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A.J. Matthews
Exalted Ruler
2011—2012

EXALTED RULER ADDRESS

Happy New Year!

Now would you have expected less? Of course I was going to lead-in with a warm welcome of the New Year. After all, we have had our parties, we have celebrated, and for the most part, each and every one of us has done our best to take something to excess. Maybe it was staying up late, eating a bit too much, celebrating a bit too hard, or putting up with family a bit too long (whether we wanted to or not). But New Year's Day and January is all about a new start, a new beginning, and even football! Although I think you really didn't expect me to cover football in this article, did you?

Celebrating the New Year is nothing new. In fact, according to Wikipedia and several other sources (you didn't really think that I knew all this stuff?), the practice dates back to 4000 BC. But January 1st wasn't always the beginning of the New Year. Back in 2000 BC, the Babylonian New Year was celebrated with the first crescent moon after the Vernal Equinox, or the first day of Spring. It had more to do with planting crops and the symbolic re-birth that followed the seemingly unproductive winter months.

It wasn't until 153 BC when the Roman Senate is credited with adopting January 1st as the beginning of the New Year. Of course Julius Caesar had to have a hand in messing with the calendar in

46 BC when he established the Julian calendar. In doing so, Old Julius naturally had to do this his way, which resulted in the preceding year lasting some 445 days! Of course the football gods are well pleased that Julius had the foresight to bring the celebration of the New Year to January. It would have been a real long season if the college teams had to wait until spring to hold their bowl games. And might I add college football on January 1st is a tradition that dates back to 1916 when the Tournament of Roses made the Rose Bowl Game a centerpiece in its celebration of the New Year.

There is no secret that football has had a rather large place in my life. After all, many believe that football is life! Simply put, football is a game of teamwork, defending territory, and skill. It teaches so much about life. Still, January is smack full of football contests that include college bowl games, the Bowl Championship Series National Championship Sugar Bowl, NFL playoff contests, and we might even throw in a few ice skating competitions (not for me unless my girls take up competitive skating). But as we roll towards February, don't forget to put **February 5th** on your calendar. That is **Super Bowl Sunday!** Tampa Lodge #708 will begin our festivities by hosting our annual **Chili Cook-Off**. Then in keeping with our efforts to do *(Continued on Page 4)*

Saturday, January 21st



11th Annual

LOE Country Hoe Down

Dinner, Music, Jello Shots,
Costume Contest!

Dinner Starts at 6:00PM!

Saturday, January 28th

Gasparilla Boat Party

Join ye fellow mateys for beads,
pillaging, and fun as Jose Gaspar
invades the City of Tampa!

7:00AM—6:00PM

Contact the Lodge for details!





Theresa Matthews
L.O.E. President

THE LOE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

If you are reading this then you survived the holidays! **Happy New Year to everyone!**

We had a very busy December. I am sure January will prove to be just as busy. We had a fun meeting in December with our gift and cookie exchange. We were able to support the **Elk's Children's Christmas Party** with around \$800. This was due to donations by members, purchases from the Lollipop tree, and the money we all voted to donate in lieu of the Salvation Army stockings. Thank you all for your kind generosity, not just during the holiday season, but year round.

Being President of the LOE is one of my proudest accomplishments. The ladies and gentlemen of the LOE are one of the best groups of people I have had the pleasure of working with. With just three months left of my term, I am feeling somewhat melancholy. We will have a lot of great activities for the remainder of the year. If anyone has any particular topic or guest speaker they would like at a meeting, please let me know and we will try to make it happen.

January 21st will be the big Hoe Down event. Please get your tickets early. Please see Barbara Huffman if you would like to sell some tickets as well. This event is open to the public so invite your friends, co-workers, and family. Just watch out for Sherriff Raymond and his Deputy Hailey! **February 5th will be the Super Bowl Party** hosted by the Lodge House Committee. There will be a chili and a chicken wing cook-off.

Plan to attend and enter your favorite recipes. Prizes will be given out for top finishers.

The LOE Thursday night dinner will be on January 19th. Our very own Bob Snyder will be cooking chicken a la king. This will be a great meal and will help support the Lodge and the LOE. Hope to see you there! We will be planning the **Walk-a-thon for March** as our annual big fund raiser for the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services (FECTS). We were able to send a very large check last year and hope to meet (or beat) it this year. Dust off those sneakers and start warming up now!

In Your Service, Theresa Matthews | LOE President

LOE JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ray Huffman	I/11
John Flowers	I/15
Shirley Adams	I/20
Sandra Andrews	I/28

"365 Report"

Hope everybody had a nice holiday!

We need to fill up our little homes for the our children. They have to keep the vans running.

Vera Almstedt | "365" Chairperson

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

We hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. Hard to believe 2012 is already here. The New Year has brought about some changes to the House Committee. First, we would like to welcome Rick Schneider as our new Kitchen Chairman. Rick jumped in and started helping out while Brian was in the hospital. We are thankful Rick was able to carry on where Brian left off and allow Brian the time to recuperate without worrying about the kitchen. We are also thankful Brian is doing better and has brought his smiling face back to the Lodge.

Our motto for the New Year is "Back to Basics." We are going to go back to the basic things that will help improve our overall profitability. With that motto in mind, the second big change you will see this year is members back in the kitchen cooking on Friday nights. With the deficit in the kitchen we cannot continue to employ Chef Michael on Friday evenings anymore. Rick is putting together crews that will cook every Friday night. If you would like to be on a crew or lead a crew, please speak with Rick. Rick will have full accountability over the kitchen. We are dedicated to improving all aspects of the kitchen including food quality, food prices, overall service, cleanliness, and profitability.

We hope that you will notice some changes in your whole dining experience as we focus on improving our Friday evenings. We have some great staff members who are working on their own training to better serve you. Robert Summers continues to get some great entertainment for Friday nights as well! Remember we are a volunteer organization. It will take all of us working together for the "Good of the Order" to be successful.

The third change for the New Year will be the lounge hours. We have been monitoring the lounge usage and noticed we very rarely get a guest in between 3:00PM - 4:00PM. We will now start opening at 4:00PM. We will not close before the posted closing time on any given day. Depending on how many people are in the lounge drinking we may at times stay open later than the posted hours. So, come on down and support your Lodge and drink up!

Finally, we have expanded the closers to include all Lodge members, not just Officers and House Committee members. The closer responsibilities are to basically be there with the bartender and walk out with them so they are not leaving alone. Please see Kevin Roebuck or the bartenders to sign up. We have had some definite challenges in getting people to be a closer. We are asking for at least one night a month. The safety of our employees and members is our number one concern.

The House Committee will be hosting a **Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 5th**. Not only will there be a **Chili Cook Off** but a **Chicken Wing Cook Off** as well. Details will be posted around the Lodge. Make sure you sign up to compete. The House Committee will provide a lot of food. We will ask for covered dishes and then we will of course eat Chili and Chicken Wings after the judging is over. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for both Chili and Chicken Wings.

Theresa Matthews | House Committee Chairperson

Lodge Officers

EXALTED RULER
A.J. Matthews, PER

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Tracy Horrell

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Pat Boyd

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4-Year
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3-Year
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William Edwards, PER

1-Year
Brian Brantley, PER



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Richard Florance

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Tracy Horrell

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Bell Ringers
Pat Fennell

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Blood Mobile
Vic Thomas, PER

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Michelle Przywara

By Laws
Chris Miles

Community Activities
Vic Thomas, PER

Convention
Addison Horrell

Drug Awareness
John Wayne, PER

Elks National Foundation
Vic Thomas, PER

Elks Training
Pat Boyd

Entertainment
Robert Summers

Flag Day
Richard Florance

Government Relations
Pat Boyd

Hall Activities
Linda Reid

Harry Anna Foundation
Tracy Horrell

Hoop Shoot
John Wayne, PER

House Committee
Theresa Matthews

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
Lisa Snyder

Presiding Justice
John Redding

Public Relations
Kim Van Walker

Sickness
Tracy Horrell

Soccer Shoot
John Wayne, PER

Sports Activities
John Wayne, PER

Veterans Services
Pat Fennell

Visitation
Vacant

Website
Marty Quire

Youth Activities
John Wayne, PER

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Shelagh Gombarcik

Treasurer
Cindy Linville

Parliamentarian
Lisa Snyder

Chaplain
Beth Boyd

*Tampa Lodge 708 List of Officers
2011 - 2012*



ANNUAL GASPARILLA BOAT PARTY

Saturday, January 28th
7:00AM - 6:00PM

In the Gasparilla Pirate Fest, every year plunderers take over the city of Tampa in honor of the legendary pirate Jose Gaspar. Since 1904, it is one of the country's largest and most unique outdoor celebrations .

- Tickets available after January 5th at the Lodge •
- Includes transportation, breakfast, lunch, and dinner •
- Enjoy the best "on the water" location for this event •

Contact the Lodge for details!

(813) 831-4280

JANUARY ELKS BIRTHDAYS!

Denise Cmolatas	1/1	Mary Lee Rogers	1/11
Paul Deland	1/1	John Linville	1/12
Robert Bordonaro	1/3	Victor Thomas, PER	1/12
Bill Mason	1/3	Edmond Bradford	1/15
Joseph Navarra, PER	1/3	John Flowers	1/15
Norman Bonar	1/4	Harold Knuckles	1/15
John Redding	1/5	James Parker	1/16
Marjorie DiSabatini	1/9	Thomas Hagan	1/18
Ralph Linnell	1/9	Shirley Adams	1/20
Daniel Stapleton	1/9	William Garrett	1/21
Teresa Visintainer	1/9	Daryl Markes	1/23
Dan Guggenheim, PER	1/10	Rondald Padgett	1/23
Elizabeth Hanning	1/10	Louis Piergross	1/24
Roger Dubois	1/11	Al Cooper	1/29
Raymond Huffman	1/11		

Special Thanks to Tampa Elks #708 Kettle Bell Ringers

DECEMBER 17th

Tracy Horrell
Lesley Nikkinen
Vic and Bernice Thomas
Marie Schue
Carrie Lesky
Theresa & Hailey Matthews
Betty Gnadt
Bonnie Atwood
Rosie LaChance
Marilyn Fennell
Pat Fennell

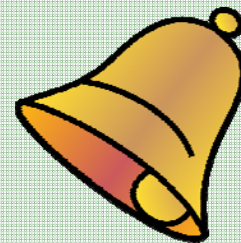
DECEMBER 24th

Pat Boyd
Sandra Brantley
Michael Brantley
Brenda Stokking
Shelagh Gombarcik
Bill Edwards



"The Salvation Army" Bell Ringers For The Red Kettles

Everything went real smoothly this year, except when I arrived at Publix. I was informed by management that Publix has a new corporate office policy that does not allow ringing of the bells for donations anywhere near the ATM machines. That scuttled my plans to have both doors covered. Unfortunately, it cut our donations in half for the **Salvation Army**. I would like to acknowledge those who came out to help on this worthwhile project. As soon as I am informed by the **Salvation Army** how much was collected and donated in the name of Tampa Elks Lodge #708, I will post it on the bulletin board. Fifty volunteer hours were used. I would like to give a special thanks to Shelagh for ringing the bells on her birthday. Thanks to all of you for taking time during the holiday season proving that "Elks Care-ELKS SHARE."



Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Pat & Marilyn Fennell

EXALTED RULER ADDRESS (Continued from Page 1)

things bigger and better, this year we will spice things up by hosting our first **Wing Challenge!** With all of this activity, you can bet that we will have any number of things on the calendar to keep our members amused and in the right spirit to appreciate our Elk membership.

As we move through the first month of our Elk year, I ask that we all look forward to the outstanding events that we have on the horizon. Although it isn't football, the Ladies of the Elks have once again scheduled, planned, and prepped to hold their **Annual Hoe Down on January 21st**. Personally, this is always one of my favorite events at our Lodge because of the effort that these Ladies, and especially Barbara Huffman, put forth to make it a success. Tickets are available from the Ladies and the event includes a fine meal and a hot band! The very next week, we open our Lodge to Elks and Guests from all over the area for our **Annual Gasparilla Event**. Last year we had six busloads of 'em at our door step which proved to be quite the undertaking. Especially since the ticket prices include transportation, breakfast, lunch and dinner.

We are still on track with having a very productive year, with this being the start of our final quarter. We are confident that our great Elks can maintain this momentum in this final important stage and finish out our year on a very positive note. In that spirit, I charge our membership to remember that what we do is not about individuals. A quarterback never won a game playing as an individual. He has to rely on his offensive line blocking, his receivers catching the ball, his running backs hitting the holes, and his defense preventing the other team from scoring (it is a shame the Buccaneers haven't caught on to that philosophy). Even without handing out assignments, everybody has a share in the success of our organization. Some just take this responsibility and put the "Elk" ahead of their mouths. While constructive advice is quite important, constructive assistance will always be credited with helping to get the job done.

It is time once again to roll up our sleeves. **Set, hut, hut!**

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

BUSTER LEVIN | Tampa, FL

Courtney Taylor

SONNY SWANEY | Pensacola, FL

Brian Brantley



Welcome December's Newest Members
Buster Levin, Sonny Swaney

THE FACES OF TAMPA LODGE #708



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

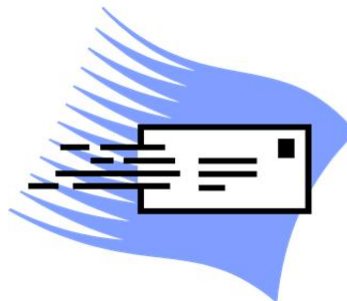
BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20

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

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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Nancy Keesler | Secretary
 Secretary708@gmail.com

David Partlow | Treasurer
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TAMPA LADIES OF THE ELKS PRESENT
11th Annual
HOE DOWN

~ JANUARY 21, 2012 ~

Join Us for a Rip Roaring Good Time!

Dinner, Dancing, Entertainment, Matt Dillon's Jail, Jello Shots
with a Terrific Dinner prepared by Tampa Elks' Own Bill Edwards

~ Very Special Country Musical Guests ~



**SWEETWATER
JUNCTION**
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SWEETWATER JUNCTION BAND

DINNER 6:00 – 7:00 PM • BAND 7:00 – 11:00 PM

DONATION **\$16 Adults \$8 Child under 10yrs**

After January 14: \$21 Adult \$11 Child under 10 yrs

@ the Tampa Elks Lodge #708

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Get Your Tickets Now - available at Tampa Elks Bar, LOE Officers or Barbara Huffman
@ 813-839-8928



NEW LOUNGE HOURS

Effective January 2, 2012

SUNDAY
12:30PM - 9:00PM

MONDAY – THURSDAY
4:00PM - 11:00PM

FRIDAY
4:00PM - 12:00AM

SATURDAY
4:00PM - 11:00PM

JANUARY MEETING SCHEDULE

OFFICERS MEETING

Wednesday 1/4 6:00PM

LOE MEETING

Wednesday 1/4 7:30PM

TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday 1/10 7:00PM

House Committee

Tuesday 1/10 7:00PM

Tuesday 1/24 7:00PM

PER MEETING

Wednesday 1/11 6:30PM

LODGE MEETING

Wednesday 1/11 7:30PM

Wednesday 1/25 7:30PM

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Contact Courtney Taylor

ATHENA HOUSE

Contact Tracy Horrell

Elks National Foundation - Our Legacy to the Future

SOURCE: <http://www.elks.org/enf/background.cfm>

In 1928, one man's dream became a reality for all Elks and the communities we serve. Then-National President John F. Malley envisioned a plan that would "unite the forces of the Order into a mighty army for the service of mankind." During the annual Grand Lodge Convention in Miami that year, Malley's call to service inspired delegates to take action by voting to establish the Elks National Foundation with an initial \$100,000 grant.

Today, the mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We provide tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with a healthy beginning; honor the Elks' pledge to never forget our veterans; help the state Elks associations accomplish their charitable objectives; and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

A board of seven trustees, who are all past national presidents of the Order, governs the Elks National Foundation. The Foundation is located at the Elks national headquarters in the Elks Veterans Memorial in Chicago. The director, Jim O'Kelley, oversees the administration of the Foundation's day-to-day operations. He has a staff of 16. The Foundation also has volunteers at the Lodge, district and state levels to help coordinate our fundraising strategy and implement our programs.

Since inception, the Foundation has received more than \$201.2 million in contributions and bequests. All unrestricted donations go into a permanent endowment fund, where each gift earns interest for lifetimes. Today we boast more than 100,000 active donors and an endowment fund valued at \$470.9 million. The ENF has contributed more than \$324.6 million toward Elks' charitable projects nationwide. These funds support our three college scholarship programs, the Elks National Drug Awareness Program, the Elks National Hoop Shoot Free Throw Program, the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, the Community Investments Program, and grants to State Elks Associations.

In recent years, we've increased the impact of our programs. For example, we doubled the Legacy Awards scholarship program. The program, which awards scholarships exclusively to children and grandchildren of Elks, is now \$1 million strong! In 2011-12, up to 250 four-year, \$4,000 scholarships will be awarded through the Legacy Awards program.

With the belief that Elks know the needs of their communities better than we do, we launched the Community Investments Program in June 2005. The program's Gratitude Grants, Promise Grants and Impact Grants invest directly in Lodge communities. In 2011-12, the Gratitude Grants and Promise Grants will be worth up to \$2,000 each, in order to give Lodges more resources to make an impact locally. Impact Grants, the program's newest component, are larger, competitive grants intended to address unmet needs in Elk communities. This year, the grant pool again will be \$500,000. These funds will help Lodges meaningfully and visibly address needs in their communities.

More than 80 years after John F. Malley shared his vision with the Order, the Elks National Foundation continues to unite all Elks in service to their communities.

To learn more about the Elks, visit <http://www.elks.org>



YOUTH CAMP NEWS



I hope each of you enjoyed the holiday season and that you are getting the New Year off to a great start!

Applications for Summer Camp will be available in February. There are several camp sessions which run from mid-June through the end of July. Camp is open to children from ages 9 through 13. It is not too early to start thinking about sending your kids to camp.

Click on <http://www.floridaelks.org/FEYC/index.html> for more information on this wonderful opportunity!

John Wayne, PER | Youth Camp Coordinator

OFFICERS OF THE MONTH

Robert Snyder and Jerry Reid, Lodge Trustees

Way to go Brother Trustees! Both of these dedicated and hardworking Trustees worked diligently on putting the final touches on our corrected and amended Lodge Budget. Working together, these guys spent time at the Lodge and their personal time at home to make sure we had a document that we could build off of and to work with to ensure the financial success of our Lodge. Thank you! From there, these men split their duties, with Jerry working tirelessly on the roof renovation as well as coordinating several essential repairs to our kitchen and environmental equipment. We will owe our stomachs and our comfort to Jerry his outstanding attention to detail.

And welcome back Bob! While Bob was back in Michigan tending to family business, we sure missed him around here. But it didn't take Bob long to dive back in the swing of things and take on added responsibility to make things right. He has already spent a significant amount of time working in the kitchen for banquets, parties, and dinner services while attending to the evolving janitorial service requirements and the over-all cleanliness of our building. Our Elks welcome the over-all improvements and thank you for your dedicated service.

ELK OF THE MONTH

Susie Harlow

Here goes a new one for you. And definitely a first for Susie as well, as she recently took her obligation a few months ago. Susie has been a Bingo and Banquet Committee fixture for many years at our Tampa Lodge, but could never be formally recognized as she wasn't an Elk. Sure, we could always thank James for bringing Susie along, but that wasn't the same thing. On any given weekend, Susie can be seen setting up table, tending to decorations, and making sure the Tampa Lodge banquet experience is a memorable experience. Then following the event, Susie takes just as much pride in taking everything apart, to her credit, it makes the next event that much more productive.

Of course our Bingo patrons wouldn't know what to do if they didn't have Susie to rely upon. During Bingo, Chairman Brian Brantley's recent illness, Susie stepped right in to make sure our Monday Bingo games were productive, entertaining and fun. Keep up the good work Susie!



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ELKS DINING CLUB

Happy New Year!



We had some wonderful dinners last year, and we had fun with the "tailgates" organized by Peggi.

Now, we need to gauge the interest level for continuing the Dining Club in 2012.



One thought was that maybe Sunday afternoon is a better time than Saturday evening? Please email me your thoughts and interest so we can decide if we're going to continue with this.

Please email Candy Hodgson at chodgson2@verizon.net

- Candy Hodgson

BARTENDER'S CORNER



Happy New Year!!!! The Elks had a roaring New Year's Eve party and fantastic Christmas parties for both the children and adults. But it is 2012 and a new year begins. What a time for everyone, resolutions to be met, planning for the next holiday, and of course,

Barbara Huffman's LOE Hoe Down! Come on out and dance, enjoy phenomenal music and fantabulous fun! Jessica and I are looking forward to serving you at this outstanding event!

I do want to take a moment to thank everyone who assisted with last year's Tailgate Parties, from the people who brought food for every party, set up the tables, helped clean up, etc. You are the BEST. Also, I want to thank the members who came and helped eat the food, contribute, and therefore assisted in the bar improvements to come. Thank you all!

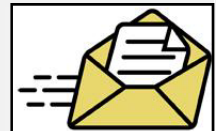
We are looking at a new year and great things for Tampa Elks 708. Come out and support your Lodge!

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

E-MAIL ALERTS!



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AMERICANISM REPORT | "THE DRUMMING OF ELKS HOOFBEATS"

All across America's heartlands - from sea to shining sea - the distant sound of hoofbeats - resounds throughout our communities - with quiet grace and dignity - American Elks are coming forth to ease the pain and suffering when nature strikes with unrelenting impunity. No matter what the cause may be - whether illness or injury, or the scourges of war, the weather, or death from disease - the drumming of Elks hoofbeats become ever-louder and louder until you see - wherever a need is heard Elks will always come as they always have throughout America's history. The drumming of Elks hoofbeats means that Charity for all reasons is steadily on course to find many helping ways, and so all Elks will continue to help throughout hourless nights and into shining days - to come to America's assistance - because for all Elks both young and old; our military veterans; our children and our families; our cities and towns that mean so much to us - brings forth new benevolence and hopes for a better, more tolerable mankind. With this new year of 2012 comes new promises and good cheer to all our Americans. Our faith in God; a newly-found earthly peace calls us forth to lock arms and hold hands together in anticipation of better times - so that when we as American Elks conduct our nightly toast to our absent, but never forgotten members, the tolling of eleven stokes of the Chimes of Love and Memory will eternally renew our faith and trust that we will someday see the healing of and the feeling of better future times -- and so The Drumming of Elks Hoofbeats continues on and on - because Elks Care and Elks Share.

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 Gukeisen, SGM USA RET James L. 11/2010

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 Woodburn, John 11/2011



BINGO!

Every Monday Night

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

Super Bowl Party - Chili & Wing Cook Off

Sunday, February 5th

Sponsored by the Lodge House Committee



Contact the Lodge
 for details!
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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!

LOE COUNTRY HOE DOWN	Saturday	1/21/2012
GASPARILLA BOAT PARTY	Saturday	1/28/2012
SUPER BOWL & CHILI COOK OFF	Sunday	2/5/2012



Dear Elks Members,

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of Elks Lodge #708 for allowing me into your kitchen, palate and soul over the past year. I've enjoyed cooking for you on Friday Nights and will miss the new friendships I've made here.

Due to circumstances beyond my control, I will no

longer be your Friday night Chef and yield my tongs and spatula to the next Friday night star to carry on the tradition. Perhaps the powers that be will allow me the occasional Guest chef appearance during the 2012 year but if not, I'll still remember the great people who make up the Elks and carry your generosity for years to come.

Thanks again, and God Bless the Elks.
 Chef Mike Bradley



TRUSTEES MESSAGE

The Trustees, (Jerry, Bob, Addison, Bill, and Brian), wish you a happy and most prosperous New Year!

January Band Schedule

LIVE MUSIC EVERY FRIDAY!



Chris and Bob 1/6

Music at its Best!

Cathy and Bob 1/13

Great Sounds of Music!

Dazzler Duo 1/20

The Best, Back By Popular Demand!

Keith and Ruby Show 1/27

Good Music and Great Singers!

Brian's Bingo Blast!



Bingo is still in need of volunteers to help on Mondays. We work from 5:00pm to 10:30pm. Please let us know if you can help. Our charity account will pay for children to go to youth camp this summer. This is a worthwhile charity. Please help support it. We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Brian Brantley, PER



From Tampa Lodge #708

JANUARY 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

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

January 6, 2012

DINNER HOUSE OR CAESAR SALAD	\$2.95
SPLIT PEA SOUP	\$3.95 Bowl \$1.95 Cup

ENTREES INCLUDE CHOICE OF POTATO, VEGETABLE, AND DINNER ROLL

PRIME RIB KING OR QUEEN CUT	MARKET PRICE
NEW YORK STRIP STEAK	MARKET PRICE
7 PIECE BATTER FRIED SHRIMP	\$10.95
CHICKEN WITH TARGON SAUCE	\$11.95

January 13, 2012

DINNER HOUSE OR CAESAR SALAD	\$2.95
CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP	\$3.95 Bowl \$1.95 Cup

ENTREES INCLUDE CHOICE OF POTATO, VEGETABLE, AND DINNER ROLL

PRIME RIB KING OR QUEEN CUT	MARKET PRICE
NEW YORK STRIP STEAK	MARKET PRICE
7 PIECE BATTER FRIED SHRIMP	\$10.95
PAN SEARED SALMON WITH DILL SAUCE	\$13.95

January 20, 2012

DINNER HOUSE OR CAESAR SALAD	\$2.95
HAM AND BEAN SOUP	\$3.95 Bowl \$1.95 Cup

*ENTREES INCLUDE CHOICE OF POTATO, VEGETABLE, AND DINNER ROLL **

PRIME RIB KING OR QUEEN CUT	MARKET PRICE
NEW YORK STRIP STEAK	MARKET PRICE
7 PIECE BATTER FRIED SHRIMP	\$10.95
BAKED CHICKEN	\$10.95
* WITH STUFFING, GRAVY, VEGETABLE, AND DINNER ROLL	

January 27, 2012

DINNER HOUSE OR CAESAR SALAD	\$2.95
BEEF BARLEY SOUP	\$3.95 Bowl \$1.95 Cup

*ENTREES INCLUDE CHOICE OF POTATO, VEGETABLE, AND DINNER ROLL **

PRIME RIB KING OR QUEEN CUT	MARKET PRICE
NEW YORK STRIP STEAK	MARKET PRICE
7 PIECE BATTER FRIED SHRIMP	\$10.95
BAKED HAM	\$10.95
* WITH SCALLOPED POTATOES, VEGETABLE, AND DINNER ROLL	

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 1 8:30AM-12:00PM FULL MENU BREAKFAST New Year's Day	2 2:30PM BRIDGE CLUB BINGO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6:30PM EARLY BIRD 7:00PM JACKPOT HOT SNACK BAR	3 6:30PM-7:30PM - SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS	4 6:00PM OFFICERS MEETING 7:30PM LOE MEETING	5 5:30PM-7:30PM THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER BEEF TIPS AND NOODLES	6 6:30PM-8:30PM LODGE DINNER 6:30PM - 11:00PM MUSIC - CHRIS & BOB	7
8 8:30AM-12:00PM FULL MENU BREAKFAST	9 2:30PM BRIDGE CLUB BINGO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6:30PM EARLY BIRD 7:00PM JACKPOT HOT SNACK BAR	10 6:30PM-7:30PM - SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS 7PM TRUSTEES MEETING 7PM HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 7PM JAM SESSION	11 6:30PM-7:30PM PER MEETING 7:30PM LODGE MEETING	12 5:30PM-7:30PM YOUTH DINNER SPAGHETTI AND MEAT SAUCE	13 6:30PM-8:30PM LODGE DINNER 6:30PM - 11:00PM MUSIC - CATHY & BOB	14 8:00PM-11:30PM BOOKED - 70'S PARTY
15 8:30AM-12:00PM FULL MENU BREAKFAST	 16 2:30PM BRIDGE CLUB BINGO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6:30PM EARLY BIRD 7:00PM JACKPOT HOT SNACK BAR Martin Luther King Day	17 6:30PM-7:30PM - SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS	18	19 5:30PM-7:30PM LOE DINNER CHICKEN A LA KING	20 6:30PM-8:30PM LODGE DINNER 6:30PM-11:00PM MUSIC - DAZZLER DUO	21 6:30PM-11:00PM LOE HOE DOWN - DINNER, SHOW, DANCING
22 8:30AM-12:00PM FULL MENU BREAKFAST	23 2:30PM BRIDGE CLUB BINGO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6:30PM EARLY BIRD 7:00PM JACKPOT HOT SNACK BAR	24 6:30PM-7:30PM - SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS 7PM TRUSTEES MEETING 7PM HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 7PM JAM SESSION	25 7:30PM LODGE MEETING	26 5:30PM-7:30PM THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER PORK LOINS AND MASHED POTATOES WITH GRAVY	27 6:30PM-8:30PM LODGE DINNER VETERANS DINNER 6:30PM-11:00PM MUSIC - RUBY & KEITH	28 7:00AM-6:00PM GASPARILLA EVENT - MUSIC - CATHY & PAUL
29 8:30AM-12:00PM FULL MENU BREAKFAST	30 2:30PM BRIDGE CLUB BINGO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6:30PM EARLY BIRD 7:00PM JACKPOT HOT SNACK BAR	31 6:30PM-7:30PM - SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS				

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
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