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A.J. Matthews
Exalted Ruler
2011—2012

EXALTED RULER ADDRESS

Happy Birthday America!

If you look at the activity that has been generated around our Lodge for the past several weeks, you cannot help but appreciate that this time of year is made for Patriots. As we closed out our Elks State Convention, we participated in an outstanding Memorial Day ceremony with our local American Legion Posts and other Veterans' groups. The middle of June paved the way for our annual Flag Day Celebration, proudly performed with the assistance of Plant High School's JROTC Honor Guard and the solemn retirement of several American Flags assisted by a representative of Boy Scout Troop 53. Now that July is here, we will begin the celebration of the birth of the United States with a BANG by hosting our first ever "Pre-Independence Bash" on Saturday, July 2nd, and our Annual 4th of July Picnic. Both events will benefit our lodge Veterans efforts, and if you have not already purchased tickets, both events can be attended for just \$12, which includes meals.

The "Pre-Independence Bash" promises to be a good time with the price including dinner, dessert, Karaoke, and a costume contest. Our Lodge Esquire, Al Schnut, promises to make a convincing Benjamin Franklin, while I may attend dressed as George Washington or John Adams. Guess you will have to attend to find out. If you don't want to wear a costume, come dressed in your

best red, white, and blue outfit. There will be a prize for that, too. The 4th of July Picnic brings the proud return of "Big Jim." Our Veterans from James A. Haley Veterans Medical Center will be in attendance and Veterans Committee chairman, Pat Fennell promises a hearty traditional picnic, great music, and all-around good time.

Because the 4th of July falls on a Monday, our lodge will not host Bingo that day. However, Bingo Chairman, Brian Brantley, has promised to hold a Bingo Extravaganza on Tuesday, July 5th, to make sure our "players" get to test their luck and practice their dauber prowess. Great idea, Brian! But, can you handle the tables?

We are well in the middle of Lodge Visitation season, but with the State President's visit to the Southwest District (July 8th and 9th) and our Grand Lodge Convention scheduled for July 17th-21st, our district's visitation schedule will resume on July 30th with a visit to Tarpon Springs. However, if you are not in the mood for a trip to Tarpon Springs, why not stay close to home and attend our Annual Lodge ENF Horse Race scheduled for the same night? ENF Chairman and Lecturing Knight, Vic Thomas, has groomed our stick ponies and dusted off the fuzzy dice for this **(Continued on Page 4)**

Monday, July 4th



Join Us For

Fourth of July!

3:00PM - 7:00PM

Food & Music

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Saturday, July 30th

Tampa Lodge #708

ENF Derby Horse Race

Pre-Race 6:30PM

Post Time 7:00PM

Tickets \$10 at the bar!





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

THE L.O.E. PRESIDENT REPORT

We had a great convention this year. We made some money for the ladies' coffer by selling "flashing, blinky stuff" as well as raffle tickets for the pirate booty chest. We would like to thank every one who purchased blinky things prior to us even leaving for the convention! And for those that made your purchases there. There were a lot of flashers running around Orlando that weekend! Special recognition goes out to Sherral Jorgensen for donating extra light up items as we were selling out of them. Also to Tina Kamerer for selling not only the raffle tickets but the beads used as decoration as well! I now believe she can sell ice cubes to an Eskimo! There were many volunteers that helped sell items and offer support to the Elks. We thank you all!

We continue to need volunteers to provide the LOE Thursday night dinner. The LOE does the dinner the third Thursday of every month. We cook, waitress, and cashier that evening, and all proceeds go to the ladies to help in our efforts to support the lodge. I would like to thank our ER, (and my husband) AJ, for cooking for us in May and June. The food was great. Hope to see you all at the next dinner to support the ladies.

In Your Service, Theresa Matthews | LOE President

LOE JULY BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|------------------|------|
| Florence Wayne | 7/1 |
| Alice Ferrari | 7/2 |
| Jerry Reid | 7/4 |
| Susan Hagan | 7/8 |
| LaVelle Sheppard | 7/10 |
| Susan McBee | 7/11 |
| Linda Reid | 7/14 |
| Jacqueline Appel | 7/15 |
| Wendy Hall | 7/24 |
| Elma Kelly | 7/25 |
| Kathy Prince | 7/26 |
| Edie Hanley | 7/30 |

"365 Report"

We only have two months to go to turn our money in for the Crippled Children's Therapy vans. We need more donations to meet last year's quota. Let's fill the houses for the children. Thanks for the donations from Helen Swango and the bar and dining room tables.

Vera Almstedt | "365" Chairperson

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

We are looking for input concerning meals, especially Friday dinner. If you have any 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.

July is a busy month for Hall Rentals with a Baby Shower, 30th Anniversary Party, and Family Reunion. Hall Rental revenue is roughly three times the revenue generated by all other Lodge Operations. Therefore, we ask that anyone available provide assistance to the Hall Rental Committee.

As noted last month, we are asking **ALL MEMBERS** to volunteer just 4-5 hours a month, which is only about 2% of the average person's monthly free time. So far we've received only 4 responses from people who don't already volunteer, which means of 346 members only about 50 volunteer on a monthly basis. Ultimately, the survival of the Lodge is contingent on volunteerism. **Support Your Lodge, One Shift, Once a Month.**

Contact me at legalmiles@gmail.com or leave written messages for the House Committee with your Bartender.

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

Grand Lodge & State

Elks National Veterans Commission Veterans Representative
Brian Brantley, PER

V.A.V.S. Deputy
Vernon Pickenpaugh

FSEA Past President W.C.D. Sponsor
Frank Palladini
PER, PVP, PDD, PSP, PGLC

FSEA Lodge Liaison Membership Lodge #708
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 Sommers

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

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

Come celebrate with your fellow members. Bring a guest (neighbor, friend, relative, or prospective new member). This will be our annual fund raiser to assist our Grand Lodge VAVS Representative Brian Brantley's elk-funded programs at James A. Haley V.A. Medical Center. All proceeds from this event will be turned in to use as needed to help our Nation's Veterans. Please support this very worthwhile event. Tickets available at the bar or **Pat Fennell or Marylin Fennell** at: **(813) 294-9609** Your support will be greatly appreciated. You will still have time to see your favorite fireworks! *Fraternally, Pat Fennell*

Food available from 4:00PM to 6:00PM

*Hamburgers and hot dogs,
baked beans, cold watermelon,
and soda*



Music by

Big Jim

Adults \$9.00

Children \$5.00



JULY ELK BIRTHDAYS!

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Robert Harlow 7/1 | Darren Nesberg 7/15 |
| Florence Wayne 7/1 | Todd Davies 7/16 |
| Noreen Seeley 7/1 | James Walters, Sr. 7/17 |
| Jerry Reid 7/4 | Theodore Heider, Sr. 7/18 |
| Courtney Taylor 7/4 | Richard Somers 7/20 |
| Eileen Pupello 7/6 | Raymond Aleo 7/21 |
| Addison Horrell 7/7 | Rose Rodriguez 7/21 |
| Robert Sylvester 7/7 | Curt Veltri 7/21 |
| William Beuer, Jr. 7/10 | Roger Hanning 7/22 |
| Kim Van Walker 7/11 | Wendy Hall 7/24 |
| Randy Conte 7/12 | Wendy Wiesler 7/24 |
| Stanley Mackey 7/12 | Jesse Lore, Jr. 7/26 |
| William Egan 7/13 | Kathy Prince 7/26 |
| William Grocott, Jr. 7/13 | Patricia Taylor 7/26 |
| Virgil Reed 7/13 | Raymond Royston 7/28 |
| Linda Reid 7/14 | Bill Deen 7/29 |
| Jacqueline Appel 7/15 | Roberts Sirmans 7/30 |
| Brian Miller 7/15 | |



Flag Day at Tampa Lodge #708
June 12, 2011



Save the date!
**Tracy Horrell's 50th
Birthday Celebration**
Saturday, August 6th @ 7PM

EXALTED RULER ADDRESS (Continued from Page 1)

outrageous event. You know the drill you buy your horse and name your jockey (only \$10) then let everyone else place their bets with our Lodge "funny money" to raise money for the Elks National Foundation. This event is so successful that other area lodges have "borrowed" the theme for their own efforts. You know - duplication is truly one of the grandest forms of flattery.

During our Visitation at New Port Richie Lodge (June 11), we issued Pinellas Park Exalted Ruler, Bob Thornburg, a challenge. I told him that our Lodge could have more attendees at the remaining visitations than his Lodge. In turn, he challenged our Lodge, saying that Pinellas Park could rack up more miles with unscheduled visitations than we could between now and August 31, 2011 (excluding the visit to the Grand Lodge Convention). With that challenge, "Operation Visitation" is on! We will coordinate our activities shroud in secrecy because we shouldn't let those guys beat us at anything! Go Tampa #708!

We have experienced some significant activity in terms of membership lately. First, we conducted a grand effort to stem Lapsation wherein nearly all of our Lodge Officers descended upon the Lodge with their cell phones in hand to call all of our members who must have left their dues invoices under a pile of old newspapers. With an effort that lasted less than an hour, we were able to contact three-quarters of those members, resulting in receiving dues payments from nearly 35 percent of those contacted. There were several members who did not have accurate telephone numbers, and we will be reaching out to their sponsors in an effort to correct those errors and then try again. In addition, our membership committee and a good number of our members have been active in a number of activities to make sure that we share what we know is a good thing. Remember to keep a couple of membership applications with you, in your purse, glove box, or pocket. You never know when you are going to come face to face with a prospective member.

We are always looking for interesting ways to host events and generate money for our membership activities. It has been suggested that we conduct a direct mailing, but the return on investment, especially when one considers printing costs, is just not in the cards. Our best efforts can be directed on a personal level. Our membership in the South Tampa Chamber of Commerce has already borne fruit while our ability to roll up our sleeves can never be discounted. Yes, some of these activities will require some funding, but in the "Year of the Member," why not raise these funds instead of pulling from our bank accounts.

Beginning with our meeting on July 13th we will be celebrating our membership. Before the bi-monthly meeting our Officers will be hosting our first Membership Appreciation Dinner. All members are invited to share a meal at no cost beginning at 6:00PM. We will be serving beef tips and noodles with a vegetable. We simply ask that you R.S.V.P. no later than Monday, July 11th, so we can get a proper head count and not waste food. Then with a full tummy we invite you to stay for a meeting.

Lastly, we are working on a number of events and activities to improve our footprint in the community and ways to inform the public of the outstanding contributions that our organization makes on a regular basis. Recently, we approved sponsoring two teams at Palma Ceia little League. They are less than half a mile up the road and youth activities that teach athletic skills and sportsmanship are part of what our order is all about. The money was generated as part of a Promise Grant from ENF. It is what we get from meeting our ENF per-capita goals. Simply put, "we give, we get, we give." Isn't that a great cycle?

- A.J. | Exalted Ruler

THE YEAR OF THE MEMBER - PROPOSED CANDIDATES AND NEW MEMBERS

JULY 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

WARREN DEBORD | Retired Military | Rock Island, NY | **July 13, 2011**

Robert Summers

VERNON KEITH | Retired Military | Estero, FL | **July 13, 2011**

Robert Summers

RICHARD PILANT | Retired Military | Richmond, CA | **July 13, 2011**

Tracy Horrell

Florence Wayne - May 2011



Lisa Drenth - May 2011



Gustave Adams - June 2011



Judy Gay - June 2011



John Stirewalt - May 2011

Cheryl Hecker - May 2011

Tanya Willia - June 2011

ELKS MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Courtney Taylor | Membership Chair

Elks,

Lend me your antlers - During the month of June we brought in new members and new applications. We contacted members who had not renewed their membership which resulted in a few coming in and paying their dues. **OUTSTANDING!** Thank you officers who helped make the calls. We are now tasked with what's next...Well, more members sounds good! What can you, I, and each member do to increase our membership? There are many ways...

- Come to our Membership meeting, Tuesday, July 5th at 5:30PM
- Invite friends and business associates to have a drink or at-



"Thank you each and every individual ELK for all you do...we need you...each of you!"

tend an event with you so they can see all we are about

- Participate and Volunteer - the more people we have in the Lodge, at the lodge, and holding events, the more attractive we become.

At the membership meeting on July 5th we will discuss the next Elk's Community Service Local Area project we will get involved with, boy/girl scout troop involvement with our lodge, our 1st Membership Fund raising/Guest Event, our next event involving the South Tampa Chamber of Commerce, and overall ideas on how to boost membership. Please plan to attend and bring your ideas...we need to think outside of the box.

Thank you each and every individual Elk for all you do...we

need you...each of you!

It matters not if you're an Elk who patronizes the bar daily, weekly, or monthly, an Elk who hold his head high as he states he's and Elk and shows up when he can, an Elk who rolls up his or her sleeves and helps make it happen day in and day out, an Elk who never misses a special event, or any Elk paying his or her yearly dues, conducting themselves in a manner honoring the Order but can do little more than that. **EACH of YOU** make me glad to call you My Fellow Elk.

Please Celebrate with Me "The Year of the Member" as we go out and spread the word of how **HAPPY** we are to be Members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES NEWS

We will have a special day at our Lodge, Safety Day, **Saturday, September 24th**. Games, food, guest speakers will talk about 'safety first' at your home, school, or office. Do not miss out on this important date.

Also on **September 24th**, Drug Awareness – special speaker. Our children are the BPOE members of the future and we want them all to live great lives and be drug free. The time will be 10:00AM until 6:00PM and all is free. Tell your friends, parents, children, nephews, and nieces. You will not want to miss this event. More information will follow in future issues of the Elksize.

Finally, save the date! Saturday, August 14th is the Back to School party from 2PM - 5PM! Stay tuned for more details!

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
- 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
- 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
- Huff man, 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
- 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

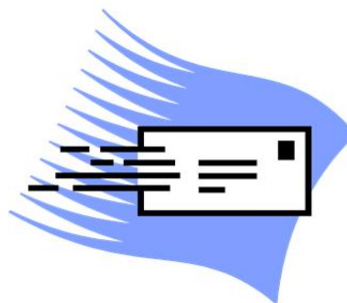
BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20

- 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
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Ed McCaffery | Secretary
Secretary708@Gmail.com

David Partlow | Treasurer
Treasurer708@Gmail.com

Pursuant to Grand Lodge Statute 17.060 and the By-Laws of Tampa Lodge #708, Article XVI: Amendments, a motion has been made to revise the House Rules for Tampa Lodge #708. A vote on the proposed revisions shall be taken during the regularly scheduled Lodge Meeting on July 27th at 7:30pm. Any member interested in discussing or voting on the proposed revisions should attend the meeting. A copy of the proposed revisions is listed below. Notations in parenthesis indicate changes in numbering, underlines indicate additions and strikethroughs indicate deletions.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO HOUSE RULES

1. The House Committee will at its discretion designate the hours and days of the Club or Lounge operation. The Lounge will be closed during all Lodge Meetings and special ceremonies. The hours of operation will be posted.
2. I.D. Cards issued by the Secretary shall be honored in the Lounge. (Moved from Item 3)
3. Any member in debt to the Lodge will not be permitted to participate in Lodge activities or use of Lodge facilities. (Moved from Item 6)
4. ~~All guests~~ Member-guests shall be signed in and non-member guests shall be signed in by a member in good standing in the Lodge.
5. Non-member guests will be held accountable to the same standards as members. Members will be ~~responsible~~ held accountable for the actions of their non-member guests. (Moved from Item 2)
6. Tampa Lodge #708 is a Non-Smoking Lodge. (Moved from Item 18)
7. Dress Requirements: Elk members and guests are expected to wear attire that is neat and clean. Examples of unacceptable attire include ~~that are not acceptable~~ is being barefoot, wearing dirty, torn or ragged clothing, attire that is sexually revealing or clothing with obscene or vulgar wording or pictures. The Exalted Ruler or appropriate function/event chairperson may specify the proper dress code for special events, ~~such as, New Year's Eve, Sweetheart Ball, and Dignitary Visitations, etc.~~. (Moved from Item 15)
8. No minors are permitted to be seated at the bar. (Moved from Item 7)
9. No confidential Lodge business shall be discussed at the bar. (Moved from Item 13)
10. Loud, boisterous or obscene language, or conduct unbecoming an Elk, is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Violations are subject to House Committee action, up to and including suspension of Lodge privileges. (Moved from Item 11)
11. No alcoholic beverage of any kind for consumption or unsealed shall be brought into or taken out of the Lodge. (Moved from Item 10)
12. No animals are allowed in the Lodge except for those trained to assist disabled persons or for the purpose of a special demonstration. (Moved from Item 9)
13. No one is ~~Members are not~~ allowed behind the bar, unless ~~it is~~ in the performance of his or her ~~their~~ assigned duties. (Moved from Item 14)
14. Checks in excess of \$50.00 above the purchase, shall be approved by a member of the House Committee or the Lodge Secretary. ~~Checks shall have proper I.D. required.~~ A member ~~having one uncollectable~~ issuing a worthless check will have his or her check cashing privilege suspended until the debt has been satisfied including payment of a worthless check fee as provided for by law. (Moved from Item 5)
15. It will be at the discretion of the Bartender and/or a House Committee Member ~~after conferring with the House-~~ ~~man~~, to stop serving alcohol to anyone who they feel has consumed enough alcohol to impair his or her judgment. (Moved from Item 12)
16. The Bar will always be subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Business and Professional Regulations, Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco. (Moved from Item 17).
17. Complaints, comments or suggestions concerning the operation of the home club operations, shall be in writing addressed to the House Committee. (Moved from Item 8)
18. Whenever the House Rules are changed or amended and approved by the Grand Lodge, a copy of the new House Rules will be published in the next available Elksize and distributed to the General Membership. Thereafter, a copy will be provided to all new members at the time of their initiation along with copies of the Constitution and By-Laws. A current copy of the House Rules will be displayed on the main bulletin board at all times. (Moved from Item 16)
19. The responsibility for the compliance with ~~of these~~ House Rules belongs to all members ~~of Tampa Lodge #708~~.

Growing our Lodge with an "Expectation of Service"
By Patrick Boyd, Loyal Knight

In the Elk world, service has as many definitions as members. Monetary donations, attending an Elk social event, or working one day a month in the kitchen, at bingo, or during project cleanups are all viable means of service; however, each, in and of itself, is assuredly self limiting.

Elks are a conglomerate of social experiences, philanthropy, and community activities. By singling out one method of service, you miss the interaction with your Elk peers or others in your community. Quite frankly, by limiting your service actions, you miss the chance to expand toward something bigger than yourself. Every seed has the potential to bear fruit.

In this the "Year of the Member," we are encouraging veteran and new members alike to participate in this "Expectation of Service" through the total Elk experience. Take advantage of the myriad of venues offered By Tampa's Lodge 708. Expand your view of possible involvement. Get out of your comfort zone rut. This will eliminate burn-out which causes apathy, negativity, and ultimately Lapsation within our organizational ranks. Face the reality that any repetitive task, even one you like, can have debilitating affects regarding your attitude, perspectives, and ultimately lodge involvement. You might even make or renew old friendships.

A small commitment of time (4-5 hours a month) trying NEW ELK ADVENTURES will be worth any effort. The trip is, after all, more important than the destination! "Service to something bigger than yourself" should be our ELK MANTRA. Try something NEW and see how it fits. It builds character and makes you and our Lodge stronger.

Tamp Elks Lodge #708 encourages you to take a personal initiative. Get involved in a service outside your 'norm.' Then, watch your relationships bloom into a true Garden of Hope! Ask a committee chair or Elk officer for an opportunity to involve yourself in this year's "Expectation of Service."



Tampa Lodge #708
ENF Derby Horse Race

All proceeds benefit ENF

Saturday, July 30, 2011

Pre-race 6:30PM

Post Time 1st Race) 7:00PM

Buy and name your horses and jockey
Available at the bar, beginning July 1st
(until sold out; 36 available @ \$10)

Dinner Baskets Available
Prize Auction to follow
For details, contact:

Vic Thomas
(813) 238-5536



Florida State Elks Convention

Disney's Coronado Springs Resort | Orlando, FL
May 26 – 29, 2011



State Convention T-shirts still available!



Get yours for only \$10

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

Grand Lodge | www.elks.org

Florida State Elks Association | www.floridaelks.org

Florida State Elks Online Community Forum: | www.talkoftheelks.org

YOUTH CAMP NEWS



Our children are off to camp. There are still openings. Let me know. Remember our summer months are still important to us. Attend our Thursday night one item dinners. Let me know if you have any ideas for meals we can make for you and your families.

John Wayne, PER | Youth Camp Coordinator

OFFICER OF THE MONTH - JULY 2011

Ed McCaffery & David Partlow

Leadership is as leadership does. So it should be of no surprise that these two gentlemen share this honor for the month of July. Ed and David have done so much for our Lodge since their installation as Secretary and Treasurer. They have done an outstanding job in working through decades of Lodge documents, improved accounting practices, done a wonderful job of documenting our activities, and given selflessly of their time and money. While their abilities in dealing with day to day administrative functions is first rate, they truly shine in their approaches in building consensus and getting our Lodge management team to work as a unit. They are never too busy to spend time with officers and members to get the best out of the members of Tampa #708, what we know as the best Elks Lodge.

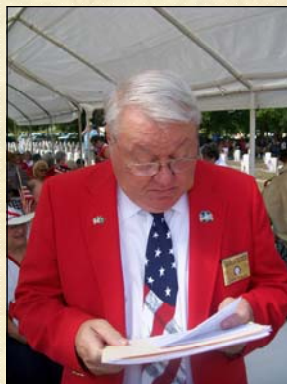
ELK OF THE MONTH JULY 2011

Michelle Przywara

Our Lodge won a Florida State Elks Association Award for the publication of our Bulletin, and rightfully so, because we proved that content, pictures, and presentation do matter. So now, with Michelle Przywara as Editor in Chief, our "Elksize" has sported a new look and has an improved format. Michelle also puts her muscle where it matters, spending a great deal of time working to get our publication in the mail by folding and applying those pesky mailing labels. What many people do not see is Michelle's behind the scenes activity, namely her outstanding prowess and skill in improving several problems that we have had in printing our newsletter. The only problem we have in awarding her this honor is that it will not be much of a surprise.



Memorial Day 2011



ELKS DINING CLUB

Hello Fellow Dining Elks! Missed seeing everyone in June. I hope your warm summer months are starting off nicely! Looking forward to enjoying Elk fellowship as we dine on Tastes of the **Tropics & Island Delights**. This should be a fun way to enjoy fresh fruit infused dishes that remind us of the beaches and vacations...come with a favorite story to share where you enjoyed some of the fun flavors we will be savoring! **Guests always welcome for \$3 participation charge.** Please RSVP to **Courtney Taylor** at courtneytaylor@marykay.com with what you are bringing and how many will be attending. *****HUGE Thank You to the Dining Club!***** Thanks to May's



July's Dining Club
SATURDAY, JULY 16TH
 6:30PM

Dining Club and the Pampered Chef presentation and orders - The Lodge received **\$265 in FREE Items** for our Hall Rentals. Nice job everyone - thank you for your participation. Can't wait to taste your delicious dishes!

- Courtney Taylor

BARTENDER'S CORNER



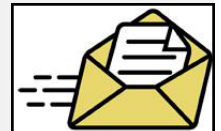
Hello Elks and welcome to summer! Sarah, Mary Kate, and Peggi want you to come to the Lodge and enjoy the fantastic upcoming events in July. The Lodge will be hopping with music, karaoke, the Cooking Club (Island theme), the Pre Independ-

ence Day costume party hosted by our Exalted Ruler and the Independence Day Party on July 2nd hosted by Pat Fennell on July 4th. Tickets for the Independence Day party and the Pre Independence Day costume party are available at the bar and will be available on the day of the events. Both events promise to be exciting happenings, so come on down and let us serve up some wonderful cocktails for you. Our summer specials are delicious and will help ease the summer heat, so come on in and pull up a chair and lets toast to our great country, our freedom, the Veterans of the armed services, and the men and women who continue to serve this country and ensure our freedom and Republic continue!

- Peggi Tuttle

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DISTRICT VISITATION UPDATES AND SCHEDULE

After State convention, my district visitations ran for four consecutive Saturdays for the month of June and we now get a break in July. Our Lodge has done an excellent job of having great attendance at the visitations and I want to thank of those who attended. All of the other district visitations across the summer are available in the Elksize calendar.

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|----------------|---|
| July 30 | Tarpon Springs |
| 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 |

Florida State Elks Association (FSEA) State President, Frank Hayes, will be making his official visit to our district and to our Lodge on September 10, 2011. My official homecoming will be the following Saturday, September 17th. I am proud to be representing not only the West Central District but most of all Tampa Lodge 708.

I am asking for your support in two ways. First would be continued good attendance from my home Lodge to the district visitations. Secondly I would ask that the membership participate in the WCD Vice President's Fund which helps support the expenses for the State President's Official Visit to our district and Lodge in September. There are some very nice advantages to being part of this effort. Please see Bonnie Quire, Lodge Secretary, Ed McCaffrey, or any Lodge Officer for details.

Steve Harmon | PER, WCD Vice President

JULY DINNER MENU

JULY 1, 2011

ALL ENTRÉES INLCUDE BAKED OR MASHED POTATO AND VEGETABLE OF THE DAY

SOUP

FRENCH ONION

\$3.95 Bowl

Classically prepared with toasted croutons and Gruyere cheese

APPETIZER

SHRIMP BLUE

\$6.95

Zesty capered beurre blanc sauce drizzled over sautéed shrimp with a hint of blue cheese crumbles server over beef steak tomatoes with garlic bread for soppin'

DESSERT

NY STYLE CHEESE CAKE

With fresh berries

\$3.95

ENTRÉES

RIB EYE STEAK

\$13.95

Marinated rib eye steak grilled to perfection and served with garlic butter

BAKED CHICKEN

\$10.95

Tender 1/4 chicken, white or dark meat, baked golden brown and seasoned with fresh herbs and spices served with a side of gravy

MEAT LASAGNA

\$9.95

Layers of pasta, ricotta, parmesan, and mozzarella cheese in between layers of ground beef, fresh basil, and chef's marinara sauce

JULY 8, 2011

ALL ENTRÉES INLCUDE VEGETABLE OF THE DAY OR MASHED POTATO WITH PORK OR STEAK

SOUP

CHICKEN VEGETABLE

\$3.95 Bowl

Tender chicken, onion, carrot, celery, and potato with fresh herbs in chicken broth

APPETIZER

CAPRESE SALAD

\$6.95

Large vine ripe tomato, fresh basil, and mozzarella cheese with balsamic drizzle

DESSERT

CRÈME BRULÉE

\$3.95



ENTRÉES

THAI CHICKEN

\$9.95

Tender breast of chicken grilled and adorned with a creamy Thai-peanut sauces, served over Asian noodles

PORK N'PEAR

\$10.95

Seasoned slow-roast pork chops served with pear chutney

SIRLOIN BURGUNDY

\$13.95

Sirloin steak grilled to perfection topped with hearty burgundy mushroom sauce

JULY 15, 2011

*** ENTRÉES INLCUDE GARLIC SMASHED OR TWICE BAKED POTATO AND GRILLED VEGETABLES**

SOUP

FLORIGATAWNY

Cup w/Dinner or Bowl \$3.95

Tender chicken, garbanzo beans, onion, carrot, celery and garlic slow cooked in fresh rosemary, thyme, and spices in a creamy chicken stock

APPETIZER

KEY WEST CAKES

\$6.95

Succulent shrimp and crab nestled in fresh baked Cuban bread crumbs, cilantro and garlic, sautéed golden brown accompanied with a roasted red pepper coulis

DESSERT

VANILLA ICE CREAM

Topped with fresh berries, raspberry sauce, whipped cream

\$3.95

ENTRÉES

*** FILET D'NATTO**

\$14.95

Tenderloin filet crusted with crushed pistachios and spices, grilled to perfection and adorned with a hearty red wine and gorgonzola sauce

CRUSTACEAN CREATION

\$10.95

Shrimp, crab, and clam tossed with a fresh basil marinara served over linguini

*** CHICKEN RIVIERA**

\$10.95

Boneless breast seasoned and dusted, sautéed with sun dried tomatoes, artichoke hearts and capers with a white wine and parmesan reduction



JULY 22, 2011

ALL ENTRÉES SERVED WITH FRESHLEY PREPARED VEGETABLES WITH CHOICE OF BAKED OR MASHED POTATO

SOUP

MANHATTAN CLAM CHOWDER

Cup w/Dinner or Bowl \$3.95

Tender clams, potato, and veggies in a tomato velouté

APPETIZER

WILD MUSHROOM

STRUEDLE

\$6.95

Combination of domestic and wild mushrooms, fresh spinach and spices covered in flaky layers of filo pastry baked golden brown and served with a lemon beurre blanc sauce

DESSERT

FRESH BAKED APPLIED

COBBLER A LA MODE

\$3.49



ENTRÉES

CENTER-CUT STUFFED

PORK CHOPS

\$13.95

Thick cut chops seasoned and filled with fresh herb and apple stuffing, broiled to perfection

CHICKEN MARSALA

\$9.95

Boneless breast of chicken with mushrooms, onions, and garlic in a Marsala wine sauce

GRILLED SALMON WITH

GREEK SALSA

\$13.95

Salmon filet topped with feta, onions, tomatoes, olives, fresh oregano, and drizzled with a lemon mustard sauce

JULY DINNER MENU (CONTINUED)

JULY 29, 2011

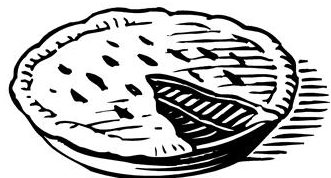
ALL ENTRÉES INLCUDE SOUP OR SALAD AND BAKED POTATO AND VEGGIES

SOUP

SOUP DU JOUR
\$3.95 Bowl
 Enjoy a bowl of our featured soup of the day

DESSERT

APPLE PIE A LA MODE
\$2.95
 Ice Cream Topping
\$1.00 Extra



ENTRÉES

SIRLOIN STEAK
\$11.95
 Sirloin steak grilled to perfection, enjoy with baked potato and veggies

CHICKEN PICCATA WITH PASTA
\$9.95
 Tender seasoned chicken sautéed in a savory lemon-butter sauce and tossed with noodles

SHRIMP PASTA
\$12.95
 Sautéed, seasoned shrimp served on a bed of pasta

ELKS DAY AT THE RAYS!

Sunday, September 11, 2011

Tampa Bay Rays vs Boston Red Sox

Join State Elks President, Frank D. Hayes, and fellow Elks when he throws out the first pitch of the game!



Tickets are only \$20!
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 See Brian Brantley for tickets



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 Every Thursday in July from 6:30PM-7:30PM
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JULY 2011 CALENDAR - LODGE 708

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | | 1 Jul | 2 |
| | | | | | 6:30pm - 10:30pm Music - Cathy & Paul Duo - Variety Great Dinner Menu | 7:00pm Pre- Independence Costume Party Karaoke (Mardonix) |
| 3 | 4 FOURTH OF JULY! | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 8:30am - 12:00pm <u>Full menu Breakfast</u> |  4th OF JULY PARTY by Veterans Committee 3pm Music Dinner Flag Waving | | 6:00pm - 7:00pm Officer Meeting 7:30pm LOE Meeting | Hall rental "Salsa dance Lessons" 6:30pm Dinner 5:30pm - 7:30pm Turkey Dinner with Stuffing & Veggies | 8-9 FSEAPresident vs. SW District(no wcd vs.) 6:30pm - 10:30pm Music - Three Amigos - Variety Great Dinner Menu | 7:00pm - 11:00pm Hall Rental-Baby Shower - 75-100 - SM |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 8:30am - 12:00pm <u>Full menu Breakfast</u> | BINGO - Open to public - Early Bird 6:30, Starts 7pm - Jackpot & Hot Snack Bar | House Committee Meeting - 6:30 p.m. JAM SESSION | 6:30pm - 7:30pm PER Meeting 7:30pm Lodge Meeting New member apprecia- tion Dinner 5:30pm | Hall rental "Salsa dance Lessons" 6:30pm 5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday "one" item dinner 5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday Night Dinner - Youth Camp | 6:30pm - 10:30pm Music - Keith & Ruby Show Great Dinner Menu | Elks Dining Club 6:30pm |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 17th-21 Grand Lodge Convention-Phoenix AZ. 8:30am - 12:00pm <u>Full menu Breakfast</u> | BINGO - Open to public - Early Bird 6:30, Starts 7pm - Jackpot & Hot Snack Bar | | | Hall rental "Salsa dance Lessons" 6:30pm 5:30pm - 7:30pm LOE Dinner | 6:30pm - 10:30pm Music- Dazzler Duo - Variety Great Dinner Menu | 7:00pm - 11:00pm All White Ball, Family Reunion 50 guests (Pending) |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 8:30am - 12:00pm <u>Full menu Breakfast</u> | BINGO - Open to public - Early Bird 6:30, Starts 7pm - Jackpot & Hot Snack Bar | House Committe Meeting 6:30 pm JAM SESSION | Lodge Meeting - 7:30 - | Salsa Lessons 6:30pm 5:30-7:30pm Veteran's Dinner | 6:30pm - 10:30pm Music - Street Life Band - Variety Great Dinner Menu | ENF Horse Races 7:00 pm 7:00pm VP vs. Tarpon Springs 7:00pm |
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

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