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A.J. Matthews
Exalted Ruler
2011—2012

EXALTED RULER ADDRESS

I am an Elk.

I am an Elk because an Elk saw something in me that would allow me to be a good Elk.

When asked, I eagerly joined my local Lodge and embraced its greatness.

We became Elks because our organization is meaningful, powerful, and important to our country, our community, our friends and our family.

We remain Elks because we embrace our mission, our duty, and our members.

We patronize our Lodge because brotherhood and fellowship are a cornerstone of who Elks are.

Working together, we can accomplish great things.

Being an Elk is not about self. We are a group of individuals with many ideas, countless skills, and the inexhaustible desire to serve. Elks are not about what an individual can extract from membership; it is what needs to be done to support it.

We rejoice at being Elks because we take pride in the successes of the children, our veterans, and the communities we serve.

We practice being Elks by being there when needed, stepping up when asked, and volunteering our time and resources when necessary.

I cannot be a good Elk without my fellow Elks; we are a team.

Welcome September! We have many good Elks who regularly practice what is printed above. Simply put, this is how I see many of you. I pray that you approve of my observations. I started by writing this small piece as a minor change of pace after punching out monthly articles for the past fifteen months. As a rule I don't really know what to write until I am actually sitting in front of my computer. It is not the most efficient way to publish an address (there are times when I make Michelle wait for my articles), but they are always from the heart. Please share this with your friends and family. It may help them understand who we are.

This month promises to be quite busy. I would say it is second only to March when we have our award and installation dinners. However, the next few weeks will be just as memorable and possibly more than sustaining to the health of our Lodge. Right off the bat we will host a chicken dinner on the 3rd, to coincide with the drawing of District VP Steve Harmon's Reverse Draw. The drawing proceeds will benefit our State President's visit. Two days later on the 5th, our Membership Committee will host its membership drive and Pork Butt BBQ. These events are ten dollars or less and include a full meal and the fellowship of the "Friendliest Lodge in Florida." **(Continued on Page 4)**

Monday, September 5th

3:00PM - 7:00PM

Pork Butt Family BBQ

Dessert Contest, Games, and Food!

Sponsored by the Membership Committee

\$10 Adults | \$5 Children



Saturday, September 24th

Safety Day

9:00AM - 3:00PM

Safety demonstrations from Police, Fire Department, and more!

Games, Food, Fun!

FREE!





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

THE LOE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings everyone!

Well, we made it through the Dog Days of summer! Fall will be a welcome reprieve. The kids are back to school (woo hoo!) Oops, did I say that out loud? It will be nice to get back to a routine for everyone. We are gearing up for the annual FLOE Conference to be held September 22-24 at the Doubletree on Cypress. We have a lot of events planned the entire weekend to welcome the Ladies and their significant others to Tampa Lodge #708. We are looking for everyone (Elks and LOE) to help out either at the Lodge to greet people and make them feel welcome, or at the Doubletree meeting and greeting visiting Elks and LOE in our hospitality suite. That weekend could bring additional (much needed) dinner and bar sales into the Lodge. It is important that we put on our friendliest Tampa faces and welcome all visitors. Don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets for our BIG basket of cool ladies stuff! (Gentlemen, this would make a great gift idea for the gentleman who may have forgotten an anniversary or birthday - hint hint.)

We had our first committee meeting on August 21st for the Halloween party. Please put October 29th on your calendar now! We are planning some great and ghoulish fun for the evening. Please send any suggestions or ideas to Sue Mason via the LOE email box. Sue is our committee chair and is open to any help that is provided.

I would like to give a special thanks to the Golden Girls (Bonnie Quire, Tina Kamerer, Shelagh Gombarcik, and Wendy "Woo" Wiesler) for their diligent work in the kitchen the third Monday of every month during Bingo.

We appreciate the tireless efforts and not to mention the best BLT I have ever had! Special kudos go out to Bill Edwards and Addison Horrell for the LOE Thursday night dinner in August. They did their delicious chicken fry. Members and guests look forward to the LOE dinner every month, and they were not disappointed.

I have recently returned to work. Let me tell you, that was hard to do after not working for about 10 months. However, duty calls! I am appreciative of all the help and support that I receive from each and every one of you. Tampa Lodge #708 LOE is a great organization to belong to. Speaking of which, our goal this year is 100 members. All Elks are invited to join the LOE as well. The annual dues are only \$15. If you have not paid your dues yet this year or would like to join, please see Barbara Huffman or any LOE officer.

Remember our motto as borrowed from Mary's Almanac, "She didn't know it couldn't be done, so she went ahead and did it." That is what we are all about! Until next month, I would like to wish everyone good health, good spirits, and continued success in all you do.

In Your Service, Theresa Matthews | LOE President

LOE SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Cynthia Linville	9/1
Anthony Marino	9/4
Wendy "Woo" Wiesler	9/24
Joanne M. Picard	9/26



"365 Report"

*We've reached the goal again this year. It's over \$1,000!
I'm so thankful for all the donations.
The children will be very happy!*

*Thanks to the following contributors:
Betty and Vern Pickenpaugh, Helen Hotchkiss, Pat and Beth Boyd,
Janette Bennet and the bar and tables.*

Vera Almstedt | "365" Chairperson

CHEF'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

First of all, I'd like to thank all the members of Elks Lodge #708 for being so genuine and welcoming to me and my staff and letting us prepare your Friday evening dinners. I'm writing you this letter in hopes of regaining any lost confidence with the Kitchen on Friday night dinners. Previously we've hit many bumps in the road on our way to kitchen organization and consistency in developing a unique and pleasant dining experience for you. There have been many kinks that needed working out, and I appreciate your patience and diligence during these last few months of re-organization. I'd like at this time to reassure you of quicker ticket times. No meals should ever be beyond 20 minutes to prepare, even for you extra-well steak lovers. As you may know, I like to use fresh ingredients and prepare to order as much as possible to ensure the best dish I can make for your palate pleasure.

Beginning in September, I've developed a menu for your dining experience that focuses more on standards and classics, thus allowing for more consistent product and a well stocked inventory. Instead of making three special entrees, I've re-focused my attention on one per week and have developed that special into a Prix Fixe menu, if you prefer, that pairs well with the entire meal or still is priced separately for those who wish to choose otherwise. I truly believe this will eliminate the problems of the past and I look forward to serving you for a long to come.

Thank You and God Bless the Elks | Chef Michael

Lodge Officers

EXALTED RULER
A.J. Matthews, PER

LEADING KNIGHT
Tracy Horrell

LOYAL KNIGHT
Pat Boyd

LECTURING KNIGHT
Vic Thomas, PER

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Robert Summers

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Ed McCaffery

TREASURER
David Partlow

ESQUIRE
Albert Schnut

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Richard Florance

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Dianne Cuccinello

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Vernon Pickenpaugh

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

FSEA Lodge Liaison Membership Lodge #708
Pat Boyd, Loyal Knight

W.C.D. Vice President
Steve Harmon, PER

Board of Trustees

5-Year
Addison Horrell

4-Year
Robert Snyder

3-Year
Jerry Reid, Chairman

2-Year
William Edwards, PER

1-Year
Brian Brantley, PER



Ladies of the Elks

President
Theresa Matthews

Vice President
Susie Harlow

Secretary
Shelagh Gombarcik

Treasurer
Cindy Linville

Parliamentarian
Lisa Snyder

Chaplain
Beth Boyd

Committees

Accident Prevention
Addison Horrell

Americanism
Richard Florance

Athena House
Tracy Horrell

Auditing
Shelagh Gombarcik

Bell Ringers
Pat Fennell

Bingo
Brian Brantley, PER

Blood Mobile
Vic Thomas, PER

Bulletin (Elksize)
Michelle Przywara

By Laws
Chris Miles

Community Activities
Vic Thomas, PER

Convention
Addison Horrell

Hall Activities
Linda Reid

Drug Awareness
Vacant

Elks National Foundation
Vic Thomas, PER

Elks Training
Pat Boyd

Entertainment
Robert 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
Vacant

Website
Marty Quire

Youth Activities
John Wayne, PER

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

Tampa Elks 708 Membership drive Public Encouraged

“Open Mike Musical Entertainment”
 “Dessert Contest”
 Tampa Elk Lodge #708 “Educational booths”
 PLUS your favorite games—turkey shoot, corn hole, pie toss, etc.



**Membership Drive
and
“Pork Butt
Family BBQ
Labor Day—Sept 5th,
2011
3 to 7 PM
\$10.00 Adults
\$5.00 Children**

By your tickets
in advance -
Support your
Lodge.

**Tickets available at the Lounge
or through the
Membership Committee
Contact:
Courtney Taylor 813-484-0123**

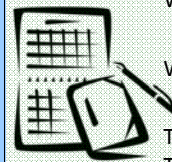
Menu:
BBQ Pork Butt OR Chicken,
Baked Beans and Potatoe Salad
Special Childrens’ menu available

Don’t be a PIG—Share “True Elkdom” with your friends!

SEPTEMBER ELK BIRTHDAYS!

John Holaday	9/1	Robert Dickson	9/13
Cindy Linville	9/1	Oliver Browning	9/15
Deborah Palladini	9/1	Fred Lanier, Jr.	9/16
Brian Crowe	9/3	Richard Persbacker	9/17
Diane Green	9/3	James Hiller	9/18
John Stirewalt	9/3	Rey Vallaneuva	9/22
Anthony Marino	9/4	Aida Diaz	9/23
Terrance Simms	9/4	Lena Farris	9/23
Frank Palladini, FSEP	9/5	Felix Peterson	9/23
Henry Berge, III	9/9	Connie Paluch	9/24
Charles Hach	9/9	Alfred Schoonmaker	9/26
Nanette Quire	9/9	Albert Cagno	9/27
Carl Seder	9/10	Joyce Healey	9/27
James Gillett	9/11	Carol Heye	9/27
Richard Rohm	9/11	Mary Stone	9/27
Steve Gaffney	9/12	Douglas Walsh	9/30

SEPTEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE



Officers Meeting
Wednesday 9/7 6:00PM

LOE
Wednesday 9/7 7:30PM

House Committee
Tuesday 9/13 6:30PM
Tuesday 9/27 6:30PM

Lodge Meeting
Wednesday 9/14 7:30PM
Wednesday 9/28 7:30PM

Membership Committee
Tuesday 9/20 6:30PM

Athena House
Contact Tracy Horrell

EXALTED RULER ADDRESS *(Continued from Page 1)*

And if you have not purchased your ticket for the drawing, time is running out. They will remain on sale until the drawing begins.

On September 9th and 10th, we will host our State President’s visit to the West Central District, featuring a field trip to the Florida Aquarium, luncheon at the Columbia Restaurant, and naturally the State President’s Dinner at the Tampa Lodge on the evening of the 10th. Tickets are fifteen dollars and available at the Bar. Homecoming is scheduled for the evening of the 17th. That will be Steve Harmon’s official visit to our and his Lodge. Of course, there is no need to lay out your hard-earned cash for dinner. You pay with your attention to the conclusion of Steve’s message. If you feel the need to pay for your dinner, you can always make a donation to the Harry-Anna Trust Fund of the Elks National Foundation.

Speaking of our major projects, last month’s fundraisers for Harry-Anna and ENF were resounding successes. After sharpening our pencils and checking the balance sheets, it is my pleasure to report that we have already exceeded the goals for both charities for the 2011-2012 Lodge year. Along those lines, I extend kudos to our members, who had already donated more than \$2,000 to the Harry-Anna Trust Fund between April 1st and July 31st. Individual donations chipped away more than half of our goal of nearly \$3,300. We then eclipsed our 2011-2012 ENF goal of nearly \$1,600 with a smaller push up front but a real nice comeback from our organized efforts. Meeting that goal qualifies us to receive an ENF Gratitude Grant of \$2,000 next year!

On a much smaller scale, we are proud that we have completed the installation of our new electronic board in the Lodge foyer used to report the status of our members that are under the weather. If you know of an Elk who has been ill, recuperating, or has been sadly taken from us, please let our Lodge Secretary know. There are many Elks who will go out of their way to make a visit or offer a kind word when it is especially needed.

Keep up the good work, Tampa Elks. In the near future you can expect our members, our committee chairs, and our officers to reach out to you, our membership, and encourage participation with all the things we have to offer. Until then, please feel free to come down to the Lodge and use what we have to offer or offer the skills you have to give.

A.J. | Exalted Ruler

THE YEAR OF THE MEMBER - PROPOSED CANDIDATES AND NEW MEMBERS SEPTEMBER 2011

New members are as important to our Lodge as our current members. Think about your neighbors, your friends, your co-workers, and people in your community who you see every day. Get your friends in the door and let us take it from there. After all, we are the friendliest Lodge in Florida!

CANDIDATE OCCUPATION CITY, STATE	PROPOSER
SUSIE HARLOW Retired Tampa, FL	James Harlow
MICHELLE SCHOLL Healthcare Administrator Tampa, FL	Christopher Miles
VALORIE F. SWANEY Retired Tampa, FL	Brian Brantley



Welcome July's Newest Members: Norman E. Bonar, Chris Layman, and Larry Windom

ELKS MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Courtney Taylor | Membership Chair

Hello Fellow Elks:

Your Membership Committee has been hard at work for your Lodge starting September off with a Membership Drive Family BBQ. Hope to see you, your family, and all your friends there. A good time to be had by all is promised. See our ad on page 4 for additional details.

The Committee



"...sharing our vision for Charity, Brotherly Love, Justice and Fidelity."

has been working with South Tampa professionals, inviting them into our Lodge and sharing with them who we are and our vision for Charity, Brotherly Love, Justice, and Fidelity.

The South Tampa Chamber of Commerce had an AM coffee event at our Lodge and brought in over \$200 in school supplies for our "Back to School" party.

We continue to

have new members inducted and prospective members proposed. We always are looking for your input, so please join us at our September meeting on Tuesday, the 20th at 6:30PM.

Thank you for your continued support of our Lodge and our members. Remember, we are celebrating THE YEAR of THE MEMBER!

- Courtney, Pat, Kim, and Shelagh

YOUTH ACTIVITIES NEWS

The "Back to School" party on August 14th was a huge success. Thanks for all who assisted me: Melissa, Jan, and Charlotte Bertoch, Brian Keith, Flo Wayne, John Archand, Steve Yormark, PNC Bank, Mike Alvarez and family, Nelson, and all Elks who donated school supplies or cash.

The children enjoyed the games, food, and most of all, school supplies, fellowship, and compassion. Also, the boys and girls were reminded of the upcoming **Safety Day** event on **Saturday, September 24th, 2011**. See page 7 for more information. And most importantly, **"SAY NO TO DRUGS!"**

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

GOLD INVESTORS \$51 - \$99

Alley, Sonia & Bill 6/2010
 Baranofski, Ron & Fran 7/2010
 Bertoch, Jan 6/2010
 DeLand, Paul & Sandra VansEvers 3/2008
 Harmon, Steve, PER 6/2010
 Heider, Ted PER & Sally PER, 7/2010
 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

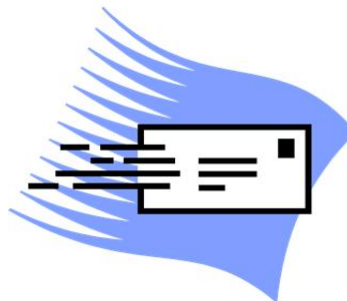
BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20

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
 ER708@Gmail.com

Ed McCaffery | Secretary
 Secretary708@Gmail.com

David Partlow | Treasurer
 Treasurer708@Gmail.com

SAFETY DAY

September 24TH 2011

Join Tampa Lodge #708 for Safety Day

Lunch is provided! Cost is FREE!

Small gift for everyone who attends!



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2011 @ 9AM - 3PM

Guest Speakers for safety, 'Say No to Drugs' Campaign, demonstrations from Police and Fire Departments, school security personnel, ambulance technicians, and the USF Tampa Walking group for pedestrian safety!

Carnival games and even a water slide for the children!
(Waiver by parent or guardian is required)

**For additional information, contact John Wayne, PER
(813) 837-4252**

Volunteers are also needed to please come out and support your Lodge family!
Get involved per the late "Mr. Thomas McHugh"



HARRY-ANNA NEWS



Where do I begin to thank all of the family, friends, and Elk friends who came out to help me celebrate my birthday! What a great time it was and I have to say turning 50 feels like I am still in my 40s!

A lot of the pictures can be seen on Facebook or soon they will be posted at the Lodge for you to see there. Your donations to Harry-Anna well exceeded \$1,700! What a great feeling we can all share in knowing that we are helping children to overcome their disabilities with free of charge in-home

physical or occupational therapy, as well as keeping our Youth Camp up to date so that children may enjoy a safe camp experience that will contribute to camper's mental, physical, and social growth. Isn't that a awesome feeling!! This big event could not have been so successful without all the help that went on behind the scenes.

A special Thanks to: Cindy Linville, Leigha Boyd, Richard Florance, AJ Matthews, Al Schnut, Jerry Reid, Bill Edwards, Lynn Brown, Phyllis Miller, Barbara and Raymond Huffman, Shelagh Gombarcik, Pat and Beth Boyd (yummy Jello shots), Mike and Tammy Manley (basket drawing), Wendy Hall and Barbara Fox (decorating and clean up), Mark Helfer (my son who flew in from California to help set up and surprise his mom). A big hug and thanks to my wonderful husband, Addison, for doing all the cooking! My love and thanks for my 4 children (Stacy, Melissa, Mark, and Lauren) and my 3 grandchildren (Nick, Mikaela, and Sienna) for being there and making it special. Special thanks to all of YOU who contributed in one way or another it just shows how BROTHERLY LOVE should work to make a successful event. It truly was! Can you imagine what I will think up next?

Tracy Horrell, Esteemed Leading Knight | Harry-Anna Committee Chair

ELKS DAY AT THE RAYS!

Sunday, September 11, 2011

Tampa Bay Rays vs Boston Red Sox

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



\$4 of each ticket sale goes to the
Harry-Anna Trust

See Brian Brantley for tickets

Florida Elks Welcome Home

Dear Michael and Sandra Smith,

Your work as the grandest Elks of the Grand Lodge for 2010 to 2011 is over. Our own Mike and Sandra are back with us to walk with us in and smell the sweet Florida clover, so welcome back to your Florida home.

The many places you've travelled all across America's great land will give you many memories of all the good graces and help you trace the faces you have touched by being Florida's newest Past Grand Exalted Ruler!

In remembrance of all the trails, keep your thoughts of all the fine places and great Elks you've met over the course of this past year.

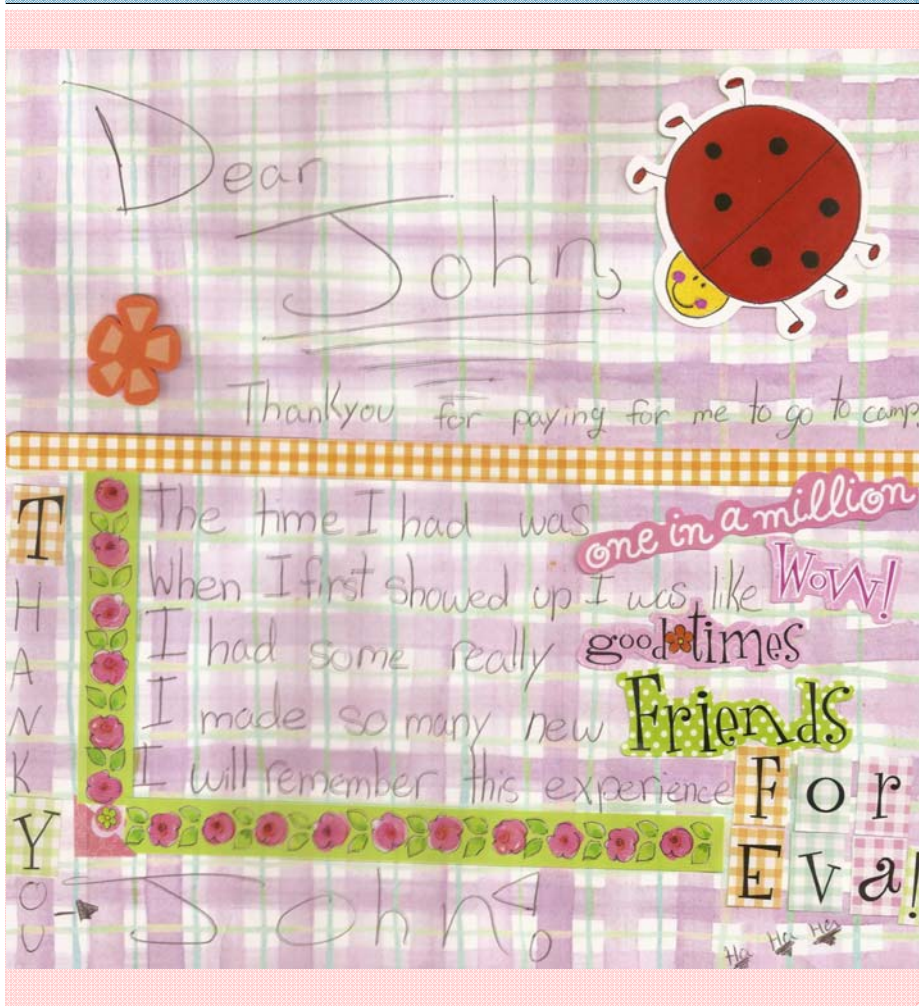
You and your wife will always be special and forever in our Elk hearts and minds and eternally greeted with Elks' good cheer wherever you may roam!

Why? Because wherever Mike and Sandra went, you were LOUD, PROUD, and VISIBLE, true leaders of Elkdom leading us on. So now your arduous times and travelling travails are over, but what high standards you set. So for now breathe easily. Take the time to savor the scents of Florida's citrus groves and strawberry fields because we are glad Mike and Sandra are back with us in this great dome. So simply put to Michael and Sandra Smith, from all of Florida's Elks, welcome home!

August 10, 2011

Richard H. Florance, Tampa Elks Lodge #708

A Youth Camp "Thank You" from Ashley



YOUTH CAMP NEWS



“Can I go next year?”

This is what I’ve heard from all campers this year. Fellow Elks, remember to send your neighbors, nieces, nephews, all children between the ages of 9 to 13. It is free to all Elks as I work to raise money every second Thursday of the month for the Youth Camp dinners, hopefully to your liking. Support us and your local Lodge. Thanks for your continued support! (See page 8 for a special “Thank You” from camper, Ashley!)

John Wayne, PER | Youth Camp Coordinator

OFFICER OF THE MONTH - SEPTEMBER 2011

Al Schnut, Esquire

Once again, our Lodge Esquire, Al Schnut has demonstrated that he totally gets what it means to be an Elk. During the month of July, Al volunteered to man the kitchen for several Sunday breakfast servings, coordinated and prepared meals during Bingo on two successive Mondays, and completed five hours of kitchen duty during the Friday dinner service on July 29th. When he wasn’t in the kitchen, he agreed to perform official duties assisting in closing the bar on three occasions but actually served in that capacity a total of seven times, half of which were as a last-minute replacement. Al is also credited with taking a major role in the planning and execution of the Pajama Party, as well as constructing two of the “props” utilized during that events rather interesting twist on Karaoke. Esquire Al is to be congratulated for his dedication to our Lodge and his sense of duty and honor as a Lodge officer.

ELK OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER 2011

Melissa Helfer

If you have taken a meal on Thursday or Friday evening or Sunday morning, you have come across Melissa Helfer. Melissa has been one of the most dependable members of our wait staff and is a regular fixture at our Lodge. In addition, she stems from a family of Elks and is the daughter of Leading Knight Tracy Horrell. Recently, Melissa has accepted duties related to scheduling other members of the staff and also trains new staff members. Melissa’s caring attitude, attention to detail and inexhaustible work ethic are the basis for many enjoyable evenings while dining at our Lodge. In fact, our House Committee should consider doubling Melissa’s salary. However, doubling the salary of a volunteer never pays the bills, after all, two times zero is still zero. Next time she takes your order, make sure you leave her a nice tip!



Printing and mailing costs for the Elksize are considerable, and time-consuming. Please help by clipping this coupon, printing your name and email address on it, and deliver it to the Lodge office or bar. We can get the same publication to you, in color, much faster, and at less cost to the Lodge. Alternatively, please call the office at (813) 831-4280 and leave a message with your name and email address. If regular mail is required for some purpose, we will still use it, perhaps in less expensive postcard form.

Elksize Goes Paperless!

NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ELKS DINING CLUB



Hello Dining Elks!

Our August Italian feast was delicious and as always a wonderful time of fellowship! So how do we follow? ... LET'S PARTY! This month we will tailgate Elks-style. Sunday, September 18th, we will enjoy your favorite tailgate foods as we watch the Bucs beat up on the Vikings!

Please bring something to share or a \$3 donation and come enjoy a cold beverage, something yummy to eat, and great company! The kickoff is at 1:00PM. We will plan to set food up at 2:00PM for half time. See you there - GO BUCS!

- Courtney Taylor



September Dining Club
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH
2:00PM

BARTENDER'S CORNER



Hello Elks Members:

Wow, it's September already, and football season is here! We've had some great events at the Lodge over the summer

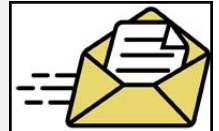
and are looking forward to fantastic times this fall. The reverse raffle, Homecoming, and State President visit are just a few of the things that will be occurring. On top of that, Mary Kate and I are ready to serve up your favorite football concoctions. Come on down, let's do some tailgating, and cheer on the Buccaneers to a winning football season! Mary Kate is serving on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and I am with you on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We also want to wish Sarah the best in her new endeavor with Villa Nova.

Peggi Tuttle | Bartender

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

Marty Quire | mquire@tampabay.rr.com

EMAIL ALERTS!



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1/4 Page.....\$120

1/2 Page.....\$240

Full Page.....\$480



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AMERICANISM REPORT | SEPTEMBER'S DAYS TO REMEMBER

America's proud history of forging together as a nation ever-strengthening our resolve to be a world power for Freedom's seldom seen before, which means once more America will celebrate Labor Day on Monday, September 5th 2011; a special day to pause; to give God thanks for all American citizens who work - whatever their endeavors in life may be. Now our thoughts of past Patriots and their heroic deeds come nigh, and behold-September 11th, 2011, is now America's day to recall, respect, and honor Patriot's Day all over America. September 11th also has a somber and dark moment as America's homeland was attacked by a devious and diabolical group of terrorists who plotted and failed to alter our nation's future. However, it was they - not America - that was forever changed, thus making these terrorists but a footnote to history. Following America's modern day tragedy of 2001, our citizenry is always reminded of past patriots who carefully crafted America's truths and freedom's ties so that now we can celebrate Constitution Day on Saturday, September 17th, 2011. Among the jewels of celebration in September of every American year befittingly comes our nation's joy and cultural celebration of Citizenship Day also on Saturday September 17th, 2011. Citizenship Day is to honor and fondly remember our waves of immigrant peoples who came from countries far and wide to become American citizens who will forever strengthen and renew our Freedom's tides. September will eternally be our month to remember, honor, and cherish all that a great nation can give us. Good and honest, successful labor; proven political, economic, social, cultural, and religious systems; and as American Elks the pride and love of and for Family with Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity ever-present in our daily lives.

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 Summers, Linda 1/2012
 Turpin, Bernie 5/2011
 White, Maurice
 Woodburn, John 11/2011



AND THEY'RE OFF!

All ELKS and guests who attended the July 30th ENF Horse Race enjoyed an auction, 50-50 raffle, food, and also witnessed the efforts of the committee come to fruition. After all the accounting was complete, you helped raise over \$1,700 for the Elks National Foundation.

While horse, "Barney Frank," made a first place appearance in the second race, Jerry Reid rode horse, "Quick Trigger" to overall victory in the final race of the day! Horse owner, Linda Reid, is so proud! There are truly so many Elks, Ladies of the Elks, friends, and auction item donors to thank. Handshakes and hugs to each and every one of you! Our success was possible because of you!
Vic Thomas | ENF Chairman



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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Rotisserie Chicken Dinner \$7
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Music * Dancing * Fun

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Tampa Lodge #708 Presents

Florida State Elks Association President's Banquet

Come and welcome our State President Frank D. Hayes and his wife Linda.
 Frank will deliver his message about the Florida State Elks Association

Saturday, September 10th
Cash bar at 6:00 pm—Dinner served at 7:00pm
\$15 per person – Tickets Available at Bar



**Double Grill Includes BOTH Filet Mignon and Grilled Chicken Breast,
 Salad, Vegetables, and Dessert**

SEPTEMBER 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



SIDES

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

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

September 2, 2011

CHEF MICHAEL'S CORNER



FIVE COURSE PRIX FIXE MENU \$24.95 OR INDIVIDUALLY PRICED

SALAD

HOUSE OR CAESAR SALAD

\$2.95 Bowl

Fresh herbs, seasonings, tomatoes, and onion grace this chicken-based soup with whole grain goodness

SOUP

SHRIMP & CRAB BISQUE

\$3.95 Bowl | \$1.95 Cup

APPETIZER OF THE DAY

\$6.95

Warm pecan-crust goat cheese with potato cakes, sliced pears, and raspberry-balsamic vinaigrette

ENTRÉE

Prix Fixe Special Accompaniment

GROUPER PICATTA

\$13.95

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

DESSERT

A FINE SELECTION OF SHERRY'S FAVORITES

\$3.00

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

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SEPTEMBER

2011 Lodge 708

SUNDAY

MONDAY




TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

				1 5:30PM-7:30PM THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER VEAL CACCIATORE WITH PASTA	2 6:30PM-8:30PM CHEF'S DINNER 6:30PM-10:30PM MUSIC - CHRIS & BOB	3 6:00PM-11:00PM VP STEVE HARMON'S DINNER DANCE REVERSE DRAW
4 8:30AM-12:00PM FULL MENU BREAKFAST	 5 3:00PM-7:00PM MEMBERSHIP DRIVE, PORK BUTT FAMILY BBQ, DESSERT CONTEST, YOUR FAVORITE GAMES! NO BINGO! <i>Labor Day</i>	6 BINGO EXTRAVAGANZA OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6:30PM EARLY BIRD 7:00PM JACKPOT \$25 PLAY INCLUDES FOOD 7PM JAM SESSION	7 6:00PM-7:00PM - OFFICER MEETING 7:30PM LOE MEETING	8 5:30PM-7:30PM THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER YOUTH CAMP	9 6:30PM-8:30PM DINNER 6:30PM-10:30PM MUSIC - STREET LIFE	10 6:00PM FSEA PRESIDENTS VS TO WCD AT 708
 11 8:30AM-12:00PM FULL MENU BREAKFAST ELKS DAY AT TROP. RAYS AND RED SOX <i>Grandparents' Day</i>	12 BINGO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6:30PM EARLY BIRD 7:00PM JACKPOT HOT SNACK BAR	13 6:30PM-7:30PM - SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS 6:30PM - HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	14 6:30PM-7:30PM - PER MEETING 7:30PM - LODGE MEETING	15 5:30PM-7:30PM THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER LOE	16 6:30PM-8:30PM DINNER 6:30PM-10:30PM MUSIC - KEITH & RUBY	 17 6:30PM WCD VP vs (708 HOMECOMING) <i>Constitution Day</i>
18 8:30AM-12:00PM FULL MENU BREAKFAST 2:00PM DINING CLUB 3:00PM-7:00PM BABY SHOWER	19 BINGO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6:30PM EARLY BIRD 7:00PM JACKPOT HOT SNACK BAR	20 6:30PM-7:30PM - SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS 6:30PM - MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 7PM JAM SESSION	21	22 5:30PM-7:30PM THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER 1/4 BBQ, POTATOE SALAD, BAKED BEANS FLOE CONFERENCE	23 6:30PM-8:30PM VETERAN'S DINNER 6:30PM-10:30PM MUSIC - KEITH & RUBY FLOE CONFERENCE	24 FLOE CONFERENCE FUN NIGHT FEATURING KARAOKE, FISH FRY 9:00AM-3:00PM YOUTH ACTIVITIES PRESENTS SAFETY DAY
25 8:30AM-12:00PM FULL MENU BREAKFAST	26 BINGO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6:30PM EARLY BIRD 7:00PM JACKPOT HOT SNACK BAR	27 6:30PM-7:30PM - SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS 6:30PM - HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	28 7:30PM - LODGE MEETING	29 5:30PM-7:30PM THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER PER'S BEEF TIPS AND NOODLES, VEGETABLES	30 6:30PM-8:30PM DINNER 6:30PM-10:30PM MUSIC - KATHY & PAUL	

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
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