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A.J. Matthews  
Exalted Ruler  
2011—2012

## EXALTED RULER ADDRESS

Happy August, everyone! We just received our marching orders relating to our membership goals. Our goal is 49 members before the end of our Elk year this March. This is a realistic goal and one of which we should all take ownership. What it comes down to is identifying, cultivating, encouraging, indoctrinating, and initiating four new Elks each month. When we look at it in those terms, it does not appear difficult. However, with all things of value, selling our organization begins with our own appreciation for what our organization has to offer. It is only then that we can make a successful attempt to sell ourselves and the long tradition of service that we represent.

Over the course of the last 109 years, there have been many outstanding men and women who have been fortunate to assume the position of Tampa's Exalted Ruler. Several have held that honor more than once, but anyone who has worn officer's jewels within our Lodge has an understanding of the commitment and the sacrifice that must be made to be a successful steward of our local organization. They say that if an officer believes that he or she is doing their Lodge a favor by serving in a leadership position, he or she does not fully understand the responsibility that is assumed. But introducing potential new members to our Lodge is a cornerstone of that responsibility and should not be taken lightly.

Remember, a pretty face can only get us so far, then we have to maintain a relationship if we are to remain successful. To borrow a concept from our State President, Frank Hayes, we must have "Vision with Action."

We will succeed with our membership goal, not because one or two of us will bring in a slew of members, but because it is natural for us to nurture and build something that we care about. During our visitations to a number of the very fine Lodges in our district and our state, I recall reading a plainly printed sign posted adjacent to a lounge door. It simply read; "First time a visitor, second time a friend, third time a member." I don't think we can make it any more concise than that.

Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, marks the 221<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the oldest branch of Armed Services in our Country, the United States Coast Guard. It just wouldn't be patriotic if I didn't plug my own service, would it? I am going to ask Americanism Chairman, Richard Florance, to fly our historic flags in the Coast Guard's honor. Don't be surprised if I decide to do something special to commemorate the day. Maybe I can sing the Coast Guard Song, Semper Piratus, or maybe not.

Once again, Al (Esquire Maximus), Ben (The New Colonial), and I found ourselves in a position to ponder an unusual **(Continued on Page 4)**

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### Sunday, August 14th



#### Back to School Party

Refreshments, Games, School Supplies, and much more!

12:30 - 3:30PM

FREE!

### Saturday, August 20th

#### Pajama Party

7:00PM until ...

Don your best nighttime duds

Food, Contests, Fun!

Tickets are only \$8!





Theresa Matthews  
L.O.E. President  
2011—2012

## THE L.O.E. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

### Greetings everyone!

Hope you all had a happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The whole weekend was a fun time for everyone. The Veteran’s committee did a great job hosting two great events while raising money to support our Vets. Thank you to all the ladies that helped by contributing yummy desserts. Also, thanks to everyone who bought a raffle ticket for the basket of cheer. Congratulations to Dick Florance who won the basket, and a big thank you for donating it to the LOE for future events.

The ladies have been busy planning our next events. We will be supporting the youth activities committee with the “Back to School” party on August 14<sup>th</sup>. The committee is requesting donations of school supplies. Please drop all supplies into the box that will be located in the Lodge. Any and all donations will be appreciated. Please contact John Wayne for any information.

We are gearing up for the Ladies conference September 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. We will be hosting a hospitality suite at the Double Tree Hotel on Cypress Avenue on Friday and Saturday of the conference. We are also going to try to get the Ladies and their Elk spouses over to Tampa Lodge #708 all of the evenings of the conference. We will let them know about our Thursday night dinner, our Friday night dinner with the chef and a band, and then finally a dinner (TBD) on Saturday night with Karaoke. We

encourage all Ladies and Elks to participate and help us welcome the LOEs from all over the state.

Next, we are planning a Halloween party for October 29<sup>th</sup> to be hosted by the Ladies. We will have more information on that soon. Sue Mason is our committee chair and is looking for volunteers to participate on the committee and bring any fresh ideas. Finally, I would like to thank Vera Almstedt for her diligence around the 365 Club for Children’s Therapy Services. We exceeded our goal of \$1,000 for the year! We love making Vera happy when she achieves her goals!

I would like to wish my daughter, Hailey, a HAPPY BIRTHDAY! She turns eight on August 13<sup>th</sup> and will be renting the hall that day for a “Red Carpet” birthday party. She is not spoiled at all!!

In Your Service, Theresa Matthews | LOE President

## LOE AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Vera Wright	8/6
Lisa Snyder	8/7
Tracy Horrell	8/10
David Partlow	8/14
Mary Spirtos	8/18
Vera Almstedt	8/28

## “365 Report”

*Thanks to everyone who makes donations in our little houses. We’re almost close to our \$1,000 mark. It’s only half a month before we turn it in.*

*Please add to our donations so we can make the goal. Thanks to the following contributors: Lisa and Bob Snyder, Pat and Beth Boyd, Gracie Winchell, Flo and John Wayne, Aida Diaz, Rita Smith, Helen Hotchkiss, and the bar and tables.*

Vera Almstedt | “365” Chairperson

## HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

We are looking for input concerning meals, especially Friday Dinner. If you have suggestions, comments, or complaints please write them down or email them to the House Committee so we can consider your suggestions and address any problems. Contact me at [legalmiles@gmail.com](mailto:legalmiles@gmail.com), or leave written messages for the House Committee with your Bartender.

We ask that anyone available help the Hall Rental Committee with upcoming rentals.

As noted for the last several months, we are asking **ALL MEMBERS to volunteer just 4-5 hours a month**, only about 2% of the average person’s monthly free time. So far we received 4 responses in June and ZERO in July (that’s right nil, nada, none, the big goose egg). This means about 50 members volunteer at least once a month, and we haven’t heard from the other 300. The survival of the Lodge is contingent on your patronage and volunteerism. **You can support your Lodge one shift, once a month.** Alternatively, come in and have a meal and some drinks or even make a monetary contribution.

Because I am unsure anyone reads the HC articles, I am offering one free drink of anything we sell (I mean anything) to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup> member, (49 is also this year’s membership goal), who emails or calls me before 12pm, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Order will be determined by the time stamp of your email or call. One entry per member, and the drink must be redeemed by August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Chris Miles | House Committee Chairman

**Lodge Officers**

**EXALTED RULER**  
A.J. Matthews, PER

**LEADING KNIGHT**  
Tracy Horrell

**LOYAL KNIGHT**  
Pat Boyd

**LECTURING KNIGHT**  
Vic Thomas, PER

**TILER**  
Robert Summers

**SECRETARY**  
Ed McCaffery

**TREASURER**  
David Partlow

**ESQUIRE**  
Albert Schnut

**INNER GUARD**  
Richard Florance

**CHAPLAIN**  
Dianne Cuccinello

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**Elks National Veterans Commission Veterans Representative**  
Brian Brantley, PER

**V.A.V.S. Deputy**  
Vernon Pickenpaugh

**FSEA Past President W.C.D. Sponsor**  
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Pat Boyd, Loyal Knight

**W.C.D. Vice President**  
Steve Harmon, PER

**Board of Trustees**

**5-Year**  
Addison Horrell

**4-Year**  
Robert Snyder

**3-Year**  
Jerry Reid, Chairman

**2-Year**  
William Edwards, PER

**1-Year**  
Brian Brantley, PER



**Ladies of the Elks**

**President**  
Theresa Matthews

**Vice President**  
Susie Harlow

**Secretary**  
Shelagh Gombarcik

**Treasurer**  
Cindy Linville

**Parliamentarian**  
Lisa Snyder

**Chaplain**  
Beth Boyd

**Committees**

**Accident Prevention**  
Addison Horrell

**Americanism**  
Richard Florance

**Athena House**  
Tracy Horrell

**Auditing**  
Shelagh Gombarcik

**Bell Ringers**  
Pat Fennell

**Bingo**  
Brian Brantley, PER

**Blood Mobile**  
Vic Thomas, PER

**Bulletin (Elksize)**  
Michelle Przywara

**By Laws**  
Chris Miles

**Community Activities**  
Vic Thomas, PER

**Convention**  
Addison Horrell

**Hall Activities**  
Linda Reid

**Drug Awareness**  
Vacant

**Elks National Foundation**  
Vic Thomas, PER

**Elks Training**  
Pat Boyd

**Entertainment**  
Robert Summers

**Flag Day**  
Richard Florance

**Government Relations**  
Pat Boyd

**Harry Anna Foundation**  
Tracy Horrell

**Hoop Shoot**  
Vacant

**House Committee**  
Chris Miles, Chairman

**Indoctrination**  
Pat Boyd

**LOE Liaison**  
Theresa Matthews

**Lodge Activities**  
Addison Horrell

**Maintenance**  
Jay Lleras

**Membership / Lapsation**  
Courtney Taylor

**Memorial Day**  
Richard Florance

**Mother's Day**  
A.J. Matthews, ER, PER

**Officer Attendance**  
A.J. Matthews, ER, PER

**Parliamentarian**  
Vacant

**Presiding Justice**  
John Redding

**Public Relations**  
Kim Van Walker

**Sickness**  
Tracy Horrell

**Soccer Shoot**  
Vacant

**Sports Activities**  
Vacant

**Veterans Services**  
Pat Fennell

**Visitation**  
Vacant

**Website**  
Marty Quire

**Youth Activities**  
John Wayne, PER

*Tampa Lodge 708 - List of Officers  
2011 - 2012*

# Pajama Party

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 2011**  
**7:00PM—???**      **TICKETS ONLY \$8.00!**

*Spaghetti      Karaoke with "props"*  
*Pajama Contest      Jello shots*

Proceeds To Benefit the Drug Awareness Committee



**AUGUST ELK BIRTHDAYS!**

Elinor Smith	8/1
Clyde Godsey	8/4
Walter Rollins	8/4
Ronald Dominguez	8/7
John Fruhmorgen	8/7
Lisa Snyder	8/7
Robert Snyder	8/7
Tracy Horrell	8/10
Pat Fennell	8/11
Joe Sheppard	8/11
Lori Anderson	8/13
Dianne Curry	8/14
David Partlow	8/14
Kelly Sapp	8/14
Donna Lively	8/15
Robert Moeller	8/18
Charles Sheffield	8/18
Mary Spirtos	8/18
Tanya Williams	8/19
Walter Forbush	8/21
Thomas Miller	8/22
Janet Schneider	8/27
Ronald Topp	8/27
Carol Jones	8/28
Charles Meech	8/28
Melanie Miller	8/29
Milton Kuzma	8/30
Linda Summers	8/30
Candy Hodgson	8/31

**Our Future Matters...**

Tampa Lodge #708 has provided tuition sponsorship to Danny Spence of Wesley Chapel, FL, for the 2011 Honor Guard Academy training in Westminster, MD. This will be Danny's second year in the training program as a "blue hat."

We are proud of Danny's achievements and look forward to hearing from him when he returns from training!



**EXALTED RULER ADDRESS** (Continued from Page 1)

way to generate excitement, activity, and revenue at our Lodge. The result of our creative conversation is our first Pajama Party scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup>. Yes, we do hope and want our members and guests to wear PJs to the Lodge, eat a pasta dinner, play games, and try "Karaoke with Props." In creating this event, Ben reasoned that people sing in the strangest places; the shower, driving a car, curling their hair, or even when doing house work. In order to make everyone feel more comfortable singing, we will have props available to simulate those activities. We will even keep the bar open late and let members and guests sleep at the Lodge if they don't want to drive home. What more could you ask for with an \$8.00 ticket price?

In this, the "Year of the Member," we held our first Member Appreciation Dinner on July 13<sup>th</sup>. From all indications, it was a success. All Tampa #708 members received a tasty dinner right before our Lodge meeting. It is the intent of our officers and membership committee to continue this practice on a quarterly basis. You can, therefore, expect us to host another dinner on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Please consider attending our next event.

By now, you should have noticed our new video screen in the foyer of our Lodge. Once again, we are making every effort to modernize our communications with our membership. We are very proud to report that Lodge money was not used to make this purchase, and we credit House Committee Chairman, Chris Miles, in taking the lead to start the ball rolling with a fundraising effort. Chris gets it, as he is a man with vision and action. This screen is replacing the notice board that we were using to report on members who were under the weather or those who have been taken from us. We will now display Sickness and Distress and our memorials on this screen, hopefully with updated photographs of our members. It will be the responsibility of the office to report on changes, but you should still make every effort to contact our Leading Knight, Tracy Horrell, to make sure we are covered.

As I put the finishing touches on this address, I am hours away from departing for the Grand Lodge Convention in Phoenix, AZ. Our First Lady and LOE President, Theresa, made a decision to stay home with our children. Therefore, PER and Lodge Trustee, Brian Brantley, agreed to travel to Phoenix to participate. His attendance will give our Lodge additional representation as we vote on a great number of changes to the Elk statutes. We will provide a full report upon our return.

**A.J. | Exalted Ruler**

THE YEAR OF THE MEMBER - PROPOSED CANDIDATES AND NEW MEMBERS

AUGUST 2011

New members are as important to our Lodge as our current members. Think about your neighbors, your friends, your co-workers, and people in your community who you see every day. Get your friends in the door and let us take it from there. After all, we are the friendliest Lodge in Florida!

CANDIDATE   OCCUPATION   CITY, STATE   VOTING DATE	PROPOSER
<b>NORMAN E. BONAR</b>   Plumbing & Leak Detection   Tampa, FL   <b>August 10, 2011</b>	Patricia Bellair
<b>CHRISTOPHER LAYMAN</b>   Systems Administrator   Tampa, FL   <b>August 10, 2011</b>	Michelle Przywara
<b>LARRY WINDOM</b>   U.S. Geological Survey   Tampa, FL   <b>August 10, 2011</b>	H. Kelly Sapp



Welcome July's Newest Members: Warren DeBord, Richard Pilant, and Vernon "Keith" Stevens

ELKS MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Courtney Taylor | Membership Chair

Hello Fellow Elks:

Your Membership Committee has been hard at work looking for ways to increase membership remembering that the VERY BEST way to increase membership is for our members who know and love our Lodge to bring in a friend to experience all the Lodge has to offer. We, as Your Membership Committee, are committed to help make Lodge events successful. We will be supporting any and all committees and events as a way to bring activity to our Lodge, and increase membership.



*"...bring in a friend to experience all the Lodge has to offer."*

Please let us know what is going on and how we can help.

We are thrilled to support Vic Thomas, our Loyal Knight, with the ENF Horse Race Derby. The local South Tampa community has been invited, and donations have been secured for the auction from local businesses.

August 2nd Tampa Lodge 708 will host a South Tampa Chamber Coffee event from 7:30-9:00AM. All attendees are encouraged to bring school supply donations for our children's "Back to School" party. Breakfast will be served.

Thanks to our Lodge and the **LOE** we will be

sponsoring children playing baseball at Palma Ceia Little League and a Girl Scout troop next school year. This is wonderful as we can lend a helping hand and also have any opportunity to encourage new (parent) membership.

Last but certainly not least, check out our info on the Membership Drive and Pork Butt Family BBQ on Labor Day. Looking forward to seeing you and all of your loved ones there. It promises to be a great time! Please continue to celebrate "The Year of the Member" with your Membership Committee.

- Courtney, Pat, Kim, and Shelagh

YOUTH ACTIVITIES NEWS

The "Back to School" Party is scheduled for Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at the Tampa Elks Lodge from 12:30PM to 3:30PM. Refreshments will be served. There will be games, prizes, and lots of school supplies for all children, including pre-school. These children are the future of the USA and the Elks. **This event is FREE!**

Bring a friend with you as we will be having a **Safety Day** on Saturday, September 24, 2011 with fun, games, and guest speakers discussing topics such as Safety and "Say No to Drugs." More details on Safety Day can be found on page 7 of this edition of the Elksize. We need donations: notebooks, paper, pencils, pens, crayons, rulers, and anything else!



John Wayne, PER | Youth Activities Coordinator

**Partners in Progress**

**Mission of the Partners In Progress**



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

**PLATINUM INVESTORS - \$100**

- DuRant, Rosemarie 1/2010
- Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 4/2012
- Florence, Richard 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
- Pickenpough 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
- Snyder, Robert & Lisa 5/2013
- Norton, Bob and Stokking, Brenda 6/2010
- Thomas, PER, Guy & Ruth 1/2009
- Thomas, PER, Vic & Bernice 6/2010
- Woodburn, John, 11/2011
- Wright, Vera 6/2011
- In Memory of James Wilder 5/2010

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

- Alley, Sonia & Bill 6/2010
- Baranofski, 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
- Huffman, Raymond & Barbara 6/2010
- Jorgensen, Sherral 6/2011
- Keller, Maureen & Matt 10/2009
- Kennedy, Brenda & Brown, David 3/2009
- LaChance, Rosemary & Roger 6/2010
- Nikkinen, Lesley 3/2009

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

- Cuccinello, Diane 6/2010
- Edwards, PER, William 6/2011
- Gukeisen, SGM USA RET, James L. 4/2010
- Huffman, 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

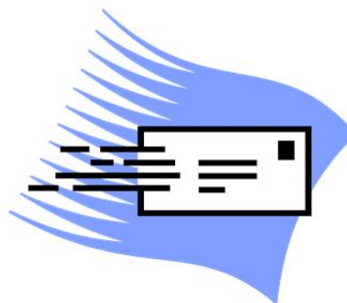
**BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20**

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

***Stay in touch with the lodge even if you can't be there!***

*E-mail your questions, comments, and suggestions to the Office.*

***We look forward to hearing from you!***



**A.J. Matthews | Exalted Ruler**  
ER708@Gmail.com

**Ed McCaffery | Secretary**  
Secretary708@Gmail.com

**David Partlow | Treasurer**  
Treasurer708@Gmail.com

# SAFETY DAY

## September 24<sup>TH</sup> 2011

Join Tampa Lodge #708 for Safety Day

Lunch is provided! Cost is FREE!

Small gift for everyone who attends!



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2011 @ 9AM - 4PM

Guest Speakers for safety, 'Say No to Drugs' Campaign, demonstrations from Police and Fire Departments, school security personnel, ambulance technicians, and the USF Tampa Walking group for pedestrian safety!

Carnival games and even a water slide for the children!  
(Waiver by parent or guardian is required)

**For additional information, contact John Wayne, PER  
(813) 837-4252**

Volunteers are also needed to please come out and support your Lodge family!  
Get involved per the late "Mr. Thomas McHugh"



## DISTRICT VISITATION UPDATES AND SCHEDULE



The official visit by State President, Frank D. Hayes, is set for September 9-10 and all the information for the weekend is available on the home page of the [www.flelks.org](http://www.flelks.org) website. The Presidential hotel is the Embassy Suites Westshore located at 555 North Westshore Boulevard, Tampa, FL, 33609.

August 6	Holiday Isle
August 13	Seminole
August 27	St. Petersburg
September 9-10	FSEA President Visit to West Central District
September 11	Elks Day at Tampa Bay Rays
September 17	Tampa (Homecoming)

There is a link on the website that will allow you to reserve at the special rate. You may also call (813) 875-1555. A block of rooms has been set aside. Mention you are with Florida Elks or code ELK. **Reservations for rooms are accepted until August 19, 2011. Rates are \$95 plus tax.** After August 19<sup>th</sup>, the standard room rate will apply.

There are two ticketed events for Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>: a trip to the Florida Aquarium (\$13.95) and the Presidential dinner (\$15) later that evening. Reservation forms are available on the above website. If you cannot access the website but want tickets, please contact me at [sharmon708@yahoo.com](mailto:sharmon708@yahoo.com) or (813) 508-2315. **Steve Harmon | PER, WCD Vice President**

### STATE PRESIDENT VISITATION SCHEDULE

**Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>:** State President, Frank Hayes, arrives at hotel for reception. Travel to Holiday Isle Lodge for dinner and the West Central District PER Association meeting.

**Saturday, September 10:** After breakfast at the hotel, we travel to the Florida Aquarium. We then travel to the Columbia Restaurant ordering from the lunch menu. Arrive at Tampa lodge around 6:15 pm; dinner is at 7:00PM.

**Sunday, September 11:** Elks Day at the Rays. Ticket information is on Page 12 as well as the [www.flelks.org](http://www.flelks.org) site.

### Growing our Lodge with an "Expectation of Service"

Have you been in the "Elk Zone" recently? Last month we discussed growing the Elks by expanding your "Expectation of Service" and leaving your comfort zone. Today I want to share how to move into the "Elk Zone" in this "Year of the Member."

Michael Jordan, arguably one of the best players in the National Basketball League, told a reporter that "...when I am in the zone, it is like the rest of the world slows down... and I have full view of every aspect of the game." It is true with the Elks as well. When you find your ZONE within the Elks family, you see all with perfect vision.

Take a few minutes and place yourself in the "Elk Zone." Look for that moment which would make you feel invincible, even heroic. Now that you are there, notice that as events happen all around us, we see them in a special light. While we personally interact, we are forever fulfilled! When you're in the "Elk Zone", events occur in your whole world - friendships, influence, and personal treasures appear in an instant. During these moments, you just know "it" feels right, and then you strive to relive that fulfillment. There is, however, a side effect to these moments. You WILL attract others into their moments of inspiration! I find it almost surreal how living within the "Elk Zone" is constantly and personally fulfilling.

*By Patrick Boyd  
Loyal Knight*

Experiencing and sharing these moments with others is also a reward in and of itself.

As a member, you can experience the "Elk Zone" now. This publication alone lists numerous opportunities: dates of committee meetings and events, past and future, which may propel you into the "Elk Zone." Ask your Elk friends and officers about the Girl Scout troop we are supporting, Soccer shoot, Labor Day BBQ, or the South Tampa Chamber events in which you could partake. Elks could use the help, but you will reap the rewards and likely will find yourself in the "Elk Zone." If organization is more your interest, how about getting involved in the inner workings of the Elk organization? Leadership is always encouraged and welcome in our Lodge. Learn from the best: with over 100 years of fraternal experience, surely one of the PERs, Knights, House Committee members, or a Trustee would help direct your interest. Elks are leadership though action both personally as well as in our community. Without Elks, many a student would be without scholarships, many a veteran would lack a special night out, and you would miss out on the chance to enter,

possibly for the first time, into the "Elk Zone." How do you enter the "Elk zone?" Through the door marked "Expectation of Service."

If you feel you don't have the time, money, or experience to get active, I suggest you talk to any Elk officer or Committee Chair, you know, the people you see every time you attend a function at the Lodge. I am sure they will all say the same: we do it for the moments we reach the Elk Zone! These are the moments that "FEEL RIGHT" and are most special for others and themselves personally! That is why they contribute time and effort which otherwise would be unavailable to them. One cannot reach the "Elk Zone" without becoming active and sharing their experiences. I believe the Elks should be required to post the following at their gates: "Caution, entrance into the "Elk Zone" may cause some personal discomfort, but get ready for something bigger than you!"

That first moment in the "Elk Zone" will happen when you least expect it. You will then seek its rewards on every occasion. That is Elkdom. I am reminded of a quote by Alex Hitchens: "Life is not the amount of breaths you take. It's the moments that take your breath away." Seek those moments at every opportunity. Through friendships and actions, you can join us NOW and grow into the "ELK ZONE!"



## YOUTH CAMP NEWS



Some of our first and second week campers returned from camp. Their reaction was “I want to go next year!” So far it has been a great time with good fellowship in addition to many of the campers making several new friends.

Thank you all for supporting the Lodge by sending these children to the camp as well as your loyal support for the Thursday night dinners.

**John Wayne, PER | Youth Camp Coordinator**

## OFFICER OF THE MONTH - AUGUST 2011

### Richard Florence

Richard is the epitome of the “can do” Elk. Aside from serving as our Inner Guard, Richard also serves as both our Lodge and West Central District Americanism Chairman. Richard’s regular submission to our Lodge bulletin, ELKSIZE, is one of the reasons why we have one of the best publications in the State of Florida! Aside from his literary skills, Richard always makes time to set up our historic flag display on holidays as well as volunteering to set-up and take-down the curtains that make our Friday evening band performances an intimate affair. Keep doing what you do, Richard. Your spirit, dedication, and enthusiasm are well appreciated by all.

## ELKS OF THE MONTH AUGUST 2011

### Pat and Marilyn Fennell

Coming off an extremely successful 4th of July celebration, the dynamic duo of Pat and Marilyn Fennell are named as the Elks of the Month for August. The Fennells were instrumental in delivering over \$700 to the Veterans receiving care at the James A. Haley Veteran Medical Center, as administered by the Elks District VAVS representatives while providing entertainment and social interaction for the 16 Veterans who attended the celebration. However, Pat’s and Marilyn’s dedication does not end there; they give from their hearts all year round. They have been regular fixtures on Sunday mornings hosting kitchen operations while also hosting our monthly Veterans dinners at our Lodge. One of the things that makes our Veterans dinners special is Pat’s insistence that the Veterans have the ability to order directly off our Friday menu. You are right Pat; Tampa Elks wouldn’t want it any other way!



## ATHENA REPORT

**July Activities:** We joined the ladies on Sunday, July 17th, for a tour of the Tampa History Museum followed by brunch at Jackson's Bistro.

**August Activities:** We have planned a trip to “Dinner Done” where the Ladies will learn about nutrition, cost effective meals, and will be preparing a meal to take with them to enjoy at the Athena residence. We will also host the Ladies at the Lodge for a breakfast in August, and they will be helping with our Drug Awareness

Committee to set up for the “Back to School” party. What a way to give back! We are working on our Fall events and would love to see new faces join our committee! If you are interested in becoming a part of this wonderful committee, please contact me at [trahorrell@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:trahorrell@tampabay.rr.com) or (813) 453-2268. I look forward to having new faces and new ideas! See you at the Lodge!

**Tracy Horrell | Committee Chair**



## ELKS DINING CLUB



### Hello Fellow Hungry Elks!

Lend me your growling tummies... We missed many of you who could not be in attendance at our Taste of the Tropics in June. It was a small group due to other events going on the same evening and also many Elks being out of town. However it was a nice evening filled with fruits, spices, and great stories. The Dining Club was created for those who love cooking, eating, and sharing in good fellowship and that's exactly what we had... Bravo!

For August we just could not resist some more **ITALIAN** - so pull out your red and white checkered table cloths and your favorite spicy meatball recipes, and plan to join the **Elks Dining Club for dinner on Saturday, August 27th @ 6:30PM!**

- Courtney Taylor



August Dining Club  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH**  
6:30PM

## BARTENDER'S CORNER



Hello Elks Members:

Wow! August is upon us already. Seems like the summer is flying by and just yesterday was July 4<sup>th</sup>. The celebrations at the Lodge were a big success, and we

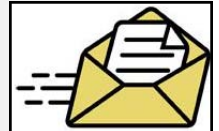
missed all of you who were not able to attend. On August 6<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating our Leading Knight's, Tracy Horrell, 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party. Plan on attending – it is going to be a huge event!!! Come on down for the Rays games as well. All games are televised, and we enjoy rooting our team to victory. Another big event we have scheduled for August is the Pajama Party! It is being held on August 20<sup>th</sup> and will feature a spaghetti dinner, karaoke, PJ contest, jello shots, and a sundae bar. Proceeds to benefit our Drug Awareness Committee. Peggi, Mary Kate, and Sarah look forward to serving up the perfect concoction for you during the heat of the summer, so come on down and support the Lodge!

- Peggi Tuttle

If you would like to receive email reminders of Tampa Elks events and general announcements, please send your email address to the webmaster:

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**AMERICANISM REPORT | IS CHARITY STILL IN YOUR HEART?**

In this year of 2011, the 144th of our American Elks, many changes are occurring all across our beloved America's lands. This is a new age of technology, invention, and purposeful innovations that gives America new hope for better times for all future generations. Amidst all this new hustle and bustle of these "new ways" and the "new things" that enable many to become "wealthy, rich, and successful", seemingly overnight come the distant thoughts of our own Elks initiatory ritual legend. This legend symbolizes age-old worldly and American Elks awareness of past errors and how "in olden times a feast was laid on high Olympus for all the gods" and how these gods each brought with them the goddess of highest choice until this group had filled the mountain top. Now close your eyes and place yourself as a god or goddess at this royal feast. Which god or goddess might you be if the truth were actually known? Wealth and Riches in robes of gold? Are Greed and Avarice a part of you? Are you a goddess of Peace or more like the god of War? Do you side with Justice and Mercy and plea for the god of Right? Do you keep Faith within yourself and for others, or are you more of a doubter? Are your thoughts more hopeful or more fearful? Now consider the virtues of "sweet Charity" by asking for nothing other than consideration for misery and want! Charity, the legend says, "commended kindly deeds unto them all" but did prefer to be in the thoughts and hearts of all mankind. So, as American Elks in this 21st Century, are your thoughts and actions following Charity leading you to speak no unkind words; for you to harbor no evil thoughts; for you to bear no malice; or for you to support no wrong; but yes, to nurture, love and protect; to condone, forgive and forget. Is Charity still In your heart? When it is your time, to hear the eleventh hour of memory chime, what will be remembered about you?

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Woodburn, John 11/2011

Thank you to each of you who was able to attend our July 2nd party and the 4th of July celebration. It seemed as though a good time was had by all at both events. The funds that we were able to raise for Brian Brantley's on-going programs at James A. Haley V.A. Medical Center will go a long way toward helping our veterans. I would like to thank each of you, but I know I would leave somebody out and did not want that to happen. Thanks again to each of you for your continued support to such a worthwhile event.

**Fraternally, Pat Fennell | Veterans Chairman**

**TRAVELING ELKS...**

Paul and Sandra DeLand have kept in touch during their cross-country RV travels, meeting Elks of all shapes and sizes! From The Grand Canyon and Las Vegas, to Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado, these Elks have visited more than just the local Lodges!

On July 1, 2011, Paul writes, "Grand Canyon Trailer Village In the morning light, at the end of the row of motor homes in which we parked this magnificent Elk came strolling along. Since there is no Lodge here he must have been a... (wait for it!) ... visiting Elk. "

**Visit the web for more up to date information and events for Elks!**

**Grand Lodge | [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org)**

**Florida State Elks Association | [www.floridaelks.org](http://www.floridaelks.org)**

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## Sunday, September 11, 2011

Tampa Bay Rays vs Boston Red Sox

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Elks when he throws out the  
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Get your tickets for \$20 before the end of August!

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See Brian Brantley for tickets



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## AUGUST DINNER MENU

AUGUST 5, 2011

\* ENTRÉES INCLUDE GARLIC SMASHED OR BAKED POTATO AND VEGETABLE OF THE DAY

## SOUP

## SEAFOOD GUMBO SOUP

**\$3.95 Bowl**

Shrimp, clam, and fresh fish combined with veggies in a tomato velouté

## APPETIZER

## JAMBALAYA

**\$4.95**

Sausage, rice, tomato, and seasonings

## DESSERT

## A FINE SELECTION OF SHERRY'S FAVORITES

**\$3.00**

## ENTRÉES

## \* BAYOU BOULICHE

**\$12.95**

Choice beef roast seared with Cajun spices and stuffed with smoked sausage, garlic, fresh herbs and spices, slow roasted and served sliced with Creole mustard sauce

## SHRIMP 'N' GRITS

**\$11.95**

Fresh shrimp, okra, Holy Trinity rice, spices and fresh herbs cooked in a tomato base and poured over self-respecting Southern-style grits

## \* BLACKENED PORK LOIN

**\$10.95**

Marinated pork seared with Cajun spices then slow roasted to perfection, served with mango chutney

AUGUST 12, 2011

ALL ENTRÉES INCLUDE VEGETABLE OF THE DAY

\* ENTRÉES INCLUDE BAKED OR RED ROASTED POTATOES

## SOUP

## KEY WEST STEW

**Cup w/Dinner or Bowl \$3.95**

Fresh from the Gulf shrimp, scallop, crab, and mussels braised over low heat with fresh herbs, vegetables, and seasonings

## APPETIZER

## MEDI PIZZA

**\$5.95**

Whole wheat crust brushed with olive oil then topped with fresh spinach, feta, garlic, sun-dried tomatoes and black olives

## DESSERT

## A FINE SELECTION OF SHERRY'S FAVORITES

**\$3.00**

## ENTRÉES

## SHRIMP ARTICHOKE WITH LEMON SAUCE

**\$11.95**

Tender sautéed shrimp, chive and artichoke quarters served with a light and creamy lemon sauce over vermicelli pasta

## \* CORNISH HEN

**\$13.95**

Game hen slow roasted, moist and tender until golden brown stuffed with fresh herb couscous and finished with a fennel-raspberry glaze

## \* PRIME RIB OF BEEF

**\$13.95**

Prime rib slow roasted for several hours served with creamy horseradish sauce

AUGUST 19, 2011

ALL ENTRÉES INCLUDE VEGETABLE OF THE DAY

\* ENTRÉES GARLIC SMASHED OR BAKED POTATO

## SOUP

## CHICKEN NOODLE

**Cup w/Dinner or Bowl \$3.95**

Classically prepared with penne pasta

## APPETIZER

## STUFFED SHRIMP

**\$6.95**

Jumbo shrimp stuffed with crab and clam stuffing and topped with herb-butter sauce

## DESSERT

## A FINE SELECTION OF SHERRY'S FAVORITES

**\$3.00**

## ENTRÉES

## \* ROAST BEEF AU JUS

**\$9.95**

Tender slow roasted roast beef sliced thin and served with Au Jus gravy

## \* BBQ RIBS

**\$13.95**

Slow roasted and dry rubbed 1/2 rack grilled to finish for fall of the bone goodness! Served with a side of chef's made-from-scratch BBQ sauce

## FRIED FISH PLATTER

**\$12.95**

ALL YOU CAN EAT beer and buttermilk battered fresh catch fish filets rolled in chef's Southern seasonings, fried golden brown and served with hush puppies, fries, and Cole slaw

AUGUST 26, 2011

ALL ENTRÉES SERVED WITH RICE PILAF AND VEGETABLE OF THE DAY

## SOUP

## ROASTED TOMATO

**Cup w/Dinner or Bowl \$3.95**

Fresh herbs, seasonings, tomatoes, and onion grace this chicken-based soup with whole grain goodness

## APPETIZER

## PEEL AND EAT SHRIMP

**\$6.95**

1/2 lb. of peel and eats, cooked in beer and seasonings

## DESSERT

## A FINE SELECTION OF SHERRY'S FAVORITES

**\$3.00**

## ENTRÉES

## SIRLOIN TIPS

**\$10.95**

1/2 lb. of 100% lean sirloin grilled to your perfection, topped with sautéed mushrooms, onions, and bell peppers served over rice pilaf

## CHICKEN PROVENÇAL

**\$11.95**

Tender breast, sautéed in olive oil with artichoke hearts, capers, cherry tomatoes, prosciutto, and white wine parmesan sauce

## SCALLOP AU PESTO

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## AUGUST 2011 – TAMPA ELKS 708

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	Jul	1	Aug	2	3	4	5	6
8:30AM-12:00PM Full Menu Breakfast		BINGO Open to the public! 6:30PM Early Bird 7:00PM Jackpot Hot Snack Bar		7:30AM-9:00AM South Tampa Chamber of Commerce Coffee Event  6:30PM-7:30PM - Salsa / Latin Dance Lessons  JAM SESSION	6:00PM-7:00PM - Officer Meeting  7:30PM LOE Meeting	5:30PM – 7:30PM Thursday Night Dinner Chicken Yakitori, Skewered Chicken, Green Peas, Fried Rice	6:30PM – 10:30PM Music – Dazzler Duo Variety	7:00PM - VP vs. Holiday Isle  7:00PM Tracy H. (50 <sup>th</sup> ) Birthday Party and Henry Anna Event
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14		15		16	17	18	19	20
8:30AM -12:00PM Full Menu Breakfast  12:30PM-3:30PM "Back to School" Party		BINGO Open to the public! 6:30PM Early Bird 7:00PM Jackpot Hot Snack Bar		6:30PM -7:30PM - Salsa / Latin Dance Lessons  JAM SESSION		5:30PM – 7:30PM Thursday Night Dinner LOE Dinner, Fish Fry  18 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> FSEA Pres. Quarterly Meeting at Youth Camp	6:30PM – 10:30PM Music – Cathy & Paul Duo Variety  18 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> FSEA Pres. Quarterly Meeting at Youth Camp	7:00PM-? Pajama Party with Karaoke (KJ) Hambone, Jerry Reid  18 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> FSEA Pres. Quarterly Meeting at Youth Camp
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