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A.J. Matthews  
Exalted Ruler  
2011—2012

## EXALTED RULER ADDRESS

To all of our Veterans, Happy Veterans Day!

Veterans Day began as a day to honor the end of World War I, marking what was known as the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. Congressional Legislation was passed in 1938, dedicating the day to the cause of world peace that was known as Armistice Day, which honored only veterans who fought in The Great War. In 1954, at the urging of veteran's organizations seeking to honor those who fought in both World War II and the Korean War, the 83<sup>rd</sup> Congress amended the original legislation by removing "Armistice" and replacing it with "Veterans."

In 1968, the Uniform Holiday Bill provided a three-day weekend for federal workers, by celebrating Veterans Day, Washington's Birthday, Columbus Day, and Memorial Day on Monday, with Veterans Day scheduled for the final Monday in October. However, there was significant opposition by many states to celebrating Veterans Day in October, prompting those states to adopt the original November date.

Finally, on September 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a bill restoring the annual observance of Veterans Day to November 11<sup>th</sup> beginning in 1978. If the 11<sup>th</sup> falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday is designated as a federal holiday.

Just in case you forgot, Tampa Lodge #708 is honoring veterans in our own way this year. On November 5<sup>th</sup>, we will host our first **Military Appreciation Ball!** We will have a fine filet mignon dinner and outstanding entertainment by the 13-piece **Brass Heart Band**. You should bring your dancing shoes, because these guys are known as "The Hottest Horns in the Heart of Florida!" They specialize in the sounds and rhythms of the 60s through the 90s in the tradition of Tower of Power, Chicago, and Blood, Sweat and Tears. It promises to be an outstanding evening. Tickets are \$25.00 and are available at the bar. Proceeds will go to fund our Lodge Veterans programs. For more information contact the Lodge at (813) 831-4280 or e-mail the Lodge at: [tampaelks@verizon.net](mailto:tampaelks@verizon.net)

We made it through another District Deputy inspection and visit in pretty good shape. For that we should thank and be grateful for David Partlow and Ed McCaffery. They, along with the office staff, worked hard to get things in shape and kept up on our financial activities. Thank you, gentlemen. The Lodge also looked good during our safety inspection. Anything that was noted can be considered a relatively easy fix, which is important because I guess I get to fix it. *(Continued on Page 4)*

## Saturday, November 12th

**BIG SALE**

**Parking Lot Sale!**  
Antiques and treasures  
sure to be discovered!

8:00AM - 3:00PM

See Page 8 for more details!

## Thursday, November 24th

### Thanksgiving Dinner!

Join the

**Best People on Earth at  
3:00PM for food and fun!**





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

### THE LOE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am writing this article in October for November, so by the time you read this I hope you had a great Halloween. I am sure the party was a blast. I want to congratulate Sue Mason for chairing this event. Sue, along with her committee: Barbara Huffman, Sue Moore, Susie Harlow, and Sarah Ferguson worked long and hard to bring a fun, creative event to the Lodge. The Thriller surprise was quite "thrilling." I also don't think I will ever look at Jell-o Shots the same way ever again. Thank you all for your support in fundraising for the Lodge.

Speaking of fundraising, the Ladies, as always, work hard to raise money so we can help improve the Lodge. We are currently collecting quotes to repair and/or replace the marquee sign out front. The sign is the first thing people see when driving by our Lodge, therefore it should be a better reflection of whom and what the Elks are all about. We hope to get everyone's support as we focus on the exterior of the Lodge this year.

The Ladies annual **Parking Lot Sale is Saturday, November 12, 8AM- 3PM**. We will start accepting donations on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. You can drop your "treasures" off at the Antler Room. We will be doing pre-sales at 6PM on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday prior to the event. We also need many volunteers to help set up, price items, sell items, clean up, and transport leftover items to our local charities. This is typically a collaborative effort with the Elks membership. We hope to see many of you out alongside us.

I think Lisa Snyder, as the chairwoman of the event, will be providing hot coffee and donuts for all volunteers. I prefer Krispy Kreme, original glazed, Lisa!

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of one of our Ladies, Helen Swango. Helen joined the LOE and actively attended meetings prior to her illness and subsequent passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family. May she rest in peace.

At the regular meeting in November, we will be working on the **annual event for the Salvation Army** where we stuff 50 stockings to be given to needy children. We are accepting donations of toys, personal items, or gift cards. (No candy allowed please). We also appreciate any extra helping hands at the meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Any LOE members, guests, or Elks are welcome. We will serve dinner and have some camaraderie as we work on the stockings (maybe even some Christmas carols to get us into the Christmas spirit.) Mark your calendars now for the annual **Christmas Bazaar**. It will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. We will have tables set up in the social quarters where you can purchase some great gift ideas. Please drop off any donations prior to the event. We can always use great craft items to sell as well as desserts.

In Your Service, Theresa Matthews | LOE President

### LOE NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sandra Lessard	11/3
Suzanne Moore	11/8
Victoria Bihorel	11/11
Bonnie Quire	11/17
Lucille Schoonmaker	11/18
Betty Gnad	11/20
Lynn Brown	11/24

### "365 Report"

*I'm disappointed this month. The donations are very low. We have to keep the vans rolling for children's therapy.*

*The little houses say, "fill me up and make me jingle!" Thank you to the bar and tables.*

Vera Almstedt | "365" Chairperson

### CHEF'S MESSAGE

*Elks Members,*

*The month of November is a time of thanks and reflections of what our Country is truly made of. In this realm, I've decided to take us on a tour of Europe in honor of our forefathers who came to this land to be free of persecution from religious or political injustice and to have free thought, speech, and thinking. I've put together 4 menus from four countries of Europe that created palate pleasure then and still resonate with the wonderful melting pot of today in our free society known as the United States of America! So pack your taste buds, grab a fork and prepare for a journey in taste.*

*~ Chef Michael*

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A.J. Matthews, PER

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**LOYAL KNIGHT**  
Pat Boyd

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Dianne Cuccinello

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**4-Year**  
Robert Snyder

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**2-Year**  
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**1-Year**  
Brian Brantley, PER



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Susie Harlow

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Shelagh Gombarcik

**Treasurer**  
Cindy Linville

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Lisa Snyder

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Tracy Horrell

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Linda Reid

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Vacant

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**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**  
Theresa Matthews

**Indoctrination**  
Pat Boyd

**LOE Liaison**  
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**Lodge Activities**  
Addison Horrell

**Maintenance**  
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**Memorial Day**  
Richard Florance

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

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Vacant

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Kim Van Walker

**Sickness**  
Tracy Horrell

**Soccer Shoot**  
Vacant

**Sports Activities**  
Vacant

**Veterans Services**  
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**Visitation**  
Vacant

**Website**  
Marty Quire

**Youth Activities**  
John Wayne, PER

*Tampa Lodge 708 List of Officers  
2011 - 2012*



## THANKSGIVING AT LODGE 708

As it is now an Elk tradition, we will open our friendly Lodge to all friends, neighbors, relatives, and all others who are alone this **Thanksgiving Day**. Our great Lodge will provide the hams and turkeys. All we ask from you is all of the trimmings and a donation of \$4.00 to help defray the costs. We will have TV on, possible games to play (scrabble, table tennis, Wii in the Antler Room). Also we will have volunteer Elks bartenders. The dinner will start at **3PM on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

Remember the old slogan, "Don't cook tonight... call Chicken Delight!" The new slogan is "Don't cook this Thanksgiving, let the **Best People on Earth** do it for you!" We want to show all we can have a ball and share in camaraderie and fellowship. To all, if you are having a part of more than 8 people, call **John Wayne, PER, for reservations at (813) 837-4252.** Leave a message on the machine. Thanks All!

## NOVEMBER ELKS BIRTHDAYS!

Gary Anderson	11/3	Bonnie Quire	11/17
John Woodburn	11/3	Leopold Wiesler	11/18
Patricia Bellairs	11/5	Howard James	11/19
Louis D'Ascoli	11/5	Betty Gnad	11/20
Lenox Stevens, III	11/6	Isaac Owen	11/20
Steve Ruda	11/7	Maureen Keller	11/21
Scott Miller	11/8	Sue Rilling	11/21
Michelle Przywara	11/8	Joseph Couture	11/22
Roger Schmidt	11/10	Geraldo Gonzalez	11/23
Victoria Bihorel	11/11	Lynn Brown	11/24
Vincent Dileonardo	11/11	Patrick Egan	11/24
Cullen Tracy	11/12	Trish Jaynes	11/25
Frieda Garrity	11/15	Francis Smith	11/26
Scott Courtney	11/17	Robert Suhrheinrich	11/27
Pamela Osbourne	11/17	Robert Norton	11/30

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

We cannot forget our Ladies of the Elks, as they were instrumental in entertaining the spouses of the District Deputy's party during both the DD's Book Inspection and the DD Visit itself. I must point out that their "support" with their craft project was well appreciated by all who were in attendance. I especially want to thank new Tampa Lodge #708 member, Susie Harlow, and of course, Theresa Matthews, for their insight, energy, and their hospitality.

By now, many of you have heard about our own Brian Brantley, PER. Brian gave us all a scare when we learned of some serious problems that he was having with his health. We are all grateful that he is on the mend, but we must all remind ourselves that we must make an effort to make sure we keep our good health and to make sure we don't ignore unusual aches, pains, or medical situations. They usually turn into something far more serious that we could ever realize. That is precisely why our own Wendy "Florence Nightingale" Wiesler set up a **Heart Attack Prevention Screening on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00PM - 8:00PM.** Wendy has arranged to have Dr. Humberto Coto, MD, as our special guest. Dr Coto is a cardiologist and will be there to provide important information and to answer your questions.

While we use the beginning of the month to applaud the sacrifices of our men and women in uniform, we close November with our annual **Thanksgiving celebration**. Once again, we will be serving up turkeys and looking forward to all the great covered dishes that you will be bringing with you. It is always a highlight with our membership and for good reason, too. Once again, PER John Wayne will coordinate the event. Thank you, John.

We have been through a plethora of activity these past several months, some have been extremely productive, and some we should reflect and improve upon. There is no one member who is more important than our organization and I am by far not an exception. Let's look at who we are objectively; we all pay money to join the finest fraternal organization the world has ever known. We give our time, our energy, and our money in an attempt to make our community a better place, and we strive to do all these things in the name of the cornerstones of who we are (Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity). In an organization like ours, it can be quite unproductive to put personal ambition or gain ahead of our stated goals, yet is it quite easy for individuals to lose sight of what is truly important to whom we are. In talking to many of our members our path is quite simple; we do our best work when we are united in our cause and when we have a good time doing good for others. In that respect, the journey is as important as the goal.

As we enter the **Holiday Season**, we all look forward to seeing and bringing out the best in our membership. We all thoroughly enjoy the hum of a happy and productive Lodge, especially when we are having a good time. We have many wonderful events to plan, stage, and carry out. As a result, there are always plenty of opportunities to roll up our sleeves and pitch in. If you are too shy to ask, just hang around long enough and we will ask you. But if you are resigned to watching from the sidelines, you will be missing your opportunity to have a meaningful positive impact with some of the **Best People on Earth!**

A.J. | Exalted Ruler

## THE YEAR OF THE MEMBER - PROPOSED CANDIDATES AND NEW MEMBERS

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 | CITY, STATE

### PROPOSER

**RAY LAMPE** | St. Petersburg, FL

Michelle Przywara

**KEVIN POWER** | Tampa, FL

John Wayne, PER

**RICK SASSONE** | Tampa, FL

A.J. Matthews, ER

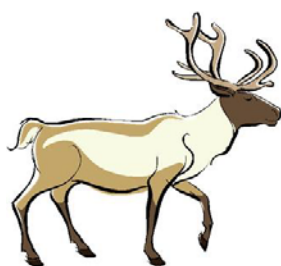


Welcome October's Newest Members  
Ray Lampe, Kevin Power, Rick Sassone

## ELKS MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Pat Boyd, Loyal Knight

I want to thank YOU (our Lodge membership) for the excellent work recruiting over the past few months. Our initiations have had larger numbers than we have seen in a number of years. At the time of this article, we initiated 7 new members in September, 3 new members at the meeting October 26<sup>th</sup>, and have 3 candidates waiting in the wings for the next initiation meeting. I have heard we have 2 or more applications in processing. We are moving towards a banner year. All this is due in part to the outstanding work of our Membership Chair, Courtney Taylor, as well as the community networking we began in April through the South Tampa Chamber, South Tampa Network, and the Elks who attended projects like the Labor Day BBQ. All have brought good mem-



*"Now is the time to ask yourself, am I doing all I can do?"*

bership returns. We have turned these events into membership drives and have been fortunate with the results. Now is the time to ask yourself, am I doing all I can do?

Now, we should ask ourselves: **have I done all I can do?** Do I come to the Lodge and share my Elk knowledge. **Do I** attend the Lodge meetings and other functions? **Do I** make phone calls to the membership, whether requesting help or just to build/renew a friendship? With such a good membership record we sometimes take for granted the "membership" knows what is happening within the Lodge. Nevertheless, we should not forget that activation is initiated by the 'little things' that we do. Do you want to make your life easier? Ask a fellow Elk to share the load. ASK, without pressure or judgment; it makes the big-

gest impact! If you don't have a current roster, see Courtney or myself and we will get you a list of potential friends and Elk co-workers. Don't limit your asking to people you know. Call new people; after all, they became Elks because someone asked. One of your Elk brothers or sisters is probably sitting at home just waiting for someone to ASK for their help or ASK how they are doing. One thing for sure - If you don't ASK the answer will be NO!

Don't wait! **Do all you can do!** ASK your friends to be part of the Elk family. Ask your Elk family to get or stay involved by attending or helping on a function. The one you call may be the next GREAT ELK all because **YOU DID ALL YOU COULD DO!** Ask and you shall receive! This is how we will continue the growth we have thus far achieved.

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES NEWS

**Hoop Shoot will be held Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at the YMCA** on Himes in South Tampa from 1PM – 5PM. This fun activity will be open to all children from ages 9 to 13.

Volunteers are desperately needed and appreciated. **Soccer Shoot** was held at St. Pete Lodge #1224 on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> and was truly an event enjoyed by everyone!

Also, thanks again to everyone who volunteered at and supported **Safety Day** in September. It was quite successful and we will have another in 2012. Also special thanks to the servers who helped make that day's **Fish Fry** a fantastic event. You are to be commended for an excellent job done. We need to see more volunteers and members getting involved with the Lodge!

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, Richard 7/2012  
 Hauf, Dick & Gerry 6/2010  
 In Memory of Harry Reoderer 6/2010  
 In Memory of Ina Moore 12/2010  
 In Memory of Larry Quire 6/2010  
 In Memory of Richard A Palmer 8/2012  
 Lucas, Vernon 6/2010  
 Marino, Anthony /2010  
 Palladini, Deborah 1/2010  
 Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean 6/2015  
 Pickenpough Vernon and Betty FLOE PSP 8/2010  
 Quire, Bonnie 6/2010  
 Quire, Martin & Kimberly 8/2010  
 Ramsey, Richard PER 7/2009  
 Reid, Linda & Jerry 6/2010  
 Schneider, PER, Rick & Jan 10/2011  
 Sellers, Jr., Frank, PER 6/2010  
 Smith, Rita 3/2 009  
 Snyder, Robert & Lisa 5/2013  
 Norton, Bob and Stokking, Brenda 6/2010  
 Thomas, PER, Guy & Ruth 1/2009  
 Thomas, PER, Vic & Bernice 6/2010  
 Woodburn, John, 11/2011  
 Wright, Vera 6/2011  
 In Memory of James Wilder 5/2010

#### GOLD INVESTORS \$51 - \$99

Alley, Sonia & Bill 6/2010  
 Baranofski, Ron & Fran 7/2010  
 Bertoch, Jan 6/2010  
 DeLand, Paul & Sandra VansEvers 3/2008  
 Harmon, Steve, PER 6/2010  
 Heider, Ted PER & Sally PER, 7/2010  
 Huffman, Raymond & Barbara 6/2010  
 Jorgensen, Sherral 6/2011  
 Keller, Maureen & Matt 10/2009  
 Kennedy, Brenda & Brown, David 3/2009  
 LaChance, Rosemary & Roger 6/2010  
 Nikkinen, Lesley 3/2009

#### SILVER INVESTORS \$21 - \$50

Cuccinello, Diane 6/2010  
 Edwards, PER, William 6/2011  
 Gukeisen, SGM USA RET, James L. 4/2010  
 Huffman, Barbara (In Memory of Hilda DeGiacomo) 6/2010  
 Kelly, George & Elma 6/2010  
 LaChance, Rosemary and Roger 6/2010  
 Kelly, George & Elma 5/2010  
 McHugh, Thomas 6/2010

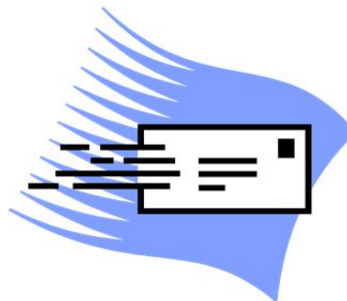
#### BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20

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

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

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

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



**A.J. Matthews | Exalted Ruler**  
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**Nancy Keesler | Secretary**  
 Secretary708@gmail.com

**David Partlow | Treasurer**  
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**TAMPA ELKS LODGE #708 PRESENTS**  
**MILITARY**  
**APPRECIATION**  
**BALL.**

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5TH, 2011**

**COCKTAIL HOUR, 6:00 PM**

**DINNER 7:30 PM**

**TICKETS \$25.00 PER PERSON**

**DINNER - DANCING - ENTERTAINMENT**

**SPECIAL MUSICAL GUESTS: THE BRASS HEART BAND!**

**SEMI-FORMAL MILITARY UNIFORM ENCOURAGED**

**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT**

**ELKS VETERANS PROGRAMS**

**TICKETS ON SALE AT BAR NOW**



## Antiques and treasures sure to be discovered!

Saturday November 12th, 2011

8:00AM - 3:00PM

Item drop off starts Sunday, November 6th, 2011 and is open to Elks and the general public

Pre-sales open exclusively to Elks and LOE beginning 6PM each night starting Wednesday, November 9th through Friday, November 11th

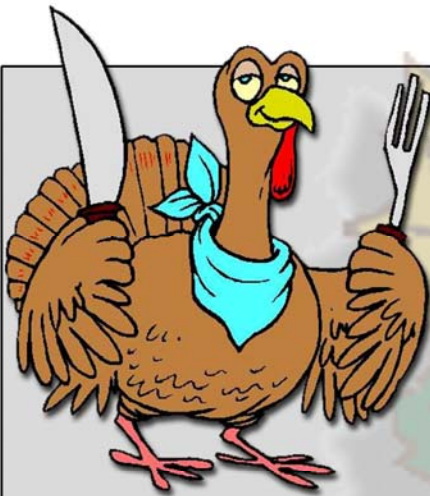
Remaining items will be donated to Faith Café, our veterans, Metropolitan Ministries, and the Salvation Army

**Volunteers needed!!**

Contact Lisa Snyder for more information (813) 390-5325



**\*Donations can include household items, clothing, gifts (Please wash all clothing before donating)**



## Thanksgiving Dinner @ Tampa Lodge 708

*"Don't cook this Thanksgiving,  
let the Best People on Earth do it for you!"*

Thursday, November 24th, 2011

Starts at 3:00PM

\$4.00 Donation

Open to Elks, family, and friends

Enjoy Ham, Turkey, Dressing, and more!

Feel free to bring your favorite covered dish or dessert

Parties of 8 or more contact John Wayne for a reservation

For more information: John Wayne (813) 837-4252





**YOUTH CAMP NEWS**



Flo and I want to wish all Elks families and friends a very warm and healthy Thanksgiving. Please continue to spend the second Thursday of each month enjoying dinner at the Lodge in support of the Youth Camp. Lynn and I will be making pork loin with apples, pears, vegetables, and potatoes for the month of November available for \$7.00. This helps with sending our future Elks to camp. December will be chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, and bread and butter. I would like a volunteer for desserts for each of these dinners. Thanks in advance.

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

**OFFICER OF THE MONTH**

**Nancy Keesler PER, Lodge Secretary**

Nancy Keesler began October as our new House Committee Chairman following the departure of Chris Miles who is continuing his professional career as a lawyer. Nancy quickly stepped in to learn the ins and the outs of her new assignment and did so with accuracy and a great deal of efficiency. She was settling in nicely in her role when she was approached with the notion of filling the position of Lodge Secretary. To her credit, Nancy never flinched or hesitated. She embraced service to our Lodge and quickly set to learning what many consider the most challenging position in any Lodge organization. Since then, she has effectively steered our Lodge through our District Deputy's visit and competently handled a number of challenging administrative tasks. During the latter half of the month, she was essential in working with the office staff in adjusting and correcting the small list of deficiencies that were identified during the DD's Book Inspection. We thank Nancy for her enduring commitment to our Lodge and look forward to her continued cooperation. Nancy is a model of what Lodge Officers should aspire to be.

**ELK OF THE MONTH**

**Rick Schneider, PER**

In the middle of some significant uncertainty, Rick has been one member that we have counted on during the month of October. With the departure of Chris Miles as our House Committee Chairman and the hospitalization of Brian Brantley, Rick was effectively courted out of retirement and has made important continuous contributions to our Lodge. In taking over procurement duties for our kitchen, Rick has done an outstanding job in making sure we didn't run out of food and product to keep our food service going. In doing so, he maintains an effective watch in defense of over spending and waste, while getting us the finest materials and ingredients. Rick has also been essential in making sure our kitchen fixtures stay in good working order by scheduling maintenance and making sure things are given some extra cleaning and polish. Recently, during a scheduling conflict with Chef Mike, Rick shared his fabulous Salmon recipe with the A-Team for a Friday dinner. He even took time out of his busy day to make sure we had the right salmon. We are extremely happy that Rick is back with us, proof that good Elks are never far away to lend a hand when needed. Welcome back, Rick!



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**NOVEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Officers Meeting**  
 Wednesday 11/2 6:00PM

**LOE**  
 Wednesday 11/2 7:30PM

**Trustees Meeting**  
 Tuesday 11/8 7:00PM

**House Committee**  
 Tuesday 11/8 6:30PM  
 Tuesday 11/22 6:30PM

**Lodge Meeting**  
 Wednesday 11/9 7:30PM  
 Wednesday 11/23 7:30PM

**Membership Committee**  
 Contact Courtney Taylor

**Athena House**  
 Contact Tracy Horrell



Charles Saitta (WCD Esquire), Kenneth Yagoda (WCD Deputy), and Toni Goodrich (WCD Auditor) joined Elks Lodge 708 Officers and members for the October 12th Lodge meeting.

**BARTENDER'S CORNER**



Are we really into November?! The holidays are upon us, the festivities are gearing up, and Jessica and I urge you to come support your Lodge. The LOE Halloween party was a great success. The **Military Ball** is coming up and soon enough it will be

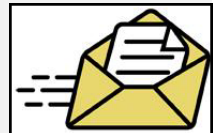
**Christmas.** The **Buccaneer tailgate parties** have been a big touchdown! The food has been awesome, the camaraderie is immense, buckets of beer have been flowing... If you have not been to one of these tailgates you are truly missing out on a fabulous afternoon. The parties occur during the away games so we are sure to have the Bucs on our large TVs. Also, if you have not been to the Lodge lately, come down and meet **Jessica Hood** on any Monday (**Bingo** night and food at the bar), Tuesday (**Salsa lessons @ 6:30 p.m.**), or Friday evening (**full kitchen and live music**). She is a great addition to the lounge staff and would love to serve up your favorite concoction. We look forward to seeing you all soon.....!

**Peggi Tuttle | Bartender**

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

**Marty Quire | [mquire@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mquire@tampabay.rr.com)**

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Continue your good and charitable deeds for "Good of the Order" and be a patriotic Elk who loves America, and in so doing will be continuing your Elks Ride.  
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**BINGO!**

**Every Monday Night**

6:30PM Early Bird  
 7:00PM Jackpot, Hot Snack Bar

The **Elks Dining Club** will be taking time off during the busy holiday season. The club will return in January so stay tuned for more delicious gatherings scheduled after the New Year! Contact **Candy Hodgson** for more information!



**SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS!**

Every Tuesday from  
 6:30PM-7:30PM

Free for Elks  
 \$5 for Military  
 All others \$10

Contact **Gus Adams** at (813) 374-4988  
 RSVP at <http://www.meetup.com/Learn-to-dance-salsa>

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

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## Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

MILITARY APPRECIATION BALL	Saturday	11/5
LOE "PARKING LOT" SALE	Saturday	11/12
HEART ATTACK PREVENTION	Thursday	11/17
THANKSGIVING POT LUCK	Thursday	11/24
HOOP SHOOT	Saturday	11/26
LOE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR	Saturday	12/9 -12/10
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY	Sunday	12/11
CHRISTMAS PARTY (ADULTS ONLY)	Saturday	12/17
NEW YEAR'S EVE	Saturday	12/31

### Bell Ringers

Stay tuned for the December edition of the Elksize for information on the Bell Ringers during the Holiday season. For more information contact **Pat Fennell** at **(813) 294-9609**



### Was your departed a veteran?



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### Brian's Bingo Blast!



As everyone should know by now Brian Brantley is recovering from surgery. By the time this edition of the Elksize goes to print he will be home. That will bring relief to both Brian and Sandy. I wanted to send out a reminder that we are in need of volunteers for Bingo. If you can do one Monday a month we would greatly appreciate it. Call me if you can help. My number is (813) 205-1762. Thanks.

**Susie Harlow | Acting Bingo Chairperson**

### Join Our Bridge Club

Hi folks, some of our newer members may not be aware that we have a Bridge Club that meets every Monday at 2:30pm in the Elks lounge. We would be delighted if you joined us for a casual enjoyable game. We are open to everyone regardless of your style of play.



For those who don't know the game but are interested in learning, we provide free Bridge lessons that will get you started right away. Ask Peggi in the lounge for details or just stop by on a Monday afternoon and ask for the undersigned. You can also contact me at [walrol1@verizon.com](mailto:walrol1@verizon.com) **Hope to see you there, Walter Rollins**

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### November 4, 2011

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DINNER HOUSE OR CAESAR SALAD	\$2.95
POTATO AND BACON SOUP	\$3.95 Bowl   \$1.95 Cup
ROLADIN	\$6.95
ROAST BEEF, PICKLE, BROWN MUSTARD	
PRIX FIXE MENU ACCOMPANIMENT	SORBET
GRILLED PORK, BRATWURST,	\$13.95
KNOCKWURST, SAUERKRAUT, WARM GERMAN POTATO SALAD, RED CABBAGE, DUMPLINGS, AND WARM ROLLS	
SHERRY'S DESSERT COLLECTION	\$2.95

### November 11, 2011

#### FRANCE

DINNER HOUSE OR CAESAR SALAD	\$2.95
FRENCH ONION SOUP	\$3.95 Bowl   \$1.95 Cup
ESCARGOT STUFFED MUSHROOM CAPS	\$6.95
WITH LEMON-GARLIC BUTTER SAUCE	
PRIX FIXE MENU ACCOMPANIMENT	CITRUS SORBET
SHRIMP AND CHICKEN FRANCAIS	\$13.95
OVER RICE WITH GRILLED ASPARAGUS	
SHERRY'S DESSERT COLLECTION	\$2.95

### November 18, 2011

#### SPAIN

DINNER HOUSE OR CAFÉ PEPE	\$2.95
GARBANZO BEAN & HAM SOUP	\$3.95 Bowl   \$1.95 Cup
MOFONGO W/ PORK	\$6.95
PRIX FIXE MENU ACCOMPANIMENT	CITRUS SORBET
TRADITIONAL SPANISH PAELLA	\$13.95
SHERRY'S DESSERT COLLECTION	\$2.95

### November 25, 2011

#### ITALY

DINNER HOUSE OR CAFÉ PEPE	\$2.95
ITALIAN WEDDING SOUP	\$3.95 Bowl   \$1.95 Cup
VEGETABLE FLAT BREAD PIZZA	\$6.95
TOMATO SAUCE, VEGGIES AND MOZZARELLA	
PRIX FIXE MENU ACCOMPANIMENT	ITALIAN ICE
BALSAMIC AND FIG GLAZED SNAPPER	\$13.95
CREAMY RISOTTO AND ITALIAN GREENS	
SHERRY'S DESSERT COLLECTION	\$2.95

## NOVEMBER FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER MENU

### THE STANDARDS

**CHICKEN FINGERS & FRIES**  
\$6.95

A full pound plate featuring crispy, crunchy-tender chicken strips and golden brown French fries, served with choice of sauce



**SHRIMP N'CHIPS**  
\$7.95

A twist on a UK favorite with five-piece fried shrimp and crispy-tender French fries, served with cocktail sauce and lemon wedge, malt vinegar upon request



**CHEF'S SOUP DU JOUR**  
\$3.95 Bowl | \$1.95 Cup

Made from scratch and prepared fresh, classic and inventive soups, ask server for today's selection



**HAMBURGER \$4.95**  
**\$5.49 WITH CHEESE**  
**\$6.29 WITH BACON & CHEESE**

4oz. of lean beef, grilled to perfection, topped with lettuce, tomato, onion and pickle on toasted bun and served with 1/2lb. of golden fries

**THE BIG ELK BURGER \$7.95**  
**\$8.49 WITH CHEESE**  
**\$8.95 WITH BACON & CHEESE**



8oz. of USDA lean beef hand pattied and grilled to your perfection topped with lettuce, tomato, onion, and pickle, served with a heapin' pile of golden fries



**WINGS**  
\$7.95

10 large wings tender and crispy choice of hot, medium, or mild buffalo sauce and served with Ranch or Blue Cheese, and celery

**THE CALF CLUB (KIDS 11 AND UNDER)**  
INCLUDES SODA & FRIES



\$3.95

Hot Dog Basket | Corn Dog Basket | Grilled Cheese Basket  
Chicken Strip Basket | Burger Basket

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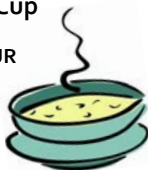
**HOUSE SALAD**  
\$2.29

**CAESAR SALAD**  
\$3.29

**SOUP DU JOUR**  
\$3.95 Bowl | \$1.95 Cup

**VEGETABLE DU JOUR**  
\$1.95

**COLE SLAW**  
\$1.95



**ONION RINGS**  
\$3.49

**FRENCH FRIES**  
\$1.95 Small | \$2.95 Large

**SWEET POTATO FRIES**  
\$2.95 Small | \$4.95

**BAKED POTATO**  
\$1.95

**MASHED POTATOES**  
\$1.29

### THE CLASSICS

**CATCH OF THE DAY**  
\$11.95

Grilled, fried, or blackened fresh fish, made to order your way, accompanied by choice of starch, soup or salad, and vegetable of the day



**RIB-EYE STEAK**  
\$13.95

10 oz. - 12 oz. cut of USDA choice rib-eye tender and juicy, grilled to perfection, served with baked or mashed potato, soup or salad, and vegetable of the day



**CHICKEN YOUR WAY**  
\$9.95

Boneless, skinless chicken breast, grilled, fried, or blackened to perfection, served with choice of starch, soup or salad, and vegetable of the day

## November Band Schedule

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# NOVEMBER

## 2011 Lodge 708

SUNDAY

MONDAY



TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

		<b>1</b> 6:30PM-7:30PM - SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS  7PM JAM SESSION	<b>2</b> 6:00PM-7:00PM - OFFICER MEETING  7:30PM LOE MEETING	<b>3</b> 5:30PM-7:30PM THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CHICKEN CACCIATORE	<b>4</b> 6:30PM-8:30PM CHEF'S DINNER GERMANY  6:30PM - 10:30PM MUSIC - STREET LIFE BAND - VARIETY	<b>5</b> 6:00PM - 11:00PM MILITARY APPRECIATION DRESS BALL
<b>6</b> 8:30AM-12:00PM FULL MENU BREAKFAST  1:00PM BUCS TAILGATE PARTY	<b>7</b> 2:30PM BRIDGE CLUB  BINGO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6:30PM EARLY BIRD 7:00PM JACKPOT HOT SNACK BAR	<b>8</b> 6:30PM-7:30PM - SALSA /LATIN DANCE LESSONS  6:30PM - HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING  7PM TRUSTEES MEETING  <i>Election Day</i>	<b>9</b> 6:30PM-7:30PM - PER MEETING  7:30PM - LODGE MEETING	<b>10</b> 5:30PM-7:30PM YOUTH DINNER PORK LOIN /W APPLES, PEARS, VEGETABLES, POTATOES	<b>11</b> 6:30PM-8:30PM CHEF'S DINNER FRANCE  6:00PM - 11:00PM HALL BOOKED - WEDDING  <i>Veterans Day</i>	<b>12</b> 8:00AM LOE YARD SALE  8:00PM - 11:30PM HALL BOOKED-70's PARTY
<b>13</b> 8:30AM-12:00PM FULL MENU BREAKFAST	<b>14</b> 2:30PM BRIDGE CLUB  BINGO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6:30PM EARLY BIRD 7:00PM JACKPOT HOT SNACK BAR	<b>15</b> 6:30PM-7:30PM - SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS  7PM JAM SESSION	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5:30PM-7:30PM LOE DINNER  6:00PM - 8:00PM HEART ATTACK PREVENTION SPEAKER, HUMBERTO COTO M.D. CARDIOLOGIST BP SCREENING	<b>18</b> 6:30PM-8:30PM CHEF'S DINNER SPAIN  6:30PM-10:30PM MUSIC - THREE AMIGOS - VARIETY	<b>19</b> 6:30PM WCD VP (STEVE HARMON) APPRECIATION PARTY
<b>20</b> 8:30AM-12:00PM FULL MENU BREAKFAST  1:00PM BUCS TAILGATE PARTY	<b>21</b> 2:30PM BRIDGE CLUB  BINGO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6:30PM EARLY BIRD 7:00PM JACKPOT HOT SNACK BAR	<b>22</b> 6:30PM-7:30PM - SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS  6:30PM - HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	<b>23</b> 7:30PM - LODGE MEETING	<b>24</b> 3:00PM THANKSGIVING DINNER  <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	<b>25</b> 6:30PM-8:30PM CHEF'S DINNER ITALY  6:30PM-10:30PM WILD BILL'S KARAOKE  VETERANS DINNER	<b>26</b> 1:00PM - 5:00PM HOOP SHOOT YMCA  8:00PM HALL BOOKED- 60TH BIRTHDAY PARTY
<b>27</b> 8:30AM-12:00PM FULL MENU BREAKFAST  1:00PM BUCS TAILGATE PARTY	<b>28</b> 2:30PM BRIDGE CLUB  BINGO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6:30PM EARLY BIRD 7:00PM JACKPOT HOT SNACK BAR	<b>29</b> 6:30PM-7:30PM - SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS	<b>30</b>			

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

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