March 2010

03/11 Youth Camp Dinner 03/19 St. Pattv's Partv

03/20 Awards Night/Karaoke

03/27 Installation of Officers





Four Great Events Filled February with Fun

Dear Members.

February was another busy month with parties and the nomination and election of officers for both the Lodge and the LOE.

Again, I wish to thank Barbara Huffman, PLP for a fantastic Hoe Down. Thanks also to her many helpers who did a whale of a job.

Thank you also to ENF Chairperson Robert Harlow and his assistants, Treasurer Paul DeLand and Lesley Nikkinen for their great St. Valentine's Day Massacre Party on February 13th.

The LOE Horse Race February 27th was, as always, lots of fun with half of the proceeds going to Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services and half to Mike Smith's GER fund.

I would be remiss if I did not thank our own Frank Palladini, PSP for yet another great Gasparilla event. Though the numbers were smaller, those attending enjoyed it all. Thanks also to

all those who volunteered their time helping cook,

man the bead table, etc. This project takes a large number of people and as usual the membership was there to help. A job well done Frank!

I will fill you all in, in the next Elksize, about the quarterly meeting in Umatilla. Meanwhile, Youth Camp applications are available online at www.flelks.org, or in the Lodge office. Please complete any applications you plan to submit as quickly as possible and return them to me or drop them by the office.

A big Thank You goes to Ms. Bernie Turpin for cooking the Youth Camp dinners on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Yours in Elkdom,

John Wayne Exalted Ruler



Blood is Life. Thanks to those who give.

February 20th, the Bloodmobile was parked at the Tampa Elks Lodge where the following Elks gave generously.

Rhonda (Mandy) Bowlin Jackqueline (Jackie) Appel William O'Donnell Carrie Leskey Charles (Chip) Connelly William (Bill) Edwards Thomas McHugh (Chairman)

You can help too. Watch for upcoming dates where the Bloodmobile will be at our lodge.



Urgent Need for New Elksize **Editor**

Jerry Reid will be stepping down from the Elksize Editor position as of April 1. If you or someone you know would like to take over as Elksize editor, please contact the **Exalted Ruler or Jerry Reid.**

Thank you!

Installation of New Officers

Saturday, March 27, 2010 -- Come support your new officers.

Annual Membership Fees are coming due April 1. Pay early, enjoy your Lodge.

Exalted Ruler John Wayne

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The Intent on Helping the Homeless

Committee will have their first event planning meeting on Monday, March 8, at 7PM. Anyone who would like to help out with this great cause is invited to attend.

THANK YOU GASPARILLA 201 CREW!



Our twelfth annual Gasparilla Boat Parade party was another success. Even under tough economic conditions, we had two busloads of guests, and with our lodge volunteers, entailed serving a total of 127 for dinner.

On behalf of co-chairmen Bill Edwards, PER and Brian Brantley, PER, our sincere thanks to the 37 volunteers who contributed 551 dedicated hours on the Gasparilla event. Tampa Elks Lodge thanks Bus Team Leaders Chris McFarland (Aripeka) and PER Doug Schwartz (Seminole) for all of their help. A special thanks to all members of the sponsoring Past Exalted Rulers' Association who volunteered their services:

Brian Brantley, PER Bill Edwards, PER Rick Schneider, PER Robert Schindler, PER Steve Harmon, PER Vic Thomas, PER

Those other members and non-Elks who graciously volunteered their time and efforts before, during and after the event are deeply appreciated and include:

Bob Green Dianne Cuccinello Tina Kamerer **Bonnie Quire** Jackie Appel Melissa Bertoch Charlotte Bertoch Debbie Palladini **Dave Brown Doug Schwartz**

Ebba Jean Palladini Paul DeLand **James Harlow Susie Harlow** Julie Palladini Crutchfield Richard Florance Lisa Brown **Sharon Harlow Robert Harlow**

Lynn Brown John Wayne Lesley Nikkinen Jan Schneider Sandra Vans Evers **Brenda Kennedy** MarJean Hand Josh Reid Chris McFarland

A special thanks to Richard Florance for his time and effort in numerous areas of involvement filling in for those on vacation, to Susie Harlow for decorating the lodge in Gasparilla style and to my wife, Ebba Jean, for handling the bulk of the event administrative and clerical work and bead activities.

Again, my very sincere thanks to all for a job very well done with superior results!

Frank J. Palladini, PER, PVP, PDD, PSP, PGLC Gasparilla Chairman

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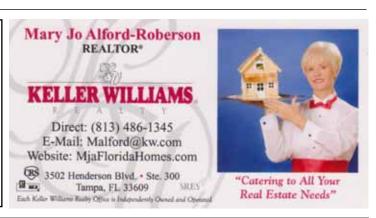
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VETERANS' CORNER

I'm pleased to announce that PER Brian T. Brantley is named ENVS Representative to the James A. Haley Hospital in Tampa. He replaces PER Frank Sellers, who resigned from this position upon his relocation to California. We thank Frank for all his good work with our Veterans during his term as Grand Lodge Representative.

Vernon Pickenpaugh of Tampa and Bart Moss of Zephyrhills continue as James A. Haley Deputies. We are proud of and thank all West Central District members who actively serve as volunteers on various Veterans Committees at:

- Bay Pines Medical Center
- James A. Haley Veterans Hospital
- Baldomero Lopez Nursing Home
- New Port Richey Outpatient Clinic
- Athena House for Homeless Female Veterans

At present, we have an opening at James A. Haley for a Deputy to replace Marge Surgoine, who passed away, and for a Chairman of the Tampa #708 Veterans Committee to work in concert with the above named committees. If interested, please contact PER Brian Brantley.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Frank J. Palladini, PSP WCD-SWD Advisor

From the Trustees

As our fiscal year draws to a close it's time to prepare the Lodge Annual Budget for the year 2010-2011. The Trustees would like to thank and congratulate the Committee Chairs for their assistance in the budgeting process this past year and look forward to the same level of commitment for the upcoming year.

In preparation for the budgeting process we feel it of utmost importance that every Lodge Officer and Committee Chair for the year 2010-2011 view the **Business Practices Video** produced by Frank Paladini, PER, PSP. This two and one half hour video illustrates the endorsed policies and procedures necessary to run a successful and profitable Lodge. In an effort to make the video accessible to all, we are scheduling a showing of the video at the Lodge on Tuesday, March $2^{\rm nd}$. All newly-elected/appointed Officers and Committee Chairs are encouraged to attend, as are all other Members. We will start at 6:00 pm with <u>FREE Hot Dogs</u> and toppings as well as beans and chips. (Thanks Lesley!)

In addition to the showing of this important video, please review the following schedule as it relates to the budgeting process:

- » TUESDAY, MARCH 2nd 6:00 PM Business Practices Video – All Officers/Committee Chairs
 - TUESDAY, MARCH 16th 6:30 PM
 Committee Chair Budget Request w/ Trustees
 (This is the time to submit House Committee Budgets and all Committee Requests. Please see Art or Paul Deland for Committee Budget Request Forms. If you are planning an event, please attend or send a substitute.)
- » WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24 Regularly Scheduled Lodge Meeting – Budget Presentation
- » WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14 Regularly Scheduled Lodge Meeting – Final Budget

Thank you all in advance for your help on this project. If you have questions or need to contact me to request a Budget Request Form, please email me at IWTMTF@hotmail.com.

Art DeAngelis

Trustee

Americanism Is Diversity Upon Us?

As America has become a symbol for hope and good for all the world to see; most proud are we to be known as Americans - of true land of Liberty. The names of America's past leaders echo around the world with our past missteps and successes in history. Over trying times and with many tribulations - proud people from a multitude of other lands have come to America to join; to live; to fight; and to

die with us so they may become citizens of America. Along these long and sometimes lonely ways they have been woven into our society with all their social, economic, political, and religious beliefs intact - because in fact many become Americans!

So yes, as Elks all across this land must surely see, realize, and know; diversity is upon us and is growing and changing the landscapes of America just look at your lodge-members name's - first and last. Diversity is not just in names, but is a mighty strength that holds and endures for all of us to go our ways together as proud citizens of our promised land - America! As Elkdom continues on, be good and honorable, and always remember Elks Care and Elks Share.

Richard Florance

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9th Annual LOE Country Hoe Down a Great Success!

Dearest Members and Guests:

What can I say! Thank you all so very much for your help and support once again making the 9th Annual LOE Country Hoe Down such a great success. Everyone working together showing "Elks Care and Elks Share"

A very special thanks to Jerry and Linda Reid, the financial support they gave in paying for the band not only helped the LOE but also the Elks. Thanks and May God Bless You!

Bobby Green

MarJean Hand

Thank You:

Raymond Huffman Jerry and Linda Reid Tom McHugh Rita Smith, LP

John Wayne, ER and Flo, PLP

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Tommy and Sue Moore(\$30 donation)

Darren and Alexis Nesberg

Please if I have left anyone out, let me know, I do appreciate all of your time and devotion. I thank all of you who bought a ticket and attended this event. Thanks to "Flashback Band" they were just great.

May God Bless All of You. Love Always, Barbara Huffman, PLP

Athena House Committee News

We had a great time with the Athena Ladies in the month of February. We enjoyed a fabulous meal at Carrabba's and then off to the VA, we went to see Recreation! Wow! What a show! The Athena Ladies loved the show and really enjoyed being able to go somewhere out on the town.

We have plans for the month of March to take the Ladies with their children and grand-children to enjoy lunch and the Florida Aquarium. It should be a great time.

We also have a new member who has ioined our Athena Committee. Welcome Wendy Hall! Thanks to all the committee members who have helped me with the events for the past year and I look forward to us doing more and activities with the Athena Ladies!

Feel free to call me if you are interested in joining a rewarding committee. Tracy Horrell 813-453-2268.





Country Edition Classic Country Music

"It's what we do & we do it well"

Friday March 12 7:00 - 11:00 pm

5-piece group of seasoned musicians playing country favorites and additional upbeat music during and after dinner.

Be sure to come down for some great music and dancing!

Athena House Residents Attend ReCreation



It was a fun night out for the residents of Athena House, the homeless female veterans program. Members of Tampa Lodge #708 joined the women for dinner at a nice restaurant, followed by a marvelous one-hour show by ReCreation, a group of volunteer college students. The group entertained with music of all types, including a huge tribute to all veterans. The event, held at James Haley Hospital, was followed by ReCreation honoring the ladies of Athena House by posing with them. It was a night that will not be soon forgotten by Elks in attendance.

St. Valentine's Day Massacre = Fun!!!



At Left- Paul DeLand, as "Swami Elk Horn" exposed secrets about a number of Elks present while son Paul, III of DeLand Entertainment rocked the place with games, drawings and special dances for all.

STREET

The party-goers were mostly in costume and as seen at left and above the folks enjoyed the evening. Decorations by Chairman Rob Harlow, and his lovely wife Deanna, were of a Slate 20s speakeasy in honor of the event.



Even the special twin cakes (at right) reflected the theme of the evening and were made of "blood-red" cake! Adding to the fun was a bevy of chocolate -covered strawberries!



When Lisa and Bob Snyder showed up as Bonnie & Clyde...reversed, Bob Orcutt didn't seem to notice a problem when he took Bob out to "cut a rug."



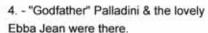
1. Theresa and A J, as Elliot Ness. 2. Pat and Beth Boyd. Pat was "targeted".

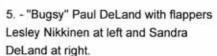


6. - Linda and Jerry Reid were also Bonnie & Clyde. Later Elliot Ness Arrested Linda...



3 - Dave Partlow and Victoria Bihorel were stylish...He had a "silencer" on his gun!







Ladies of the Elks News

Dear Members.

I am pleased to announce your 2010-2011 officers:



All of the Officers ran unopposed this year. We will have a good mix of new and experienced Officers on the Executive Board. I wish to congratulate each officer and offer my support to all. Installation will be held in conjunction with the Elk's Installation on March 27th. Please mark your calendar and come out to support your new Board.

The February dinner was perhaps our largest turnout yet. There was plenty of food, but it was a struggle to cook it in that kitchen! I have been assured that the Lodge Trustee's are addressing the numerous problems. My sincere thanks go to Bonnie Atwood, who had to carry a lot of the workload this time. Thanks also to Shelagh for being cashier and Susie Harlow for being the dessert Lady. She had desserts donated by Betty Pring, and Bonnie Quire, and even baked a cake herself. Bernie and Bob did a good job in the dining room.

Barbara Huffman, PLP, sure can throw a party! The Hoedown was such a great night of fun and fellowship! It was also a very successful fundraiser. Thank you, Barbara and Raymond, for all your hard work, and for getting so many volunteers to help you. It turned out splendidly. Thanks to everyone who lent a hand or bought a ticket. Special thanks to Linda Reid and Tommy McHugh for their help with the fantastic band, Flashback.

The February meeting lasted almost two hours! We passed all of the Bylaw changes, and I have to thank Bev Wick and Lisa Snyder for all their work. We should have copies of the Bylaws at our March meeting. We also discussed our 5 projects, and decided to give the shed one final chance. We are still exploring the possibility of remodeling the back bathrooms. The nominations were perhaps the easiest part of the meeting!

Since this is my last article as your President, I will have to thank our Thursday night cooks in advance of tasting their meals. Marylyn Fennell cooked her homemade meatballs in February. Thanks to Kim Rohm for the Karaoke. Bob Snyder and Lynn Brown will be cooking Cuban style roast pork, with black beans and rice and fried plantains. Please come out and try something new.

I also want to thank our PLP's, Bill Edwards and Leslev Nikkinen, for their hard work on the Horse Race. I am sure that there will be a report next month telling the results.

Thanks to the work of Barbara Huffman, we now have our membership roster updated. We have 100 members in the LOE! 21% are men. There will be copies of the updated membership roster available at the March meeting.

Remember my motto? "Continuity is the roots, change is the branches, letting us grow and stretch to reach new heights." This has certainly been a year of change - more than I expected, since we had to split up Betty Pickenpaugh's numerous responsibilities.

Be sure to come to Awards night on March 20th so I can thank each of you for all the time, money and effort you put into making our year so successful. We will have dinner at 6:00, followed by the Elk's and then the LOE's recognitions, and cap off the evening with karaoke by The WT Edwards Sound Machine.

Once again, I wish to thank our Exalted Ruler, John Wayne, and his wife Flo for all of the support the LOE received this year. It really was a pleasure to have an ER that was also a member of the LOE.

In Your Service,

Rita Smith 2009-2010 LOE President



365 Club News

The crippled children thank you for your donations. It helps to put a smile on their face. We are falling short on filling our boxes. New boxes have been ordered, so please take one of the green and white milk carton style ones home to fill and return. This month our only donations came from the boxes on the bar and tables.

Vera Almstedt 365 Club Chairperson

LOE March Birthdays

03/03	GERRY YOUNG
03/08	SANDRA BRANTLEY
03/12	SUE MASON
03/16	STEVE HARMON
03/16	VIRGINIA SAPP
03/17	TESSIE ALMENDARES
03/23	DEANNA HARLOW
03/26	FRANCES SALTER
03/30	JO ANN FRETWELL

Ladies of the Elks **Joan Clune** LOE Chaplain



The Ladies of the Elks dues are \$15.00 per year, payable by April 1st.

Checks should be written to LOE 708,

and mailed to:

Barbara Huffman, PLP Membership Chair 3518 W. Cherokee Ave Tampa, Fl 33611



Children's Easter Party

For Ages 11 years and Under

Saturday, April 3rd

12pm-3pm

Please sign up the children by their name and age no later than April 1st. A sign up sheet will be posted on the Bulletin Board.

> Crafts Contests Games Lunch Entertainment



Donations Requested. Wrapped Easter candy, Basket Grass, Small Toys, Easter novelty items, and plastic eggs are essential Easter Basket items. Cash donations will be used to purchase each child an identical basket and chocolate bunny. Items appropriate for game prizes also needed.

> For more Info contact: Tammy Manley (831-5796)





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March 2010

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Best Breakfast in Tampa 8:30 a - 12:00 p	Bingo 6:30 p Homeless Committee first event planning meeting 7:00p	9	Lodge Meeting 7:30 p	Youth Camp Dinner Baked Chicken with Mashed Potatoes by Bernie Turpin 5:30 - 7:30 p	Dinner Salmon Seafood Pasta NY strip 6:30-8:30 Last order 8:15 Entertainment: Country Edition 5 pc Band	13 Hall Rental
Hest Breakfast in Tampa 8:30 a - 12:00 p	Bingo GOLDEN GIRLS KITCHEN 6:30 p	6:30 p Committee Chair Budget Request w/ Trustees JAM Session 7:30 p	17	18 LOE Dinner 5:30-7:30p Roast Pork, Blackbeans & Rice & Platanos by Bob Snyder and Lynn Brown	St. Patty's Party \$15 Corned Beef & Cabbage Surprise Entertainment 6:00p	20 Awards Night Karaoke with W.T. Edwards Sound Ma- chine, after Awards
Best Breakfast in Tampa 8:30 a - 12:00 p	22 Bingo 6:30 p	23	24 Lodge Meeting 7:30 p	25 Carl's Country Fried Steak	26 Dinner NY Strip Stuffed Pork Chop Fried Catfish 6:30-830 Last order 8:15 Music	27 Installation of Officers
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Youth Camp Dinner Thursday, March 11 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Baked Chicken & Mashed Potatoes
with Veggies & Bread
by Berni Turpin
Desserts available!
Please help support our Youth Camp!

Awards Night Saturday, March 20th

Dinner @ 6:00 p
Elk Member Awards
& LOE Awards
Followed by Karaoke with
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