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### Exalted Ruler Address

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See House Committee  
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Well, that wraps up the 2010-2011 Elk Year. Before we go anywhere else, I would be improper if I failed to recognize our active outgoing officers. Secretary Carl Williamson and Treasurer Cindy Linville have been productive and essential members of our lodge this year. We will miss our front office team; Carl, the ever steady icon for our front office and Cindy, with her careful eye on our lodge funds.

At the same time, it is time to thank several of our outgoing committee chairs; Rita Smith, Linda Reid and Leslie Nickkinen. Our Membership, Youth Activities and Lodge Visitation Committees are better for your leadership and energy and we look forward to you equal involvement in other lodge activities. But for each door that closes, one window finds its way open and we will look forward to all of our team to continue assisting us in making our lodge the best that it can be.

It has been suggested that my election for a second consecutive term is unprecedented. I am not so sure. All I have to do is go to the Lodge Room and gaze upon the photographs of the great men and women, who were entrusted with steering this lodge before me; trust me, it is quite humbling. It also reminds me that I have been put in this leadership role as a caretaker. It is not mine and my term will end too. That said, I am confident that our current slate of officers will continue to lead our lodge on a true path for years to come. I am also encouraged by the creative ideas that I hear about increasing our membership. For that reason, I will borrow a term from our new Leading Knight and say; “Elk Up! Because this year, “It’s all about the Membership!”

We saw a great deal of activity and accomplishment during this year. We set a new high at our State Convention, our state hosted a very successful National Convention, highlighted by the election of Plant City’s Michael Smith as our Grand Exalted Ruler, your ER was out of sight for four months, we successfully met our Elks National Foundation and Harry-Anna Trust Fund per capita goals, we hosted one of the best New Years Eve parties in decades, we set a new high with the quantity and style for our hall rentals and we are one of the best looking lodges I have ever been lucky to enter. All told, it was not a bad year.

Now that much of the lodge construction is behind us (at least for this phase), I want to bring you back to 2009, when Addison Horrell asked for \$600 to buy paint to spruce up our social spaces. Not wishing to let Addison have “all of the fun,” I volunteered to help with the project. What followed can only be compared with Mr. Toad’s Wild Ride! It was certainly rewarding, but not without its hidden dangers and surprises. In all, the following is a break-down funding related with this most worthy member-driven project

The most important part of this project was our membership. It started with two and quickly expanded. It helped our team get to know the membership better and clearly we are better Elks for having worked so together. But when you look at the total cost of materials from a variety of sources; \$6,700 you can’t ignore the nearly 8,000 man-hours that went into this project over the past two years. If you accept a very conservative wage of \$20 per hour, our members provided over \$16,000 worth of sweat equity to renew the interior of our lodge.



E.R.  
A.J. Matthews

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**LOE Message**

Happy New Year! Yes, April 1 is the beginning of the New Year for the LOE. I am excited and honored to be elected as your Lady President. I know I have big shoes to fill with our immediate past president, Tracy Horrell, as well as all of our other PLP's that are still active members.

We now have to hit the ground running with our Youth Easter Party that the LOE hosts every year. If we get approval it will be on April 10. We are in need of donations, toys, candy, Food or money to help defray expenses. We will be reaching out to everyone to help support us in this important event for the children.

I am looking forward to a great year with the Ladies auxiliary. Remember our objectives are to support the lodge and promote all things that are Elkdom. We will continue to live up to our reputation of making things happen! Our motto, as we have borrowed it from Mary's Almanac, is: "She didn't know it couldn't be done, so she went ahead and did it."



Respectfully Yours,  
Theresa Matthews

**Editors Note: Read about the LOE Easter Party on page 12**

**LOE April Birthdays**

Beth Boyd  
LOE Chaplain

Melissa Bertoch	4/01
Carolyn Williams	4/07
John M. Wayne	4/09
Lynn Selig	4/10
Justine Kamerer	4/12
Marilyn Fennell	4/18
Barbara Miller	4/25
Wendy Qualls	4/25
Rhonda Schmidt	4/29

**" 3 6 5 " Report**

LOE WALK-A-THON NEWS

Tracy Horrell PLP

Our walk-a-thon was a huge success with donations exceeding over \$2,000 for our "365" Club Children's Therapy Services.

I want to Thank all the walkers who took time out of their day to get up early and walk down Bayshore Blvd. and who worked hard at collecting donations for such a worthy cause. Thank you Barbara H. , Bernie, Susie, Shelagh, Hailey, Theresa M., Beth, Lisa, Phyllis and Tracy H.

Also please see the bulletin board for a Thank you card addressed to ALL who donated money your support is GREATLY APPRECIATED!  
THIS IS REAL TEAM WORK!

*Exalted Ruler Address (Continued from page 1)*

**Tampa Lodge Beautification Team**

Addison Horrell, Harold Knuckles, Gene Fullen, Chris Miles, Mike Manley, Richard Florence, Bob Snyder, Tommy Miller, Brian Brantley and yours truly.

We are sure to have more member-driven projects in the future. Addison has been looking to spruce up the Lodge Room, the office needs to shed that dark paneling and carpet, while the front bathrooms are beckoning for some attention. Naturally, all of this work will have to wait on available funding, but it is good to have some sense of direction. That said, I have promised to concentrate more on membership and activities, but I will still have some time to play with my tools.

Lastly, I thank all of our Lodge Award Winners. Your PER's and I agonized over all of these decisions, mainly because there were many who are deserving and we were limited by the number of awards we were allowed to distribute. We will continue our practice of identifying stellar Elk performance throughout the 2011-2012 lodge year.

**Editors Note:**

*If you haven't been in the lodge lately, Make plans to come in and see our NEW Look. Speaking with several members who haven't been here in several months, the comments range from: "Beautiful!" "What a change!", "I Love it!", and "You should be proud of these changes!" District visitors have echoed the same thoughts. Keep up the good work Tampa Elks!*

**LODGE OFFICERS**

**Exalted Ruler**  
A.J. Matthews  
**Leading Knight**  
William "Jay" Kinney  
**Loyal Knight**  
Robert Harlow  
**Lecturing Knight**  
Vic Thomas, PER  
**Tiler**  
Richard Florance  
**Esquire**  
Pat Boyd  
**Inner Guard**  
Tracy Horrell  
**Chaplain**  
Dianne Cuccinello  
**Secretary**  
Carl Williamson, PER  
**Treasurer**  
Cynthia Linville

**GRAND LODGE AND STATE**

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

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**5-Year**  
Robert Snyder  
**4-Year**  
Jerry Reid  
**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

**Committees**

**Accident Prevention**  
Addison Horrell  
**Americanism**  
Richard Florance  
**Athena House**  
Tracy Horrell  
**Auditing**  
Jackie Appel  
**Bell Ringers**  
Pat Fennell  
**Bar Manager**  
James Harlow  
**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**  
Theresa Matthews  
**Hoop Shoot**  
Linda Reid  
**House Committee**  
Chris Miles

**Committees**

**LOE Liaison**  
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

**Tampa Elks Lodge #708  
2010-2012 Officers Elect**

Exalted Ruler	A.J. Matthews
Leading Knight	Tracy Horrell
Loyal Knight	Pat Boyd
Lecturing Knight	Vic Thomas
Esquire	Albert Schnut
Secretary	Ed McCaffery
Treasurer	Dave Partlow
Chaplain	Dianne Cuccinello
Inner Guard	Richard Florance
Tyler	Robert Summers
Trustee	Addison Horrell
Trustee	Bob Snyder
Trustee	Jerry Reid
Trustee	Bill Edwards
Trustee	Brian Brantley

**Ladies of Elks Lodge #708  
2011-2012 Officers Elect**

President	Theresa Matthews
V. President	Suzie Harlow
Secretary	Shelagh Gombarcik
Treasurer	Cindy Linville
Parliamentarian	Lisa Snyder
Chaplain	Beth Boyd

**SPECIAL NOTE:  
All Officers and Committee Chairs  
should Submit your BUDGET  
REQUEST BY APRIL 15 !!!!!**

**Florida State Elks Association State President's Message  
April 2011**

My Fellow Elks,

Julia and I were recently the guests of our friends in the Georgia Elks Association at their annual Spring Convention. After having attended several of their meetings and committee sessions would it surprise you to learn they are facing some of the issues and problems with which we are dealing in our own association? Partly for that reason, it would seem appropriate that we continue and enhance our communications and collaboration with their organization as well as some of our other geographically close states.

This month I wish to especially commend and express appreciation for one very successful program currently available to many of our lodge members around the state. Under the leadership of PDD Leonard "Lenny" Smallacombe, the Presidential Memorial Certificates (PMC) program has been vigorously promoted as a way to recognize the devotion and duty to country exhibited by our many veterans. Lenny has spent a considerable amount of time and energy advertising and guiding the program. His efforts and devotion to this task are an example of how just one Elk can really make a difference and positively affect the lives and bring comfort to a large number of our members as well as other individuals in our respective communities. Please go to the State Association Website to learn more about this opportunity to honor a deserving deceased Veteran. I strongly endorse member's participation.

Our Homecoming Visitation to the Northeast District held at the St. Augustine Elks Lodge last month was truly inspiring. Julia and I are extremely grateful for the large attendance which included many Elks from other districts.

Again, I extend my congratulations and best wishes to all newly elected Lodge Officers for a successful year. I am looking forward to attending several of the Installations.

Thank you once more for the many expresses of support and kindness this year. My final message posted on the Website in April will of course be for the May Lodge Bulletins.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
James E. Hurst  
FSEA State President



**Tampa Elks Lodge #708  
is proud to support the  
American Cancer Society's  
"Relay for Life"**

**(An Elk Community Outreach program)**

**Event Date:** April 8, 2011

**Event Location:** Coleman Middle School

**Event Schedule:** Walk begins at 6:00 p.m.

**Event Contacts:**

Patrick Boyd 813-505-7485 or email fpboyd@futurestreamisnc.com or

Courtney Taylor (at the Lodge) or email solidfuture@ymail.com

**The event consists of:**

"...Teams of people camp out at a local high school, park, or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Because cancer never sleeps, Relays are overnight events up to from 18 - 24 hours in length..."

**The Theme of this Relay is "The Beatles"**

We have chosen a team name: "Me and My Monkeys", in memory of Tommy McQue and all our Elk Brethren and families who are battling or have lost the battle to cancer. Our own Victoria Bihorel will represent us on the Survivors lap and Candy Hodgson will be singing the National Anthem at the Luminary ceremony

**Show your support for our Lodge with Donations, as Walkers, or Serving Refreshments!**

**Real teams don't emerge unless individuals on them take risks involving conflict, trust, interdependence and hard work**

**Katzenbach & Smith**



# April Candidates



<i>Proposed Candidates</i>	
<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Cheryl Hecker	Courtney Taylor
Lisa Drenth	Courtney Taylor
Tanya Williams	Kim Williams
John Stirewalt	Robert Snyder

## Membership Report Courtney Taylor Membership Chair

"I look at all the missing Elks  
All the missing Elks  
Where do they all go?  
All the missing Elks  
Where do they all belong?"

Here at Tampa Lodge #708

Just a tiny rendition of a Beatles tune "Eleanor Rigby" to go hand in hand with our theme for the Membership Committee's 1st Community Awareness Project - **American Cancer Society "The South Tampa Relay for Life"** (see page three (3) for details)

Led by our Loyal Knight Pat Boyd - I Courtney Taylor, your Membership Chair, along with the Membership Committee are committed to making this **"The Year of the Member!"** We plan to achieve this through Community Involvement, Elk Awareness, Member Retention, and New Memberships. We welcome any thoughts, ideas, and sweat equity you have to offer. We want the Community to know, love, and understand all Elkdom is: Charity - Justice - Brotherly Love & Fidelity. Help us with our goals, Bring a guest to one of our events, become their friend and they will want to be an Elk!

### New Members March 23, 2011



**Albert  
Schnut**

**Don  
Carstens**

**Betty  
Atwood**

**Lenox  
Stevens**

Flo Wayne will be initiated following her convalescence

Partners in Progress

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

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

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

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

Cuccinello, Diane 6/2010  
Edwards, PER3, William 6/2011  
Gukeisen, SGM USA RET, James L. 4/2010  
Huff man, Barbara (In Memory of Hilda DeGiacomo) 6/2010  
Kelly, George & Elma 6/2010  
LaChance, Rosemary and Roger 6/2010  
Kelly, George & Elma 5/2010  
McHugh, Thomas 6/2010

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

Alley, Sonia & Bill 6/2010  
Baranofski, Ron & Fran 7/2010  
Bertoch, Jan 6/2010  
DeLand,  
Paul & Sandra Vans Evers 3/2008  
Harmon, Steve, PER 6/2010  
Heider, Ted PER & Sally PER, 7/2010  
Huff man, Raymond & Barbara 6/2010  
Jorgensen, Sherral 6/2011  
Keller, Maureen & Matt 10/2009

**PLATINUM INVESTORS - \$100**

DuRant, Rosemarie 1/2010  
Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 2/2012  
Florance, Dick 7/2011  
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  
Lucas, Vernon 6/2010  
Marino, Anthony /2010  
Palladini, Deborah 1/2010  
Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean 6/2015  
Pickenpaugh Vernon and Betty FLOE PSP 8/2010  
Quire, Bonnie 6/2010  
Quire, Martin & Kimberly 8/2010  
Ramsey, Richard PER 7/2009  
Reid, Linda & Jerry 6/2010  
Schneider, PER, Rick & Jan 10/2011  
Sellers, Jr., Frank, PER 6/2010  
Smith, Rita 3/2 009  
Norton, Bob and Stokking, Brenda 6/2010  
Thomas, PER, Guy & Ruth 1/2009  
Thomas, PER, Vic & Berneice 6/2010  
Woodburn, John, 11/2011  
Wright, Vera 6/2011  
In Memory of James Wilder 5/2010

**Youth Camp News  
By John Wayne Youth  
Camp Coordinator**



Youth Camp applications are in the office. Please pick them up and have them returned at your earliest convenience. Help the Lodge ensure your spot for the summer

I would also like to offer my many many thanks to Exalted Ruler A.J. Matthews and our Trustees, Bob Snyder and Addison Horrell for cooking a tremendous Fish Fry Dinner in March. The time and effort of all, proves once again, we live by our Motto; "Elks Care and Share."

With the support of the membership were able to bring more money (about \$120.00) into the lodge for this worthy endeavor. Thanks to ALL

Be an Elksize Booster!

Just \$10.00 per year helps offset the cost of printing/mailling the Elksize.

Atwood, Bonnie 2/2011  
Boyd, Beth and Pat 05/2012  
Baer, Robert (Yogi) 2/201  
Bergen, Raymona 11/2010  
Burks, John 3/2010  
Connor, Bob 5/2011  
Dayes, PDDGER, Dick & Eleanore 9/2012  
Rose Durant 10/2011  
Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 4/2012  
Ferra, Alice 11/2010  
Florance, Richard H. 7/2011  
Gaffney, Charles 6/2011  
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 6/2011  
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, Debbie 10/2011  
Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean, 03/2011  
Pickenpaugh, Vernon and Betty 8/2011  
Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018  
Smith, Rita 4/2010  
Spirtos, Mary G. 5/2011  
Turpin, Bernie 5/2011  
John Woodburn 11/2011



Two fish swim into a concrete wall One turns to the other and says, Dam!  
(now, that's Funny )



Elk's Dining Club Update  
By Courtney Taylor

Hello fellow Elk's - In Feb. we enjoyed a wonderful evening with the Dining Club filled with fellowship and great food from Escargot, to Root Vegetable Soup, Grilled Pork Tenderloin with a Strawberry Salsa, finished off with Bread pudding and Bananas Foster (just to name a few of our amazing choices). Our February menu was focused around LOVE Foods.

**Our next dinner is Saturday April 2nd and our Theme is Spring.** So anything thing from light and refreshing to Amazing BBQ. Some of the items we know we will be having: Shelagh's Vichyssoise - Candy's Couscous - Courtney Seared Salmon with Asian Pasta. Barbara Huffman will be making an amazing Spring Vegetable Soup, and Candy's mom will join us again and she will be making a Spring pizza appetizer, additionally Peggi will be preparing lamb for us.

Please RSVP with what you will be bringing and how many people you will have with you. \*Remember guests are welcome with a \$3 donation. Please plan to join us at 6:30 for Cocktails and Dining at 7pm contact Courtney, at the lodge, for more details or via email at: courtneytaylor@marykay.com





## Should Religion Rule any Nation

By Richard Florance, Americanism Chairman



In ancient times when civilized groups of people organized themselves into nations far and near - there came certain calming and controlling institutions that helped contain their common fear -- that fear that they - common people of their region of birth - would be left alone -

- and thus a common bond called Religion with all its powerful and uniting strengths and practices came into being. Small bands of people formed to practice religious rites to celebrate Earth's nature of Air, Water, and Fire - so Paganism became their way. Over centuries of time -- and in worldly regions now familiar to us all, has come various Religions with all their Names, heroes and miraculous occurrences to be heard of. Along histories long and recorded way some groups, factions, or sects, of specific religious beliefs have organized their religion and blended it with their Legal, Economic, and Political Systems into nations that are called today - a Theocracy - a government (run) by officials regarded as divinely inspired. As Elks and all of Elkdom knows and is aware of - there are many both friendly and hostile nations that employ theocratic methods that may be beneficial or injurious to their nation's citizens -- even as the world continues into the early 21st Century. As American citizens and as Elks that continue to honor and revere that America is "the land of the Free - for all the world to see" continue your works of Charity; with Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity in your hearts.

Should Religion Rule any Nation? you be the judge and be glad that America was founded on the premise and promise that Politics and Religion should always be free but be separate as the truest form of Democracy the world has ever seen. Be Loud and be Proud to be an active American Elk!

### Holiday of interest to Elks and Elkdom:

Sunday April 24, 2011 is celebrated as Easter Sunday all across America. Our lodge will proudly display our array of 5 (historically significant) American Flags in honor of Easter.

Happy Easter to all Elks and Elkdom!

## 2010-2011 Tampa Lodge # 708 Award Recipients

### Christopher Miles Elk of the Year

While Chris has always been a supporter of the Tampa Lodge, Chris stepped in mid-year to serve as our House Committee Chairman. Immediately, he charged ahead with a can-do attitude and has been instrumental in raising the bar with our dinner service and special events. No job is too small, as he continually volunteers to wash dishes, bar tend, set-up hall functions and work side-by-side with the Lodge Beautification Committee. His regular and continued activity is frequently at the expense of his own business and the results are clearly visible to anyone who has visited the lodge over the last six months.



### Addison Horrell Officer of the Year

Addison is just completing his first term as a Lodge Trustee, and has been recently re-elected to serve a five-year term. Throughout the year, Addison is credited with making the tough and at times even unpopular decisions to insure the financial health of our lodge. Many of these decisions are the reason why we look forward to a productive future. Addison's prominent presence in our kitchen is another reason why our dinner services have greatly improved and his fish fry's are legendary. His continued skillful contributions toward the lodge beautification process is evident, each time members and guests visit the lodge we call home. During the Coast Guard deployment of the Exalted Ruler last summer, Addison took it upon himself to be the conduit for relaying information and continually represented our lodge with grace and distinction.



### Vernon Pickenpough Citizen of the Year

It has been said; "That as long as there are Elks, Veterans will never be forgotten." Nothing is more true and regularly by our Citizen of the year. Vernon is the model of this philosophy, and demonstrates it regularly with visits to the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital. A "short" list of his activities and accomplishments include; Bingo, patient activities, Pizza parties, scheduling performances by the





*Year End Awards (Continued from page 8)*

singing group "Recreation," and hosting the Vets for our Friday Dinners. Vernon has been attending to our veterans for over sixteen years and is our current Elks Deputy Representative for our local Veterans Administration Medical Center. At the Elks State Convention last May, Vernon was honored as he received the Florida State Elks Association Volunteer of the Year.

### G.E.R. Special Commendation Awards

#### Pat Boyd, Lodge Esquire

Aside from serving our lodge in one of the most demanding officer positions, Pat has also faithfully published our monthly bulletin, the ELKSIZE. Many do not appreciate what actually goes into this publication and how much work it actually takes to edit, set and produce what has regularly been expanded to its sixteen-page format. Pat is credited with adding more photographs than has ever been attempted and improving the readability and providing more relevant and useful information. Pat regularly attends lodge functions and recently chaired and presented a successful City of Tampa Mayoral Candidate Forum. Pat has also demonstrated his acumen for leadership as he has recently been installed as our Lodge Loyal Knight, where he has pledged to improve the function and success of our membership program and committee.



#### Tracy Horrell, Lodge Inner Guard

Many know Tracy as our Ladies Auxiliary President and our Lodge Inner Guard, but she has been instrumental as a significant force in assisting with lodge beautification and improvements to our infrastructure. This includes the Ladies funding the foyer remodel, the security system and the repaving and sealing of our parking lot. Even with these significant gifts, Tracy had stepped outside of tradition and declined to name them, stating that service to our lodge and order is a team function and best served by action. Well, the ER and the PER's agree. Tracy has stepped up her pledge for service and is serving our lodge this year as our Leading Knight.



#### Jerry Reid, Trustee

Stepping in to serve an unexpired term as one of our lodge trustees, Jerry Reid has distinguished himself as an innovator and forward thinker. He has provided balance to ideas and concepts that take the best of what has worked in the past while championing what needs to be accomplished for our future. In addition, Jerry has been an integral part of our House Committee, where he has been essential to improving our dinner service and over-all member experience in our social spaces. When Jerry is not engages in operational or financial meeting, he rolls up his sleeves and is critical to the execution of our hall rentals and special activities, where he as done everything from washing dishes to making flower arrangements to serving as a bar tender. And least we forget his contributions to entertainment and one of our best Karaoke Jockeys.



#### Harold Knuckles

Don't call him Harold, his name is Knuckles! Knuckles has been a faithful member of Tampa Lodge # 708 for many years. He attends our functions, socializes at our lounge and is always willing to lend a hand. But it isn't always easy to spot the contributions he has made to our lodge. While you CAN'T see most of them, you would surely know it if he didn't come in to save the day. For years and especially this year, Knuckles has been our go-to guy whenever our air conditioning started to make noise, the heaters quit working, our old ice machine stopped making ice and whenever the temperatures started to rise in the refrigerators and freezers. He has been there to replace electrical fixtures, ran thousands of feet of internet and security cable and makes sure our lodge has what it takes to keep everybody's environment comfortable. Of course you can readily see some of his impact as he made significant contributions as a member of the Lodge Beautification Committee.



**Nomination for Honorary Membership  
William T. Edwards**

Anthony Edwards , PER has nominated his father, William T. Edwards for Honorary Life Membership! The nomination letter was originally published in March 2011. Due to the prestige of this award it was felt that the membership should understand the guidelines as set forth by the Grand Lodge. The original letter of nomination is being reprinted in this issue following the applicable section from the "Annotated Statutes 2010" below: **The Balloting for this award will be held at the regular meeting on April 13, 2011.**

**"Annotated Statutes 2010"**

**Section 14.270.** By an affirmative secret ballot of two-thirds of those present at a regular Lodge meeting, a member in good standing may be elected to an Honorary Life Membership for distinguished services to the Lodge or to the Order. Mere service as a Lodge Officer or Committeeman shall not be considered as sufficient distinguished service. In bestowing this honor the following procedure shall be followed:

- a. A written nomination setting forth the distinguished services rendered.
- b. The Exalted Ruler shall set a date for the ballot on the nomination which shall be not later than the third regular meeting after the nomination.
- c. All Members shall receive notice of the balloting sent at least ten (10) days prior date on which the vote will be taken. The notice shall contain the full text of the written nomination.
- d. A rejected nomination cannot be presented again within a period. of one year of the date of rejection.

· **OPINIONS** ·

- 01** Services as Exalted Ruler does not of itself constitute "distinguished services." It is possible that one Past Exalted Ruler might have rendered "distinguished services" during his term as Exalted Ruler which would make him eligible for nomination for an Honorary Life Membership while others did not do so. Each case must be considered on its merits.
- 02** The payment of dues to a Lodge for a long period of years does not constitute "distinguished services" authorizing the granting of an Honorary Life Membership. A member holding a Life Membership may be elected an Honorary Life Member.
- 03** That One was a District Deputy and served well would not, alone, entitle him the Honorary Life Membership under this Section. To gain Honorary Life Membership must involve something above and beyond doing an official job well.
- 04** Distinguished services rendered in the military service of our Country or high political office do not constitute to the "distinguished services rendered Lodge or Order," and therefore should not be the basis for granting Honorary Life Memberships in the Order.

· **DECISIONS** ·

- 01** A Lodge is without power to confer on a member an Honorary Life Membership except for distinguished services rendered to the Lodge or Order by such Member. It is the intention of the law that Honorary Life Membership is to be conferred by the Lodge upon a member only when the member has rendered to the Lodge or to the Order services which are in truth and in fact distinguished, that is, marked or notable, in that by performance of such services, he has become pre-eminent among his fellows and thereby entitled to great honor and to special reward. (Grand Forum, 1924)
- 02** It is a well established rule of our Order that a Lodge is without power to grant an Honorary Life Membership except in the manner authorized in said Section 14.270 and that service as a Lodge Officer does not of itself constitute "distinguished services". However, when the procedure provided in said Section is followed, the decision as to whether the meritorious services recited in the written nomination are "distinguished" is solely within the discretion of the Lodge, provided the nomination contains a recital of services within that classification. (Grand Forum, 1947)

*(Continued on page 11)*

**House Committee Report  
By Chris Miles**

"In an effort to better serve our members, Friday Kitchen hours have been extended to 9pm. April promises to be a busy month with a Birthday Party on the 2nd to start the month off and Weddings on the 16th, 23rd and 30th. In addition, we will be hold a **Parking Lot Yard Sale on the 9th**. With that in mind we are asking for your help now.

Lastly, by now many of you know that Bobby Schindler, PER, has passed away. Our prayers and condolences go out to his family. Bobby was a fixture in the kitchen and on behalf of the House Committee he will be sorely missed. Bobby, thank you for your service"

"People only see what they are prepared to see."  
(Ralph Waldo Emerson)

*(Nomination for Honorary Life Membership Continued from page 10)*

### Letter of Nomination (Reprint from Tampa Elksize March 2011)

Fellow Elks of Tampa 708,

It gives me great privilege and honor to present before you the nomination of William T. Edwards, for the bestowment of Honorary Life Member.

William was initiated into the order in May of 1987. Since his date of initiation, William has been an active member within the lodge for (25) years. His service and dedication to the order for the last (25) years, has allowed him to contribute the growth of our Lodge, and the order of Elkdom.

Pursuant to Statute 14.270, William meets the qualifications and credentials for this honor, stated under Grand Lodge guidelines.

Throughout the course of his (25) year membership, William has had many successes within our order. Those successes are as follows:

- \* Three (3) time Past Exalted Ruler
- \* Past Ladies President
- \* Member of many committees within our Lodge
- \* Has Chaired many committees within our lodge
- \* Held many District Chairmanships within the West Central District
- \* Has worked on the 3rd Sunday breakfast crew for over 20 years
- \* Received many awards and citations, from in-house, to district, to State, and Grand Lodge levels.
- \* Active and Standing member of Grand Lodge

Having the opportunity to nominate my father for this prestigious honor means a lot to the Edwards family. We have witnessed his dedication to the order, as well as his dedication to be a great ELK.

The Edwards family would like to thank the membership of Tampa Lodge #708, for allowing us to nominate William for the privilege of Honorary Life Member.

Fraternally,  
Anthony Edwards, P.E.R.



### 2010–2011 LOE Award Recipients

I would also like to congratulate our "**Lady Elk of the Year**" **Vera Almstedt**. She works hard each and every week emptying the little banks rolling up the change and turning it into dollars so that the vans can keep rolling along to help children in need for Children's Therapy Services (365 Club). Way to go Vera! Keep up the good work!  
(No Picture Available)

I would like to congratulate my "**Officer of the Year**" **Beth Boyd**. She has shined as our Chaplain and truly made me feel that I want to be a better person for our organization with each and every prayer she gives! Thank you for inspiring me and the Ladies Auxiliary!





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### Events of NOTE!

April 16, 2011  
**District Deputy Clinic**  
 Holiday Isles Lodge #1912  
 9:00 AM till ?

**April 17, 2011**  
**LOE Easter Party**  
**Lodge #708**  
**2:00 till 4:30 PM**  
 (Kids 12 and Under)  
 Signup Deadline is April 15th  
 call **Theresa Matthews** at  
 813-624-3093 or email at  
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**DINNER MENU FOR 4/1/2011**

**SOUP or SALAD:****SOUP OF DAY**

NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER

Clam, Veggies, Potatoes and Cream

CUP W/DINNER or BOWL -

\$3.95

**APPETIZER:****KEY WEST CAKES**

Succulent Shrimp &amp; Crab nestled in Fresh Baked Cuban Bread Crumbs, Cilantro and Garlic

Sautéed golden brown accompanied with a Roasted Red Pepper Coulis

\$ 6.95

**ENTREES:****SIRLOIN STEAK**

Marinated then Char-grilled to perfection accompanied with Sautéed Mushrooms

\$ 9.95

**GROUPE PICATTA**

Fresh from the Gulf Grouper filet seasoned and dusted with crushed Pecans, Almonds and Panko crumb,

Lightly Sautéed in Olive oil, White Wine, Lemon and Capers

\$13.95

**CHICKEN MARSALA**

Boneless breast of Chicken with Mushrooms, Onions and Garlic in a Marsala Wine Sauce

\$12.95

**DESSERT:**

CHOCOLATE/CHOCOLATE CAKE

\$ 3.49

**DINNER MENU 4/15/2011**

**SOUP or SALAD:****SOUP OF DAY**

SHRIMP &amp; CRAB BISQUE—Shrimp, Lump Crab, Sherry &amp; Cream, need I say more.....

CUP W/DINNER or BOWL

\$ 4.95

**APPETIZER:****SHRIMP COCKTAIL**

5 large Prawns w/ fresh lemon, lime and Sauce

\$5.95

**ENTREES:****COUNTRY COMFORT**

Choice Top Round Roast Beef seared with Fresh Herbs &amp; Garlic rub slow roasted and served sliced

W/Georgia Mashed Potatoes, Southern Green Beans, Rolls &amp; Gravy

\$ 9.95

**CHIMI-MAHI**

Fresh Cilantro, Parsley, Garlic and Lime basted on Grilled Mahi-Mahi filet Served with Guava Butter

\$13.95

**CHICKEN of the TREE**

Fromage de Cream, fresh Apples, Apricot and Pecans rolled into tender Chicken Breast baked golden brown and topped with

an Apricot Glaze

\$10.95

**DESSERT:**

FRESH BAKED APPLE PIE A LA MODE

\$ 3.49

ALL ENTREES SERVED WITH Southern Style Green Beans with CHOICE OF BAKED/MASHED POTATO



# Kitchen Corner

**November Calendar of Meals**  
**Brian Brantley**  
**Chris Miles**

**Friday April 1 (Lodge Night)**  
 Chef Mike Bradley Returns  
 (See full menu Page 13)  
 SIRLOIN STEAK \$ 9.95  
 GROUPER PICATTA \$13.95  
 CHICKEN MARSALA \$12.95

**Thursday April 7 (Youth camp)**  
 (No Menu at print time)

**Friday April 8**  
 Salmon \$11.95  
 Steak (Ribeye) \$10.95  
 Crabby Alfredo \$ 9.95

**Thursday April 14 (LOE Night)**  
 Indoor Barbeque Night  
 Prepared by Trustee \$ 7.00  
 Fried Chicken  
 Includes: Baked Beans, and Potatoe Salad

**Friday April 15**  
 Chef Mike Bradley Returns  
 (See full menu Page 13)  
 COUNTRY COMFORT \$ 9.95  
 (Choice Top Round Roast Beef) \$13.95  
 CHIMI-MAHI \$10.95  
 CHICKEN of the TREE

**Thursday April 21**  
 (No Menu at print time)

**Friday April 22**  
 Steak (Ribeye) \$10.95  
 Pork Spare Ribs \$10.95  
 Baked Chicken \$8.95

## Bartender Briefs

"Courtney"



It's pretty outside, so when your out and about exploring - don't forget to stop in for a Cool Refreshment. Our lounge is open 3:00 M-F and 1:00 PM Saturday and Sunday.

"Peggi"



## Bar Schedule

**Monday (Bingo Kitchen)- Tuesday & Wednesday** (Courtney's Bar Food)-Courtney behind the bar  
**Thursday** (One item dinner)- Peggi behind the bar  
**Friday (Full Dinner Menu)- Both Courtney & Peggi** behind the bar  
**Saturday & Sunday** - Peggi behind the bar  
 Keep posted to email and Elksize for weekend events and food.

You may have noticed - now on Friday nights and busy events we will have a cocktail waitress. Our hope is this will make it easier for you to enjoy an event and not have to worry about going to the bar and waiting for a drink. Come in for a nice tall cool one - Courtney & Peggi

**Thursday April 28**  
 (No Menu at print time)

**Friday April 29**  
 Italian Night (A.J. and Addison) \$10.95  
 Sirloin Steak \$ 9.95  
 Chicken Picata \$ 5.95  
 Pasta with choice of Sauce  
 (Marana or Alfredo) \$ 7.95  
 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce \$ 9.95  
 Italian Elk Feast  
 Pasta with meat sauce, two meat balls, one sausage link,  
 All meals served with Salad, steamed Vegetable Medley and Bread)





# April 2011 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Apr	2 Cooking Club 7:00 Till 9:00pm 6:30pm - 10:30pm Hall Rental-40th BDay - A.L)
3 8:30am - 12:00pm <u>Full</u> <u>menu Breakfast</u>	4 6:30pm BINGO - Early Bird 6:30, Regular games start 7:00 & Snack Bar	5 JAM SESSION	6 6:00pm - 7:00pm Officer Meeting 7:30pm LOE Meeting	7 Hall rental "Salsa dance lessons" 6- 7pm 5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday "one" item dinner	8 6:30pm - 10:30pm Music - "Shades" New Feature 3 piece Band - Classic Rock, Country & Variety	9 Karaoke w Hambone (Jerry Reid) Spring cleaning time- Yard Sale in Parking lot 8:00am till 2:00pm (House Comm.)
10 8:30am - 12:00pm <u>Full</u> <u>menu Breakfast</u>	11 6:30pm BINGO - Early Bird 6:30, Regular games start 7:00 & Snack Bar	12 6:30pm House Comm. Meeting	13 6:30pm - 7:30pm PER Meeting 7:30pm Lodge Meeting	14 Hall rental "Salsa dance lessons" 6- 7pm 5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday "one" item dinner 5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday Night Dinner - Youth Camp	15	16 4:00pm - 7:00pm Hall Rental- Wedding - 65 Guests - (D.T.)  <b>DD Clinic Holiday Isles 9:00 till ?</b>
17 8:30am - 12:00pm <u>Full</u> <u>menu Breakfast</u> <b>LOE Easter Party 2:00 till 4:30 PM</b>	18 6:30pm BINGO - Early Bird 6:30, Regular games start 7:00 & Snack Bar	19 JAM SESSION	20	21 Hall rental "Salsa dance lessons" 6- 7pm 5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday "one" item dinner	22 Music - Three Amigos - Variety Music	23 7:00pm - 11:00pm Hall Rental - - Wedding for 70 Guests (F.B.)
24 Easter Holiday 8:30am - 12:00pm <u>Full</u> <u>menu Breakfast</u>	25 6:30pm BINGO - Early Bird 6:30, Regular games start 7:00 & Snack Bar	26 House Comm. meeting--6:30	27 Lodge Meeting - 7:30	28 5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday "one" item dinner	29 May	30 Hall Rental-Wedding 100 Guests- (A.B.)

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