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A.J. Matthews
Exalted Ruler
2011—2012

EXALTED RULER ADDRESS

It is June and that means that Flag Day is upon us. This year's ceremony will take place on the afternoon of June 12th. Richard Florance, our Lodge Americanism Chairman (has been hard at work making sure that we will have a proper showing for this proud but solemn event. He has been busy securing a proper honor guard and is excited that each person attending the event will walk away with their very own American Flag lapel pin. Way to go Richard!

By the time you read this, our state convention is still a solid memory. There was a great deal of planning and behind the scenes action the lead to putting our best foot forward as an example to the rest of the state. You will have to wait for July's Elksize for a complete wrap-up of the action and activity, but we believe we can properly say that the "Krewe of the Jolly Corks" theme was well received. If you don't have one already, make sure you buy one of the t-shirts. The stylish shirt with the Jerry Reid design is already considered a collector's item.

In keeping with this year's theme of "the Year of the Member," we have begun our revamped membership effort and new member training under the watchful eyes of Membership Chairman, Courtney Taylor and our Loyal Knight, Pat Boyd. It promises to be a bountiful year as we focus on modernizing our membership efforts and highlighting the reasons people seek membership in the best and most successful fraternal organization in the

world! Don't forget to carry a few membership applications in your glove box, briefcase or purse. You can get them from our Secretary, bartender or just take a few from the sign-in table on your way out. You never know when you are going to meet a prospective member.

Our Mother's Day Team was quite proud to serve 23 mothers a complementary dinner chicken piccata, rice pilaf and steamed green beans as we honored Mothers Day, but at the same time, we also served an additional 33 dinners to husbands, fathers and children. The wise choice of menu and the terrific turn-out resulted paying for the event, which actually turned a small profit of just under fifty dollars. The best thing about the event was giving Mom the afternoon off and expressing how appreciative Elks are about Mom's. Dad's, our day is upon us. This is our month!

Nearly 1000 World War II Veterans are leaving us every month. This generation of American heroes is deservedly known as "the Greatest Generation." At the May 11th meeting, I announced that one of our political parties is honoring our World War II Veterans by hosting rally's honoring "the Greatest Generation" at seven locations around our state. (Continued on Page 4)

Sunday, June 12th



Join Us For

Flag Day

2:00pm—5:00pm

Public Encouraged and Welcome

FREE!

Sunday, June 19th

Come Celebrate

Father's Day!

Hosted by the LOE

Fathers eat FREE!

All others only \$7





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

THE L.O.E. PRESIDENT REPORT

I hope everyone had a Happy Mother’s Day or at least enjoyed the day with family and friends. Summer is rapidly approaching. School will be out soon and our snow birds have left. What does this mean for the LOE? Well, next we will conduct our Father’s Day Service and dinner on Sunday, June 19. All Fathers and their families are invited. The service will start at 3 PM. Our Secretary, Shelagh Gombarcik, and immediate PLP, Tracy Horrell will be doing the cooking again this year. They are serving London broil, Twice-baked Potato, Caesar salad, and Bananas Foster for dessert. You don’t want to miss this great event. Father’s eat free! All others will pay only \$7!! We will have games set up between the service and dinner. Elks are invited to join. We also strongly encourage any Elk spouses to join. The LOE does a lot of fund raising, charity work, and helps the lodge as much as possible. We need great people to help us! See you next month.

In Your Service, Theresa Matthews | LOE President

*Join the LOE
Father’s Day Celebration on
Sunday, June 19th at 3PM*



LOE MAY BIRTHDAYS

Tammy Manley	6/6
Fran Baranofski	6/8
Barbara Huffman	6/14
Tina Higgins	6/22



“365 Report”

Keep up the good work by filling our little houses. We still have a ways to go to meet last years donations. Thanks to everyone who puts money in the houses. Donations were received from Aida Diaz, Frank Sellers, Helen Hotchiss, Bonnie Atwood and the Bar and Tables.

Thank you all!

Vera Almstedt, “365” Chairperson

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

- 1) The House Committee welcomes Theresa Matthews. Theresa is replacing Jerry Reid who has become Chairman of the Board of Trustees.
 - 2) I want to thanks those that volunteer their time at the Lodge. The rough math indicates there are about 50 **members and non-members** (spouses, children and significant others) who **volunteer** a total of more than **370 hours a month** to help operate the Lodge. **An average of over 7 hours per person** per month. Many of course put in substantially more than that! This does not include the additional time put in by officers or committee members.
 - 3) To quote our marquee, **RISE UP VOLUNTEER**. A review of regular volunteers shows that **only about 12% of our members volunteer** on any sort of regular basis. With such a small pool of volunteers it means those members are wearing themselves out. As noted last month, we are asking all members to volunteer just 4-5 hours a month, which equals about 2% of the average person’s monthly free time.
- To Summarize, the Lodge Needs You! Ultimately, the survival of the Lodge has always been contingent on members volunteering and that is no truer today. I and the House Committee look forward to hearing from you. One Shift, once a Month. You may contact me at legalmiles@gmail.com or (813) 495-2308.

Chris Miles | House Committee Chair

Lodge Officers

EXALTED RULER
A.J. Matthews, PER

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Tracy Horrell

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Pat Boyd

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Sponsor**
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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

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Parliamentarian
Lisa Snyder

Chaplain
Beth Boyd

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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

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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
Pat Fennell

Website
Marty Quire

Youth Activities
John Wayne, PER

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

Join Tampa Lodge #708

FLAG DAY

Ceremony



Sunday, June 12, 2011

2:00—5:00 PM

Public Encouraged and Welcome

“Free”

***Bring your damaged flag for proper Honors; Flag Retirement Ceremony
Hamburgers, Hotdogs & Lemonade***

JUNE ELK BIRTHDAYS!

Theodore Bass	6/2
Thomas Carroll	6/4
Dale Perry	6/4
Martin Trampke	6/4
James Gukeisen	6/5
Melvin Carrier	6/6
Suzanne Widdoes	6/6
Frances Baranofski	6/8
Ronald Baranofski	6/8
Robert Alorda	6/9
William Alley	6/13
John Nolle	6/13
Arthur DeAngelis	6/14
Charles Rice	6/14
Raymond Garcia	6/15
Phyliss Watson-Miller	6/17
Yolanda Call-Mora	6/18
Frank Cushing	6/18
Steven Hall	6/18
Jan Bertoch	6/19
Diane Grieves	6/20
Robert Young	6/21
Kristina Higgins	6/22
Houston Tucker	6/23
Kim Williams	6/26
Edith Hanley	6/30



Exalted Ruler Address *(Continued from Page 1)*

Tampa is up next, hosting the Greatest Generation Tour on Saturday, June 18th 2011 at the Dr. Blaise Alfano Center 11606 N. McKinley Dr. Tampa, FL 33612. The event is free and everyone is invited. If you are or know of a WWII Vet that would like to participate, registration and information can be found at: <http://www.rpof.org/greatestgeneration/>. While the event is sponsored by a political entity, the rally's are apolitical, with no campaign or partisan message. Personally, I am assisting with organization efforts, especially since my own father was a WWII Veteran. Currently, the date, time and location of the Greatest Generation Tour coincides with a training session for the next Honor Flight out of Tampa, which is scheduled for June 28th.

Honor Flights are day-long trips for WWII Veterans to the WWII Memorial in Washington DC. The flights, meals and transportation are donated by a number of organizations to make sure those heroic veterans have an opportunity to visit the memorial. For more information and directions on how to participate in the Honor Flight program, visit their site at: www.honorflight.org

While we were surveying the Antler Room (the tools are almost gone), I took some time to read some of the memorabilia hanging on the walls. In doing so, I was drawn to a framed poster hung just above the computer station that contained "The Elk's Creed." Naturally with a title like that, the text had to be extraordinary. But in reading the piece that was written by an Elk and published on May 25, 1903, we were moved in many ways by looking inward toward each others personal successes, failures and most importantly our own ego's. I would say Elbert Hubbard of East Aurora got it right. What was said 108 years ago in a Lodge over 1,300 miles away still carries great weight if you simply take the time to understand it and give it a chance. It moved me to the point that you will find the passage reproduced within these very pages. It is good reading, kind of like the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, and we know where those documents have taken us.

And it is never too early to speak about Independence. In fact, several of our members were "brainstorming" a few weeks ago and came up with the idea that we should celebrate the days leading up to the Declaration of Independence as opposed to just Independence itself. And with a few cool cocktails and several bar napkins, 708's own "Pre-Independence Party" was born. This is not mean to compete with the party and celebration that Pat Fennel and our Veterans Committee is holding for our Veteran's on Monday, July 4th, this is to complement that function and to allow us to gather on Saturday evening, July 2nd, for some fun, food, Karaoke and re-white and blue or period clothing. There will also be drink specials a costume contest and Patriot's Pie (Chicken Pot Pie prepared by your "A-Team." Tickets will be just \$7.76, with a portion of the proceeds going to our Veterans Committee. Now where are you going to have fun and great food for under \$8.00? So polish the buckles on your shoes, powder your wigs practice your "thees and thous" and we will see you on the July 2nd. - A.J. | Exalted Ruler

THE YEAR OF THE MEMBER - PROPOSED CANDIDATES

JUNE 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 | VOTING

PROPOSER

GUSTAVE A. ADAMS

Retired
6303 S. MacDill Ave.
Tampa, FL 33611
June 8, 2011

Kim Van Walker

JUDY GAY

Executive Director, South Tampa Chamber of Commerce
619 S. 63rd St.
Tampa, FL 33619
June 8, 2011

Courtney Taylor

Lodge # 708



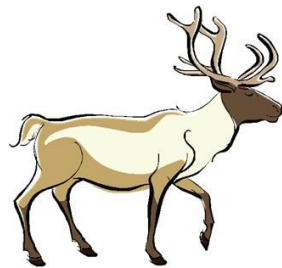
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ELKS MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Courtney Taylor | Membership Chair

Elks,
Lend me your antlers!
May was a good month as everyone settled into their new positions and chairs and Convention motivated us to Celebrate the Year of the Member.

We had indoctrination and induction of new members, a ribbon cutting with the South Tampa Chamber of Com-



“Don't you know that perfect person who could be a missing piece in our beautiful portrait of Elkdom?”

merce and don't forget our Cinco de Mayo Celebration - Ole!

We plan to continue with guest events and community participation to get the word out - ELKDOM is AWESOME!

Please look around your favorite home away from home (Your lodge 708) - are there places where people could get plugged in? Don't you

know that perfect person who could be a missing piece in our beautiful portrait of Elkdom?

Please have an invitation on your lips everyone else will have a welcoming spirit, and the bar will have plenty of sips - bring one bring all, you know they will have a ball...stay tuned for your Membership Committee's events we need you there!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES NEWS

Help. Help. Help! Step up to the plate. Our youth program is very large and is too big for one PER to handle and be successful. Some old elks and new Elks have already volunteered: Hoop Shoot Director, Kevin Roebuck; Soccer Shoot, PERs Brian Brantley and John Wayne; Drug Awareness, Wendy Woo and Flo Wayne will assist. I will assist everyone who helps me make Youth Activities the best in 2011. Thank you all for your time, endeavors, and brotherhood. Future Plans are in the works for the upcoming year. Activities include Fun Carnival, Safety Day, Health Day Fair, various speakers on Say No To Drugs, Sports Trivia Fun Day and Quiz for all ages, Beach Day at Picnic Island for all, and last but not least, the Christmas play and party for children. I will communicate to all when these functions will become a reality. Thanks to all.



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 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
 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
 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 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
 Kennedy, Brenda & Brown, David 3/2009
 LaChance, Rosemary & Roger 6/2010
 Nikkinen, Lesley 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

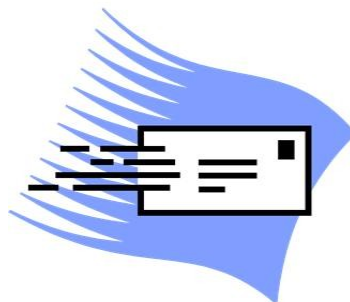
BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20

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!



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David Partlow | Treasurer
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LOE Fathers Day Dinner

Fathers eat free!

Sunday, June 19

Service at 3:00 PM

Dinner to follow- London Broil, twice baked potato,
Caesar salad, and Bananas Foster.

All others \$7

Children \$4 (12 & under)

GL Newsletter, May 2011 Veterans Message: Army of Hope: Making a difference for troops, families

by ROGER R. TRUE, PGER
Commission Secretary/Treasurer

Throughout the year, volunteers provide hospitalized veterans with services not rendered by the hospitals or centers to which they are confined. The Adopt-A-Veteran program brings outside contact directly to the veterans. The Veterans Leather program provides craft kits and gloves for wheelchair-bound veterans. The Elks sponsorship of the singing group Re-Creation provides entertainment, and there are parties, bingo and other events hosted and sponsored by volunteers and their Lodges. These are all wonderful programs, but for the veteran who spends 24 hours a day in a facility, there is often little to do but watch television or read. While there is nothing wrong with these distractions, they do little to improve their lives.

The Playing Cards for Veterans program provides playing cards free to veterans. Card games are a great way to provide social interaction, mental stimulation and improved dexterity. Tom Jamison, of Beardstown, IL Lodge No. 1007, began this program 10 years ago. To date, more than 300,000 decks of cards have been distributed to veterans. Tom gathers nearly new decks of cards from riverboats and casinos, which generously donate them to us. Elks volunteers make sure each deck is in immaculate condition and sealed. They also place a sticker with the Elks National Veterans Service Commission logo on each pack.

The Playing Cards for Veterans program is an easy way to get your Lodge involved in helping our nation's heroes. If your Lodge is planning an event for veterans, you could make a deck of cards part of a gift package. If your Lodge has taken advantage of this program in the past, do so again, as playing cards in continuous use have a short lifespan.

To get free playing cards for our veterans, send a request written on Lodge letterhead to:

Tom Jamison, Chairman
Playing Cards for Veterans Program
12102 Chandlerville Road
Beardstown, IL 62618-7679



National Veterans Service Commission

...or contact the Elks National Veterans Service Commission at the Elks National Headquarters in Chicago.

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



The camp is filling up quickly! Get your Youth Camp applications online as quickly as possible and return the completed ones to myself or the Lodge office. Hurry! Send your nieces, nephews, and friends to the best camp in the USA. As we all know this is run by the "Best People on Earth" (BPO Elks). Cost to you for one week is zero. Additional weeks cost \$180 if room is available.

John Wayne, PER | Youth Camp Coordinator

Officer of the Month May 2011

ROBERT SNYDER

Robert has been a valued member of the Lodge Board of Trustees for many years, currently serving as Secretary for that most important body. But Bob prides himself with his work behind the scenes. Currently, he is the drive behind making sure the lodge is kept clean and maintenance is performed. Half of his life is also spent in our Kitchen, assisting Chef Mike on Fridays and cooking on Monday's, Thursdays and special events, most recently the Low Country Boil, Mother's Day and Italian Night. Great job Bob!

Elk of the Month May 2011

Melissa Bertoch

With great appreciation and respect, we announce Mellissa Bertoch as our June Elk of the Month. Melissa has been an outstanding member of our wait staff for our Thursday and Friday dinners and took it to the next level by agreeing to coordinate the activities and scheduling of our team of wait staff volunteers. Melissa is a trusted and energetic member of our House Committee, who often volunteers to serve as a House Closer and volunteer bartender. What we are most proud of is the fact that Melissa goes beyond the call of duty by attending as many Elk sponsored events and fund raisers as possible and she is never far to lend a hand. If she could be cloned, I know the Membership Committee would be trying to get a lock of her hair for a DNA sample.



ELKS DINING CLUB

Hello Fellow Dining Elks!

In May we had another wonderful dining experience. The Pampered Chef came to the lodge and created a wonderful Italian Chicken and Pasta Dish. Accompanied by some delightful appetizers (the shrimp were my favorite) and a beautiful salad; no one left hungry. The Pampered Chef showed us a number of fun kitchen items and we got to eat and shop - it was lots of fun.

Thank you to a number of Elks ordering our kitchen will be receiving a number of new items for the Kitchen - thank you. We have lots of VP visits on Saturdays during the month of June so in July we will have our next dining club - date to be announced. We will be doing the Tastes of the Tropics & Island Delights to celebrate our summer season. Can't wait to taste your delicious delights in July! **Courtney Taylor**



July's Dining Club Theme:
TASTES OF THE TROPICS & ISLAND DELIGHTS

BARTENDER'S CORNER



Hello Elks Members:
June is here and the summer is upon us. Come on in to the Lodge for some summertime fun! We are making great Summer-time Slushies in multiple flavors (lemonade, cherry,

grape, creamsicle, etc.) Also, if you have not met

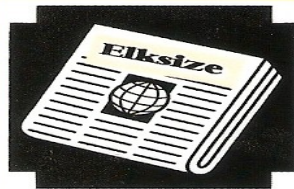
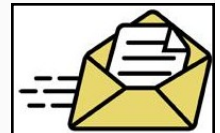
Sara yet, she is your bartender on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mary Kate is the new face behind the bar on Wednesdays and Peggi is still your bartender on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. We are serving up wonderful concoctions for your pleasure. Don't forget that we have Tammy as your cocktail server on Friday nights to make it easier for you to enjoy libations with your dinner. The Rays games are played on the televisions and we are having lots of fun. Come join us for laughter, good times and support of your Lodge. We look forward to seeing you all soon....

- Peggi Tuttle

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Marty Quire | mquire@tampabay.rr.com

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UNITING AMERICA'S SYMBOLS—FOR NATION AND FOR HOME Nation and For Home**Richard H. Florance, Americanism Chairman**

The greatest American symbol the world has ever seen - flies constantly over America - our American "Stars and Stripes" is always proudly the most majestic of all for every scene. So all Elks across America should gather at our Lodge's on a day to re-unite; resolve and to reaffirm our allegiance to our flag - on this date of 2011- it will be Sunday, June 12th for Tampa Elks Lodge #708 - 2:00 thru 5:00p.m. One of the longest enduring symbols the world and our beloved America has ever seen - is the joy and love that God's grace can bestow upon any home - Father and Fatherhood is thy name. The birth of a child is the penultimate expression of a man and woman's love, faith and trust of each other. So for all Elks wherever your paths in life may go - remember each one of us were blessed with one Father and one Mother too. So as we celebrate "Moms" in May - we should - as good and faithful Elks celebrate our "Dads" on June 19th 2011 in our lodge's and in our homes. As proud and upright American citizens AND American Elks will do - join in this year in Uniting America's Symbols - For Nation and For Home! Be loud and Be Proud as Elks should always be!!

Richard Florance | (813) 831-0518 | rhflorance@yahoo.com**Why not be... an S.O.B.?!?!**

"Smiling Old Boosters" donate only \$10.00 per year to help with the costs of printing and mailing out your monthly copy of 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
 Ferrari, 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, Sherryl 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
 White, Maurice
 Woodburn, John 11/2011

A BRIEF HISTORY | HARRY-ANNY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL | FLORIDA ELKS CHILDREN'S THERAPY SERVICES, INC.

Way back in the olden days, we're talking the 30s, Past GER and former Governor of Florida, Dave Sholtz, who worked closely with the Florida Crippled Children's Commission, met with a gentleman by the name of Harry Miller. They envisioned and were determined to "care for the . . . unfortunate children unable to help themselves, handicapped by the perversity of nature to face the strenuous battle of life." So began the Harry-Anna Home for Crippled Children. With sympathy and cooperation of various race tracks in Florida, the opening of the home was made possible. By 1944 the home met with difficult times causing the President of the FSEA to appoint a committee tasking them to determine if Lodges would be willing to provide the support necessary to maintain continued operations. During 1949, the laundry drying room was converted to a school. By 1951, 65-70 youngsters were being cared for per year with over 17,000 having passed through the doors since they opened. In 1955 the Elks Hospital Foundation Fund, now known as the Harry-Anna Trust Fund, was at \$1,000,000. Seven mobile units started in 1963 serving 88 children in their homes weekly. The hospital was moved for a third time in 1977, and by 1989 there were 92 professionals, 47 inpatients, and more than 3,000 outpatients. February 26, 1999 saw the official closing of the last Florida Elks Children's Hospital facility.

Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services, Inc. was born on March 1, 1999. Services provided now include Evaluation, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Neuro-Development Treatment, Sensory Training, and Therapeutic Listening. All of these services are absolutely free for up to six months (26 treatments) or until therapy goals have been met or need to be met in another way. Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services currently provides services to an average of 330 children a month. Do you know a child between birth and 18 years of age who could benefit from this type of service, but just can't afford it? It is so easy to make a referral. Simply call the FECTS office at 800-523-1673 Ext. 241 and advise them you have a child in need of these services. When you make a \$50 donation to the Harry-Anna Trust Fund, you receive a certificate as well as the State President's Pin. In addition to Therapy Services, funds from the Harry-Anna Trust Fund support the Florida Elks Youth Camp. That is another, completely awesome story! To be continued....

For more information on this cause or to make a donation, visit <http://www.floridaelks.org/FECTS> or call (800) 523-1673

BILL EDWARDS PERPLE BALL SPEECH

"I met Mike Gattenby of Lees Summit Lodge 2804 Missouri in May of last year and welcomed him to Tampa lodge and we struck up a conversation and he mentioned that he was killing time waiting for his bride to be to get ready to go on a cruise. As the ER of his lodge he would be going to the National Convention in Orlando. I told him that I was going to attend and we agreed to hook up we exchanged cell numbers and when I got to Orlando I gave him a call. We spent a lot of time together and did a lot of talking. He mentioned about the PERple Ball that he would be doing to end his year as ER, and asked if I would attend and I agreed that if he called I would attend. To my surprise he did call me and asked if I was still coming to his PERple Ball and I said I would attend. He also asked me if I would be willing to give a speech about membership. I sat a long time at home thinking and writing what I would say and was sure that I had what he wanted.



William T. Edwards
PER, PLP



After arriving in Missouri on April 1 and visiting with Mike at the Lodge, he later indicated he wanted to have me change my speech from a focus on general membership to more specifically younger members and older members. Even as of a few hours before the PERple Ball I was putting the final touches on my speech until being picked up for the function. Once I got to the Lodge I was introduced to the State President, Tom Shelton, and other Past Presidents and dignitaries. Only then was I informed that I was going to be the Key Speaker. WOW! To upstage the State President. When I was called upon to give my speech I was nervous as could be, but I presented it and was given a standing ovation when I said I came to the final part of my speech. We have got a saying in our Lodge 'ELK UP OR SHUT UP!' After that I was honored to be an installing officer and help in the presentation of awards."

This organization is 150 years old. Who would have thought that a handful of actors in New York would rise in numbers to close to a million members and become one of the greatest fraternal organizations that we are today? We rose from this humble handful of people who were then, and still today, area steadfast in our belief of charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity.

From our start we have evolved with many changes. To grow and prosper we need to stay in step with times. Who would have thought that we would walk on the moon? Be in touch with somebody half way around the world from a thing called the internet? Walk around with a cell phone? Think about it! Who were these people that brought us these wonderful tools we take for granted today? They were people with dreams and ideals. They thought outside of the box. These were young people with dreams and they followed them.

We, as Elks, need to look forward. We need to embrace the future and cherish the past. We need to realize that to go forward we have got to make changes. As we change, we need new members and younger members to carry the torch that has been handed down to us by that handful of young men so many years ago. We cannot let the flame die. We, as Elks, are proud Americans, proud of what we have accomplished in the past and what will be accomplished in the future. We've got to follow that dream of the future where it leads us. The younger members of our great order are our future. Listen to them for they are going to be the ones following in our footsteps and guide us long after we're gone. Older members need to prepare them for this task with their guidance and wisdom.

I have one word I never say and hate to hear: "Can't!" "This can't be done, that can't be done..." Well ladies and gentlemen, YES IT CAN! The impossible takes just a little longer.

We have a slogan at my home lodge in Tampa. It's bold, but, it gets the point across: ELK UP, OR SHUT UP. If you have an idea or dream, pick up the ball and head for the end zone. Don't pass it off to somebody else.

In closing, let me paraphrase the words of JFK: Ask not what the Lodge can do for you; but, what you can for the Lodge; and always remember ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE.

Barnacle Bill, Tampa Lodge 708

JUNE DINNER MENU

JUNE 3, 2011

SOUP

SEAFOOD GUMBO

\$1.95 Cup / \$3.95 Bowl

Shrimp, clams, & fresh catch fish together with okra, corn, & tomato

APPETIZER

CALAMARI FARCI

\$6.95

Succulent pockets of Calamari stuffed with shrimp & crab and served with chef's Blanc Romano sauce

DESSERT

CHEF'S APPLE CAKE

\$3.95



ENTRÉES

NY STRIP STEAK

\$13.95

Marinated NY strip steak grilled to perfection

BASILIQUE

\$9.95

Cheese filled tortellini pasta piled high & embraced in heart tomato and basil

CHIMI-CHICKEN

\$10.95

Fresh cilantro, parsley, & lime basted on grilled chicken breast served with guava butter sauce

JUNE 10, 2011

ALL ENTRÉES INCLUDE SQUASH MEDLEY AND BAKED OR MASHED POTATO

SOUP

VICHYSOISE

\$1.95 Cup / \$3.95 Bowl

Light & creamy potato leak soup with fresh herbs, butter, & cream served cold

APPETIZER

FREEDOM WINGS

\$6.95

Flavor of Caribbean Jerk, Mild Buffalo, & BBQ tossed with tender-crisp chicken wings

DESSERT

BANANA CREAM PIE

\$3.95

ENTRÉES

MIDNIGHT MEATLOAF

\$9.95

100% ground sirloin with minced garlic & onions, fresh herbs, and seasonings, & topped with a rich gravy made with Guinness beer

CREOLE CHICKEN

\$10.95

Sautéed chicken breast adorned with a creamy mild Creole sauce with fresh herbs

HEAVENLY SHRIMP

\$12.95

Light as air herb & lemon infused vermouth sauce gently caresses tender shrimp & artichoke hearts over whole wheat angel hair pasta

JUNE 17, 2011

SOUP

TOMATO-MUSHROOM

\$2.95

Fresh baby spinach, mushrooms, tomato, & vermouth slow cooked in a chicken broth

APPETIZER

CRUDITE HUMMUS

\$4.95

Plate of fresh raw veggies & pita triangles served with roasted red pepper & rosemary hummus



ALL ENTRÉES INCLUDE VEGETABLE OF THE DAY—SUMMER MEDLEY

ENTRÉES

NY STRIP STEAK

\$13.95

Marinated NY strip steak grilled to perfection

BASILIQUE

\$9.95

Cheese filled tortellini pasta piled high & embraced in heart tomato & basil

CHIMI-CHICKEN

\$10.95

Fresh cilantro, parsley, & lime basted on grilled chicken breast served with guava butter sauce

JUNE 30, 2011

ALL ENTRÉES INCLUDE VEGETABLE OF THE DAY—SUMMER MEDLEY, BAKED OR MASHED

SOUP

SEAFOOD GUMBO SOUP

\$1.95 Cup / \$3.95 Bowl

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

APPETIZER

STUFFED MUSHROOM CAPS

\$6.95

Large caps filled with shrimp & crab & drizzled with Chef Mike's Fragrant white pepper sauce

DESSERT

BANANA'S FOSTER

\$3.95

ENTRÉES

BLACKENED PORK LOIN

\$10.95

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

GROUPE PICATTA

\$13.95

Fresh from the Gulf grouper filet seasoned and dusted with crushed pecans, almonds & Panko crumb, lightly sautéed in olive oil, white wine, lemon, and capers

GARDEN CHICKEN MEDALLIONS

\$9.95

Chicken breast stuffed with fresh spinach, mushroom, roasted red pepper, shallots, & fromage de crème served with a parmesan bechamel

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JUNE 2011 CALENDAR - LODGE 708

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	May	30	31	1	Jun	2	3
FL State Elks Convention 8:30am - 12:00pm <u>Full menu Breakfast</u>		BINGO - Open to public - Early Bird 6:30, Starts 7pm - Jackpot & Hot Snack Bar Memorial Day Holiday		6:00pm - 7:00pm Officer Meeting 7:30pm LOE Meeting	5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday "one" item dinner Open Face Roast Beef		VP vs. (Pinellas Park) 7:00 pm
5		6	7	8	9	10	11
8:30am - 12:00pm <u>Full menu Breakfast</u>		BINGO - Open to public - Early Bird 6:30, Starts 7pm - Jackpot & Hot Snack Bar		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 - Keith & Ruby Show	VP vs New Port Richey 7:00 pm 7:30pm KARAOKE with-- (MARDONICS) Marty Quire
12		13	14	15	16	17	18
Flag Day Ceremony-- 2:00pm 5:00pm 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		5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday "one" item dinner Baked Chicken mashed potatoes, green beans	6:30pm - 10:30pm Music - Cathy & Paul Duo - Variety	VP vs. Largo 7:00 pm
19		20	21	22	23	24	25
Fathers Day ceremony by the LOE 3:00 pm Dinner Following 8:30am - 12:00pm <u>Full menu Breakfast</u>		BINGO - Open to public - Early Bird 6:30, Starts 7pm - Jackpot & Hot Snack Bar		Lodge Meeting - 7:30 -	5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday "one" item dinner Veal Parmesan	6:30pm - 10:30pm Music - Street Life Band - Variety	VP vs. Dunedin/Clearwater 7:00pm 3:00pm - 11:00pm Brotherhood Ride - Hosted by Tampa Elks - Overnight in the Hall-Pending
26		27	28	29	30	1	Jul
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 pm JAM SESSION		5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday "one" item dinner Crabby Alfredo Sauce over noodles/veggies	6:30pm - 10:30pm Music - Cathy & Paul Duo - Variety	

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
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