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Exalted Ruler Address Once again, Happy New Year Tampa

Well, it is here, our busy time of year. Before you know it, we will be looking at April and talking about installation of officers again. Looking over the lodge calendar, there appears to be a function nearly every week. It is good to stay busy.

January started with a bang with our New Years Eve party. We had more than 100 members and guests in attendance and many have called it the best New Years Eve Party in ten years. I know I wrote about the party last month, but I keep hearing positive comments about it so I want the positive feelings to last. Thanks to our kitchen team (Addison and Bob Snyder, and our daughters for serving dinner) and all of the people who helped with decorations, set-up and take down. Kudos go especially to Linda and Jerry Reid for the concept of the Masquerade and Theresa, Tracy (T2) and Susie Harlow for working so hard the night before. I was extremely impressed with both the band and the members who remained after midnight. We had nearly 60 people who didn't want to go home, so we decided to spring for an extra hour of entertainment. From all accounts, it was worth it.

The lodge has never looked better, and we are about to begin the final phase of improvements in the social spaces. We have almost completed working on the entry to the building, the security camera system should be up and running and we should be well on our way to make the Antler Room more comfortable and inviting. Some new lighting is also in the works for the bar area. If you have some additional ideas or ideas for the hall, please write them down and get them to us.

The improvements have been a real team effort with assistance from some very talented members, the individual generosity of some of our Elks as well as the dedication and support of our Ladies (LOE). The Ladies have opened their checkbook to finance our parking lot improvements, the completion of the lounge walls, technical upgrades for our entertainment venues, the entry improvements and the purchase of the new security system. Although the financial support is phenomenal, it is the spirit and dedication as demonstrated by LOE President Tracy Horrell and her team that causes many of our officers to take notice. It is most special that Tracy and the LOE officers have come to our trustees and me to ask us what assistance we needed, while never looking for individual recognition. Some lodges have done away with their ladies auxiliary, but personally, I don't see how we could have done without them. By having faith in assisting in our lodge needs, they have demonstrated the true spirit of Elkdom. Thank you Ladies, we could not have done it without you.

New members, be on alert. If you haven't received a call from me yet, you can count on me calling in the near future. We have had a significant increase in new member participation, but I think we can do better. If you have joined in the past year or two and have not been back to the lodge recently, I take personal responsibility for not reaching out to you individually. If you come



E.R.
A.J. Matthews

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The L.O.E. President Report

February is the month of Love, it is when we share love and give love to others and with this I have been reflecting back on the last few months and our organization has been through a lot with the passing of our dearly loved sisters and brother. In remembering their lives we unite as a family so that their life and good deeds live on through us and will never be forgotten!



Didn't you LOVE the HOE DOWN! Barbara Huffman has done a tremendous job for the last 9 years and this one was NO EXCEPTION! Our feet were tapping and our bodies were 'movin and groovin' to the music! Lots of Jell-O shots were bought and it really was a good time by all! Thank you Barbara for your dedication to make sure this event is the Best Event of the Year! Thanks to Bill Edwards and his cooking helpers for their talents in the kitchen! And to all who helped with set up and clean up we could not have done this with out you! THANKS A MILLION!

It is that time of year again when we elect new officers. Have you considered being President or Vice President? Show your LOVE and SUPPORT by stepping up to the plate to nominate and cast your vote for your new board! The Ladies Auxiliary Organization is only as good as we make it! Happy Valentines Day to all of you!

In Your Service, Tracy Horrell

L.O.E. President

LOE February Birthdays
Harlow, Susie 9-Feb
Helsel, Bill 11-Feb
Beth Boyd Turpin, Bernadette 11-Feb
LOE Chaplain Roederer, Reta W. 16-Feb

" 3 6 5 " Report
V e r a A l m s t e d t
C h a i r p e r s o n

I hope everybody had a nice Christmas and are starting off with a good New Year,

We need all your donations to keep the vans rolling. The children thank you; so, let's continue to fill our little houses.

A big thank you to Robert and Lisa Snyder, Helen Hotchkiss, and Rita Smith as well as special thanks to the bar and the tables which provided us with a tidy sum as well. Everything Helps!

Athena News
By Tracy Horrell

2010 was a great year for our Athena Ladies we ended the year with gifts to them from Mary Kay they were delighted to get dressed up and see the event Cirque Dreams Holiday at the Performing Art Center followed by a delicious dinner at BoneFish Grill. We also sent gifts to their children and grandchildren for Christmas.

We have received our 3rd Grant of \$10,000 to help with Athena House. Our vision is to utilize these monies to help educate and support the Athena Ladies so that they will become well adjusted back into our society.

If you are interested in joining our Committee please contact me at 813-453-2268

Hoe DOWN-Report
By Barbara Huffman PLP, Hoe Down Chairman

Dear Members and Guests:

We had a wonderful Hoe Down and everyone made it just great. The band was wonderful and everyone (approx 170 + people) seemed to have a great time. Good food, good dessert and wonderful fellowship. A lot of new people came and enjoyed themselves. Our Lady President, Tracy Horrell presented me with a beautiful Achievement Award from the LOE and of course it brought tears to my eyes.

Thank You

Editors note: More on this event will follow in the March Elksize!



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 Pickenpauh
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
Indoctrination
Rita Smith
Investigation
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
Youth Camp
John Wayne, PER

FIDELITY

ER REPORT (Continued from page 1)

in for a visit, I am sure that you will notice our improvements and the strides that our House Committee, kitchen crews and bar staff has made to improve meals, increase lodge activities and generally provide a most inviting atmosphere. To that end, we have also seen a significant increase in visiting Elks, who have called our lodge "one of the friendliest lodges" they have ever visited. Way to go Tampa Elks!

The Ladies have just completed their Annual and widely successful "Hoe Down," while the PER's have put the wraps on a most successful Gasparilla Invasion event with more than 250 attendees from around our region. In all, January will be one for the record books. Still, we will all be striving to make February even more successful, starting with the St. Valentines Day Massacre scheduled for the 12th. Remember, "the Massacre" is our annual Elks National Foundation Charity event and will do much to satisfy our yearly per-capita requirement to support that major project. Still, we cannot forget the Harry-Anna Trust Fund, so make sure you purchase your certificates to support our own state major project.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our lodge as we finish out the lodge year. Remember, this is YOUR lodge and it only gets better with your participation.

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

My Fellow Elks,

It seems as though our year as the FSEA State President is proceeding rapidly. As we approach February I would encourage all members to continue the generous donations to the Harry-Anna Trust Fund for support of our two Major State Projects. I wish to thank all the individual lodge and district fund raising efforts which will be taking place between now and the end of our fiscal year March 31st. I also wish to commend PER Jim Larsen from the Manasota Lodge for his marathon run New Years Eve which resulted in over \$5,000 accrued to the Trust Fund from donations and pledges.

Harry-Anna State Chairman Ron Snow has recently sent letters to all Exalted Rulers, Trustees, and Secretaries suggesting that as many lodges as possible donate money on the occasion of our Major Projects Meeting taking place Saturday, February 5th at the Youth Camp Quarterly Meeting. Many lodges or districts choose to give checks on that day, and GER Ruler Mike Smith will be attending and present to assist me in receiving any such donations.

Nominations and elections of new lodge officers for 2011-2012 will be conducted during the month of February. I encourage all who aspire to such a position to take the opportunity to serve in that capacity and provide the leadership that is so essential to having a successful and productive lodge. I know such leadership is demanding, time consuming, and often a challenge. However, it can also give one a great sense of accomplishment, pride, and satisfaction in that you are helping your respective lodge and promoting the goals of Elkdom. And remember this thought: "That Leader is best, that when the people's task is accomplished, and their work is done, the people will all say, 'We have done it ourselves.'"

Fraternally,
James E. Hurst,
FSEA State President



Hunters: Thanks for the hides

by Amos McCallum, PGER Member and Past Chairman
Reprint from Grand Lodge Newsletter Feb 2011

The ENVSC Veterans Leather Program began in July 1948 in Philadelphia, when the Elks of California donated 1,000 hides, valued then at \$25,000, to be used by hospitalized Veterans.

Last year, hunters from 20 states donated 18,588 hides to our program, an increase of 2,271 hides from the previous year. These hides were sent to tanneries for turning into leather products that benefit our Veterans. Crafting Leather, Craft Kits, and gloves for wheelchair-bound Veterans are sent to medical facilities to be used in occupational and recreational therapy programs. The program benefits Veterans of all eras, including those from Iraq and Afghanistan, making their lives a bit better.

Last year, 11,171 square feet of tanned hides was sent to hospitals as crafting leather. Another 65,528 square feet was donated to the organization Help Hospitalized Veterans, which created 63,707 craft kits that were distributed to hospitalized Veterans at no cost to the Elks or the Veterans. We distributed 2,729 pairs of fingerless gloves free to veterans in wheelchairs. The total value of these leather products last year was estimated at more than \$900,000, a program record. Great job, hunters and hide handlers!

We thank Chairman Dennis McAleese, our State Elks National Veterans Service Commission Chairpersons, and all the Elks and hunters who used their recreational activities to help our Veterans of many wars and in particular the Veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

We have enlarged this program since its inception, but we still need more hides and more volunteers due to so many wounded warriors returning home who are in need of help. Therefore, I ask our Elks National Veterans Service Commission Chairpersons in each state to get their hunters to participate. With your help, we can increase the number of states participating to more than twenty, and we hopefully can increase the number of hides to 20,000 or more. We can do this with your help.

State ENVSC Chairpersons, if you need help getting started, please contact:
Dennis McAleese, Chairman, Veterans Leather Program, 384 County Road 852 Elizabeth, AR 72531-9603
Telephone: (870) 488-5786 Email: kdmc@mtnhome.com

Dennis has done a great job but can do even better with your help. I urge you to do what you can for those who have given so much to protect our freedoms.

January Candidates



Proposed Candidates

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Linda M. Madore	John Wayne
Suzie Harlow	James Harlow

To our Absent Members
January 2011

Henry Judson Rogers aka JUD
Joan Ryan Dillon Clune

Elkdom is a Participation Sport

By Rita Smith—Membership Chair



Each time we participate in anything happening at our Lodge, we are learning a little bit more about how things work, and where we each fit in. Not everyone could endure a long Sunday morning working the grill in a hot kitchen; likewise, not everyone could tolerate hours on a computer filing reports or producing a newsletter. We all have our own skills and our own preferences, but that is the wonderful thing about an organization that does as much as our Elks Lodge – there is enough going on that everyone has an opportunity to contribute in their own way.

As the Lodge year nears its end, it is time for each of us to evaluate how we can contribute just a little bit more next year. If you brought a great dish to one of our pot lucks, you are a contributing member. Maybe this year you could volunteer to coordinate a pot luck dinner. If you have enjoyed some events, commit to serving on an event committee next year. If you have worked on an event, offer to chair one next year. If you have chaired an event, offer to take one of the larger Lodge Chairman positions next year. If you have been the Chairman of one of the larger positions, it might be time to be an Officer!

Every member, including those Initiated just last month, has the right to run for any open Office. Every member has a responsibility to show up at the meetings in February to nominate and vote for next year's Officers. Remember, this is a volunteer organization, and your participation is what makes it all work!

House Committee Report

By Chris Miles

We would like to welcome **Jay Lleras** and **Bob Summers** on their recent appointments to the House Committee and thank both in advance for volunteering. Jay has already worked several Hall Rentals and Bob has already signed up for two kitchen shifts. We also want to thank all of the volunteers who cook dinners, serve dinners, bus tables and cashier for the days we serve food. In addition, we thank the volunteers who spend a tremendous amount of time selling, setting up, running and breaking down Hall Rentals. Many of you may not know, but Hall Rentals have generated substantial revenue for the Lodge in these tough financial times. The bottom line is **Lodge Volunteers put in over 250 hours a month** to keep our Kitchen Open and there are hundreds more hours put in for Hall Rentals and Special Events. So Thank You to All Volunteers who keep us going. Finally, a Special Thanks to Courtney Taylor. The Elks Family Feud was best non-ticket event of the year.

By now most of you have seen the changes to the Kitchen and Bar Menus. On Fridays we are now serving a restaurant style house salad (your choice of dressing) and hopefully we will be adding a Caesar Salad in the immediate future. Mini pizzas, corn dogs, tater tots and deviled crab have been added to the Friday Bar Menu. In addition, we are now offering you a choice of TWO sides with the Bar Menu instead of just Fries & Cole Slaw. Starting February 1st we will have new Happy Hour specials. (See "Bartenders Briefs Page 11)

Finally, for the next month we will be offering bar food during times when the kitchen is not open or after it has closed. This includes Corn Dogs, Mini Corn Dogs, Mini Pizzas, Angus Cheeseburgers and Deviled Crab. Menus are at the Bar with most items at \$2 to \$3 dollars. So if you're hungry and the Kitchen isn't open put an order in with your Bartender."

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 12/2010
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

**Elk of the Month, January 2011
Courtney Taylor**

Many of you know

Courtney Taylor as an exceptionally talented bartender and sister of our own Chris Miles. However, she is much more than that. Courtney has proven to be quite the resourceful and valuable Elk. Courtney has been preparing and funding the snacks and small meals that many of us consume in the evenings and after lodge meetings. She also has the brains and the energy behind the Lodge Cooking Club that has attracted many members seeking to share recipes and learn more about a multitude of cooking types and styles. In addition, her positive, 'can do' attitude has been bringing more people to our lounge and we credit much of the increase in profitability on her industry and style. Courtney really hit the bar when she planned, organized and presented our recent Elks Family Feud, where eight teams battled each other in a test of wits regarding questions asked of lodge members over a one-week period. That event has been hailed as an exceptional success, especially since it quadrupled our Saturday lounge and kitchen sales.

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, 8/2010
Pickenpaugh, Vernon and Betty 8/2011
Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018
Smith, Rita 4/2010
Robert Summers 1/2012
Linda Summers 1/2012
Spirtos, Mary G. 5/2011
Turpin, Bernie 5/2011
John Woodburn 11/2011

**Officer of the Month, January 2011
Lodge Secretary,
Carl Williamson, PER**

One of the constants that we can count on at Tampa Lodge 708 is our own Carl Williamson. Carl has been our lodge secretary for many years and has a vast storehouse of knowledge from those years of service and his past service as an Exalted Ruler. During the recent lean times in our lodge history, Carl has been a steady hand while keeping a keen eye on our

finances and the health of our lodge. He remains an ever-present fixture, willing to assist all members and faithfully making sure our committee reports are filed accurately and in a timely manner. Most recently, Carl has been assisting Cindy Linville with her transition as our Lodge Treasurer and teaching her the inner workings of the administrative side of the lodge. Thank you Carl.

82nd Anniversary

"We're Gonna Make You An Offer You Can't Refuse!"

St. Valentine's Day Massacre

Sat., February 12th @ Tampa Lodge We're Gonna Do It Again!

Tickets: \$15 (\$18 after Feb. 5th!)

Garage Door Opens: 6:00 pm (Cocktail Hour!)

Featuring: "Bloody Shots!"

This Menu Will Kill You: 7:00 pm (Dinner)

Steamship Round with burgubdy wine sauce, roasted new potatoes and asparagus, salad & for dessert, red velvet cupcakes with chocolate-dipped strawberries.

Speakeasy Opens: 8:00 pm

Yes Sir! it is.....

DeLand Entertainment
(Paul DeLand, III) & his
Special Guest.....**The**
return of Swami Elkhorn!



All proceeds to the Elks National Foundation

Tickets available from Bar or Officers!

Tables may be reserved for 8 or more!

NOTE: Children \$7 (and have a special basket menu!)

**Costume Contest: Prizes for...
Best Female; Best Male, &
Best Couple!**

Some of Last Year's Cast!



da Lawyer & His Doll



da Godfadder & da Boss



don't axe him anything!



confused? - so were they!

CHARITY



Calling and Recalling All America's Patriots

By: Richard Florance Americanism Chairman



From our beginnings as a nation- bent on being Free for all the world to see- and throughout our short-lived existence as written in the annals of America's history there have been many famous and not-so-famous; but still Patriots of their day and America has still survived in the name of Freedom's sway; so, as Elks all across America are being called to duty for Family, Community, or Nation, know that all Elks who stand up and face America's needs- are just as vital to America now- as those who came before us to be true patriots for their past deeds. All Elks both past and present should be very Loud and very Proud that all Elkdom will continue the tradition of Calling and Recalling all America's Patriots back from history's past shadows- and out into the bright light of Elkdom's future because Elks always Care and Elks always Share- so celebrate February 21st thru February 27th as National Patriots Week! Be a good and faithful Elk to be remembered in the tablets of Love and Memory for all time.

Monthly Patriotic Days of Note for Elkdom

February 12th- Lincoln's Birthday;

February 21st- Washington's Birthday aka President's Day

SALVATION ARMY Bell Ringers

I would like to thank each of the individuals listed below for taking time out of their busy schedule, to ring the bells at the "Red Kettles" on the 11th. and 18th of December. The amount of \$838.69 was much less than years gone by, but I am sure it was used to benefit those less fortunate than us, in the name of Tampa Lodge #708

2010 Bell Ringers 12-11-2010

- Lynn Brown & Bill Edwards
- Carrie Leshy & Richard Florance
- Pat Boyd & Vic Thomas
- Sammy-Courtney-Taylor & Kevin Roebuck
- B. O'Donnell & Lynn Brown
- Pat & Marilyn Fennell

2010 Bell Ringers 2-18-2010

- Shelagh Gombark & Lynn Brown
- Tracy Horrell & Lesley Nikinen
- Linda & Jerry Reid & Bob & Lisa Snyder
- Carrie Leshy & Marie Schue

Theresa -Hailey Mathews & Brenda Stokking, Pat & Marilyn Fennell—Thanks again to each of you for "Caring & Sharing"
Pat Fennell, Chairman Total 54 hours



Projects, Organization and Ritual. Good Job #708!!

Did You Know??

← West Central District Judges attended our January Indoctrination. Every year we are graded on the information we give our new members, including Elk history, Major

Did You know??

We have a Jam Session on the First and Third Tuesday of each month. We have a great time, meet new people and sing our favorites. Bring your instrument and prepare to enjoy the night! (More pictures on page 10)



Kids Christmas Party

By Linda Reid



On Sunday, Dec. 12th, we had our annual Kids Christmas Party sponsored by the DA Committee and the Lodge. There were 110 wrapped Christmas presents under the tree, thanks to many dedicated ELks and LOE who shopped and wrapped for several days straight.

As the kids signed in they were given a Drug Free sticker to wear, and Just Say No bookmark in their bags. The kids had a wonderful time playing several holiday games, and they always love to go to the prize table when they win. The Tricky Dog Show was awesome, and I have never seen almost 100 kids stay so entertained for so long. The hamburgers and hot dogs were plentiful, as was the treats. After playing the Night Before Christmas right/left pass game, to all of the children's delight, Santa made a surprise visit. Santa was very patient as he listened to each child's Christmas wishes and gave them their gift and candy cane. It was a wonderful experience to see each kid loaded down with a gift, a large bag full of treats and prizes, and a special stuffed animal they selected themselves. We thank all of

the wonderful ELks, LOE, and friends who contributed to the kids Christmas Party making it a huge success. We had several gracious monetary donations, a donation of collector Beanie Babies the kids absolutely loved, and lots of help shopping and wrapping gifts, as well as lots of helpers the day of the event. We had many needy families attending this year, and their tearful Thank You's were so heart warming. It is at times like these it reminds us that what we do as ELks, is truly appreciated.

Foster Angel Tree

I would like to send out a big THANK YOU to the generous and caring ELK/LOE members who adopted a little foster child angel tag this year and made their Christmas wishes come true! We had 26 tags, and by the time we wrapped the last gift on Dec. 18th for the pickup, each child had a bag full of items on their wish list. Once again, we had several generous monetary donations, and I appreciate those who went around and encouraged folks to participate. I would like to give a special Thanks to Susie Harlow, who was instrumental in coordinating the shopping and gift wrapping for both the kids Christmas Party and the Angel tree. Her dedication and willingness to help truly exemplifies what Elkdom is all about!



Justice



In the spirit of Valentines >>>

The first NON family member to tell me who this ELK is, gets their drink of choice compliments of your Elksize Editor!!!



Kitchen Corner

February Calendar of Meals

**Brian Brantley
Chris Miles**

Thursday 02-03-2011

-----Meat Loaf

Friday 02-04-2011

-----**Chef Mike Bradley**

(See Page 14 Article)

Thursday 02-10-2011 (Youth Camp)

-----Pot Roast

Friday 02-11-2011

-----Salmon

Steak

Shrimp Pasta

Thursday 02-17-2011 (LOE Night)

-----Stuffed chicken, real mashed potatoes, veggie.

Friday 02-18-2011

-----Steak

Chicken

Mahi Mahi (Blackened or Sautéed)

Thursday 02-24-2011

-----Country Fried Steak

Friday 02-25-2011

-----Steak

Roast Pork

Baked Chicken

Bartender Briefs

"Courtney"



"Peggi"



Exciting News!

Starting in February, Elks #708 will be offering the following daily Happy Hour (3-6) Specials!

Monday – 2 for the price of 1 – all wells

Tequila Tuesday – Golden Margaritas \$3.00

Winey Wednesday – 2 for 1 – all house wines

Thirsty Thursday - \$1 Drafts

Bud Light or Natural Light

Fiesta Friday – pitcher of fresh sangria - \$9

Samsational Saturday

Sam Adam's Pints - \$3 - ALL DAY

Sunday Funday -- \$1 Drafts –

Bud Light or Natural Light– ALL DAY

Elks #708 Drink Specials!

Hurry! Only while supplies last.

Jim Beam Black \$2.75

Mango Tango! A delicious mix of spiced rum and tangy mango juice \$2.50

Yellowtail Chardonnay \$3.00

Hornitos Tequila 100% Pure Agave \$4.00

SCHEDULE

Courtney	Monday through Wed
Peggi	Thursday
Courtney and Peggi	Friday
Peggi on	Sat & Sunday



"Erica"

Cooking Club Report

By Courtney Taylor Bon *appétit* Elks

If you missed our Italian Meal you missed a mouth full - wow what a beautiful array of dishes. I was so impressed with the turn out of 24 people and 14 different dishes ranging from Authentic Italian Meatball appetizers, to Stuffed Manicotti with Meat sauce, only be finished off with Rum Baba Cake for dessert all served with a wonderful Italian wine at the bar - **Delicious!!!!**

Our next meeting is just in time for Valentines Day and our topic is Love Foods or better known as Aphrodisiac... from Asparagus to Chocolate, Oysters to Strawberries - the dishes will be Tasty & Tantalizing.

Please join us Saturday **Feb. 5th for our next Elk's Dining Club Meeting @ 6:30 PM**

You will need to RSVP to Courtney either at the bar or by email courtneytaylor@marykay.com

This promises to be a Spicy evening. Please remember the Cooking Tips for January

*To slice meat into thin strips, as for Chinese dishes - partially freeze and it will slice easily.

*A roast with the bone in will cook faster than a boneless roast - the bone carries the heat to the inside of the roast quicker.*And for a juicer hamburger add cold water to beef before grilling.

Happy Cooking - Courtney & Candy



Editors Note: How are we doing ? Feedback is important!

Is there something you haven't seen or believe is important for our membership to know?

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Holiday Cleanup Articles

As your Elksize Editor, I wanted to apologize for inadvertently dropping some articles from the January edition. I am adding them below as well as on pages 8 and 9 in order to correct this grave injustice. Yours in Elkdom.

Youth Camp News

By John Wayne Youth Camp Chairman

Applications will be arriving soon at the office as well as online to send your children to Camp. Any child: boy, girl, niece, nephew or friend, ages nine (9) to thirteen (13) are eligible. The sooner you complete the applications and return them to me, the sooner the decisions can be made.

My heart felt thanks goes to A.J. Matthews ER and Bill Edwards PER, for cooking my Thursday night fish fry on December 9th. Special thanks to Addison and Tracy Horrell who stepped back in at the last minute, even on their 15th Anniversary, to make this a successful Youth Camp Event. Their actions truly reflect our Elks Motto "Share and Care." Thanks to all fellow Elks who showed up for these fundraising events.

By the Way, Have you noticed our Busboy's and Girls on Fridays and Sundays. Their services were started to expedite the serving of meals. Their hard work makes our servers more efficient. These young men and women are volunteering their time to serve us. Let me know how you enjoy the new services.

Holiday Thanks

By John Wayne (PER) Wayne and Flo (PLP) Wayne

Thanks to all who came to the feasts of Thanksgiving and Christmas. Both festivities were a great success. There were several associates (fellow Elks) who were instrumental in making them so successful. Thanks to all. Brian Brantley PER, and his fine family, A.J. Matthews ER, Addison Horrell, as well as Tracy, Lauren and Nicolas. My "Youth Camp" "Cheffette" and hard worker Lynn Brown. Many thanks to all and to you members for showing us that Elks Share and Care. I would be negligent if I did not wish all a very Joyous and Happy New Year 2011. May all wishes come true for all.



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MEMBERSHIP DROPS

The following 37 members will be dropped from the roll effective February 1, 2011 for non-payment of dues one year delinquent.

Frances K Aberle	Mary Jo Alford	William Allison, Jr.	William Brown
Charles Brown, Jr.	Sondra Chapman	Rex Chivers	Stephen Clayton
Bernice Copeland	Nancy Corcoran-Leonard	Daniel Desmond	James Dreby, Jr.
Michelle Duran	Mike Garcia	Melanie Hale	Brenda Kennedy
Adrin Kepple	Gail Lineberger	Stephanie Linville	Herbert Lyon
James Mangan	Robert Manwaring	Robert Mastenbrook	Manuel Mercado
Scott Miller	Ed Myers	Victor Norden	William Nyland
Beatrice O'Brien	Sara Owens	Frank Lykes Rosenblatt	Leroy Shore, Jr.
Richard Siddens	Cheryl Siddens	Helen May Waldron	Luke Walker Alan Winton

Elk Feud Report By Courtney Taylor

Fellow Elks,
Can you say competitive???

What a great time and turn out we had for Elk's Feud. **Paul's Posse** pulled out the big win and bragging rights. With answers ranging from Cologne make Men more handsome to a Stop sign describing most of our Elk's love life - look for a bragging t-shirt coming to a bar stool near you soon.

We look forward to our next Face off - with a bit of Pictionary playing March 26th after the installation of officers and an Elks version of the Newlyweds Game in April . Stay tuned for more details.



Guest chef February 4th, 2011

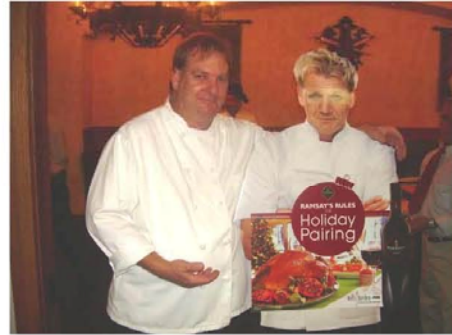
My name is Chef Mike Bradley. I studied Culinary Arts at the renowned Johnson & Wales University. I started in this business at 14; my first job was dishwasher at the original Melting Pot in Carrollwood.

In my food industry career of 27 years, I've done everything from Hospitality Chef to music giants such as INXS, the Neville Brothers and Dave Matthews Band, to F&B Director at a Holiday Inn resort. As of recent, I run my own catering business, My Personal Chef Catering. I'm in the development stage of a health conscious eating plan called Gourmet Healthy Lifestyle and I'm also a contributing partner for the restaurant consulting firm, RMG.

I'm a Tampa native, born and raised, shocking I know, and have studied my craft throughout the Eastern United States. I studied under Chef Paul Prudhomme for a spell in New Orleans; I lived and worked in Atlanta for 5 years at fine dining locations such as The Abbey Restaurant and with the Pleasant Pheasant Group and have worked and lived in New York as well as Miami to develop a wide range of cooking styles and expressions.

I'd like to thank the Tampa Elk # 708 for giving me the opportunity of guest Chef at your fine establishment and I look forward to serving you on February 4th.

Sincerely,
Chef Michael Bradley

**Menu February 4 2011****Soup of the Day****POTATO & BACON SOUP**

Tender Potatoes, Crisp Bacon, Cheddar Cheese and Cream

\$4.95

Appetizer**STUFFED MUSHROOM CAPS**

Large caps filled with Shrimp & Crab and drizzled w/Chef Mike's Fragrant White Pepper Sauce

\$6.95

GARDEN CHICKEN MEDALLIONS

Chicken Breast, stuffed with fresh Spinach, Mushroom, Roasted Red Pepper, Shallots, and Fromage de Crème.

Entrees

Served with a Parmesan Béchamel

\$9.95

BLACKENED PORK LOIN

Marinated Pork seared with Cajun spices then slow roasted to perfection. Served with a Mango Chutney

\$10.95

AEGEAN MAHI-MAHI

Seasoned Mahi filet grilled to perfection and topped with sautéed Asparagus, Thyme, Rosemary, Garlic, Sweet Peppers and Capers

\$13.95

***All entrees served with Garden Salad, Vegetable Medley and choice of Baked Potato, Garlic Mashed or Rice Pilaf*



February 2011 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Jan	31 Feb	1 Feb	2	3	4	5
		JAM SESSION February is Black History Month	6:00pm - 7:00pm Officer Meeting 7:30pm LOE Meeting	5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday "one" item dinner	6:30pm - 10:30pm Music-"Dazzler Duo" back by popular request	7:00pm - 9:00pm Dining Club - "Foods of Love" - Dining Room - RSVP to Courtney
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Superbowl Sunday, Chili Cookoff 3:30 8:30am - 12:00pm Full menu Breakfast	6:30pm BINGO - Early Bird 6:30, Regular games start 7:00 & Snack Bar 7:00pm Re-creation Music Show at James A. Haley Veterans Hospital	6:30pm House Comm. Meeting	6:30pm - 7:30pm PER Meeting 7:30pm Lodge Meeting	5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday "one" item dinner 5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday Night Dinner - Youth Camp	6:30pm - 10:30pm Music - "Bump in the Road" three piece band - Variety Dance Music	6:00pm - 11:00pm 2nd Annual St. Valentine day Massacre Dinner/Dance - ENF Fundraiser
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:30am - 12:00pm Full menu Breakfast 4:00pm - 8:00pm Hall Rental-Wedding-70 Guests - Kim Martin	6:30pm BINGO - Early Bird 6:30, Regular games start 7:00 & Snack Bar Valentine's Day	JAM SESSION	Indoctrination--6:30 Trustees Meeting	5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday "one" item dinner	6:30pm - 10:30pm Music - "Three Amigos" - new feature band - Variety Dance Music	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:30am - 12:00pm Full menu Breakfast	6:30pm BINGO - Early Bird 6:30, Regular games start 7:00 & Snack Bar President's Day George Washington's Bday		Lodge Meeting - 7:30	5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday "one" item dinner	Music - "Big Jim" the music man - Honor our Vets night	Karaoke---7:30pm WT Edwards sound Machine 7:00pm - 11:00pm Hall Rental-60th Birthday Party-Kira Pending
27	28	1 Mar	2	3	4	5
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
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