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Office Hours
12 till 5 P.M. Monday thru Friday

Lounge Hours
4:00P.M. till Closing
Note- if Five or less people are present the lodge will close—The House Committee

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

ELK BUSINESS MEETING	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>NOV 14TH & 28TH</i>
HOUSE COMMITTEE	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>NOV 13TH 7:00 PM</i>
BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>NOV 1ST & 7:00 PM</i>
WCD HARRY-ANNA TALENT SHOW	<i>SATURDAY</i>	<i>NOV 3RD 6:00 PM</i>
ELECTION DAY (BACK HALL RENTED)	<i>TUESDAYNOV</i>	<i>6TH</i>
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY - -“RELAY FOR LIFE” KICKOFF	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>NOV 13 6:00 PM</i>
OPEN HOUSE “MEMBERSHIP		<i>NOV 11TH—13TH</i>
MASH PARTY (ARMY OF HOPE)	<i>SATURDAY</i>	<i>NOV 17TH</i>
THANKSGIVING DINNER THURSDAY		<i>NOV 22ND</i>
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AND FULL DINNER MENU		<i>EACH FRIDAY NIGHT</i>
BREAKFAST EVERY SUNDAY AND		<i>8:00 TILL NOON</i>
YOUTH CAR WASH	EVERY 3RD SUNDAY	<i>TBA</i>
Bingo Every Monday Night		<i>6:30 PM till 10:00 PM</i>

-and, of course-
Assistance for any of the events is ALWAYS appreciated.
Contact any committee Chairman or Lodge officer if interested.

Lodge of Sorrows

“Their Virtues we write on the tablets of Love and Memory”

Todd Bray October 2012

Tommy Coyle Oct 2012

Dale Ellis July 2012

A Memorial Service for long time member Dale Ellis will be held at the Lodge Nov.18, 2012 at 3:00 PM. I and the Lodge Officers will be conducting the Service. Please plan to attend this Service in memory " TO OUR ABSENT MEMBER". If you care to provide food or a covered dish please contact Bill Edwards PER3, PLP at 813-495-1083 or Lynn Brown at the Lodge'
Thank You: Bill Edwards PER3,PLP

Hold them and their loved ones in your hearts and prayers



Step Up Stand Proud



EXALTED RULER ADDRESS | Tracy Horrell, ER, PLP



November is a time to say "Thanks"! To our military who defend our country, to the veterans who served and those who gave their lives to make this country great! To those who volunteer their time to help others in need, and to those of you for the countless ways you give to the Elks organization "We Thank You"!

As we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends let's also be thankful for the many accomplishments we have done so far this year. Helping our veterans enjoy a Friday night meal and evening out at the lodge, helping the Athena Ladies with their social and self esteem skills, participating in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, and for so many youth activities to teach our children in the community to say "No to Drugs" We as Elks can feel good about being a Beacon of Hope!

As we round out the year of 2012 we still have many activities and projects that we have planned to keep us busy to accomplish our goals. Please join me for our M.A.S.H. 708 event, tickets are \$12.00 this will raise money for Army of Hope.

We will be open on Thanksgiving with a traditional dinner. Ham and turkey will be provided, please bring a side dish. We are also asking for a donation of \$4.00 to offset cost of food. Please bring your family and friends. On Friday after Thanksgiving come on down for leftovers and to help decorate for Christmas. I look forward to seeing you there!

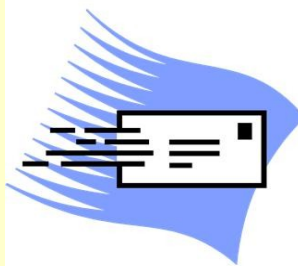
Fraternally,
Tracy Horrell, ER

The Lights are on and Brighter.

If you think the lights are a little brighter in our lodge, you are correct. Tampa Elk member, Mike Huskey, is back in town and has contributed new "Green" ballasts and light bulbs, along with his time over the past 3 weeks doing the install. The lights are brighter, more cost efficient and less harmful to the environment. I know the ones in the kitchen make a world of difference when trying to read instructions and menus!! Next time you see Mike, be sure to tell him thanks for making our lodge a little brighter. We should always be looking toward the light!. Thanks Mike and we are glad your back with us....

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

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



Tracy Horrell | Exalted Ruler
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Paul Deland | Secretary
Secretary708@gmail.com

Cindy Green | Treasurer
Treasurer708@gmail.com



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LODGE OFFICERS

- Exalted Ruler**
Tracy Horrell, ER, PLP
- Leading Knight**
Pat Boyd
- Loyal Knight**
Richard Florance
- Lecturing Knight**
Albert Schnut
- Tiler**
Robert Summers
- Esquire**
Christine Harris
- Secretary**
Paul Deland
- Treasurer**
Cindy Green
- Inner Guard**
Tamatha Manley
- Chaplain**
Vic Thomas, PER

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- 5-Year**
Brian Brantley PER
- 4-Year**
Addison Horrell
- 3-Year**
Jackie Appel
- 2-Year**
Sharon Ford
- 1-Year**
Shelagh Gombarcik

LADIES OF THE ELKS

- President**
Susie Harlow
- Vice President**
Sue Moore
- Secretary**
Sarah Ferguson
- Treasurer**
Donna Halsey
- Parliamentarian**
Richard Florance
- Chaplain**
Susan Hagan

Committees

- Accident Prevention**
Addison Horrell
- Americanism**
Richard Florance
- Athena House**
Tracy Horrell, ER, PLP
- Auditing**
Ben Veneble
- Bell Ringers**
Pat Fennell
- Bingo**
Brian Brantley, PER
- Blood Mobile**
Vic Thomas, PER
- Bulletin (Elksize)**
Pat Boyd
- Bylaws**
Rita Smith
- Community Activities**
Vic Thomas, PER
- Convention**
William Edwards, PER, PLP
- Drug Awareness**
John Wayne, PER and Tamatha Manley
- Elks National Foundation**
Richard Florance
- Elks Training**
Pat Boyd
- Entertainment**
Robert Summers
- Flag Day**
Richard Florance
- Government Relations**
Pat Boyd
- Hall Activities**
Wendy Hall
- Harry Anna Foundation**
Pat Boyd
- Membership / Lapsation**
Pat Boyd
Cindy Green

Committees

- Hoop Shoot**
John Wane PER and Addison Horrell
- House Committee**
Carl Williamson, PER
- Indoctrination**
Pat Boyd
- LOE Liaison**
Susie Harlow
- Lodge Activities**
Addison Horrell
- Maintenance**
Bobby Green
- Memorial Day**
Richard Florance
- Mother's Day**
Tracy Horrell, ER, PLP
- Officer Attendance**
Tracy Horrell, ER, PLP
- Parliamentarian**
Mike Pierson
Ron Simpson
Bob Pitney
- Presiding Justice**
John Redding
- Public Relations**
Kim VanWalker
- Sickness**
Pat Boyd
- Soccer Shoot**
John Wayne, PER
- Sports Activities**
John Wayne, PER
Tamatha Manley
- Veterans Services**
Jan Bertoch
- Visitation**
Leslie Nikkinen
- Website**
Marty Quire
- Youth Activities**
John Wayne, PER

Special Dispensation Requested and Granted (required posting)

From Paul Deland Secretary Tampa Elks 7098 on behalf of Tracy Horrell, ER
Date: 10/12/2012

Steve, I am asking on behalf of Tracy Horrell for Special Dispensation to move the scheduled December 26th DDGER visit to another date, also to cancel the December 26th meeting due to its proximity to Christmas.

REPLY:

From Steve Harmon (West Central District Vice President Sent Saturday 10/13/2012 10:59 A.M.
Granted. Just be sure to get this in the November & December bulletins and post notices at the lodge in December
Thanks, Steve Harmon

Next time you see them, give a BIG "Thank You" Christine and Glen Harris for the donation of a new Microwave in the Kitchen.

Editors Note: It was sorely needed!



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**LOE BIRTHDAYS –
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Frank Sellers, Jr	11/03
Sandra Lessard	11/03
Sue Moore, VP	11/08
Victoria Bihorel	11/11
Bonnie Quire	11/17
Lucille Schoonmaker	11/18
Betty Gnad	11/20

Members,

Todd Bray's family sends out a special Thank You to all, for the warm welcome and the love shown for them in their time of need. They appreciate all the food that was donated, and really appreciate the hard work that went into setting up and clean up. I believe we only showed the true meaning of Elkdom!

Elks Care, Elks Share!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL

Fraternally,
Tracy Horrell, ER

"365"Report

Vera Almstedt '365' Chairperson

We are starting a new year so let's keep the vans rolling. Last year they traveled 481,315 miles to patients home. That is something to be proud of. I hope everyone will continue filling the little houses. Thanks to all who donated this month. Helen Hotchkins from Bingo, Betty Tomzak and donations from the tables and bar.

**LOE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Susie Harlow LOE President**

GREETINGS TO ALL:



I hope everyone is getting ready for the holidays as they will be here soon. Please have a great Thanksgiving and enjoy your family and friends. Don't get too STUFFED on turkey. Your LOE Reps went to the annual FLOE Conference in Melbourne which was huge success. It is good to see all the members from other lodges all over the state. Next year it will be in Tampa so that is something to think about. I want to thank Sue Moore, VP,

Theresa Matthews, PLP, Hailey Matthews, Tommy Moore, Barbara Huffman, PLP, Raymond Huffman and Rosa Luer for all the help there. We needed all the help we could get.

We had our 1st ANNUAL SOCK HOP on Oct. 6th. What a great time that was had by all. The LOE and friends worked hard to take us back in time. What a fun night. I want to thank everyone who helped set up, serve, cook, cleaned and those who donated. Most important was to thank those who bought tickets and came to our event and supported the LOE. A HUGE THANK YOU goes to you. We will give you a full report at our next meeting. A BIG thanks to Sue Moore's, VP, husband Tommy who cooked for us. Also I want to thank Jack Johnson for jumping in to help Tommy (hence the term JUMPING JACK). Thanks to Berni Turpin, PLP for serving black cows and cleaning up.



The YARD SALE (article is on another page) is Nov. 10th. So start cleaning

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Facebook Information

To POST an event Contact:
Mark McDonough at
813-410-4763 or via email:
mark@ioholistics.com
for instructions or comments!!!

OFFICER OF THE MONTH

Brian Brantley

He is a Past Exalted Ruler, the VAVS representative for James A. Haley Hospital, and he is our own Bingo King! Every Monday you can find Brian in the back calling out numbers and ready to hear that famous word "BINGO"!!!

He also helps with the veterans who come to the lodge on the 4th Friday of the month to make sure their dining experience is a good one. He volunteers at James A. Haley hospital.

He is known for cooking meals at the lodge and is always willing to give advice when needed. Please let him know the next time you see him how much he is appreciated! Hats off to you, Brian, for all you do!

ELK OF THE MONTH

Mike Manley

He loves to cook and it shows! He has not only volunteered his time but has shown the kitchen crew his passion for putting out great meals! He has been working very hard to bring back our Friday night dinners and I believe it is paying off! He is one of the first to lend a hand when needed or asked.

He was one of the many who made our 110th Anniversary so successful! And you never know what surprises he has in store for us as we found out the night of the horse race! Always giving of his time and contributions to our charities, it shows our lodge that he Steps Up and Stands Out! Thanks Mike!

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out closets, cabinets and garages.

I want to thank the following people for helping. AJ Matthews, PER for making tickets and donating them for the treasure chest. Theresa Matthews, PLP for making posters and typing up meeting agendas, installation, and contracts. Donna Halsey, Treasurer, for making posters and tickets. She hired the DJ for the Sock Hop at a great rate and donated her personal memorabilia which was a big hit. What a great Treasurer she is. Sue Moore, VP, who has more energy than anyone. She went shopping for food, set up, cleaned up and provided the cook. She is a dynamo. She is always looking for the next thing to do. Thanks to everyone who helped.

In Your Service



"SCARY-OKE 2012"

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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.

GOLD INVESTORS \$51 - \$99

SILVER INVESTORS \$21 - \$50

BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20

**LOE ANNUAL YARD SALE
NOVEMBER 10th
8AM-2PM**

Furniture, household items, clothes, collectibles, working appliances. We can start accepting donations November 3rd. See Sue Moore, VP for more info. Remember one man's junk may be another's treasure. It will be in the parking lot unless the weather is bad.

PLATINUM INVESTORS - \$100

Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 6/2013
In Memory of Fennell, Jerrye and Patrick 6/2013
Florance, Dick 7/2012
In Memory of Richard A Palmer 8/2012
Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean 6/2015
Pickenpaugh Vernon and Betty FLOE PSP 10/2012
Snyder, Robert & Lisa 5/2013

Be an Elksize Booster!

Just \$10.00 per year helps offset the cost of printing/mailling the Elksize. The following members give!

Boyd, Pat 05/2013
Dayes, PDDGER, Dick & Eleanore 9/2012
Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 6/2013
In Memory of Charlie Fiveash 5/2015
In Memory of Harold Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018
Pickenpaugh, Vernon and Betty 05/2013
Vera Wright 2013

**Our Newest Candidates
Let's give them a Warm ELK Welcome**

<u>New Candidates</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>City/State</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Date of Vote</u>
Connie Blaney	Paul Deland	Tampa, FL	CEO Liberty Manor	Nov 14th, 2012
Deborah Tanner	Sherryl Jorgenson	Tampa, FL	None Listed	Nov 14th, 2012
Ann Marie Newberg	Craig Newberg	Tampa, FL	Insurance Service	Nov 14th, 2012
<i>Reinstatement:</i>	Petra Szemeredy	Tampa, FL	None Listed	Nov 14th, 2012

Editors Note

We have had a few projects at our lodge in October! Boys and Girls Bowling, Hoop/Soccer Shoot, "ScaryOke" Holoween Party and other, as well as dinner and dance Fridays. I try to put pictures in the Elksize every month. Unfortunately, this month we had more news to report than usual. I know you enjoy seeing lodge photos; however, pictures for October will be on the Lodge "View Screen" this month. Make some time and bring your friends with you to the lodge, so you can "See" what we've done!



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Sat., November 17th

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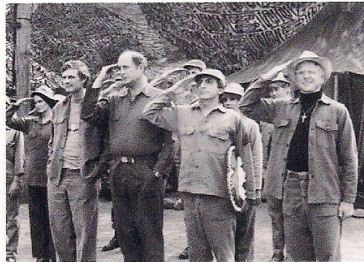
COME AS YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER!

MUSIC! - FUN!

PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUMES!



PLAY MASH TRIVIA



Proceeds go to Army of Hope!

(Organization that assists families of those called to active service!)

Dinner: 6:30pm
Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes
Corn



TICKETS \$12
BEFORE NOV 15TH THEN \$15

Youth Activities
John Wayne PER, Youth Activities Chairman

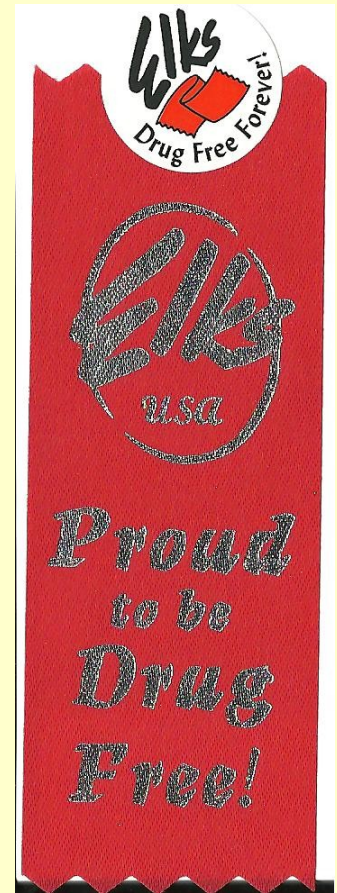
November will be a vey busy month for the Drug Awareness Committee as well as for our children. First of all, we will be holding a kids day (for All children) at the lodge on November 3, 2012. This day is funded by a grant to Tampa Elks Lodge #708, and was received through the Elks National Foundation (ENF.)

We will be having food, games, prizes and a gift for each child who attends. Hope to see you there. Please contact myself if you know a child that can attend. Show our community that "Elks Care, Elks Share."

Our "Hoop Shoot/Soccer Shoot" was well received. of course we could always use more involvement by the community; however, the project went well. Those of you who attended had a great time and met new friends including 'Marmol' from the Port Tampa Community Center at 4701 McCoy St. just off Westshore. We have a couple of representatives that will be moving on to district competition. My congratulations to all who participated in these great programs.

Remember to make your posters for our Christmas get together. Also, bring an unwrapped toy or gift to the Christmas gathering for the children's gift exchange with another child.

So far, we have made \$105.00 for the "Say no to Drugs" youth group, through our third Sunday Car Wash. Come on down for the next on and enjoy an Elk Breakfast and get your car washed at the same time. Help support your lodge and our youth. Thanks again to all our Youth Activities helpers!



Our Newest Members

Jim Currier

Nelson Grahn

Nancy Sleeper



Jam Night

First and Third Tuesday of each Month.

Play along, sing along and enjoy a night of musical interludes.

Fun Times Await you!



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Drug Awareness**John Wayne PER Youth Activities Chairman**

Back by popular demand, we will be holding a "Poster Contest" on December 9, 2012 at our Christmas Party.

All participating children will make a poster for:

"Say no to Drugs!"

as well as an essay with the topic,
"Why should I say no to drugs"

or

"Can drugs be harmful to me?"

All essays and posters will be judged by a committee of Drug Awareness Teenagers and Adults. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

We are also asking the kids to bring to the lodge an unwrapped gift for our gift exchange. If feasible, please bring the gift to the lodge early and put them in our lodge boxes. This is to help our lodge defray the cost of the party.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and participation. The youth are our future Elks!

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

Grand Lodge

www.elks.org

Florida State Elks Association

www.floridaelks.org

Florida State Elks Online
Community Forum

www.talkoftheelks.org

Tampa Elks Lodge #708

<http://tampaelks.com>

Tampa Elks Facebook | [http://](http://www.facebook.com/#!/ElksLodge708)

www.facebook.com/#!/ElksLodge708

Editors Note: Social Networking via Twitter is coming soon. Training will be available. Keep your ears open for the "Tweets!"

Our Newest Members

John Brennan

Marcy Currier

Alan Ecke



No picture Available: **Deborah Dickerson**



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Bartender News

“Peggi” *“Debbie”*

Welcome to November. We had an awesome October and are looking forward to another incredible month at Tampa Elks. It is with sorrow that we said goodbye to our long standing member, Todd Bray. His celebration of life was well attended and he was sent off in style. The tailgate parties have been a HUGE success and in November they are scheduled as follows: November 4th, the Bucs will be in Oakland and on November 18th, the Bucs will be playing the Carolina Panthers. Come on out and bring guests, bring a dish, enjoy Buccaneer football, great beer and drink specials as well as good friends! We are also supporting our college teams, FSU, UF and USF with beer specials and drink specials. We have 3 wide screen TVs with all the games! Don't forget to get your tickets to the MASH 708 fund raiser for Army of Hope. This promises to be an outrageous evening at the Elks. Come on down and support your LODGE. Peggi and Debbie are ready to serve you beverages!!!!

(Editors Note): Did you know that Tampa Elks lodge is OPEN EVERY NIGHT, as long as you are there showing your support? We are looking for ways to increase our fellowship and our bottom line. If your interested in Pot Luck on Monday night? Let us know. If you are nearby on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, Debbie will be providing a crock pot dish for a small donation along with our nightly refreshment specials. Stop by on our slow nights, and watch Elk fellowship grow. See you There!!



A m e r i c a n E l k s -
E l e c t i n g a n d P r o j e c t i n g
D i c k F l o r a n c e A m e r i c a n i s m C h a i r m a n



On Tuesday, November 6, 2012 - a President for America will be elected for the next 4 years. As diverse as our communities all across our nation now are - the elections for our National, State, and some Local Officials will be hotly contested as is rightly so for the good of America's Republic to uphold and defend our way of life. As citizens and American Elks did you vote and make your individual and patriotic choices?

Sunday, November 11, 2012 is Veterans Day in America which means as Elks we should celebrate and be eternally grateful for the continuance of our daily lives - - thanks to those many American souls who gave their lives and limbs for their love of America. Elks must always remember that " As long as there are American Veterans - the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will Always Be There for them" - projecting veterans' well-being and recovery - with Elks Caring and Sharing their healing.

As November's end comes nearly around the bend - our uniquely American celebration of Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 22, 2012 appears. This is a happy and joyful time that brings us together as Americans and Elks as we remember the history of Thanksgiving and how two kinds of people - European pilgrims and Native Americans learned from each other. Trust between these two groups grew along with their fruits and vegetables from these new settlers. Hunting the abundant game and birds by Native Americans provided sustenance for all and they learned to share and to prosper together.

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR DECEMBER 7th

DON'T FORGET THE LOE Annual CHRISTMAS BAZAAR. WE HAVE GIFT ITEMS AND RAFFLES. WE ALWAYS HAVE THE BEST BAKED ITEMS THAT YOU CAN FIND. YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT SURPRISES WE HAVE. WE WILL POST HOURS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD. YOU CAN GET IN THE CHRISTMAS MOOD.

Thanksgiving News

It is that time of the year again when our hearts go out to those in need. Our great lodge, with the best leadership, will again be open on Thanksgiving Day November 22, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. for dinner, drinks, and most of all Great Camaraderie and Fellowship.

The cost to Elks and Family for this day of thanksgiving will be \$4.00 with any dish to share. Children under 12 will eat free. Our lounge will be open with a bartender that is working for TIPS, as this is an all volunteer function!. We will have the TVs on for Parades, Sports, and others viewing pleasure. We might even have a Pool (billiards) tournament. All Elks and their families are invited to participate.

There will be a signup sheet in the lodge for who plan to attend and what side dish you will be bringing. For those bringing more than 8 people, Contact John Wayne PER, at 813-837-4252 and leave a message.

Remember folks, this is your lodge. Forget the Past and join us for a great time at this Thanksgiving Day feast. The lodge will be supplying the turkey and ham and you can either supply a side dish or donate to help offset costs. Thanks to all who make this extension of family possible. Hope to see you there!

Fraternally,

John Wayne PER

Pictures on the Lounge ViewScreen

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Through economic hard times and times of war and thoughts of future peace American Elks have remained steadfast in their beliefs - that by projecting to America that Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, with Fidelity towards communities far and wide - and our Elks "focus" towards Charity towards children and also dignity and respect for America's military

Veterans - are some of the best ways to show our United States of America that Elks have pride and patriotism in what we say an do - because we know.

LEARN TO DANCE SALSA

NEW YORK STYLE SALSA ON 2 AND BACHATA



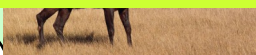
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ON 2

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HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS
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FREE TO ELKS MEMBERS
FREE TO MILITARY
ALL OTHERS \$10.00

COME ON DOWN !! TUESDAYS FROM 6:30 TO 7:30 TO LEARN
BASIC SALSA AND BACHATA
COME AND HAVE FUN AND GET SOME CARDIO GOING!!!

- Reduce stress
- Give you energy
- Strengthen your body
- Improve muscle tone and coordination
- Reduce the risk of heart disease
- Lower blood pressure
- Help to control your weight
- Strengthen leg and hip bones



Membership

Cindy Green Membership Chair

I begin this month by thanking our editor for letting me skip our membership article last month, as I was very busy and he was able to fill this space with pictures of our 110th Anniversary celebration. It was a wonderful event with a good time had by all. Kudos to Lesley Nikkinen for chairing this event! After attending the 110th and most recently our Halloween party which was also loads of fun, it appears membership is alive and well in our Lodge.

We followed up lapsation last month with letters to anyone who was delinquent with their dues. The response was very good, with members contacting us to make payments that appeared to have slipped by them. Our dining room and kitchen remain open, and there are dining surveys we would like our members to fill out, just to let we know how we are doing. On that note, we are always looking for additional volunteers for the kitchen. So if you like to cook or assemble salads and sandwiches or other help, please contact the Lodge and we will fit you in one of the crews.

We had seven new members initiated in October and several more scheduled for November. Initiations are not on a meeting night. After Initiations, many new members have given compliments on the ceremony/ritual. I invite everyone to attend the next Initiation ceremony in November. Regardless of how long you have been a member, you will “gain a deeper appreciation of its beauty and meaning” by witnessing it again. New members are given a booklet called “What It Means To Be An Elk” which

is a guidebook for the newcomers but should always be guidelines for all. If you have misplaced your copy, stop by the office and pick one up. Remember, the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity should continue to guide the Lodge.

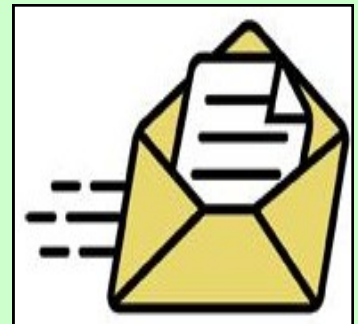
Please continue the good work of Elkdom by bringing your friends and fellow Elks to OUR many projects and social functions. Elks are the best, because of YOU the Member!

E-MAIL ALERTS!

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



Grand Lodge and State Dates to Remember

**Elk Memorial Service will be held on December 2, 2012 at 3:00 pm at the lodge.
Please attend to pay tribute to the Elks who have passed away.**



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Tampa Elks #708 Get Third ENF Grant

Liberty Manor for Veterans was presented a National grant from honorable members of the Tampa Elks Lodge #708 on **October 18, 2012**



Editors Note: The following is a News release sent by Liberty Manor to the local media:

The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. They fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. They 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. The Elks Foundation values the belief that charity is the greatest of all virtues and that by sharing they have the power to replace sorrow and despair with hope and confidence. Donations to the Foundation help them to fund programs that match our cornerstone values of knowledge, integrity and community.

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For Veterans, God and Country,

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“Ring in the New Year”**

Hard to believe we are just 2 months away from
“New Years Eve.”

You will begin to hear more of the details as the event grows closer,
beginning in November.

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November 2012 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Full Menu Breakfast-- 8:30-- 12:00 am	29 BINGO Earlybird 6pm & Reg 7pm Grill Open	30 6:30pm Salsa Dance Lessons	31 Halloween	1 6:30pm - 7:30pm Officers Meeting 7:30pm - 8:30pm Board of Director's Meeting	2 6:30pm Dinner and Live Music	3 6:00pm - 11:00pm Harry Anna Talent Show at St. Pete Lodge
4	5 BINGO Earlybird 6pm & Reg 7pm Grill Open	6 7:00am Voting Day (Back Hall Rented) 7:00pm Jam Session	7 LOE Meeting 7:30 pm	8 Mid Year Conference at Ft. Myers	9 Mid Year Conference at Ft. Myers 6:30pm Dinner and Live Music	10 Mid Year Conference at Ft. Myers 8:00am - 2:00pm LOE Annual Yard Sale
11 Full Menu Breakfast-- 8:30-- 12:00 am	12 BINGO Earlybird 6pm & Reg 7pm Grill Open	13 6:00pm American Cancer Society Kickoff Relay for Life and OPEN HOUSE 4:00pm OPEN HOUSE- (Introduce a Friend to Elkdom!) 7:00pm - 8:00pm House Committee Meeting	14 7:30pm Lodge Meeting	15	16 6:30pm Dinner and Live Music	17 6:00pm - 11:00pm M*A*S*H Ball Benefit for Army of Hope
18 Full Menu Breakfast-- 8:30-- 12:00 am OPEN HOUSE- (Introduce a Friend to Elkdom!) Veterans Day	19 BINGO Earlybird 6pm & Reg 7pm Grill Open	20 6:30pm - 7:30pm Salsa Dance Lessons 7:00pm Jam Session	21	22 Thanksgiving Thanksgiving Dinner	23 No Veteran's dinner	24 6:00pm Hall Rental Birthday Party- Small 50-70 guest
25 Full Menu Breakfast-- 8:30-- 12:00 am Supper Club 3:00pm Dale Ellis Memorial	26 BINGO Earlybird 6pm & Reg 7pm Grill Open	27 6:30pm - 7:30pm Salsa Dance Lessons	28 Lodge Meeting - 7:30	29	30 6:30pm Dinner and Live Music	1 6:00pm Hall Rental Birthday Party- Small 50-70 guest
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