you been to the lodge lately? If not, you must stop by and see the NEW ARTWORK the ladies provided in the dining room. It is BEAUTIFUL!!! THANK YOU Lisa Snyder for all your hard efforts to see this project through. The reward for us as Ladies of the Elks does not come from just putting our name on all we do but from the goodness in our hearts that we feel and the acknowledgements from our fellow elks!

I would also like to send out a Big Thanks to Gracie Winchell for taking the time to always make sure that on meeting nights that we have a delicious cake!

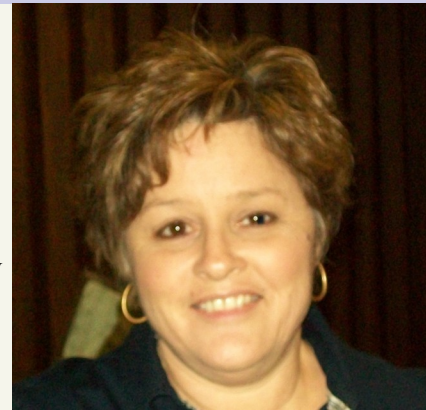
We are well under way on the planning of our variety show! We are looking to making it a huge success and money maker for this year! Lesley Nikkinen and Barbara Huffman are working very hard. They are still in need of volunteers, so if you can help out in anyway please contact them or myself. EVEN A LITTLE BIT OF HELP IS BETTER THAN NONE!

We could also use some help with a cashier on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month for our LOE dinners!

Don't miss our upcoming meetings as we will be having some interesting and informative guests!

If you have any ideas or suggestions please give me a call (813-453-2268) or email me at [trahorrell@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:trahorrell@tampabay.rr.com)  
Have a safe and colorful 4<sup>th</sup> of July!! Please remember our VETERAN'S.

Look forward to seeing you soon!



*In Your Service, Tracy Horrell*  
**L.O.E. President**

**Exalted Ruler (Continued)**

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keep our lodge running smooth. The problem is these people are getting tired of my old jokes and stories. New faces will enable me to recycle these tired old jokes and maybe learn some new ones. We cannot forget that new members are the life's blood of any organization. If we do not grow, we become stagnant. If you haven't been around in a while, come in and see what is new. Step up to the plate and roll-up your sleeves; there is always a lot to do. If you are unsure how to approach someone to volunteer, just hang around the lodge for more than an hour, I will find you! July is Volunteer Month! What better month to get active. When you run out of ways to say no, I will be waiting and remember, volunteering can be contagious.

Lastly, you may have noticed that there are once again signs of life from our Lodge Beautification Committee (Addison and I). After several months, we have started construction on the re-birth of the lounge spaces. It is our hope that we will complete this phase prior to our VP Visit on July 17<sup>th</sup>. At this stage of the game, things are progressing smoothly. We look forward to showcasing our new interior for all to see and enjoy.



Proposed Candidates		Volunteers Needed to fill these Committee Chairs		
Candidate	Proposer	Kitchen	Lodge Activities	Veteran's Hospital
Linda Summers - Linda Reid		National Service	Scholarship	Special Events
Robert Summers - Linda Reid		Stray Elks	Veterans	Sports/Soccer Shoot
Diane Grieves - Chris Miles				

**Tamapa Elks Lodge #708  
July 2010 Calendar**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Jun	28	29	30	1 Jul	2	3
4 National Elk Convention Independence Day Celebration-Veterans Committee?? 8:30am - 12:00pm Full menu Breakfast	5 National Elk Convention	6 National Elk Convention Jam Session	7 National Elk Convention Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm Officer Meeting 7:00pm House Comm. Meeting 7:30pm LOE Meeting	8 National Elk Convention 5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday Night Dinner - Youth Camp	9 7:00pm - 11:00pm Music - "Double Shot Band" - 4 piece band (Oldies, Country, R&B, Rock, etc.)	10 2:00pm - 5:00pm Baby Shower-approx. 100 guests-Leya Ezell
11 8:30am - 12:00pm Full menu Breakfast	12	13	14 6:30pm - 7:30pm PER Meeting 7:30pm Lodge Meeting	15 Elksize articles are due by the 15th 5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday Night Dinner - LOE	16 7:00pm - 11:00pm Music by Keith Scherer	17 6:00pm VP Visit at 708 - Cocktails at 6 p.m.
18 8:30am - 12:00pm Full menu Breakfast 4:00pm - 7:00pm Addison's Special Fish Fry - Music by Big Jim playing in lounge	19 Golden Girls Bingo Kitchen	20 Jam Session	21 Indoctrination--6:30 Trustees Meeting	22	23 Honor our Veterans at dinner 7:00pm - 10:00pm Music - "Big Jim"	24 Visitation Holiday Isles 6:00pm - 11:00pm "Christmas in July Motown Style" Harry Anna Trust fundraiser - AJ - \$15 tickets - Ribs/Chicken, plus \$500 Reindeer Race Money
25 8:30am - 12:00pm Full menu Breakfast	26	27	28 Lodge Meeting - 7:30 -	29	30	31 Aug Visitation New Port Richey



**Flag Day Report  
Dick Florance Americanism Chairman**

On Sunday, June 14th, 2010 the lodge conducted our Elks Flag Day ceremony that followed the traditional Elks service to honor the history and rich heritage of our American Flag - an emblematic symbol of our Elks order. A *U.S. Navy JROTC Color Guard from Robinson High School* opened the ceremony in the lodge hall and assisted with the individual flags delivery to their stands as their histories were read to those attending this very moving and uniquely American Elks solemn service to honor our American Flag. A sincere and heartfelt response when all presented flags were in place was read to bring us all up to date as to where our flag has been flown throughout our proud history as a nation. To continue to cherish the creation, use and finally the retirement of our American Flag, our lodge's Exalted Ruler A.J. Matthews, our lodge Esquire Pat Boyd, and our lodge Tiler Dick Florance symbolically retired by incineration one American Flag in a memorable, proper manner. Thirty-nine celebrants attended our indoor and outdoor service The Americanism Committee, the Exalted Ruler, and Lodge Officers convey our heartfelt THANKS to all who attended and helped in advising, purchasing, decorating, setting up, cooking and serving our Picnic meal and special Flag Day Cake for their time, patriotic interest, and attendance. All in all, this event was and will always be a happy and fond memory for Tampa Elks Lodge 708.



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**"365"  
Vera Almstedt 365 Chairperson**

Thanks again for your donations. Take a home "home" and fill it. The Vans go to children's homes to give them therapy. It takes a lot to keep these vans going. Thanks to the following for their donations: Elaine Godsey, Robert Conner, Betty Gnad, Robert and Lisa Snyder, Helen Hutchkiss, and the bar, tables and waitresses. We only have two months to make the goal of \$1,000.00

**Lodge  
Officers  
Board  
of  
Trustees**

- Exalted Ruler**  
A.J. Matthews  
**Leading Knight**  
William "Jay" Kenney  
**Loyal Knight**  
Robert Harlow  
**Lecturing Knight**  
Vic Thomas, PER  
**Tiler**  
Richard Florance  
**Esquire**  
Pat Boyd  
**Inner Guard**  
Tracy Horrell  
**Chaplin**  
Dianne Cuccinello  
**Secretary**  
Carl Williamson, PER  
**Treasurer**  
Paul Deland
- 5-Year**  
Robert Snyder  
**4-Year**  
Art DeAngelis  
**3-Year**  
William Edwards, PER  
**2-Year**  
Brian Brantley, PER  
**1-Year**  
Addison Horrell

**Ladies  
of the Elks**

- President**  
Tracy Horrell  
**Vice President**  
Susie Harlow  
**Recording Secretary**  
Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP  
**Treasurer**  
Cynthia Linville  
**Chaplain**  
Beth Boyd  
**Parliamentarian**  
Lisa Snyder

**Grand Lodge  
and State**

- Elks National Veterans Commission**  
**Veterans Rep**  
Brian Brantley, PER  
**Veterans Deputy**  
Vernon Pickenpaugh  
**FSEA- Past President**  
**W.C.D. Sponsor**  
Frank Palladini, PER, PVP, PDD, PSP, PGLC  
**FSEA- Elks Training**  
Carl Williamson, PER

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- Committees**  
**Accident Prevention**  
Addison Horrell  
**Americanism**  
Richard Florance  
**Athena House**  
Tracy Horrell  
**Auditing**  
Jackie Appel  
**Bell Ringers**  
Pat Finnell  
**Bingo**  
Brian Brantley, PER  
Blood Mobile  
Vic Thomas, PER  
**Bulletin (Elksize)**  
Pat Boyd  
**By Laws**  
John Redding  
**Convention**  
Addison Horrell  
**Hall Activities**  
Linda Reid  
**Drug Awareness**  
Linda Reid  
**Entertainment**  
Linda Reid  
**Flag Day**  
Richard Florance  
**Government Relations**  
Carl Williamson, PER  
**Harry Anna Foundation**  
Brian Sanchez  
**Hoop Shoot**  
Linda Reid  
**House Committee**  
Robert Harlow  
**Indoctrination**  
Rita Smith  
**Investigation**  
Chris Miles

- Committees**  
**LOE Liasion**  
Bill Edwards, PER  
**"Lapsation"**  
"Lodge Officers"  
**Maintenance**  
Bobby Green  
**Membership**  
Rita Smith  
**Memorial Day**  
A.J. Matthews  
**Mothers Day**  
A.J. Matthews  
**National Foundation**  
Vic Thomas, PER  
**Parliamentarian**  
Frank Palladini, PSP, PER  
**Protocol**  
Frank Palladini, PSP, PER  
**Presiding Justice**  
John Redding  
**Public Relations**  
Carl Williamson, PER  
**Relief**  
Carl Williamson, PER  
**Sickness**  
William "Jay" Kinney  
**Social/Comm/Welfare**  
Carl Williamson, PER  
**Visitation**  
Lesley Nikkinen  
**Visiting**  
Pending  
**Website**  
Marty Quire  
**Youth Activities**  
Linda Reid  
**Youth Camp**

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**Father's Day Celebration 2010 by Tracy Horrell**

What a perfect day we had over 90 Elks and guests in attendance for the celebration! The ceremony started with wonderful memories of Father's lost and loved, those we still have and honor. Then we moved into our dining area where Father's and guests enjoyed a wonderful dinner of London Broil w/mushroom wine sauce and did you have the bananas foster? YUM !YUM!

It was great to see parents with their children playing corn hole and turkey shoot! Frank Palladini gave great advice to all on how to shoot at the turkey targets! Even Lisa Snyder got into a game of corn hole! And who was that young man playing partners with Tracey Matthews? I do believe it was her son Logan! So much fun was enjoyed well into the late evening! I can't remember the last time when so many people came together for a great time! IT WAS SPECIAL!

I want to send a special THANKS to all my LOE members who went above and beyond to make this day so wonderfully smooth you know who you are and I thank you so much and a great big THANKS to Shelagh Gombarcik, Lynn Brown, A.J. Matthews for all the help in the kitchen!

Florida State Elks Association State  
President's Message

To all my fellow Elks in the Lodges across the State of Florida:

This will be the first of many messages to be delivered to you in your monthly individual lodge bulletins. It is one of my ways of trying to increase the level of communication between you and your respective lodges and the State Leadership. I will make this first message for the month of July an introduction and in subsequent messages I will try to focus on one particular part of my program as the State President or discuss with you some of my thoughts and ideas as we progress through this lodge year.

As you will hear from me many times, our focus must be on arresting the continuous decline in our statewide membership and improving our public image by asserting to your respective communities the hundreds of charitable activities that are being accomplished daily among our 107 lodges. Those two goals, in addition to continuing the very generous financial support for our two state major projects, namely the Children's Therapy Services and the magnificent Youth Camp in Umatilla, will be stressed frequently.

Florida Elks Choose  
Vernon Pickenpaugh Tampa Elks Lodge #708  
"Volunteer of the Year"

Take a moment to find out what it means to be a true Elk. This once in a lifetime award was presented at The Florida Elks State convention. Below is an excerpt of the nomination letter submitted by John Wayne PER

"Tampa Elks Lodge 708 nominates a most dedicated Elk for Volunteer Veteran Person of the Year – Mr. Vernon Pickenpaugh.

His dedication to Elkdom and our Veterans is exemplified by the way he always plans functions, organizing with his committee associates, including his dedicated spouse, Betty, to effectively conduct scheduled events. He is a qualified leader of our Veterans Committee and works closely with James A. Haley VA Hospital's patient activities. These include:

Monthly Bingo games where the patients are awarded canteen books and stuffed animals along with light refreshments

Monthly pizza parties where Vernon and his committee deliver pizza to the wards while speaking to the patients individually

Twice a year cookouts at the VA hospital for patients, their families and staff  
Scheduling and hosting the Re-Creation Musical Event and arranging for housing and meals for performers  
Judging, organizing and transporting the Arts and Crafts from the Hospital to competition at the Elks State Convention

Organized a group of Veterans from James Haley VA Hospital to attend "Elks Day at the Rays" during the State President's visit to the West Central Florida District.

Vernon, along with his committee, hosts the Veterans on the last Friday night of every month to a wonderful dinner at the Tampa Elks Lodge #708. The committee serves our vets and attends to their every need while spending time socializing with them to make them feel welcome at our Lodge.

Vernon also leads or participates in Memorial Day, July 4th (which is the major fundraising activity for the Tampa Veterans Committee) and Labor Day.

Vernon has been an active member of the Veterans Committee for approximately 15 years. He is a well deserving candidate for this honor.



Congratulations Vernon!  
**Charity**

Thoughts Worth Remembering

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like. The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, "You have seen Hell."

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The holy man said, "I don't understand." It is simple said the Lord, "it requires only one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other. While the greedy think only of themselves."

Remember:

- \* Its people's attitude that makes our Elk home, a hell or heaven to them!!
- \* "Help and Seek Help" this makes all the difference to each individual's life...and makes our lives hell or otherwise.
- \* Success and happiness is all about effective team-work.....make it a great place.

National Grand Lodge Veterans

Playing Cards for Vets by Roger R. True, PGER  
Reprint from Grand Lodge Newsletter June 2010

Playing Cards for Veterans is a program that goes hand in hand with our Adopt-A-Veteran Program. This activity will give a hospitalized veteran something to do rather than just passively sitting and watching television. These cards can also be distributed with your comfort care kits. They also can be a part of any activity for our veterans or active service men and women.

Through the dedicated and hard work of Brother Tom Jamison of Beardstown, Illinois Lodge No. 1007, who has made arrangements with several riverboats and casinos, we are now able to offer playing cards for our veterans to use. Last year, we distributed over 40,000 decks of playing cards to our veterans, valued at more than \$80,000. With the help of Elks volunteers, their spouses, family and friends, each deck of cards is checked to make sure all cards are in good condition and the deck is complete.

After the decks are checked, a "Playing Cards for Veterans" sticker with the logo of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission is placed on each deck of cards.





**Sponsorship – a Rewarding Responsibility**  
**Rita Smith Membership Chair**

Do you have a friend or relative that is interested in your Lodge Activities? Are you hesitant to take the first step to become their sponsor? It is not too hard to sponsor a new member. All you have to do is ask the bartender for an application, fill out the top, and have your candidate fill in their information. Then introduce your candidate to two of your Lodge friends who will agree to vouch for them, and have those two friends fill out their lines on the application. Attach a \$50.00 check, and turn it in to the Office, or to the house manager, James Harlow.

Once the Lodge Secretary has received the application with the fee, he will forward it to the Membership chair and the Investigation chair. If the investigation report comes back satisfactory, your name and your candidate's name will be forwarded to the Elksize Editor. At the first meeting of the month after publication, the members present at the Lodge meeting vote on accepting your candidate for membership.

If the vote is affirmative, your candidate will be mailed an invitation to Indoctrination, which is usually held the following Wednesday night. Be sure to have him/her contact you when he/she receives the letter, as you should attend Indoctrination with him/her. Your candidate will be much more comfortable with a familiar face in the room, and you will be asked to introduce your candidate to the officers present. By the end of Indoctrination, your Candidate has enough information to be initiated into the Lodge.

The Initiation Ceremony takes place at the second meeting of each month. (Exceptions can be made.) Again, you should plan on attending with your candidate, and will be asked to present his membership pin at the conclusion of the Ceremony.

At that point, you are officially a sponsor! But wait, your responsibilities aren't quite complete! Your Lodge also counts on you to make sure your new member gets involved in some activities or committees, and the best way to do that is to invite them along each time you head to the Lodge. It won't be long before they have met enough people that they feel comfortable showing up on their own! Now all you have to do is check up on them once in a while, answer any question they may have, and make sure they are having fun.

Your final responsibility is to make sure they have the new membership card each April! The Reward? You have your friend in the Lodge, another pair of hands to lighten the work load, and the eternal gratitude of your fellow Elks! Additionally, the Grand lodge offers awards for sponsorship, and I will discuss those next month.

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*Visitations (continued)*

The West Central Visitation at Pinellas Park Elks was a fun time for all Tampa Elk visitors. We had 16 Elks and two visitors attend. We also had two of our own at the head table. Thanks Frank Palladini and Brian Brantley for representing us in style. The evening began with cocktails, introductions, a fine meal of baked chicken and ended with a "meet and greet" with our West Central District Vice President Ken Yagoda. New Members are encouraged to attend a lodge visitation. It will give you different perspective on the Elk movement in Florida and the nation.

**Tampa # 708 VP Visitation this month!**

Tampa 708's District VP's Visitation is scheduled for Saturday, July 17th and begins at 6:00 PM with a cocktail hour. And because Tampa has become legendary for our themed visitations, area lodges promise to be well represented. All members are encouraged to attend to meet our District representatives and lodge dignitaries and be present for District VP Ken Yagoda's first official visit to our lodge.

Lodge Visitation Chair **Lesley Nickinen** promises that this year's visitation will be something special. Planning for the event (which is TOP SECRET) has been going on for months and promises to be both entertaining and informative. While there is no cost, Tampa members are encouraged to donate school supplies to support our Say No to Drugs efforts.

**DRUG AWARENESS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES:**

By **Linda Reid - Chairwoman**  
**Kids Bowl-A-Rama was a Strike!**

Sunday, June 6, 2010 – This years Bowl-A-Rama was a ton of fun and the kids had a great time. Some of us adults also bowled along with the kids this year which was great, but it was a little embarrassing when many of the kids scored higher than the adults!

After the bowling, we returned to the lodge for some games and a special drug awareness word find puzzle. The kids also wrote some wonderful "Just Say No" messages on their puzzles we read out loud. Here is one message they wrote that I really liked:

"Crack is Wack, Down with Dope, Up with Hope!",  
 We then munched out on hamburgers and hotdogs (thanks to Brian & Sandy for cooking for us!)

Each child received a personalized Bowl-A-Rama certificate and a treat bag full of candy and prizes. The 1st and 2nd place winners received some great trophies for the highest scorers in each division. Thanks to Tracy Horrell and Browns' Trophies.

We really THANK all of the great Elks/LOE volunteers who SPARE'd some time to come out and help with this important youth event. Thanks to Susie, Rosa, Betty, Theresa & A.J., Addison, Wendy, Ed, Pat & Marilyn, Bonnie, Chelsie, Linda & Jerry, Rita, Mandy and Elma.



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**Girls 6-9, 1st Place, Zoe H., 2nd Place, Cayla C.**  
**Girls 10-12, 1st Place, Emily B., 2nd Place, Tiana C.**  
**Girls 13-16, 1st Place, Jaycee P., 2nd Place, Lauren H.**  
**Boys 6-9, 1st Place, Emil F., 2nd Place, Nick B.**  
**Boys 10-12, 1st Place, Taylor T., 2nd Place, Jeremy E.**  
**Boys 13-16, 1st Place, Chris E., 2nd Place, Louis H.**



Partners in Progress

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

**BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20**

Kelly, George 6/2010  
In Memory of #7, Patrick 11/2007  
Wayne, John & Flo 3/2009

**SILVER INVESTORS \$21 - \$50**

Cuccinello, Diane 6/2010  
Edwards, PER3, William 6/2010  
Gukeisen, SGM USA RET, James L. 4/2010  
Huff man, Barbara (In Memory of Hilda DeGiacomo) 6/2010  
Kelly, George & Elma 5/2010  
McHugh, Thomas 6/2010

**PLATINUM INVESTORS - \$100**

DuRant, Rosemarie 1/2010  
Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 12/2010  
Florance, Dick 6/2010  
Hauf, Dick & Gerry 6/2010  
In Memory of Harry Reoderer 6/2010  
In Memory of Ina Moore 12/2010  
In Memory of Larry Quire 6/2010  
In Memory of Richard A Palmer 8/2012  
Jacobs, Jake 12/2009  
Linville, John 5/2009  
Lucas, Vernon 6/2010  
Marino, Anthony 1/2010  
Palladini, Deborah 1/2010  
Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean 6/2015  
Quire, Bonnie 6/2010  
Quire, Martin & Kimberly 8/2010  
Ramsey, Richard PER 7/2009  
Reid, Linda & Jerry 6/2010  
Schneider, PER, Rick & Jan 7/2010  
Sellers, Jr., Frank, PER 6/2010  
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Snyder, Bob & Lisa 5/2008  
Norton, Bob and Stokking, Brenda 6/2010  
Thomas, PER, Guy & Ruth 1/2009  
Thomas, PER, Vic & Bernece 6/2010  
Toler, Kathleen 11/2009  
Wright, Vera 6/2010  
In Memory of James Wilder 5/2010  
Anthony Marino 5/2010

**GOLD INVESTORS \$51 - \$99**

Alley, Sonia & Bill 6/2010  
Baronofski, Ron & Fran 7/2010  
Bertoch, Jan 6/2010  
DeLand, Paul & Sandra VanSevers 3/2008  
Harmon, Steve, PER 6/2010  
Heider, Ted PER & Sally PER, 7/2010  
Huff man, Raymond & Barbara 6/2010  
Jorgensen, Sherral 6/2010  
Keller, Maureen & Matt 10/2009  
Kennedy, Brenda & Brown, David 3/2009  
LaChance, Rosemary & Roger 6/2010  
Nikinen, Lesley 3/2009  
Pickenpaugh, Vem & Betty FLOE PSP 9/2009

LOE July Birthdays  
Beth Boyd LOE Chaplain

Florence Wayne	1-Jul
Alice Ferrari	2-Jul
Sharon Brown	4-Jul
Jerry Reid	4-Jul
Susan Hagan	8-Jul
Lavelle Sheppard	10-Jul
Susan McBee	11-Jul
Linda Reid	14-Jul
Jacqueline Appel	15-Jul
Elma Kelly	25-Jul
Kathy Prince	26-Jul
Beth A. Boyd	29-Jul

**July 2010 Vice President's Visitation Schedule & Important Dates (West Central District)**

- July 4-8 Grand Lodge Convention - Orlando
- July 17 Tampa
- July 24 Holiday Isles
- July 25 West Central District Golf Tournament at Mainlands
- July 31 New Port Richey

\*All Lodge visitations begin at 7:00pm. Plan ahead by trying not to have a lodge functions during the visitation dates, especially during the State President's visit on September 18.

**Convention Update  
Addison Horrell Convention Chair**

State convention was a good time had by all! Our hospitality room was by far the best! This is not bragging. On several occasions we were told by other Elks if awards were given out we would win hands down!

I want to take this opportunity to send out a SPECIAL THANK YOU to Tommy Miller for all his hard work and all his creative pirate decorations to really make our hospitality room stand out! Also, BIG THANKS to Paul DeLand for the Vacation Package! Thank also, to Brian Brantley, Bill ( Barnacle Bill) Edwards, A.J. and Tracey Matthews, Leslie Nikkenin, Susie Harlow, Robbie Harlow, James Harlow, Jerry and Linda Reid, Bonnie Quire, Betty Kgnat, Tina Kamerer, Pat and Marilyn Fennell and our PIRATE GIRLS Lisa Snyder, Kim Rohm, and my wife Tracy Horrell. Thank you all very much this would not have been a great success without each and everyone of YOU!

Great things can be accomplished when we all pull together. I'm looking forward to making next year even better  
See you at the lodge!!  
Convention *Pictures on Page 11*

Convention Collage 2010 Orlando FL





# Kitchen Corner

## July Calendar of Meals Melissa Bertoch

July 1	Meatloaf	5.95
July 2	Prime Rib	12.95
	Stuff Pork Chops	9.95
	Baked Chicken Breast	8.95
July 8 Youth Camp	Baked Chicken	5.95
July 9	Grilled Salmon	12.95
	NY Strip	12.95
	Picadillo	8.95
July 15 LOE		5.95
July 16	Ribeye	12.95
	Grilled Scallops	9.95
	Fried Catfish	8.95
July 22 Carl's Night		
	Country Fried Steak	5.95
July 23 Veteran Night	NY Strip	12.95
	Fried Shrimp	9.95
	Stuffed Chicken Breast	8.95
July 29 PER	Salisbury Steak	5.95
July 30	Everything Must Go Night	
	Prices from	8.95 to 12.95

### Your Newest Bartender Courtney Taylor Wants to see you...

On Tuesday and Saturday there will be fun foods served for your snacking/dining pleasure during the Month of July.

On **Sunday July 18th** we will have a fab afternoon with a "make your own bloody mary" bar. If you have a favorite ingredient, don't forget to let Courtney know. \*\*Also serving Mimosas and Poinsettias.

On **Sunday July 25th** we will cool off with yummy Frosty Frozen drinks.

If you have food favorites, Let Courtney know!

\*Bring a dessert on Tue. Or Sat., but expect things like Beef Stew and Broccoli Chicken pasta.

Kitchen Help Needed  
Remember the kitchen and Wait staff  
are Volunteers

**Tips and thanks are appreciated**

Youth Camp Dinner July 8th, 2010  
Cooks - Lynn Brown and John Wayne  
**Veal Parmesan and Spaghetti**

Christmas in July July 15th 2010  
Cooks—Lynn Brown and Lamara J. (Marjean) Hand  
**Stuffed Turkey and trimmings**



We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Jan Schneider for the wonderful homemade soups she provides with our meals, Yum! Yum! Our sincere Thanks go to you Jan!

Addison Horrell **Fish Fry. July 11, 2010.** Tastee Seafood treats and Entertainment by "Big Jim."



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

- Atwood, Bonnie 2/2011
- Beth and Pat Boyd 05/2010
- Baer, Robert (Yogi) 2/2010
- Bergen, Raymona 11/2010
- Burks, John 3/2010
- Dayes, PDDGER, Dick & Eleanore 9/2012
- Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 4/2010
- Ferra, Alice 11/2010
- Florance, Richard H. 7/2011
- Gaffrey, Charles 6/2010
- Gukeisen, SGM USA RET James L. 11/2010
- Heider, Ted PER & Sally PER 7/2010
- Hauf, Richard & Geraldine 8/2010
- In Memory of Charlie Fiveash 5/2015
- In Memory of Harold Wright 6/2010
- In Memory of Ralph Picard
- In Memory of Raymond Davis 7/2010
- In Memory of Richard Palmer, 2/2011
- Jorgensen, Sherral 6/2010
- Keller, Maureen & Matt 6/2010
- Kelley, Thomas & Marlene 8/2010
- LaChance, Rosie & Roger 4/2010
- McBee, Bill & Susan, PLP 2/2010
- Nyland, William 7/2010
- Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean, 8/2010
- Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018
- Smith, Rita 4/2010
- Bob Connor May 2011
- Bernie Turpin May 2011
- Mary G. Spirtos May 2011

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### From the Editor Pat Boyd

Fellow Elks,

We have had a very busy June and July is proving to be so as well. I hope you appreciate and enjoy our continuous improvements. We try; however, there always seems to be an error here or there. I am grateful for your patience and ask that you bring any specific issues to my attention. I will endeavor to correct them. Sorry again for any name /spelling errors or omissions. They happen when deadlines creep up. Also, with the State convention last month, I thought you would want to see some pictures of the event; consequently, there is not a Committee Chairman interview this month. We will continue the series next month with our **Membership Chairperson Rita Smith** as our Committee chair interviews continue in the August Elksize. Yours in Elksdom!

Brotherly Love





**Sustaining America's Milestones  
Dick Florance Americanism Chairman**

Independence Day is Sunday, July 4th; a special day for all the world's people to see, because this day has forever



become America's day to celebrate our history and promise as "the true land of Liberty". So on this day - America's 234th year, by the way - Americans and indeed many Elks from across our fair land - will be at Orlando to our Elks National Convention to proudly elect our own Florida States Mike Smith to be 2010's Grand Exalted Ruler.

Florida Elks will join all Elkdom as more months remain in 2010 and other, important milestones will occur; those special events will reflect our intents - That Elkdom's lodges will continue to stand and say "yes ma'am or yes sir" with Elks charity in our hearts, no matter what the day! Americanism - be proud to be Elks sustaining America's Milestones.

**Memorial Day Report  
Dick Florance Americanism Chairman**

Memorial Day celebration at American Legion Post #5 in Tampa on Monday, May 31st, 2010 was attended by a contingent of 26 Tampa Elks Lodge officers, members, and guests. Frank J. Palladini, PSP and Lodge Advisor; and A.J. Matthews, E.R. laid an Elks Lodge Wreath at a Veteran's grave in the Legion Post's service. The lodge's wreath was the 4th of 18 wreaths presented during the event. An Elks Memorial Day Prayer, written by Americanism Chairman Dick Florance was read as part of the closing of the Legion's Service. Thanks go out to all who attended this very memorable event done every year by the American Legion in honor of Memorial Day.



**Recognition of our Elk Brothers and Sisters**

**June Officer of the Month**

**1-year Trustee Addison Horrell**

Addison Horrell has been indispensable to Tampa Lodge # 708 as the Chairman of the Lodge Beautification Committee, a member of the House Committee, Chef Extraordinaire in the Catfish Fry's and Friday evening dinner, House Man and official greeter on Friday evenings. In addition, Addison served as this year's Chairman of the Convention Committee. With Addison's exceptional planning and attention to detail, the Convention Hospitality Room was heralded as one of the best in many years and netted significant financial rewards for our lodge.

**June Elks of the Month**

**Jerry & Linda Reid**

Once again, Reid Clan is the example for Tampa Elks to follow. Last month, Jerry accepted a seat on the House Committee, where he continues to apply logic and good business practices to that obligation. In addition, he continues to lure members into our lodge by providing entertainment for all as the Master of Karaoke in our lounge. Then, the Convention Hospitality could not have been a hit without Jerry's strong back and his unwavering spirit.

Linda of course is the Chairman of our Hall Rental Committee which has made a more than significant contribution to our lodge's bottom line. Linda continues to work nearly every hall rental and doesn't rest until our customers are deeply satisfied and all of the material is safely put away. In addition, Linda was the driving force with the Youth Bowling Event and was instrumental in the Father's Day celebration. Of course we know everyone's back-side greatly appreciated Linda, as she once again made a significant monetary donation in the purchase of new chairs in the meeting hall. Yes Linda, your Father is proud and we are blessed to call you friend.

**May Elk of the Month**

**Rita Smith**

Due to space limitations, we failed to publish our Elk of the Month from May. We will make that right here and now! Rita Smith lives, breathes and sleeps Elkdom. As one of the most knowledgeable members in the duties, activities and the training of new members, Rita once again volunteered to serve as Indoctrination Chairman. If that wasn't enough, Rita also serves as Chairman of Elks Training, she therefore is a very positive introduction to our membership and our organization. And we simply could not forget the outstanding job she did as Chairman of the Can-Can Convention, where Rita led the way in raising much needed funding for the homeless. Way to go Rita!

**May Officer of the Month**

**Pat Boyd**

Pat Boyd- Esquire, is an exemplary officer who's dedication to our lodge, and love of Elkdom sets a high standard for all Elks to strive toward. Pat has really stepped up to the plate and taken over as the Elksize editor, which is no easy task especially following Jerry Reid (past editor.) He volunteers whenever needed and is rarely seen without his camera to capture our Elks working and playing. For these reasons and more, Pat was the obvious choice to receive the honor of being selected May's Officer of the month.

**Visitation News—Involvement The Key to becoming a true ELK**

It is that time of year for our West Central District VP Visitations and members of Lodge 708 are in full swing with meeting and greeting of neighbor Elks. On Saturday, June 19th, ten members and guests traveled to Tarpon Springs, FL for District VP Ken Yagoda's second official visit of his term. The purpose of the visits is to spread the spirit of Elkdom and to receive a unified message from of District VP. The members and officers of the Tarpon Springs lodge were most hospitable and the food was quite tasty and plentiful.

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