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A.J. Matthews
Exalted Ruler
2011—2012

Exalted Ruler Address

And thus we begin the "Year of the Member."

Welcome May, a season of change. It is always rather nice to take a small breather following the hectic pace of March and April (awards, installations, etc.). As spring is known as a period of renewal in nature, it is also true of our Elks Lodge. The winds of change blow in with a fury, followed by the cleansing deluge of heavy rain. What remains is usually heartier, more pleasing and sure to last through the summer and well into winter. Eventually it runs the full course and we start the process all over again. But this year feels different. Many of us are going about as if there is a new purpose, like what we are doing really does matter. And I believe it does.

From my end, it is important that many of us embrace the concept of renewal. It is important to our individual health, the health of our organization, and in a word, it is "just plain fun!" Let's cast away any hint of negativity and buy-in to a "why not" attitude. If we didn't try it before, let's take a chance. If we did it before and it didn't work, then let's try it again. It's about embracing new people, new challenges, and new attitudes. We should treat our activities and our pending plans like a three leg stool. As long as all of the legs are intact, it will NOT fall over. But if there is anything there to weaken any one of our three legs, it will be necessary for all of us to band together to make sure we are upright and remain on our path to success.

Our organization began with several personnel changes with some new officers, while we left others in their place. I am proof of the latter, with a consecutive unprecedented tour as "the man in charge." But still, I heard our membership loud and clear. In that respect it was only fitting that new people were placed in key positions of responsibility starting with our Esquire. Albert Schnut took his obligation on a Wednesday and was installed as our Esquire the following Saturday. There were some who criticized that selection because he was such a new member. If you look at the surface, many could agree. But Albert comes from great stock. After all, he is kin to PER Ted Heider. He has been around our lodge for many years and he knows what is involved and what it means to be an Elk. You don't have to look far for proof of his dedication and commitment to our members and our lodge. Following the severe storms and tornados that rocked South Tampa on March 31st, Al took it upon himself to climb onto our lodge's roof and righted our Elk statute that had been blown over by 80 mph-plus winds. That Elk had stood proudly as a fixture of our lodge since the early 1900s. Nobody asked Al to fix it; it was simply his way of giving back for recombining him to our family. Way to go Al.

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Saturday, May 7

Low Country Boil

\$20 per person

All You Can Eat

Featuring musical entertainment by
GulfPort Ramblers

Thurs - Sun, May 26 - 29



Florida State Convention
at Disney's
Coronado Springs Resort
Orlando, FL



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

The L.O.E. President Report

Hello fellow LOE members. We are now into month two of the new year. We have completed the Easter party for the children. I want to thank everyone for your donations and hard work to make this a successful event. The officers took on this endeavor since it was so early in the new year. I sincerely appreciate the officers stepping up!

We are now going into May and the Elks Florida State convention. Susie, Tracy, Bonnie, Tina, Shelagh, Lisa, Linda, and I (sorry if I missed anyone) will be at the convention representing LOE #708. We will be doing a money tree raffle and selling a flashy type of jewelry to help raise money for the lodge. Everyone is welcome to come join us as we sell, sell, sell and have some fun while we are there also!

We are still looking for someone to chair the refreshment committee. This person will be responsible for procuring someone to provide the meal after our monthly meetings as well as someone to cook the meal on the third Thursday of every month. We will also need servers and a cashier for the Thursday dinners.

If you have not paid your dues (\$15), it is not too late. Please give them to Barbara Huffman, an officer or leave in the lodge office in a sealed envelope. Our goal is 100 paid members this year. All 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

“Our goal is 100 paid members this year.”

LOE MAY BIRTHDAYS

Bob Orcutt	5/5
Gracie Winchell	5/6
Rita Smith	5/12
William Edwards	5/19
Lorraine Leung	5/21
Lesley Nikkinen	5/24
James Harlow	5/28
Datha Sirmans	5/28

“365 Report”

Fantastic! A great big thank you to all the people in the walk-a-thon, they raised a large amount for the crippled children’s vans. Thank you for your donations. Beth and Pat Body, Janette Bennett, and the bar and tables. Keep trying to fill our little houses.

Vera Almstedt, “365” Chairperson

House Committee Report | Chris Miles

Kevin Roebuck, Rose DuRant, and Nancy Keesler have been appointed to the House Committee. We welcome their experience and assistance in operating the Lodge Facilities. New bartenders, Sarah and Derek, have been hired as Courtney begins to grow her business. Thanks Court for doing such a great job. While we'll miss you behind the bar, we look forward to sharing a drink with you on the other side. **We remind members that staff (volunteer and employee) are to be treated with respect and staff is to treat members with respect.** The Lodge is in serious need of Kitchen Staff. We are asking members to commit only 4-5 hours a month (barely 1% of the month) to assist in the Kitchen. Ultimately, if we are unable to fill volunteer shifts we will have to consider hiring additional employees (at additional cost to members) or to consider closing the Kitchen on certain nights. For those unaware, Bar hours are 3pm to 11pm Monday through Thursday, and Saturday, 3pm to 11pm on Friday, and 12:30pm to 9pm Sunday. The Bar may close up to one hour early if there are less than 5 patrons, so call ahead if you are unsure. The Bar may also stay open after normal closing hours if authorized by the ER, House Committee Chairman, or the Closer and bartender. Special events may of course have alternate hours, i.e. New Years. The Closer will make last call 30 minutes prior to close. So the closer and bartender may finish their duties before locking up members and guests are expected to leave the building 30 minutes after last call. April 9th Lisa Snyder organized a House Committee Yard Sale which netted approximately \$1,200. Thanks Lisa for putting on the event and coordinating all the volunteers. Great Job! Cinco de Mayo, Thursday May 5th, we will have a Mexican Buffet style meal and Corona Beer. We look forward to seeing you here. May 7th at 4pm Addison Horrell and the Convention Committee will be putting on a Low Country Boil, including Zydeco band, Tickets \$20 all you can eat. Buy in advance to guarantee your seat, we expect a great turnout. The House Committee welcomes comments/suggestions in writing, but please don't corner us at the Bar. (see House Rule 8)

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
DavPartlow

ESQUIRE
Albert Schnut

INNER GUARD
Richard Florance

CHAPLAIN
Dianne Cuccinello

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

**Committees**

Accident Prevention
Addison Horrell

Americanism
Richard Florance

Athena House
Vacant

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
Pat Fennell

Website
Marty Quire

Youth Activities
John Wayne, PER

Grand Lodge & State

**Elks National Veterans
Commission
Veterans Rep**
Vacant

V.A.V.S. Deputy
Brian Brantley, PER

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

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President
Theresa Matthews

Vice President
Susie Harlow

Secretary
Shelagh Gombarcik

Treasurer
Cindy Linville

Parliamentarian
Lisa Snyder

Chaplain
Beth Boyd



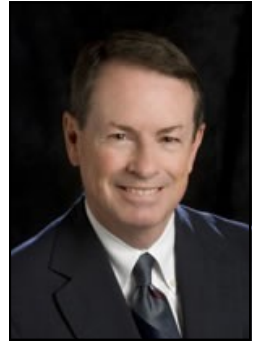
***Congratulations to our 2011
Elected Officers!***

Florida State Elks Association State President's Message May 2011

My Fellow Elks:

This marks my final message to you for insertion in your respective monthly lodge bulletins. I wish to thank all those lodges across the state that chose to place the monthly article in your bulletins. Hopefully this benefited your members. My goal was to enhance communication from your State President to the membership and I trust that has been accomplished to some degree.

I have repeatedly state the sense of honor and privilege felt to have served in this capacity. Julie and I will have many fond memories of the cordiality and friendliness we have received while traveling and visiting in your lodges and districts. By virtue of our travels to every district, visits to the 81 lodges, some of them more than once, and attendance at over 40 events, we have become further abundantly aware that Florida Elks are indeed the "BPOE" (BEST PEOPLE ON EARTH!).



Our FSEA continues to have many pressing issues to address. Declining membership is still prevalent even though it appears we have lessened the number of non-renewals. Our donations and support for all the charitable activities in which the state association and local lodges are engaged is still strong, but we must continue to work hard to sustain that effort. I am tremendously encouraged and pleased with the numerous programs that so many dedicated Florida Elks are promoting.

As we encounter inevitable problems, I am confident we in this organization have the talent and ability to overcome whatever may stress us at a given time. The FSEA did not establish a most charitable Children's Therapy Service, a wonderful Youth Camp, Veteran's Services, Hope and Van Duren Scholarships, and other numerous programs to see it all cease to exist because of lack of attention.

I will conclude with this thought. As the nation approached the end of World War II in 1945, then President Franklin D. Roosevelt wrote in a speech never to be delivered because of his sudden death these words: "The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith."

Thank you again for this privilege. It has been a wonderful journey for Julie and me.

May God Richly Bless all you in our family of Florida Elks.

Fraternally, **James E. Hurst, State President, FSEA 2010-2011**

Exalted Ruler Address *(Continued from Page 1)*

Our new policy of getting things in writing has already borne fruit, as we have had more legitimate communication running up and down the organization than many of us can remember. Bottom line? If you want to hold a function, want to spend some lodge money or simply want to change the look of anything around our building, a written request will be necessary. Writing it down prevents confusion, invites participation and has yet to slow down any project, event or need. To make it even easier, we created standard forms that we have placed on our website and they are available at the lodge. But if that is too difficult, just grab some Elks Stationary and a crayon. After-all, isn't that what a beverage napkin is for? The old days of polling the Trustees for an approval while they are enjoying themselves at the bar are over. Like all of us, they to need some time to be social too.

Lastly, I extend kudos to our Membership Committee and our House Committee for hosting the successful Relay for Life and the profitable Lodge Garage Sale (respectively) on April 8th and 9th. Of course I wasn't too thrilled that they collectively (unintentionally) denied me a good night's sleep. But that is the scourge of office. After closing the lodge following Friday's dinner, my duty as your ER caused me to walk a little more than 6-miles, when only the milk man and the paper boy should be out, followed by a paltry two hours sleep before we set-up and worked the garage sale. I am glad we did it, but I don't look forward to forcing that much lodge activity into a 24-hour period in the near future. The bright spot is Lisa Snyder coordinated the sale of more than \$1000 worth of "stuff," while Pat Boyd and Courtney Taylor managed an effort that raised money for a great cause (the American Cancer Society) while obtaining our lodge some outstanding exposure.

Plans are well underway for what promises to be the best State Elks Convention for Tampa Lodge Members and any other Elks who manage to visit us at the Disney Coronado Springs Resort. We will take what set our bar pretty high last year and take it to the next level. Keeping last-year's pirate theme, we aim to build on our new theme; the "Krewe of the Jolly Corks."

Lastly, I look forward to hosting our lodge's Mother's Day celebration on May 8th. This one will be extra special for me because I was born on Sunday, May 8th some 51 years ago. But what rest heavily on my mind is this will be the first Mothers Day since the passing of my own mother last November. I will be inspired by her remarkable life as I prepare our meal in our kitchen. So if you are a mother or have a mother, treat Mom to a great "free" meal. But if you can't bring your mother down to our lodge, make sure you reach out to her and let her know just how much you love her. **Happy Mother's Day. - A.J.**

THE YEAR OF THE MEMBER - PROPOSED CANDIDATES

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 NAME, CITY, BUSINESS	PROPOSER
Margaret "Peggi" Tuttle Brandon, FL Bartender	Courtney Taylor
Forence Ann Wayne Tampa, FL Retired	John Wayne
Linda M. Madore St. Petersburg, FL Widow	John Wayne
Lisa Drenth Riverview, FL	Courtney Taylor
Tanya "Goldie" L. Willia Riverview, FL Accounts Payable	Kim A. Williams
Cheryl Hecker Tampa, FL	Courtney Taylor
John Stirewalt Tampa, FL Clergy	Robert Snyder



ELKS MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Courtney Taylor | Membership Chair

Greetings Fellow Elks,

It's with a feeling of great anticipation I write to you . . . Our Year of The Member Campaign kicked off with the HUGE SUCCESS of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Tampa Lodge #708 banded together and formed the "Me & My Monkeys" team, walking in memory and honor of those members who have fought the battle with cancer. Our team comprised of over 34 Elks, Lady Elks, Friends, and Family, including four Cancer Survivors.

Our own Candy Hodgson opened the Ceremonies with the Star Spangled Ban-



The Me & My Monkey team raised nearly \$1,000 and put in well over 100 volunteer hours during the day and a half event.

ner, Elk Survivors lead the opening lap and every Elks' heart swelled and throbbed with pride. Each of us knew why we are Elks. The Me & My Monkey team raised nearly \$1,000 and put in well over 100 volunteer hours during the day and a half event. With that in mind I would like to express my thanks to all those who attended, volunteered and contributed to the event. It was amazing to be a part of something so special and important. Memories were made we will never forget. As one Elk after another showed, the characteristics that make us Elks showed up too. As a result most members stayed longer than they had originally committed to as a sign of their dedication to this event and Elk-dom.

But in my eyes our dedication could be no more obvious than when Elks stood strong, hand in hand, arm in arm - full of energy and spirit while we watched other teams fold up their tents one after another before the event was even over.

Finally, your Membership Team is committed to growing and retaining members. In an effort to show our community what it is to be an Elk, Tampa Lodge is re-joining the South Tampa Chamber of Commerce and will be involved in quarterly community service projects outside of our Lodge. This will exemplify Tampa Elks commitment to Charity, Justice Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

Please join us in our Celebration of "the Year of the Member."



We will be holding several fun and interesting activities for our youth of all ages such as bowling, fishing tournament, and hoop and soccer shoots. Additional events include educational fun, police dogs and robots, and fire safety just to name a few. If you have any ideas or suggestions, or you would like to assist me with any Youth Activities, call John Wayne at (813) 837-4252. Thank you.

John Wayne, PER

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



The American Cancer Society Relay for Life on Friday, April 8, 2011 was a huge success for cancer survivors and our own Tampa 708 Elks!



Saturday May 7, 2011
at 5:00 PM

You are invited to Enjoy a

Low Country Boil



Shrimp, Taters, Corn, Onions, Crab, Mussels, and other goodies all boiled and served up on the tables like they do in the low country. Also enjoy Oysters and Catfish Fingerlings as well as Fresh Homemade Gumbo! Mmmmm, Mmm. You don't want to miss this.

\$20 per person
all you can eat.

The GulfPort Ramblers, a hot Zydeco Band will be on hand for your entertainment.
Have fun supporting your lodge functions!!

Get your tickets
at the bar



TAMPA ELKS 708
3616 Gandy Blvd
813-839-8928

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

by PAUL D. HELSEL, PGER
Commission Member

For the past 93 years, since 1917 during World War I, the Elks have stepped forward during every conflict or war our Nation has been engaged in, and led the way to provide support for our troops, our "Defenders of Freedom". For the past seven years, our "Army of Hope" has provided that support and a variety of assistance for our troops and families across many of the states and communities our Lodges serve.

Our "Army of Hope" was established as a program, a movement if you will, enabling Lodges and State Associations to provide support for the families of their local Military Reserves and National Guard Units that are deployed in harm's way, to defend our national interests during the ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Well, the "Army of Hope" of today has evolved into much more!

Today in many states and communities, our "Army of Hope" has expanded its services to provide direct support for the troops and their families. Lodges and State Associations are providing all sorts of personal hygiene, clothing and comfort items, food, phone cards, etc. You name it, and it is being sent to our troops by the Elks. In addition, an even greater effort is being made to make their return home as easy and pleasant as possible for both the trooper and the family.

Elks Lodges and Members are participating in "Welcome Home" events at airports, military bases and the like for these returning "Heroes". Lodges and "Army of Hope" Committees are holding "Welcome Home" celebrations, as well as providing financial and other forms of assistance, all to help returning Heroes in their efforts to continue with their normal lives with their families.

Many of our returning Heroes are not as fortunate as others are and return with injuries, both physical and sociological, the Wounded Warriors. Others, tragically, are even less fortunate and return as Fallen Heroes. Once again, our "Army of Hope" has stepped into the breach and in many states and communities provide assistance to Hero Warriors, as well as the families of Fallen Heroes.

Our "Army of Hope", through a wide range of fundraising activities, is providing funds for rehabilitation activities, services and facilities. Funding is also being provided to purchase rehabilitation equipment and aids. One State "Army of Hope" Committee has even donated a new special bus for transporting Wounded Warriors to distant rehabilitation services.

In the case of the Fallen Heroes, our "Army of Hope" organizes groups of Elks Members to show proper honor and respect to Fallen Heroes, and comfort to their families when they are returned home. Lodges also provide their facilities for funeral and memorial-related activities for Fallen Heroes and their families. Elks everyday are doing everything they can to ensure that our Fallen Heroes are given the respect and honor they deserve, as well as helping their families cope with their devastating loss.

Hopefully, you gather from this brief message that Elks all across our Order make up our "Army of Hope" and are bringing comfort and relief to our troops and their families, day in and day out.

The question is – is your Lodge involved and are you personally involved in this most worthy effort? If not, why not? The troops, these Heroes and their families, certainly deserve the support and assistance of all Americans. They serve and give up so very much that we might be free and able to pursue our lives as we wish.

If you and your Lodge are not currently involved in our "Army of Hope" effort, please contact the following for information on how to get started. Every Lodge and Elk should be involved!!

"Army of Hope"

Robert M. Hennings, Director
National Veterans Service Commission
2750 North Lakeview Avenue
Chicago, IL 60614-1889



National Veterans Service Commission

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 | JOHN WAYNE, PER | YOUTH CAMP COORDINATOR



Youth Camp News

This year we have sent out over twenty applications for our youth. We already have completed ten applications for our children. Please submit the applications as soon as possible. All applications must have a physical exam with your entry, otherwise, they will not be accepted by the camp. Thank you.

Officer of the Month May 2011

Albert Schnut, Esquire

In his brief tenure as a member of our Lodge, Al has distinguished himself as a true and upright Elk and an reliable dedicated officer. Aside from being initiated as an officer four-days after his taking his Obligation, Al has made his mark in and around our lodge. In this last month, Al has attended every officer meeting and practice (and there have been many) and still managed to serve in our kitchen for a number of Sunday breakfasts, including one where he stood in for our absent dish washer. He has labored as a member of our Hall Rental Committee, given a pint of his blood (even after several errant sticks in his arm - ouch), assisted with the Garage Sale and most noteworthy was his ascension onto our roof to stand our Elk up after it was blown over in the storm on March 31st. Keep up the hard work Al, you will be ER before you know it!



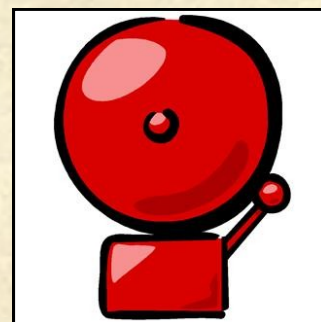
Elk of the Month May 2011

Lisa Snyder

Lisa Snyder has served on our House Committee with distinction for a number of years. For the second year, she has served as Secretary during the committee meetings. And that cannot be easy considering the length of some of Chris Miles' (HC Chairman) recent meetings. In April, Lisa was responsible for collecting items for the House Committee's Annual Yard Sale. While this would appear to be easy task, the constant collection, inventory, cataloging and pricing of the tons of property that was to be sold was quite the operation. Ultimately, under her stewardship, Lisa managed a team that netted more than \$1,000 for our lodge coffers and then donated the remaining property to the Salvation Army. That is one way for Elks to help others while helping ourselves.

A special FREE Disaster Training session to prepare families for Hurricane Season will be presented by fellow-Elk member Ms. Debbie Palladini, who is a Certified Emergency Manager; on SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2011 from 2:00 to 3:30pm in our Lodge Hall. Please Sign-Up to attend this informative session on the SIGN-UP Sheet on the Lodge Bulletin Board ahead of time and plan to attend! Elks, Guests, and Friends are invited for this Community Service Project.

Richard Florance, Americanism Chairman
813-831-0518
rhflorance@yahoo.com



ELKS DINING CLUB | COURTNEY TAYLOR

Hello Fellow Elks with a passion for Food - Our dining club continues to delight. Our last meeting was focused around Spring foods. We enjoyed... amazing BBQ, spring vegetable soup, lamb, couscous, spinach strawberry salad, seared salmon with Asian pasta, and dessert. It was wonderful to have guests join us for only \$3. We even had a little fun with food trivia - I think Shelagh schooled us all :)



**Our next meeting is Saturday, May 21st
The Pampered Chef will be there...
ALL ELKS & GUESTS WELCOME!**

**Please plan to join us at 6:30 for Cocktails
The Program will begin at 7pm**

**Contact Courtney Taylor for more details
courtneytaylor@marykay.com**

BARTENDER'S CORNER | PEGGI TUTTLE



Hi Elks Members. It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Courtney Taylor on her decision to contribute her time as Membership Committee Chair at the Lodge as well as her Mary Kay business and the great advances she is making in that endeavor. Due to those inroads we will have a new bartender on Mondays and Tuesdays. I encourage all of you to come and meet Sara and Derek and get to know them. Peggi will continue to be your bartender on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Courtney will still be with us on Wednesdays and Fridays. We have been having great dinners on Friday nights, with a cocktail server to make it easier for members and guests to enjoy their dinner with some libation and not have to leave their table. Your bartenders also have tickets to sell for the Low Country Boil which will occur on Saturday, May 7th. It is going to be a rockin' time with a Zydeco band and fantastic food cooked up by Addison Horrell, A.J. Matthews, and Chef Michael. So come on down to your friendly 708 Elks bar and enjoy your club. There will also be some great summer drink specials coming soon as well.

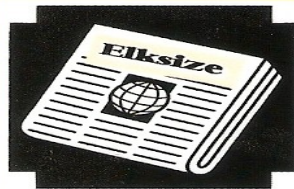
- Peggi Tuttle

2011 State Convention Delegates

Thursday, May 26—Sunday, May 29



A.J. Matthews, ER
Ed McCaffery, Secretary
David Partlow, Treasurer
Tracy Horrell, Leading Knight
Pat Boyd, Loyal Knight
Addison Horrell, Trustees Chairman



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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR BENEVOLENCE AND PROTECTION TO ELKDOM?*Richard H. Florance, Americanism Chairman*

The Month of May, fills our days, with great promise of good things to see and do! On Sunday, May 8th, is America's celebration of Mothers Day, and as all good Elks know, one of the cornerstones of your ability to be a loving and giving Elk is your benevolence, love and protection of your Family. On Saturday, May 21st is Armed Services Day, and all of America pauses to remember and revere the memory of America's veterans from the past and up to our present day. As Elks in lodges all across our nation say prayers of thanks; your minds and hearts swell with your personal, everlasting memories of cherished veterans now gone or still very near. On Monday, May 30th, is America's celebration of Memorial Day, and as an Elk you and yours gather for our own Elks Memorial Day Service. So the Month of May in all of Elkdom is a special time for all Elks to gather in the name of America and celebrate our heritage of love, respect and reverence for America, and by so doing, as an Elk in your lodge you are restoring and strengthening all of Elkdom and are reaffirming your original initiatory obligation and allegiance to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In May of every year Elks all across America celebrate Americanism at its very best. So continue on as a good Elk should - Be Loud and Be Proud because Elks Care and Elks Share!

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Atwood, Bonnie 2/2011	Gukeisen, SGM USA RET James L. 11/2010	Nyland, William 7/2010
Boyd, Beth and Pat 05/2012	Heider, Ted PER & Sally PER 7/2010	Palladini, Debbie 10/2011
Baer, Robert (Yogi) 2/201	Hauf, Richard & Geraldine 8/2010	Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean, 8/2010
Bergen, Raymona 11/2010	In Memory of Charlie Fiveash 5/2015	Pickenpaugh, Vernon and Betty 8/2011
Burks, John 3/2010	In Memory of Harold Wright 6/2010	Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018
Connor, Bob 5/2011	In Memory of Ralph Picard	Smith, Rita 4/2010
Dayes, PDDGER, Dick & Eleanore 9/2012	In Memory of Raymond Davis 7/2010	Robert Summers 1/2012
Rose Durant 10/2011	In Memory of Richard Palmer, 2/2011	Linda Summers 1/2012
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Ferrari, Alice 11/2010	Keller, Maureen & Matt 6/2010	Turpin, Bernie 5/2011
Florance, Richard H. 7/2011	Kelley, Thomas & Marlene 8/2010	White, Maurice
Gaffney, Charles 6/2011	LaChance, Rosie & Roger 4/2010	Woodburn, John 11/2011
	McBee, Bill & Susan, PLP 2/2010	

House Committee Secretary Update

The Parking Lot Sale was a huge success with a profit of over \$1100 which went into the Lodge general fund. The House Committee would like to thank everyone who donated and everyone who purchased items also! We made nearly half our profits in the "Pre-Sale" days at the lodge. This was a wonderful example of Elks sharing and helping other Elks!

A big thank you goes out to the Susie Harlow, Theresa Matthews, and Brenda Stokking. These ladies helped not only all day at the event (which started at 6:30 AM!) but also helped organize, price, and sell items in the days leading up to the event. I would also like to thank ER AJ Matthews and Addison Horrell for helping with set-up and hauling our leftovers away to the Salvation Army. These guys also even delivered a dresser to a customer's home! I also would like to thank everyone who helped the day of the event including House Chairman Chris Miles, Linda and Jerry Reid, Cashier extraordinaire Bonnie Quire, Elma Kelly, Beth Boyd, Hailey Matthews, John and Flo Wayne, Bill Edwards, and my Bob Snyder. (and anyone I may have forgotten!)

Our leftover books went to the veterans (Thanks, Elma!), our leftover men's clothes went to Faith Cafe, and the women's and kid's clothes went to Metropolitan Ministries. By holding this yard sale, we helped fellow Elks, our veterans, people in our community, and our environment by reusing and recycling goods. We also had a lot of fun! The House Committee plans on doing this again next year, so start saving your quality merchandise for next year's Parking Lot Sale!

Thanks again to all who participated and donated!

House Committee Secretary | Lisa Snyder



Tampa Elks #708



Free



No Charge

WHO: ALL ~ ELKS & GUESTS
WHEN: SUNDAY MAY 22, 2011
2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Where: Lodge Hall

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Lodge Phone 813-831-4280

Trainer: Debbie Palladini CEM
Certified Emergency Manager

MAY DINNER MENU

MAY 6, 2011

SOUP

HAM & BLACK BEAN

\$3.95

Savory Beans and sweet Ham slow cooked to perfection

APPETIZER

DEVILED CRAB TORNADOS

\$4.95

Flaky, crispy and center tender deviled crabs served with mango salsa

ENTRÉES

TAMPA CHICKEN

\$8.95

Tender yellow rice, roasted chicken, peas and roasted red pepper slow cooked in chicken stock and served casserole-style

MOJO ROAST PORK LOIN

\$10.95

Slow roasted in Spanish influenced herbs and spices, pulled pork tender and juicy served with garlic mashed potatoes and corn medley

SHRIMP SCAMPI FLORENTINE

\$13.95

Tender shrimp, spinach, olive oil and garlic tossed with linguini pasta and freshly grated parmesan cheese

DESSERT

BANANAS FOSTER

\$3.95



MAY 13, 2011

ALL ENTRÉES INCLUDE GRILLED ASPARAGUS AND BAKED OR MASHED POTATO

SOUP

PASTA FIGIOLI

\$3.95

Tender cannellini beans, garlic, tomato and savory meatballs with fresh picked herbs and seasonings

APPETIZER

\$5.95

MEDITERRANEAN BOUCHE

Ricotta cheese, fresh arugula, chorizo sausage, balsamic glazed onion with crustini toast

ENTRÉES

COMPLIMENTARY LEMON SORBET PALATE TREAT BEFORE ENTRÉE

POLLO SANTA MARIA

\$12.95

Prosciutto ham, smoked gouda cheese rolled into chicken breast and served with a lemon-basil sauce

SHRIMP ETTOUFFE

\$12.95

Classic French dish with tender shrimp, scallions, mushrooms and rice

VEAL SCALLOPINI

Tender thin slice veal cutlet lightly dusted and sautéed with mushrooms and fresh herbs in a white wine-lemon sauce

\$13.95

DESSERT

CHOCOLATE LAVA CAKE

\$3.95

MAY 20, 2011

ALL ENTRÉES INCLUDE SUMMER SQUASH

SOUP

CHICKEN & LENTIL

\$3.95

Protein packed chicken, lentils, veggies and tomato in a savory broth

APPETIZER

POTATO & CHEESE PIEROGIES

\$4.95

Potato, chives and shredded cheddar stuffed into dough pouch and served with sour cream and fresh parsley

ENTRÉES

MONTSERRAT CHICKEN

\$9.95

Braised chicken breast blended with a sensuous curry and herb sauce served over coconut rice with and cool cucumber accompaniment

FILET BURGUNDY

\$14.95

8oz. grilled filet mignon topped with a hearty burgundy sauce with garlic smashed potatoes

SHRIMP FRANCAIS

\$11.95

Tender braised shrimp in a Creole influenced béchamel sauce served over linguini

DESSERT

KEY LIME PIE

\$3.95



MAY 27, 2011

REGULAR DINNER SCHEDULE CHANGED TO ACCOMMODATE FLORIDA STATE ELKS CONVENTION - CALL THE LODGE FOR DETAILS

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Celebrate *Cinco de Mayo*

Mexican Fiesta only \$7!

**Tacos, enchiladas, tortillas,
refried beans, guacamole, and much more!**

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Articles due by the 15th of each month!

Questions? Comments?

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 May	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:30am - 12:00pm <u>Full menu Breakfast</u>	6:30pm BINGO - Early Bird 6:30, Regular games start 7:00 & Snack Bar	JAM SESSION 6:00pm - 10:30pm Hall Rental - College Graduation Party - 40 Guests-TJ	6:00pm - 7:00pm Officer Meeting 7:30pm LOE Meeting	5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday "one" item dinner	6:30pm - 10:30pm Music-"One Big Sky" duo - Variety Dance Music	LOW COUNTRY BOIL 4-7pm (Addison cooking) Zydeco Band
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Mother's Day 8:30am - 12:00pm <u>Full menu Breakfast</u>	6:30pm BINGO - Early Bird 6:30, Regular games start 7:00 & 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 - Cathy & Paul Duo - Variety	Karaoke w The sound Machine (Bill Edwards)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Free Disaster training for Hurricane season. by Debbie Palladini. 2:00 til 3:30pm 8:30am - 12:00pm <u>Full menu Breakfast</u>	6:30pm BINGO - Early Bird 6:30, Regular games start 7:00 & Snack Bar	House Committee Meeting 6:30 pm	Lodge Meeting - 7:30	FL State Elks Convention 5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday "one" item dinner	FL State Elks Convention	FL State Elks Convention **No Hall Rentals due to Convention**
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

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