



Lodge # 708

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## 110 Years - Tampa Elks Lodge #708

Is it possible? For those members of Tampa Lodge #708 who were around in 2002, you'll remember the booklet put together by the Centennial Committee, led by Then PDDGER Frank Palladini. This year marks our 110th anniversary of the Charter issued to Tampa Elks Lodge #708. With the attached article we begin a series of 6 monthly reflections on the beginning and development of our lodge over the past 110 years. The months will go by quickly, and in September when activities again pick up from the traditional Summer lull, we will celebrate our anniversary in style.... Join with us then and get to know more about your Lodge!

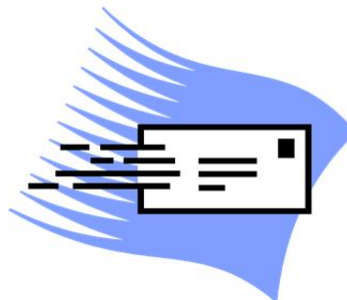
Paul DeLand & Lesley Nikkinen

Co-Chairs, 110th Anniversary Celebration Committee

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

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

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



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**EXALTED RULER ADDRESS | Tracy Horrell, ER**

It is a great honor to be Tampa Lodge #708 Exalted Ruler! I am very proud of our Lodge and its members. We have an exciting year ahead of us with many planned events to include our 110<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebration! Details will be forthcoming.

I want to send out a special thanks to our Ladies Auxiliary for their monetary contribution to help with the cost of food and decorations that made Installation night an awesome event! We could not do without our Ladies!

Also a huge thanks goes out to Shelagh Gombarcik, Lesley Nikkinen, and Wendy Hall for making the hall look so beautiful for such a special night. Great team work, ladies! Thanks goes to Paul DeLand for all his hard work in putting together the programs and all the other thousands of tasks I had him do. You are amazing! And we can't forget to send out kudos to Lynn Brown, Mike Manley, and Courtney Taylor for the fabulous meal we had - it was delicious! A huge thanks goes out to Marty Quire for all his hard work on the website as well as the web calendar, and for being there to take the pictures of our Installation! You are truly a special person and a fine Elk!

To my wonderful husband Addison and my family Lauren, Nick, Mikaela, and Melissa - I could not do this without your love and support. Thanks for being there!

To those of you working hard on projects or events for our Lodge keep up the good work and know that it is greatly appreciated. It takes time and energy to make our Lodge run smoothly and be successful! But I know if we all work together we will achieve great things!

If you would like to get involved or volunteer for a project or event please feel free to contact me by phone or email or see any Lodge officer. Any suggestions are always welcome. Help is always needed and appreciated.

I will end this month's news article with my motto for the year: **ELKS, STEP UP, STAND PROUD!**

<b>LOE APRIL BIRTHDAYS</b>	<p><i>“365 Report”</i></p> <p>Thanks to everyone who put a donation in our little houses on the bar and tables. It is the only money I have received. Keep on trying to fill them so we can keep the vans rolling.</p> <p><i>Vera Almstedt   “365” Chairperson</i></p>																
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**LOE PRESIDENT’S REPORT | Susie Harlow, LP**

This is my first article as your Lady President so please bear with me. To start out I would like to thank our PLP, Theresa Matthews, for a great year. It has been an honor to be her Vice President. I really have some big shoes to fill. She is a wonderful, genuinely nice person. She also is very smart and I will miss her at the Lodge. She handled all projects for the LOE with love. I also want to thank her husband AJ Matthews for all he did for the Ladies. I did not have to beg too hard. He cooked four of our Thursday night meals and also prepared a meeting night. He also was responsible for beautifying the entryway partially funded by the LOE. I also would like to thank Hailey for always bringing sunshine into a room.

We are starting the year off with an Easter party hosted by Sue Moore. Diane Lee-Adams will do 50/50 raffle and Vera Almstedt will continue as 365 Chair person.

Our Lady Elk of the year was Sue Moore. Theresa gave Barbara Huffman a special recognition award for the Hoe Down which has been her baby working alongside her husband Raymond for 11 years. Thank you, Barbara and Raymond. You deserve it. I hope everyone enjoyed the Gunsmoke skit. I loved it. I also would like to recognize everyone who helped with an event, bought chances and tickets, or decorated. I would like to thank Sue Mason who chaired a wonderful Halloween event with help from her daughter, Sarah Ferguson. It was a great event. I want to thank Raymond Huffman and Ed McCaffery who drove the vans back and forth during the FLOE Conference. I would like to thank Bob Orcutt and my dear *(Continued on Page 4)*

I would like to introduce my new slate of Officers of whom I am very proud:

**Sue Moore - Vice President**  
**Bonnie Atwood - Secretary**  
**Donna Halsey - Treasurer**  
**Richard Florance - Parliamentarian**  
**Elma Kelly - Chaplain**



Susie Harlow  
LOE President  
2012 - 2013

Lodge Officers	Board of Trustees	Committees	
<p><b>EXALTED RULER</b> Tracy Horrel, ER, PLP</p> <p><b>LEADING KNIGHT</b> Pat Boyd</p> <p><b>LOYAL KNIGHT</b> Richard Florance</p> <p><b>LECTURING KNIGHT</b> Albert Schnut</p> <p><b>TILER</b> Robert Summers</p> <p><b>SECRETARY</b> Nancy Keesler, PER</p> <p><b>TREASURER</b> David Partlow</p> <p><b>ESQUIRE</b> Cindy Linville</p> <p><b>INNER GUARD</b> Tamatha Manley</p> <p><b>CHAPLAIN</b> Dianne Cuccinello</p>	<p><b>5-Year</b> Brian Brantley</p> <p><b>4-Year</b> Addison Horrell</p> <p><b>3-Year</b> Robert Snyder</p> <p><b>2-Year</b> Open</p> <p><b>1-Year</b> William Edwards, PER, PLP</p> <div data-bbox="456 716 808 1066" style="text-align: center;"> </div>	<p><b>Accident Prevention</b> Addison Horrell</p> <p><b>Americanism</b> Richard Florance</p> <p><b>Athena House</b> Tracy Horrell, PLP</p> <p><b>Auditing</b> Ben Veneble</p> <p><b>Bell Ringers</b> Pat Fennell</p> <p><b>Bingo</b> Brian Brantley, PER</p> <p><b>Blood Mobile</b> Vic Thomas, PER</p> <p><b>Bulletin (Elksize)</b> Michelle Przywara</p> <p><b>Bylaws</b> Chris Miles</p> <p><b>Community Activities</b> Vic Thomas, PER</p> <p><b>Convention</b> William Edwards, PER, PLP</p> <p><b>Drug Awareness</b> John Wayne, PER</p> <p><b>Elks National Foundation</b> Vic Thomas, PER</p> <p><b>Elks Training</b> Pat Boyd</p> <p><b>Entertainment</b> Robert Summers</p> <p><b>Flag Day</b> Richard Florance</p> <p><b>Government Relations</b> Pat Boyd</p> <p><b>Hall Activities</b> Courtney Taylor</p>	<p><b>Harry Anna Foundation</b> Pat Boyd</p> <p><b>Hoop Shoot</b> John Wayne, PER</p> <p><b>House Committee</b> Carl Williamson, PER</p> <p><b>Indoctrination</b> Pat Boyd</p> <p><b>LOE Liaison</b> Susie Harlow</p> <p><b>Lodge Activities</b> Addison Horrell</p> <p><b>Maintenance</b> Jay Lleras</p> <p><b>Membership / Lapsation</b> Courtney Taylor</p> <p><b>Memorial Day</b> Richard Florance</p> <p><b>Mother's Day</b> Tracy Horrell, ER, PLP</p> <p><b>Officer Attendance</b> Tracy Horrell, ER, PLP</p> <p><b>Parliamentarian</b> Lisa Snyder</p> <p><b>Presiding Justice</b> John Redding</p> <p><b>Public Relations</b> Kim VanWalker</p> <p><b>Sickness</b> Pat Boyd</p> <p><b>Soccer Shoot</b> John Wayne, PER</p> <p><b>Sports Activities</b> John Wayne, PER</p> <p><b>Veterans Services</b> Jan Bertoch</p> <p><b>Visitation</b> Leslie Nikkinen</p> <p><b>Website</b> Marty Quire</p> <p><b>Youth Activities</b> John Wayne, PER</p>
Grand Lodge & State	Ladies of the Elks		
<p><b>Elks National Veterans Commission Veterans Representative</b> Brian Brantley, PER</p> <p><b>V.A.V.S. Deputy</b> Vernon Pickenpaugh</p> <p><b>FSEA Past President W.C.D. Sponsor</b> Frank Palladini PER, PVP, PDD, PSP, PGLC</p> <p><b>FSEA Lodge Liaison Membership Lodge #708</b> Pat Boyd, Loyal Knight</p> <p><b>W.C.D. Vice President</b> Steve Harmon, PER</p>	<p><b>President</b> Susie Harlow</p> <p><b>Vice President</b> Sue Moore</p> <p><b>Secretary</b> Bonnie Atwood</p> <p><b>Treasurer</b> Donna Halsey</p> <p><b>Parliamentarian</b> Richard Florance</p> <p><b>Chaplain</b> Elma Kelly</p>		
<p><i><b>Tampa Lodge 708 List of Officers 2012 - 2013</b></i></p>			



# WALK-A-THON FOR

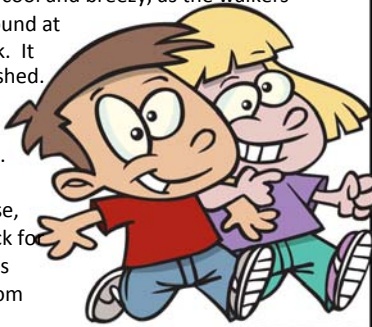
## Children's Therapy Services

Sponsored by Ladies of the Elks Auxiliary  
Tampa Lodge #708

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 the Ladies of the Elks Auxiliary, Tampa #708 (Tampa LOE), held a Walk-A-Thon to benefit Florida Elks Charities. It is a tradition for the Tampa LOE to use the Walk-A-Thon as a means to raise money for Florida Elk's Children's Therapy Services, specifically for supplies to be used by the therapists who work in West Central Florida.

We met at Ballast Point Park at 9:00AM; it was the first day of Daylight Savings Time. Raymond Huffman agreed to walk as a substitute for Theresa Harlow, Lady President, who couldn't participate. Barbara Huffman, PLP, Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP, Suzanne Moore, Vice President-elect, and Lisa Snyder, Parliamentarian, were among the members who walked. It was a beautiful morning, cool and breezy, as the walkers strolled down Bayshore, turned around at Waverly, and came back to the park. It was about 10:30AM when they finished.

The members who were planning to walk had been given sign up sheets to request donations. The money poured in from friends, neighbors, co-workers, and of course, from LOE and Elks members. A check for \$1,067.25 will be taken to the Ladies Luncheon at the Elks Convention from the Tampa LOE Walk-A-Thon!



I would like to thank each person who donated any amount to this project. I offer a special "thank you" from the bottom of my heart to all who walked, especially Raymond, who walked with blistered ankles during the final mile.

Rita Smith, PLP



### APRIL ELKS BIRTHDAYS!

Joseph Dempsey 4/3	Frank Dudek 4/17
Michael Huskey 4/4	Marilyn Fennell 4/18
Sandra VansEvers 4/7	Delbert Piper 4/19
Howard Meier 4/8	R. Palmer 4/20
John Wayne 4/9	Stephen MacNeil 4/22
Lynn Szeliga 4/10	Brian Brantley 4/23
Mary Lavertue 4/11	Wendy Qualls 4/25
Jay Lleras 4/12	Marie Scheu 4/25
Carol McEvoy 4/12	Sandra Lake 4/28
Mary Grivois 4/14	Henry Smith, Jr. 4/28
John McLaughlin 4/14	Todd Bray 4/29
Betty Pring 4/16	Angel Maldonado 4/29
Craig Christen 4/17	Michelle Clayton 4/30



Prizes needed for a Pop-It-And-Win-It game to be held at the Florida State Elks convention in May in Orlando. All donations are very much appreciated. Gift cards, prizes, any and all items.

Contact Tammy Manley at (813) 831-5796 for details!

### Members:

Dues were over charged in error of \$2.75.



Therefore, please see the Lodge Secretary to receive a voucher and enjoy a drink in the Lounge on us!

### LOE PRESIDENT'S REPORT *(Continued from Page 2)*

sister, Betty Gnadtt, who jumped in to cook and take care of anything else the LOE needed. I would like to thank my other dear sister, Rosa Luer, who came up for conference, convention, and Gasparilla to help. What can I say about my adopted sister, Lisa Snyder, and her husband, Bob. Bob was always willing to cook and help get the sign out front repaired. Lisa was my right hand lady. She did all the brochures, bylaw reprints, and membership cards. She purchased the PLP frame and provides advice to me as I need it. Last but not least I would like to thank my husband, James, for always supporting me. I hope I did not leave anyone out. It was not intentional. I know our editor, Michelle Przywara, is getting a bit nervous. Next month if I have enough room there are other members I would like to recognize.

In Your Service, Susie Harlow | LOE President

## GRAND LODGE AWARD WINNERS

A.J. Matthews, PER

### Albert Schnut, Lodge Esquire – Officer of the Year

It is hardly a surprise that Lodge Esquire, Al Schnut, was selected as Tampa Lodge #708's Officer of the Year. After all, he was and continues to be "everywhere!" Al has spent more time in the kitchen than a number of the appliances and he has continued to volunteer for a number of Lodge functions including: Mother's Day, Flag Day, the Pre-Independence Bash, the Pajama Party, the Veteran's Appreciation Ball, and most recently, the Sadie Hawkins Dinner Dance. Come to think of it, I don't believe that Al knows how to say "no." Keep up the good work!

### Susie Harlow – Elk of the Year

This one wasn't difficult at all. Susie has been volunteering at the Lodge and lending her time to make our Lodge Banquet Hall activities a success long before she was a member. At the same time, she continued to volunteer weekly as a valuable member of the Bingo Committee where her knowledge and positive energy were essential while Bingo Chairman, Brian Brantley, was under the weather. In addition, Susie was one of the talented members who were responsible for creating a decorative occasions for formal Lodge functions, including the State President's visit, Steve Harmon's Homecoming, the Veteran's Appreciation Dinner, and New Year's Eve. Without Susie, many of our regular Lodge functions would not nearly have been as attractive and successful as they were.

### Ed McCaffery - Citizen of the Year

Many of our Elks know Ed McCaffery as our Lodge Secretary for the first half of the year. But Ed is an institution all on his own. For many years and after he left office, Ed has been a driving force as the President of the National Organization for Transplant Enlightenment. Their mission is to promote the need for organ and tissue donation through public awareness and education, as well, to provide information on social, emotional, and financial support opportunities to transplant recipients, caregivers, and those awaiting transplantation. Ed never stops caring and is an example for sharing of his time, energies, and financial support.

### *Recipients for the Grand Exalted Ruler Special Commendation include:*

#### Brian Brantley, PER - Lodge Trustee and Bingo Committee Chairman

Without Brian's attention to detail and his tireless energy, Tampa Lodge #708 was blessed with the ability to donate to a variety of charities this year. These donations had a very positive impact on our community and will go a long way to promoting a positive image for our Lodge.

#### Michelle Przywara - Lodge Bulletin Chairman and Editor in Chief

As far as Lodge bulletins go, nobody does it better! Thank you, Michelle, for your hard work and dedication in helping Tampa Lodge #708 get the word out. We could not have done it without you.

#### Richard L. Schneider, PER - Kitchen Chairman

Rick's expertise and dedication did wonders for bringing our kitchen and Friday dinners back to the standards that we all appreciated. In addition, Rick was essential to the maintenance and replacement of several high dollar pieces of kitchen equipment. Rick's legacy will live on!

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES NEWS

April is a quiet month for Youth Activities, however, May will include Bowl-A-Rama at Pinarama Lanes in South Tampa. Date to be announced soon! Remember the LOE Easter Party on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Lodge at 1PM. The Easter Bunny will be there, too! Contact John Wayne at (813) 837-4252 for more information about ongoing Youth Activities.

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 10/2012  
 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

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

**Grand Lodge | [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org)**

**Florida State Elks Association | [www.floridaelks.org](http://www.floridaelks.org)**

**Florida State Elks Online Community Forum: | [www.talkoftheelks.org](http://www.talkoftheelks.org)**



## American Cancer Relay for Life Pat Boyd, Leading Knight

Once again Tampa Elks Lodge #708 is proud to be sponsoring a team in the 2012 American Cancer Society Relay for Life. The event is being held on April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at Coleman Middle School in South Tampa. We have all known family, friends, or fellow Elks who have battled this crushing disease. We continue to honor our own Tommy McHugh with our team name, "Me and My Monkeys." Help us honor his name in the finest of Elk tradition. Though we have lost some, we, as Elks, continue to assist in finding a cure. Join us in this endeavor!

Tampa Elks Lodge #708, through the generosity of the Bingo Fund, has donated \$500 towards the "Me and My Monkeys" walking team. All of this money is going toward the American Cancer Society Fund. We ask YOU, our fellow Elks, to help in any of the following ways:

- Participate in the walk itself. A few laps or other such contribution show that "Elks Care, Elks Share!"
- Help raise money for those participating. Our goal is to match the Elks initial \$500 donation.
- Sponsor an activity at the event to help raise additional funds. You decide what you can do. It should come from the heart!
- Provide enthusiastic support for your fellow Elks participating in the event by being at the site for some period of time. Last year your fellow Elks were there for over eighteen hours!
- Show your support by attending the Survivors Ceremony.
- The event is fast approaching and we need you NOW. Get involved by contacting Pat Boyd, Project Chair, at (813) 505-7485 and volunteer your money, time, and enthusiasm for this most noble of causes.

**A sign-up sheet can be found at the Lodge for your convenience.**  
 "Step Up and Stand Proud," for Elks really are the Best People on Earth.

### GASPARILLA 2012

On 3/5/12, during a meeting with Dave Partlow, Brian Brantley, Bill Edwards, Tracy Horrell, and I turned over the Chairmanship of the PER sponsored Gasparilla event to PER, Bill Edwards after having served 14 years in that position. Over the past 12 years, since the Annual Boat Parade Party became a major Lodge fundraiser, Brian and Bill have served loyally as Co-Chairmen. As reported by Brian at the 2/8/12 Lodge meeting, this year's event net profit was \$2,489, bringing the 12 year accumulated net profit to \$60,775 before considering any profit earned by the bar over the past 12 years on this day.

A special thanks to PER, Rick Schneider, and his wife, Jan, who spent over 12 hours with their kitchen crews on Gasparilla Saturday as well as Bill Edwards, Vic and Bernice Thomas and their team for set up on Friday, and managing and tear down of the hall on Saturday, Lynn Brown and her volunteers all day Friday and Saturday, John and Flo Wayne, and Dick Florance for many miles driven before and at the event, Carrie Ann Lesky once again for the Gasparilla decorated cakes, Tracy Horrell for the medallion beads, Debbie Palladini, Rose Durant, and British Naval Captain, Andy Rogers, for their record breaking 50-50 per capita sales revenue, and Flo Wayne and her bead table sales volunteers listed in the March bulletin.

The following is a summary of the grand totals of revenue and expenses reported on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 by Brian Brantley, PER. Detail figures, reports, and receipts are on file with Treasurer, Dave Partlow, in the Lodge office.

**REVENUE:**

Customer ticket sales	\$ 6,030
50-50 Revenue	\$ 435
Beads, Jell-o shots, sunglasses	<u>\$ 178</u>
<b>TOTAL SALES REVENUE</b>	<b>\$6,643</b>

**Total Expenses: \$4,154**

**Net Profit: \$2,489**

**EXPENSES:**

**Paid by Lodge**

Food purchases	\$ 704
Buses, rent, music	<u>\$ 2,550</u>
<b>Total Paid by Lodge</b>	<b>\$3,254</b>

**Paid by Palladini – Seed**

Food purchases	\$ 393
Beads	\$ 298
Gas & Tolls	\$ 52
Tickets, Supplies	\$ 31
Volunteers	\$ 86
Dishwasher, Tips	<u>\$ 40</u>
<b>Total Paid by Palladini</b>	<b>\$ 900</b>



Thank you also to Michael and Tammy Manley for your Harry-Anna fund raising efforts all day on Saturday. Bead inventory, having a total value at the cost of \$157.53, was turned over to the Lodge Treasurer and PERs Edwards and Brantley on 3/5/12. While I have retired as Gasparilla Chairman, I will assist the PERs before and during future boat parade events whenever possible.



*Sincerely,*

*Frank J. Palladini, LM, PER, PVP, PDD, PSP, PGLC  
Gasparilla Chairman*





**Do you plan on going to this year's Florida State Elks Convention?**

**MAY 24<sup>th</sup> through MAY 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Disney's Coronado Springs Resort  
Orlando, FL**

**APRIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

<b>TRUSTEES MEETING</b>		
Tuesday	4/3	7:00PM
<b>OFFICERS MEETING</b>		
Wednesday	4/4	6:30PM
<b>LOE MEETING</b>		
Wednesday	4/4	7:30PM
<b>House Committee</b>		
Tuesday	4/10	7:00PM
Tuesday	4/24	7:00PM
<b>PER MEETING</b>		
Wednesday	4/11	6:30PM
<b>LODGE MEETING</b>		
Wednesday	4/11	7:30PM
Wednesday	4/25	7:30PM
<b>MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE</b>		
Contact Pat Boyd		
<b>ATHENA HOUSE</b>		
Contact Tracy Horrell		

If you plan on attending, you can go online at [www.floridaelks.org](http://www.floridaelks.org) to reserve your room and pre-register. The cost is \$133.88 per night including tax. One night's deposit is required. You can also reserve a room by calling Disney direct by phone at (407) 939-1020 and mention that you are an Elk. If you have never attended a State Convention, this is an opportunity to meet fellow Elks from throughout the state. If you plan on attending, don't put off 'till tomorrow what you should have done **TODAY!** As the Chairman for Tampa, I encourage you to consider attending. I am also looking for volunteers to help and Tracy Horrell, me, and Tampa Lodge #708 be the **BEST** Lodge at the convention. Don't forget, "IF YOU SNOOZE YOU LOSE!"

If you have any questions feel free to e-mail me at [wtedwards1@aol.com](mailto:wtedwards1@aol.com) or phone me at (813) 495-1083.  
**Bill Edwards, PER, PLP**

**HELP Tampa Elks Move Boldly Toward the Future!**

We are currently forming several call teams. The purpose of these teams is to make weekly calls to YOU, our members, in an effort to fully understand what your needs are as well as your wishes for OUR Lodge.

Ideally, we would like to develop four teams of five people each. Each team would rotate through a portion of our membership roster and solicit current contact information, sickness and distress, as well as share information such as birthdays, weddings, graduations, etc. Your fellow Elks want to know what is happening with their friends. We will also use this medium to inform our membership of upcoming projects and events.

If you have would like to be a part of this expanded communications effort, contact Pat Boyd at (813) 505-7485 and we will match up your availability with others to put this effort into action. When we spread out the load, nobody is over-worked and the FUN we experience will be that much more enjoyable. "Step UP and Stand Out." I hope to hear from you soon!

Tampa Lodge #708  
Second Annual ■Low Country Boil■  
April 21st, 2012



**\$10.00 each**

**Serving includes:**  
Boiled Shrimp  
Sausage  
Potatoes  
Corn



Tampa's own Addison Horrell and Tommy Miller will be the Chefs.  
All members and family of the  
**Best People On Earth**  
Are welcome!!!



**AlaCart items Include:**  
Farm fed Catfish (bone in) \$2.50 each  
Oyster Bar (raw or steamed) at \$0.50each



Tickets will be available AT THE BAR  
Project Chair Bill (Barnacle) Edwards  
And Members of the  
2012 FSEA Convention Committee



This Family Event is being presented to cover Tampa 708 expenses of the 2012 FSEA Convention Hospitality Room.  
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**Serving begins at 5:00 PM**



## YOUTH CAMP NEWS



Summer is almost upon us and the #1 Youth Camp in the USA is filling up quickly. To get your child, ages 9 to 13, enrolled be sure to complete the Youth Camp application and return it to me as soon as possible. New friends, fun, and much more await them all for FREE! Remember to patronize our second Thursday meal at Tampa Lodge #708 for only \$7.00 to contribute to the camp.

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

### OFFICER OF THE MONTH

#### Pat Boyd, Leading Knight

Pat has not only been a good friend, he makes a fine officer for our Lodge! He spends a lot of time working on membership and promoting our Lodge. He is always there to lend a helping hand in the kitchen when needed or help set up for events while having a big smile on his face! If he hears negativity, his come back is, "Now tell me something good!" His positive attitude and his determination are what make him a great Elk! The next time you see Pat in the Lodge, tell him something good!

### ELKS OF THE MONTH

#### Lynn Brown and Paul DeLand

These two people deserve a huge hug and a big thank you! Lynn is always ready to help in the kitchen and you never have to ask her twice. She went above and beyond to make sure the dinner for Installation was perfect! She is there to meet the delivery people and puts everything away without expecting anything in return. You can always find her in the kitchen cooking something delicious! Paul is an electronic brochure-making wizard! The programs for Installation were awesome! He has been working non-stop to make sure Installation night was perfect! I appreciated all the tips and advice he gave me, many times of which were while he was on the road traveling! Please join me in congratulating these fine Elks!



### Welcome to a New Beginning | Pat Boyd, Leading Knight

A new beginning is upon us. The winter thaw has begun and the greens of spring are beginning to rise from the once frozen earth. The rhetorical question now is where do we plant our seeds of fellowship, camaraderie, love, and trust? The trials of winter don't destroy, rather, create a system of checks and balances which make every organism flourish. I, for one, believe that Elkdom within Tampa Lodge #708 will be the fertile soil upon which our seeds will flourish. We begin the year under new management. Our new officers have accepted the challenge and are ready to move forward! Elks never truly forget the good times of the past, and our faults, like the shadows of winter, shall diminish. I ask NOW, my fellow Elk members, look towards the future in partnership with exuberance and enthusiasm.

As you read in our ER's article, the motto for the year is "Elks, Step Up, Stand Proud." This will be a combined effort of friends and acquaintances displaying cordiality and professionalism toward each and every fellow Elk. There are many venues of which our membership can partake. I encourage our mature members to come to the Lodge and share their wealth of knowledge. I urge the newer members to get involved in the myriad of events. By doing so, both will reap the rewards of good stewardship in our Lodge. All members should attempt to make at least one of the VP Visitations to another Lodge. This is a learning tool for Elkdom and extends the hand of friendship. By stepping UP through personal involvement you make a difference in your Lodge, your community, and your life. Our goals, also known as "Elkdom Projects", completed with a combined effort of individuals makes us stand out.

This year Tampa Elks celebrate one hundred and ten years in the order. There is no time like the present to sow the seeds of Elkdom throughout the community. We can begin by showing our Elk spirit within the Lodge. Bring nothing but a smile and a good word! This is your call, as Elks, to prove we celebrate our differences, share our experiences, and grow this garden of Elkdom. This is the growth that a new year will bring... **Let us as Elks "Step UP and Stand Out" in all aspects of life.**



## ELKS DINING CLUB



The next **Elks Dining Club** is scheduled for  
 Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM

April's theme is:

### All Appetizer Dinner



We have tentatively set aside the third Sunday of each month at 5:00PM on the Lodge calendar for our

Dining Club. I am suggesting that our April theme be an

"All Appetizer" dinner, with everyone bringing their favorite hors d'oeuvres.

Come and eat...either bring your delicious creations, or throw a donation in the kitty to defray kitchen costs.

My mouth is already watering...

**For more information, email Candy Hodgson at [chodgson2@verizon.net](mailto:chodgson2@verizon.net) - Candy Hodgson**

### BARTENDER'S CORNER



Hello, Elks members! It's tax time (yuck). Yes, we are already in April. That means an Easter Party for the children (of all ages!) Also, come on down to the lounge and discover what drink specials are going to help you do your taxes, or help you spend your return!

If you were present for the Installation of Officers or the

Awards Night dinners in March then you know everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. Another notable experience in the Lodge in March was the March 18<sup>th</sup> Dining Club. I want to thank all the members and guests who helped make the start of the Dining Club season a great success. All who attended and participated enjoyed a plethora of wonderful delectable delights! Thanks also go out to everyone for making my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday quite memorable. The Dining Club is going to continue this mouthwatering endeavor on the third Sunday of every month. Come one and all and participate in this relaxed dining experience. Candy Hodgson is heading up this endeavor and would like feedback on themes, prior experiences with the Dining Club, or any suggestions you, as members, would like to contribute. Please contact Candy directly at [chodgson2@verizon.net](mailto:chodgson2@verizon.net) or pass your suggestions through the lounge.

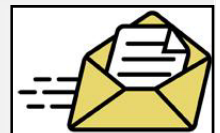
Remember, your bartenders continue to serve you your favorite libations and always look forward to seeing you!

**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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**AMERICANISM REPORT | "America's Diversity of Religious Faiths"**

As American citizens we were given by our insightful and devout forefathers the "inalienable right" to see, learn about, and practice the rites and rituals of any chosen religion without the fear of persecution or retribution from any other groups of different religious believers that differ from our chosen faiths. Moreover, America's laws of the land clearly spell out that there shall be a separation of church (any religion) and that of political organizations, meaning the national, state, or other organized governments that maintain, protect, and defend our nation as a country. The three documents that were created to clearly and forever proclaim the sovereignty and sanctity of America as a new nation are the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States of America, and the Bill of Rights. In the beginnings of America - those who came to our shores shared Christianity as their chosen faith. Native Americans were even enjoined to become faithful Christians. Over the decades and centuries America has become the home to and refuge for many religiously persecuted people so that now in 2012 there is a great and proud plethora of religions all across America that freely choose and practice their religious faiths. Our America is blessed in many ways as the home of the brave and land of the free - so as you move about to celebrate and to practice your chosen religion - remember Sunday - April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 is Easter for Christians - but beyond that we should all realize that America is the one nation in the world where the diversity of religious faiths is actively engaged in an ongoing celebration of all religions -- and thus truly free. As Americans and Elks we should be ever mindful and thankful for God's grace that grants us our religious freedoms. All Elks should be as charitable as they can be to support your religious choice, remembering that Elks Care, Elks Share.

**Richard Florance | (813) 831-0518 | rfflorance@yahoo.com**

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**BINGO!**

**Every Monday Night**  
 6:30PM Early Bird  
 7:00PM Jackpot, Hot Snack Bar



**SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS!**

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

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

**Save the date!**  
**Florida State Elks Convention**  
**May 24<sup>th</sup> - May 27<sup>th</sup>**



**Disney's Coronado Springs Resort**  
**Orlando, FL**

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!**

Grand Lodge | [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org)  
 Florida State Elks Association | [www.floridaelks.org](http://www.floridaelks.org)  
 Florida State Elks Online Community Forum: | [www.talkoftheelks.org](http://www.talkoftheelks.org)

## Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

LOE CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY	Sun	4/1/2012
POT LUCK & MEMBERSHIP EVENT	Sat	4/14/2012
DINING CLUB "APPETIZERS"	Sun	4/15/2012
PER INSTALLATION & DINNER	Fri	4/20/2012
LOW COUNTRY BOIL	Sat	4/21/2012
AMERICAN CANCER RELAY	Fri & Sat	4/27/2012
CINCO DE MAYO & BULL RACE	Sat	5/5/2012
PER PICNIC, ST. PETE LODGE	Sun	5/6/2012
MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION	Sun	5/13/2012
DINING CLUB	Sun	5/20/2012
FL STATE ELKS CONVENTION	Thu—Sun	5/24/2012

## April Band Schedule

LIVE MUSIC EVERY FRIDAY!



Chris and Bob 4/6

*A Great Duo!*

Kathy and Paul 4/13

*Back Again For Your Entertainment!*

One Big Sky 4/20

*They're Back!*

Keith and Ruby 4/27

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Chair!  
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Tickets available at the Bar!

\$2.00 each /  
6 tickets for \$10.00

You don't have to be present to win!  
Drawing Held on Saturday May 26th  
The Florida Elks State Convention

### ATTENTION LOE MEMBERS!

Ladies of the Elks dues for 2012-2013 are due April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Dues are \$15. If you plan on writing a check, please make it out to **Ladies of the Elks**. Mail your checks to the Lodge or to:

Barbara Huffman PLP  
3518 W. Cherokee Ave.  
Tampa, FL 33611

Thanks, Barbara Huffman | PLP Membership Chairperson



### Was your departed a veteran?

Tampa Elks Lodge #708 wants you to know that if your loved one was in the U.S. Military, you can order an engraved paper Presidential Memorial Certificate. It is free and we can give you the information needed to request these certificates. Go to [www.felks.org](http://www.felks.org) and click on **PMC Program** or contact **Bob Thornburg at (727) 512-4822**.

The Harry-Anna Foundation Fundraiser is coming in early fall. Keep your eyes on the Elksize for more information!  
Pat Boyd, Leading Knight, Harry-Anna Chairman

### Have you lost or misplaced your DD214? Would you like copies of all your records?

Where to go or what to do. The answers are simple and here are some solutions. If you are not in a hurry, simply logon to [www.va.gov/forms](http://www.va.gov/forms) and request form SF-180. Fill out the form and mail to:

Military Personnel Records  
9700 Page Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

Or the fastest way is to type in or click on the link below. Click **Yes** and you should see your records in a week or less.  
[www.vetrecs.archives.gov](http://www.vetrecs.archives.gov)

One more little bit of information. If you visit the local VA Hospitals on a regular basis, you can obtain your medical records by going to the basement of the hospital; find the records department and they will copy all of your medical records.

Thanks for your support of our Veterans  
Your National Veterans Service Officer

## APRIL FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER MENU

### 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



#### SOUP DU JOUR

**\$2.95 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**

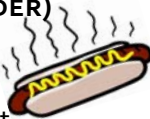
4oz. of lean beef, grilled to perfection, topped with lettuce, tomato, onion and pickle on toasted bun and served with 1/2lb. of golden fries

#### THE CALF CLUB (KIDS 11 AND UNDER)

**INCLUDES SODA & FRIES**

**\$3.95**

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



#### DESSERT

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Ask your server about the dessert of the day!

### SIDES

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**\$2.29**



ONION RINGS  
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SOUP DU JOUR  
**\$2.95 Bowl | \$1.95 Cup**

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APRIL 6, 2012

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**ROASTED CHICKEN**

**\$10.95**

**STEAK**

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APRIL 13, 2012

**SALMON WITH DILL SAUCE**

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**STUFFED CHICKEN**

**\$10.95**



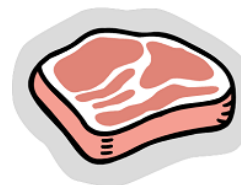
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**RIBS**

**\$10.95**

**SIRLOIN**

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APRIL 27, 2012

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# APRIL 2012 Lodge 708

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 8:30AM-12:00PM Full Menu Breakfast 1:00PM-3:00PM CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY LOE	<b>2</b> 2:30PM BRIDGE CLUB BINGO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6:30PM EARLY BIRD 7:00PM JACKPOT HOT SNACK BAR	<b>3</b> 6:30PM-7:30PM - SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS 7PM JAM SESSION 7PM TRUSTEES MEETING	<b>4</b> 6:30PM OFFICERS MEETING 7:30PM LOE MEETING	<b>5</b> 5:30PM-7:30PM THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER OVEN FRIED CHICKEN, ROASTED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS	<b>6</b> 6:30PM-9:00PM LODGE DINNER 6:30PM - 11:00PM MUSIC - CHRIS & BOB	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>  8:30AM-12:00PM Full Menu Breakfast Easter	<b>9</b> 2:30PM BRIDGE CLUB BINGO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6:30PM EARLY BIRD 7:00PM JACKPOT HOT SNACK BAR	<b>10</b> 6:30PM-7:30PM - SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS 7PM HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	<b>11</b> 6:30-7:30PM PER MEETING 7:30PM LODGE MEETING	<b>12</b> 5:30PM-7:30PM YOUTH DINNER MEAT LOAF, AU GRATIN POTATOES	<b>13</b> 6:30PM-9:00PM LODGE DINNER 6:30PM - 11:00PM MUSIC - KATHY & PAUL	<b>14</b> POT LUCK & MEMBERSHIP PARTY
<b>15</b> 8:30AM-12:00PM Full Menu Breakfast ELKS DINING CLUB "APPETIZERS"	<b>16</b> 2:30PM BRIDGE CLUB BINGO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6:30PM EARLY BIRD 7:00PM JACKPOT HOT SNACK BAR	<b>17</b> 6:30PM-7:30PM SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS 7PM JAM SESSION	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 5:30PM-7:30PM LOE DINNER CALL LODGE	<b>20</b> 6:30PM-9:00PM LODGE DINNER 6:30PM-11:00PM MUSIC - ONE BIG SKY PER INSTALLATION & DINNER	<b>21</b> 5:00PM LOW COUNTRY BOIL
<b>22</b> 8:30AM-12:00PM Full Menu Breakfast	<b>23</b> 2:30PM BRIDGE CLUB BINGO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6:30PM EARLY BIRD 7:00PM JACKPOT HOT SNACK BAR	<b>24</b> 6:30PM-7:30PM - SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS 7PM HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	<b>25</b> 7:30PM LODGE MEETING	<b>26</b> 5:30PM-7:30PM THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT SPAGHETTI, MEATBALLS, GARLIC BREAD, SALAD	<b>27</b> 6:30PM-8:30PM LODGE DINNER VETERANS' DINNER 6:30PM-11:00PM MUSIC - KEITH & RUBY AMERICAN CANCER RELAY FOR LIFE	<b>28</b> AMERICAN CANCER RELAY FOR LIFE
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
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