



Lodge # 708



# Tampa 708 Elksize

Tampa Florida

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## Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

LOE TAG SALE	Sat	6/2/2012
VP VISIT PINELLAS PARK	Sat	6/2/2012
VP VISIT SEMINOLE	Sat	6/9/2012
"OUT OF SCHOOL" PARTY	Sun	6/10/2012
VP VISIT NEW PORT RICHEY	Sun	6/10/2012
FSEA PRESIDENT VISIT #1734	Fri - Sat	6/15/2012
KARAOKE WITH MARTYQ	Sat	6/16/2012
FLAG DAY AND FATHER'S DAY	Sun	6/17/2012
DINING CLUB "HIGH TEA"	Sun	6/17/2012
VP VISIT LARGO	Sat	6/23/2012
PER "RIB FEST"	Sun	6/24/2012
ELKS NATIONAL CONVENTION	Sun -Thu	7/1/2012
VP VISIT TARPON SPRINGS	Sat	7/14/2012
VP VISIT HOLIDAY ISLES	Sat	7/21/2012
VP VISIT NEW PORT RICHEY	Sat	7/28/2012

### Pot Luck & Music Friday Nights!

BRING YOUR FAVORITE COVERED DISH AND JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE FOR POT LUCK & MUSIC!

**POTLUCK 6:30PM—8:30PM, MUSIC UNTIL 11PM**

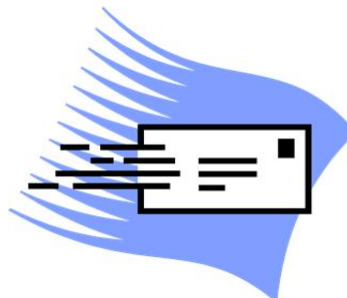
*You May Also Choose To  
Make a Donation in Place of Bringing a Dish*



**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!**



**Tracy Horrell | Exalted Ruler**  
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Secretary708@gmail.com

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Treasurer708@gmail.com



Tracy Horrell  
Exalted Ruler  
2012 - 2013

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

June. Sitting here writing this month's article I find myself getting excited about our State Convention, lots of fellowship from around the State can be enjoyed while each of us learn more about ELKDOM! We will report more on Convention in July's issue.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who helped with our Clean Up Day. Bill E., Vera Wright, John and Flo, Beth and Pat Boyd, Tammy and Mike Manley, Richard Florence, Sandy Mayo, Jackie Appel, Addison, Bobby Green, Cindy (Linville) Green, Lynn Brown, Patricia Bellairs, Peggi Tuttle, Phyllis Miller, Nancy Keesler, and Al Schnut. These volunteers scrubbed bathrooms, walls, tables, mirrors, the back bar, and of course the Antler Room. Some furniture was moved around so that we can all enjoy a game or two of pool.

Thanks to John and Flo Wayne for the new pool sticks, chalk, and cue ball. So if you're in the Lodge come play a friendly game of pool. Why not come down with the kids and enjoy pool while they play the Wii!

On May 13<sup>th</sup> we honored our mothers with a beautiful ceremony and delicious ham dinner. Lynn and Al did an excellent job with the food preparations. Way to go, guys! Thanks to all of our officers for serving and cleaning up. I know we made our mothers proud!

As most of you are aware by now we are going through some changes in our kitchen. We will be serving Sunday breakfast and hosting Monday night bingo. We will continue with our Pot Luck Fridays. We are looking for your input as to how we can improve our kitchen. If you have any ideas or helpful suggestions, our House Committee would love to hear from you.

June 16<sup>th</sup> karaoke is back! We are ready to rock 'n' roll or sing some old time favorites. Don't miss the fun. More details can be found in this edition of the Elksize. We have many planned activities and events coming up and we look forward to seeing you here! Let the summertime fun begin!

**Fraternally, Tracy Horrell | Exalted Ruler**

**LOE JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Tamatha Manley	6/6
Barbara Huffman	6/14
Jan Bertoch	6/19
Kim Williams	6/26

**"365 Report"**

Due to the Lodge closing we did not have donations for the month of April. However, the LOE had the little houses set up at the Florida State Elks Convention and provided a small gift to those who donated. We hope to get donations to send to the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services. Also, the LOE donated money from the Walk-A-Thon for the Children's Therapy Services at the State Convention.

*Vera Almstedt | "365" Chairperson*

**LOE PRESIDENT'S REPORT | Susie Harlow, LP**

Greetings to all. As I write this we are preparing to go to the Florida State Elks Convention. We hope it will be very successful. We will be reporting in June's meeting.

Mother's Day is over now but we hope you do not forget to celebrate mothers every day. They are the backbone of our society. Those of you who lost your mothers will understand the void in your heart.

Father's Day is coming June 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be having a celebration to honor DEAR OLD DAD. Please come and enjoy. We will probably have a Flag Day celebration at the same time with the Lodge if the LOE approves it. I will send a message out when we know for sure. Hope to see everyone there.

The LOE will be having a clothing tag sale on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We hope to do really well. Sue Moore is chairing this event so please support her. Great work, Sue.

We are getting into the HOT summer months. That means graduations, weddings, vacations, etc. Whatever you do, please be safe and have a great time.

In Your Service, Susie Harlow | LOE President



Susie Harlow  
LOE President  
2012 - 2013

Lodge Officers	Board of Trustees	Committees	
<p><b>EXALTED RULER</b> Tracy Horrell, 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 Green</p> <p><b>INNER GUARD</b> Tamatha Manley</p> <p><b>CHAPLAIN</b> Vic Thomas, PER</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> Sharon Ford</p> <p><b>1-Year</b> William Edwards, PER, PLP</p> <div data-bbox="456 716 808 1066" data-label="Image"> </div>	<p><b>Accident Prevention</b> Addison Horrell</p> <p><b>Americanism</b> Richard Florance</p> <p><b>Athena House</b> Tracy Horrell, ER, 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> Pat Boyd</p> <p><b>Bylaws</b> Rita Smith</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> Pat Boyd Cindy Green</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> Mike Pierson Ron Simpson Bob Pitney</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 Steve Harmon, Endorsed DDGER, PER</p> <p><b>FSEA Lodge Liaison Membership Lodge #708</b> Pat Boyd, Loyal Knight</p> <p><b>W.C.D. Vice President</b> Douglas Collett</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> Susan Hagan</p>		

**Tampa Lodge #708 List of Officers  
2012 - 2013**

## 2012-2013 Vice President's Visitation Schedule & Important Dates West Central District

<b>May 23<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>State Convention - Orlando, FL</b>
<b>June 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Pinellas Park</b>
<b>June 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Seminole</b>
<b>June 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FSEA President Visit to SW District Visit - Manasota #1734</b>
<b>June 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Largo</b>
<b>July 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>National Convention - Austin, TX</b>
<b>July 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tarpon Springs</b>
<b>July 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Holiday Isles</b>
<b>July 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>New Port Richey</b>
<b>August 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St. Petersburg</b>
<b>August 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tampa</b>
<b>August 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Dunedin/Clearwater (Homecoming)</b>
<b>September 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FSEA Presidents Visit to West Central District</b>
<b>September 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Elks Day at Tampa Bay Rays</b>

• All lodge visitations begin at 7:00PM •

Plan ahead by trying not to have a Lodge function during the Visitation especially during the State President's visit on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>.

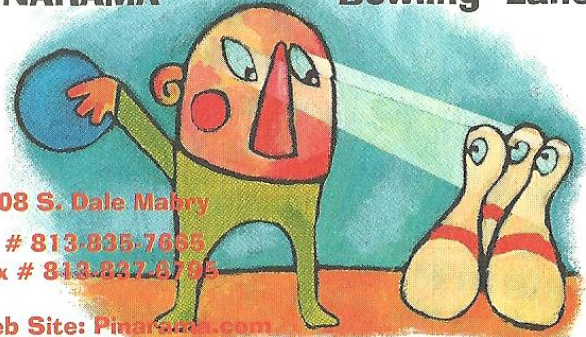
C/C Sean D. Maguire, State President  
 Brian T. Burns, State VPAL  
 Frank Paladini, PSP, District Advisor  
 Mike Pierson, PDDGER  
 Steve Harmon, DDGER Designate  
 Carl Seibert, State Secretary

*“The Key to Elks Success-Membership-Engagement”*

## JUNE ELKS BIRTHDAYS

Theodore Bass	6/2	Charles Rice	6/14
Thomas Carroll	6/4	Raymond Garcia	6/15
Dale Perry	6/4	Phyllis Watson-Miller	6/17
Martin Trampke	6/4	Yolanda Call-Mora	6/18
James Gukeisen	6/5	Frank Cushing	6/18
Ray Lampe	6/5	Steven Hall	6/18
Melvin Carrier	6/6	Jan Bertoch	6/19
Tamatha Manley	6/6	Diane Grieves	6/20
Suzanne Widdoes	6/6	Robert Young	6/21
Frances Baranofski	6/8	Kristina Higgins	6/22
Ronald Baranofski	6/8	Houston Tucker	6/23
Michelle Duran	6/8	Kim Williams	6/26
Robert Alorda, Jr.	6/9	Judy Gay	6/27
John Nolle	6/13	Clyde Vorce	6/27
Arthur Deangelis	6/14	Edith Hanley	6/30

## PINARAMA Bowling Lanes



**5008 S. Dale Mabry**  
**Ph # 813-835-7665**  
**Fax # 813-837-8795**

**Web Site: [Pinarama.com](http://Pinarama.com)**

### Thank you PINARAMA!

You Made a Difference  
 With our 2012 Bowl-A-Rama  
**You are Our May 2012 Community Partner!**  
 Tampa Elks Lodge #708

## LOW COUNTRY BOIL - MAY 11, 2012



## ELKS MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Pat Boyd, Loyal Knight

May's successes prove we have the 'Right Stuff' with Lodge cleanup, Mothers Day, Dining Club, the "Youth Activities" Bowl-A-Rama, and most recently State Convention. June promises more of the same. With several projects under our belt, it was a pleasure seeing new faces showing up and assisting with our youth projects. We are making Elksdom a positive and uplifting experience for the children and the membership. Their smiles say more than words so look further in this edition and on our Lodge electronic photo album to better understand the real reason Elks exist.



We have implemented several positive and uplifting changes since our April sabbatical. We are slowly making changes in the Lodge which we believe will have long term positive effects on our facility, our Elk processes, and our membership retention and recruitment. If you have been in the Lodge in May, surely you have noticed the cleaner more open and utilized Antler room, new paint in the smoking area (more to come,) and most importantly the faces of new members and senior members coming into our Tampa Elk fold. While everyone may not like every change, the resounding theme I have heard so far is "look at the smiling faces." This indicates we are making progress! If you are unhappy with something, our Officer core will be glad to discuss the issue away from the lounge in a quiet, cordial setting. One of our goals is to promote harmony. This does not mean we can accommodate everyone's wishes; however, we talk about Tampa Elks being "the Friendliest Lodge in Florida;" therefore, we ask that ALL members prove it with their demeanor and actions!

Have you been to the Tampa Elks 708 Facebook page yet? Please check it out online. Search for "Tampa Elks Lodge #708" to find us online. Once there, press the "Like" button. Return often because that is another place we will be posting upcoming events. When you see an event posted, click the "Share" button. This will advertise the event on your Facebook page thereby letting your friends know that Tampa Elks Care and Share! We are changing our Community face! Help us by visiting and sharing often. By the way, I want to thank our newest demit, Mark MacDonough, for sharing his expertise and Elk excitement in this new endeavor! We have learned this is the method to reach new and excited potential Elks candidates while sharing the Elk story.

In closing, the reason Elks still exist today is because of our common goals of Children, Veterans, and building the Fraternity which allow us to support those causes. Elks are resilient, flexible, and most of all have hearts that swell with pride in our actions!

Help us get better as the year progresses. We will begin our weekly phone bank after the State convention in Orlando. We have a few volunteers, however, it would be nice to have more. Come in and renew your friendships! Our District visitations begin in early June. Make plans to come to one of the visitations for a night of food and fun while learning what is working for other Elks Lodges. The cost for dinner at these events is a mere \$0.00. Don't hesitate to check our calendar for the next trip. We usually carpool so travel should not be a problem.

I want to close by reminding all my fellow Elks this is the year to "Step UP and Stand Proud!" Become active in the friendliest Lodge in the State!

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES NEWS

Bowl-A-Rama at Pinarama Lanes in South Tampa in May was a huge success! Everyone had a **GREAT TIME!** Many new friends were made at this event.

The next Youth Activities event is Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 2:00PM - 5:00PM. No more teachers, books, or dirty looks! The Out of School party will include sports, kick ball, soccer, wiffle ball, and bingo followed by ice cream and cookies. This event will be held in the field at Tampa Lodge #708 adjacent to the fire station. Tell your friends and remember that all children ages 5 to 15 are welcome! Adult chaperones will be onsite to supervise and we will be reminding all kids to **SAY NO TO DRUGS!** Contact John Wayne at (813) 837-4252 for more information about this and other Youth Activities events.

**John Wayne, PER | Youth Activities**



## 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)**

# Mark Your Calendar Harry-Anna Trust Fund "Gong Show"

Watch Facebook, Tampa Elks Online, and the Calander for more information!

**November 03, 2012**

Time: 6:00 P.M. Cocktails  
HoresDevours and Dinner included  
Show begins at 8:00 PM



Celebrety Judges

Comedy Acts

Dance Acts

Musicians

Others-

*Sponsored by : Tampa Elks Lodge #708*

*All Proceeds go to the Harry Anna Trust Fund*

• Don't Be Offended This is an **ADULT ONLY** Function

## Out of School Party!

Sunday, June 10th, 2012

2:00PM - 5:00PM

SPORTS, KICK BALL, SOCCER,  
WIFFLE BALL, AND BINGO!

Ice cream and cookies following activities

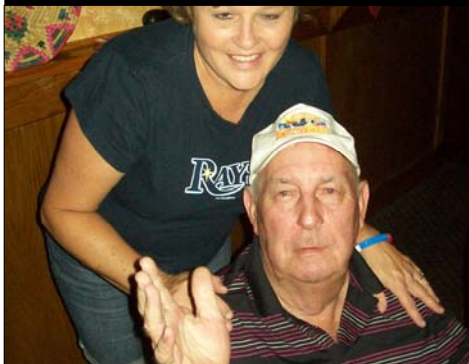
The Out of School Party will held in the field at Tampa Lodge #708 adjacent to the fire station.

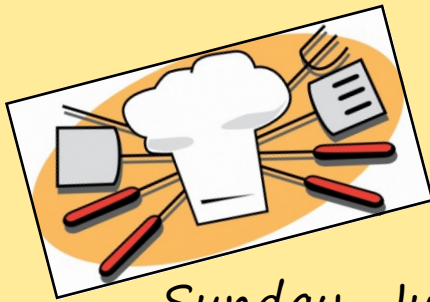
All children ages 5 to 15 are welcome!

**REMEMBER, SAY NO TO DRUGS!**

NOTE: Adult chaperones will be onsite to supervise.

Contact John Wayne  
(813) 837-4252  
for additional information or stop by the Lodge for details!





The PER Association Presents

# RIB FEST

Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Cost: \$10.00 Includes:

- Half Rack of Ribs •
- Close Slaw •
- Beans •
- Roll •

The fun begins at 4:00PM at  
Tampa Lodge #708

Tickets on sale during the first part of June

For more information, contact:  
Brian Brantley, Chairman, PER Association President

## JUNE MEETING SCHEDULE

### TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday 6/5 7:00PM

### OFFICERS MEETING

Wednesday 6/6 6:00PM

### LOE MEETING

Wednesday 6/6 7:30PM

### House Committee

Tuesday 6/11 7:00PM

Tuesday 6/26 7:00PM

### PER MEETING

Wednesday 6/13 6:30PM

### LODGE MEETING

Wednesday 6/13 7:30PM

Wednesday 6/27 7:30PM

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Contact Pat Boyd

### ATHENA HOUSE

Contact Tracy Horrell



## Florida State Elks Association Message

My Fellow Elks and friends,

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as the President of the Florida State Elks Association for the ensuing Lodge year 2012-13. Barbara and I, along with our Endorsed Vice President at Large Brian Burns and his lovely wife Mary Kay and the entire Membership Engagement Team, look forward to visiting our great organization throughout the state witnessing, first hand, what the Florida Elks achieve in their local communities for our youth, Military Veterans, and our neighbors in need.

I would like to take just a minute to congratulate and thank Frank and Linda Hayes for the wonderful job they did during Frank's year as President. They were wonderful ambassadors for our State Association and served admirably. Barbara and I thoroughly enjoyed their company the past year and a half and look forward to an enduring friendship.

My slogan this year will be "The Key to Elks success, Membership Engagement". I am sure you have heard many times that you get out of Elks what you put into it. By becoming engaged in the programs of our Lodges, one can get much out of Elkdom. I feel confident that most of us did not join the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks because we wanted to see just how hard we could work at the lodge or how many consecutive nights we could spend there. We joined because we heard of all the good deeds of the local Elks who worked unselfishly for the benefit of others. From this beginning, we became engaged in a project or a committee within the lodge and our dedication grew.

Through your engagement in activities around the Lodge, your commitment to the lodge has flourished. You may have become a member of that "choir" which we find ourselves preaching to so often. You, and many before you, have lead the way in engagement in the principal we hold so dear within the Elks, "the faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory". When members are engaged in the workings of the lodge, they have less time to find fault of those who are working to make the lodge a success.

I challenge each Elk to become engaged in an activity within your lodge and strive to make it a success. No matter how simple or how difficult the task may be, do it to the best of your ability. Do it with passion. Invite your friends and neighbors who share your passion to become involved as an Elk. Encourage members, new and old, to become engaged in an activity that interests them immediately and ask that they bring friends within our fold who have similar interests in these activities. Their interest in the successes of the lodges will help grow our membership, grow our participation, and grow our success.

Our membership numbers will improve if we give the members a reason to participate in their lodge. Engage them in a committee or function that they have a passion for. This passion will guide them to be proud to be called a Florida Elk. I look forward to being a carrier of the good news of Florida Elks as I travel the state and learn of the wonderful successes of our engaged membership. Each and every Elk in this state is the key to our success. As you think about your membership in our great association, think about ME- Membership Engagement- and how important you individually are to our success.

Please continue your support of our Harry-Anna Trust Fund to finance our wonderful major projects throughout the state and in your local communities. Through your support we are able to support our Children's Therapy Services, Youth Camp, Hope Scholarships, Army of Hope, and all we do in support of our military veterans.

Again, I look forward to a successful year working with 14 wonderful District Vice Presidents and the great districts they represent.

God Bless You, God bless our military wherever they may serve, and God bless the United States.

Sincerely,

**Sean D. Maguire,**  
Endorsed State President of the Florida State Elks Association.



## YOUTH CAMP NEWS



All Youth Camp applications have been forwarded to the camp for acceptance. If you have not received confirmation, please call the camp directly at **(800) 523-1673 x239** or by e-mail at **lynn@feyc.org** to follow up on your child's application.

When your child returns from camp, let me know how their respective experience was so we can get the news out to our members!

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

### OFFICER OF THE MONTH

**Richard Florance**

We see him on a daily basis making sure that the Lodge is set up for meeting nights, helping set up bingo or on other occasions. He does all of this without being asked or complaining!

I believe this comes from his years of service in the military and his dedication to our Lodge. He shows others how ELKDOM is alive and well by contributing many hours on projects within our Lodge as well as through the State! His positive attitude can be seen when he is talking about Americanism. Each and everyone of us could learn something from this fine Elk! Please congratulate him the next time you see him in the Lodge!

### ELK OF THE MONTH

**Anthony (Tony) Marino**

Everyone knows him as the quiet man who comes in the lounge, gives a little wave, and is ready for a late afternoon cocktail while enjoying conversations with many of our members on a daily basis. But did you also know that he supports the Lodge by coming to many Lodge events as well as LOE events and Sunday breakfast?

He also has positive thoughts about our Lodge and its members. Elks help in all different ways and this is only a few ways this gentleman does his part! THANK YOU, TONY! Next time you see him in the Lodge please congratulate him.



## BOWL-A-RAMA AT PINARAMA LANES - MAY 20, 2012



## ELKS DINING CLUB



The next **Elks Dining Club** is scheduled for  
Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM

June's theme is:

### High Tea



We will honor Her Majesty, the Queen of England's  
60th year on the throne.

In her honor, we will be having High Tea hosted by our resident British Ambassador.

Think finger sandwiches, canapés, tea cakes, etc. We're also broadening the scope therefore anything from the UK works! (Scotch eggs?) Also, brush up on your Royal Family trivia!

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

### BARTENDER'S CORNER



WOW! Its' June already. The month of May came hurtling through the Lodge like a whirlwind. Re-opening day was a huge success. The pot luck dinner was a gourmet delight. Cinco de Mayo and Lodge Clean-up Day were amazing. The Elk Room, also known as the

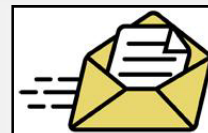
"Antler Room", looks great and the pool table is getting much play! Everyone enjoyed some wonderful Mexican food after the long hard day of cleaning. Thanks go out to everyone who participated in making the Lodge look its best! The Low Country Boil was extraordinary. The food was prepared perfectly and everyone enjoyed the music provided by Keith and Ruby. Convention was out of this world!!! Coming up in June we have karaoke starting again and I just know it is going to be well worth the wait. Everyone should come out and amaze us with their songs. We also will have the VP visitations starting again and the Lodge will be rockin' upon everyone's return from visiting the various Lodges in the District. Daniel, Jessica, and I encourage you to come down and support your Lodge. As always, we have the perfect libations and brews for your pleasure!

**Peggi Tuttle | Bartender**

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**BINGO!**

*Every Monday Night*

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

I am still looking for people to volunteer for the **Elks Phone Bank**. This involves one or two groups of 5 people each that will meet once a week to call our membership and inform them of upcoming events. We will also be fact-finding on membership needs and ideas. If you wish to volunteer, contact **Pat Boyd** by phone at (813) 505-7485. Help make a difference!



**SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS!**

Every Tuesday from  
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Free for Elks  
 \$5 for Military  
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Contact **Gus Adams** at (813) 374-4988  
 RSVP at <http://www.meetup.com/Learn-to-dance-salsa>

The original Elks were traveling thespians and entertainers e.g., "Jolly Corks!" I know there is talent amongst our members. If you have a talent such as comedian, musician, actor/actress, or any such skill, contact Pat Boyd at (813) 505-7485. Tampa Elks are looking for talent for a Variety/Gong show in the planning stages as part of our annual Harry-Anna fundraiser. Also, the District is searching for Elk Talent for the State Major Emphasis Projects fundraising effort. Step up and lets return to our entertainment roots! Call me today! **Pat Boyd** (813) 505-7485

## Evolution of the United States Flag

No one knows with absolute certainty who designed the first stars and stripes or who made it. Congressman Francis Hopkinson seems most likely to have designed it, and few historians believe that Betsy Ross, a Philadelphia seamstress, made the first one.

Until the Executive Order of June 24, 1912, neither the order of the stars nor the proportions of the flag were prescribed. Consequently, flags dating before this period sometimes show unusual arrangements of the stars and odd proportions, these features being left to the discretion of the flag maker. In general, however, straight rows of stars and proportions similar to those later adopted officially were used. The principal acts affecting the flag of the United States are the following:

- On June 14, 1777, in order to establish an official flag for the new nation, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act: "Resolved, that the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation."
- The Act of January 13, 1794 provided for 15 stripes and 15 stars after May 1795. The Act of April 4, 1818 provided for 13 stripes and one star for each state to be added to the flag on the 4th of July following the admission of each new state, signed by President Monroe.
- The Executive Order of President Taft dated June 24, 1912 established proportions of the flag and provided for arrangement of the stars in six horizontal rows of eight each, a single point of each star to be upward.
- The Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated January 3, 1959 provided for the arrangement of the stars in seven rows of seven stars each, staggered horizontally and vertically.
- The Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated August 21, 1959 provided for the arrangement of the stars in nine rows of stars staggered horizontally and eleven rows of stars staggered vertically.



## June Band Schedule

LIVE MUSIC EVERY FRIDAY!



Kathy and Paul 6/1

*Great Music and Singing!*

Keith and Ruby 6/8

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Chris and Bob 6/15

*Great Music and Singing!*

Kathy and Paul 6/22

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Chris and Bob 6/29

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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.

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# JUNE 2012 Lodge 708

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> 6:30PM-8:30PM FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER POT LUCK (BRING A DISH) 6:30PM - 11:00PM MUSIC - KATHY AND PAUL	<b>2</b> 8:00AM-3:00PM LOE TAG SALE VP VISIT PINELLAS PARK
<b>3</b> 8:30AM-12:00PM FULL MENU BREAKFAST	<b>4</b> 2:30PM BRIDGE CLUB BINGO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6:30PM EARLY BIRD 7:00PM JACKPOT HOT SNACK BAR	<b>5</b> 6:30PM-7:30PM - SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS 7PM TRUSTEES MEETING 7PM JAM SESSION 7PM LOE E-BOARD MEETING	<b>6</b> 6:00PM OFFICERS MEETING 7:30PM LOE MEETING	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:30PM-8:30PM FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER POT LUCK (BRING A DISH) 6:30PM - 11:00PM MUSIC - KEITH AND RUBY	<b>9</b> VP VISIT NEW PORT RICHEY
<b>10</b> 8:30AM-12:00PM FULL MENU BREAKFAST 2:00PM-5:00PM OUT OF SCHOOL PARTY	<b>11</b> 2:30PM BRIDGE CLUB BINGO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6:30PM EARLY BIRD 7:00PM JACKPOT HOT SNACK BAR	<b>12</b> 6:30PM-7:30PM - SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS 7PM HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	<b>13</b> 6:30PM-7:30PM PER MEETING 7:30PM LODGE MEETING	<b>14</b>  Flag Day	<b>15</b> 6:30PM-8:30PM FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER POT LUCK (BRING A DISH) 6:30PM-11:00PM MUSIC - CHRIS AND BOB FSEA PRESIDENT VISIT TO SWD MANASOTA #1734	<b>16</b> 7:00PM KARAOKE WITH MARTYQ FSEA PRESIDENT VISIT TO SWD MANASOTA #1734
<b>17</b> 8:30AM-12:00PM FULL MENU BREAKFAST 3:00PM FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION 5:00PM ELKS DINING CLUB "APPETIZERS" Father's Day	<b>18</b> 2:30PM BRIDGE CLUB BINGO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6:30PM EARLY BIRD 7:00PM JACKPOT HOT SNACK BAR	<b>19</b> 6:30PM-7:30PM - SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS 7PM JAM SESSION	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:30PM-8:30PM FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER POT LUCK (BRING A DISH) 6:30PM-11:00PM MUSIC - KATHY AND PAUL	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8:30AM-12:00PM FULL MENU BREAKFAST 4:00PM PER "RIB FEST"	<b>25</b> 2:30PM BRIDGE CLUB BINGO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6:30PM EARLY BIRD 7:00PM JACKPOT HOT SNACK BAR	<b>26</b> 6:30PM-7:30PM - SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS 7PM HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	<b>27</b> 7:30PM - LODGE MEETING	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:30PM-8:30PM FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER POT LUCK (BRING A DISH) 6:30PM-11:00PM MUSIC - CHRIS AND BOB	<b>30</b>

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