

#### Tampa Elks Lodge #708

#### Founded 1902

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#### Office Hours

12:00 till 5:00P.M. Mon-Tue-Thur. 2:00 till 6:00pm Wed.

#### **Lounge Hours**

4:00P.M. till Closing-Mon thru Sat 1:00P.M. till 9:00P.M. Sun

Note- if Five or fewer people are present the lodge will close—one hour

# **Upcoming Events!**

## Mark your calendar for these Lodge events!

DEC. 3RD BD. OF DIRECTORS TUESDAY LOE MEETING WEDNESDAY DEC. 4TH 7:30 PM **HOUSE COMMITTEE** DEC. 10TH 6:30 PM TUESDAY **BUSINESS MEETING WEDNESDAY** DEC. 11TH 7:30 PM E R'S CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC 14TH 6:00P *SATURDAY* DEC. 17TH 7:30 PM BOARD OF DIR./OFFICERS MEETING TUESDAY DEC. 19TH 7:00 PM TRIVIA NIGHT (SUPPORTS VETERANS) *THURSDAY* CHRISTMAS DAY (LODGE CLOSED) WEDNESDAY DEC 25TH KARAOKE NEW YEARS PARTY TUESDAY DEC 31ST 7PM LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AND FULL DINNER MENU EACH FRIDAY NIGHT DEC. 27TH KITCHEN CLOSED FRIDAY BREAKFAST (FULL MENU!) EVERY SUNDAY 8:30 A.M. TILL NOON FEED HOMELESS AT HYDE PARK EVERY SUNDAY 7:30 A.M. TIL 9:30AM

Bingo Closed Mon. 23rd & 30th

Assistance for any of the events is ALWAYS appreciated.













New Year's Karaoke!



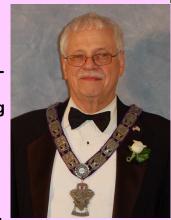


# **EXALTED RULER ADDRESS | Richard Florance, ER**



Dear Fellow Elks, Now is the Season of Reason -- to all "Thank each other" for all the successes we as Elks have made! Our charity to Elkdom has meant a return to our Lodge several ENF Grants along with several local Hall Donations in the recent past - useful in continuing our Lodge's Activities.

But NOW is the time to begin once again to renew with good energy & skill - those Lodge functions that will rebuild our own needs to correctly keep our Lodge's good "Ship of Tampa Elks Lodge #708" - into the bright future we, as good Elks, all



seek!

There are many good "Opportunities" for chances to have Fund Raiser's - with upcoming Winter Events -- such as New Year's Karaoke; LOE Hoe-Down; Gasparilla; St. Valentine's; & even St. Patrick's Day. Events such as these will continue to please those who will come to work & to play - so my question is - "Where will you as as Lodge members be?"

Remember Elks Live & Elks Give because Elks Care & Elks Share thru all times for good of the Order.

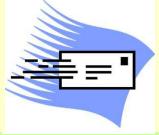
The Board of Directors & Lodge Officers wish you ALL a <u>MERRY</u> <u>CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR</u> of peace, good will & good fortune for us ALL!

Richard Florance, Exalted Ruler 813-831-0518 rhflorance@yahoo.com



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

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



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# December

B O A R D O F T R U S T E E S

**5-Year**Bobby Green **4-Year** 

Brian Brantley, PER

3-Year

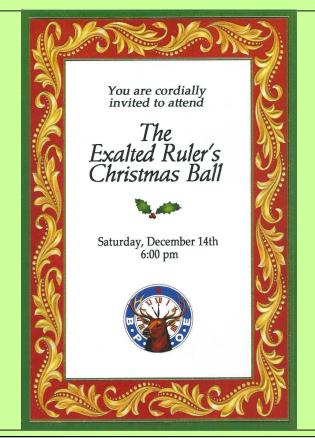
Addison Horrell

**2-Year**Jackie Appel **1-Year**Sharon Ford

#### LADIES OF THE ELKS

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Sue Moore
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## **LODGE COMMITTEES**

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## HOUSE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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# Paul DeLand,

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Sez: Deadline for
all articles is the
15th of the month.
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Be on-time
PLEASE!

#### LOE PRESIDENTS REPORT

Wow! Here we are getting into the Holidays! I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving and were surrounded by loved ones and family.

I am so proud of our Sock Hop turn out and all those who came – Thank You! Our Vice President, Sarah Ferguson, is getting things in place for the upcoming LOE Bazaar being held on December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will have several vendors selling nice things... So come support them and the LOE. Those that reach out and give will receive God's Blessing.

Remember the Children's Christmas Party on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Bring those grandkids and enjoy the memories we make for them. Sometimes we get busy and forget to take time to check on those we know and spend time with – family and Lodge.

Things are really coming together at your Lodge. Check the calendar, come out and support, and bring pride with all we do.

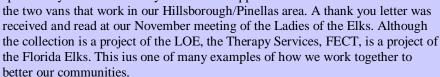
May your blessing for the holidays bring much Joy and Love to all you gather with.

Your Loving President,



# 365 Club Rita Smith, Chair

The small tabletop banks are collections for the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services. Last year we specifically asked that money be used for supplies for



Last month, thanks to the generosity of our members, we finally topped the one hundred dollar mark for collections in a single month. I was so excited when the bank teller came back with the total from sending all that change through her machine. Those coins do add up, and you don't miss tham so much if you give steadily throughout the year. Please remember to empty that loose change out of your pockets and purses while you are at the Lodge.

This month I received filled boxes from Bonnie Quire, and Betty Tomczak. I also collected some anonymous bills from the little houses in the lounge. Plus, whenever I am there gathering money members such as Pat Fennell, Tracy Horrell, Tony Marino, Paul DeLand or Ben Venable can be counted upon to add a buck to the pot. I am grateful for every penny from every source. Thank you all very much.

# DECEMBER LOE BIRTHDAYS



Jack Johnson 12/8
John Berks 12/9
Betty Pickenpaugh, PSP 12/13
Carolyn Miller 12/22
Shelagh Gombarcik 12/24
Sarah Furguson 12/29

Bonnie Atwood, LOE Chaplain







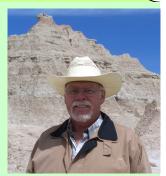
## FaceBook Information

To POST an event Contact:

Mark McDonough at
813-410-4763 or via email:
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for instructions or comments!!!

## LEADING KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

The New Year, 2014, approaches and this, our final month of the current year, provides us ample opportunity to enjoy and support our Lodge. While enjoying Lodge activities and Holidays with our families, Look forward to the coming months



as the 1st quarter of the coming year will be filled with events of the Lodge as well as the nomination and election of new officers...and, perhaps every bit as important, the appointment by the incoming Exalted Ruler of several Lodge officers and many Chairpersons who will carry the weight of the new 2014-2015 Lodge year. I urge you to give careful thought to involvement in one of our Committees/ Activities. Being an Elk entails giving of oneself in both worldly goods and TIME with the latter perhaps the most important gift to Elkdom. Step forward, and be involved. You will find the spiritual rewards to be extensive! You will join a now 112 year tradition of Elks in Tampa...a proud heritage; a continuation of service.

Paul DeLand, Esteemed Leading Knight

# Tampa #708 Elks

# **PROPOSED NEW ELKS!**

NAME	PROPOSER	<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>	VOTE DATE	
Richard Munsey	Tracy Horrell	Retired Military	12/11/13	
Miguel Lucio	Florence Wayne	Retired Military	12/11/13	
Chris Spear	Wendy Hall	Construction	12/11/13	

FROM: Secretary Tracy Horrell, PER

NOTICE! NO LODGE MEETING ON DECEMBER 25TH

(Per special dispensation from DDGER Doug Collett!)





# **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**

Horrell, Addison and Tracy 3/2014 Wayne, John and Flo 3/2014 LaChance, Roger and Rosemary 3/2014

#### SILVER INVESTORS \$21 - \$50

Elma Kelly 3/2014
Jan Simpson & Charles Rice 5/2014
Debbie Osterbrock 11/2015

#### **BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20**

Edwards, Bill 3/2014 McDonough, Mark 3/2014 Swaney, Valorne 3/2014

## **PLATINUM INVESTORS - \$100**

Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 3/2014 In Memory of Fennell, Jerrye and Patrick 3/2014 Florance, Richard 3/2014 Appel, Jackie 3/2014 Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean 6/2015 Quire, Bonnie (In memory, Larry Quire) 3/2014 Snyder, Robert & Lisa 5/2013 Marino, Anthony 3/2014 Wright, Vera 3/2015 In Memory Ina Moore 3/2014 DeLand, Paul & Vans Evers, Sandra 3/2014 Green, Cindy and Bob 3/2014 Smith, Rita 3/2014 Nikkinen, Leslie 3/2014 Palladini, Debbie & Durant, Rose 3/2016 Pickenpaugh, Vernon and Betty, PLSP 3/2014 Reinhardt. Jeannie 3/2014

In Memory of Thomas McHugh 8/2014

Jack Johnson 11/2014

# THANKS!!!!

To all our Elks, LOE and volunteers who helped make Thanks-giving 20/3 a special event in the Lodge.

Special Thanks to Al Schnut and Lynn Brown for their prep

# Be an Elksize Booster!

To all our Elks, LOE \$10.00 per year helps offset the cost of the Elksize.

Boyd, Pat 05/2013
Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 6/2014
In Memory of Charlie Fiveash 5/2015
In Memory of Harold Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018
Wright, Vera 3/2018
Donna Halsey 4/2013
Jan Simpson & Charles Rice 5/2013
Debbie Osterbrock 11/2016

and cooking of the meal. There were many more including Jeannie Reinhart, PER of Largo who helped with bloody marys.... John Wayne, Chairman







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Millard C. Pickering
Grand Exalted Ruler

#### **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13-101**

A Fraternal Organization

# TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF TAMPA, FLORIDA LODGE NO. 708

Pursuant to the authority of the Constitution and Laws of the Order of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the recommendation of State Sponsors, C. Valentine Bates, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Robert Grafton, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, and Michael F. Smith, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, I do hereby **conclude the Probation and Steering Committee** of Tampa, Florida Lodge No. 708 as established by Executive Order No. 11-191 issued by then Grand Exalted Ruler David R. Carr and dated October 7, 2011.

Since appreciation is extended to Steering Committee members, Michael T. Pierson (Chairman), Ronald R. Simpson and Raymond R. Pitney for their efforts and dedication. Their work and service is greatly appreciated by State Sponsors, C. Valentine Bates, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Robert Grafton, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, and Michael F. Smith, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Grand Lodge, the Florida State Elks Association, Inc. and Tampa, Florida Lodge No. 708.

The Lodge Secretary is hereby directed to notify the members of Tampa, Florida Lodge No. 708 of this Order and to post on the Lodge bulletin board for a period of 30 days.

Executed this 15th day of November, 2013 in the City of Sapulpa, County of Creek, State of Oklahoma.

Millard C. Pickering Grand Exalted Ruler

cc: Robert Grafton, PGER

C. Valentine Bates, PGER

Michael F. Smith, PGER

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Richard H. Florance, Exalted Ruler, Tampa, Florida Lodge No. 708

Tracy Way Horrell, Secretary, Tampa, Florida Lodge No. 708

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# December Menus Tampa Elks Lodge #708 Friday Night Fare

December 6th New York Strip Steak	\$12.00
(Steak served with baked potato, veggie, & salad)	
Baked Chicken (Served with baked potato, veggie and salad)	\$8.00
Patty Melt, slaw and french fries	\$7.00
December 13th	
Stuffed Pork Chops (Served with baked potato, veggie and salad)	\$10.00
Chicken Alfredo (Served with veggie and salad)	\$8.00
December 20th	
Rib Eye Steak Dinner (Steak served with baked potato, veggie, & salad)	\$12.00
Fried Fish Dinner (Served with Tartar sauce, slaw and fries)	\$7.00
Hamburger, cole slaw and french fries	\$6.00

**December 27th** - Kitchen Closed for Christmas Holiday

NOTE: may substitute french fries for baked potato





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Visit these web links for ELK information and events!

Grand Lodge www.elks.org

Florida State Elks Association www.floridaelks.org

Florida State Elks Online Community Forum

www.floridaelks.org

Tampa Elks Lodge #708 www.tampaelks.com

Tampa Elks Facebook www.facebook.com/#!/ElksLodge708



# **Americanism**

Richard Florance, ER Americanism Chairman



ELKS ETERNAL PROMISES As 2013 draws closer to an end - recall with me - the Elks Eternal Promises we send. Think deeply into your mind & our communities with their needy families do appear - & especially the children who are so dear. So as Elks we have a Christmas Party every year - with games, food, fun & gifts given with all good cheer - & so our honored Eternal Promises continue throughout the years.

Another of our Eternal Promises comes to my mind - our American military veterans are returning from foreign wars. With them come many grievous & lifelong injuries - both physical & mental - and yes, very personal as well as incidental! As Elks we honor our Eternal Promises - with Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love & Fidelity to veteran's causes. We all must continue to remember our veteran's promise - " As long as there are American veterans they will never be left alone." Elks will always be there for them - even until their times to hear our Elks chimes of love & memory pealing forth their friendly message. Renew & refresh your Elks ties to our Eternal Promises - remember that Elks Live & Elks Give because Elks Care & Elks Share in unlimited capacities to help other Americans in need!

Have a Merry Christmas & a safe, Happy New Year into & through our Elks 2014 year.

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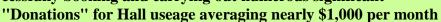


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# **ELK OF THE MONTH—WENDY HALL**

The Chairman of the Hall Donation Committee, Wendy Hall, is this month's Elk of The Month. She has been responsible for successfully booking and carrying out numerous significant



Lodge income over the past two years.



These events have utilized our back hall for a variety of uses including private birthday parties; a memorial remembrance of a departed family member; several wedding receptions; & other donations including the Florida Printer's Association BBQ Party. This event will return for future years because of the hospitality shown by her committee.

Her attention to details that produce excellent happy outcomes for our donors is outstanding. The Hall Donation Committee & its decorating for specific events has been exemplary in its performance. Please give Wendy a "special thank-you" in helping to support the Lodge's "Bottom-Line" when you see her at the Lodge.

# OFFICER OF THE MONTH—CHAUN "COURTNEY" TAYLOR

The Lodge's Tiler -- Chaun (Courtney) Taylor is my selection for this month's Officer of The Month. Courtney recently married her long-time beau, Sami Weil, with many of her Elk friends and work associates in attendance for their ceremony & celebration.

Courtney is a truly dedicated, hard-working, faithful Elk who consistently shows much love & compassion for her fellow Elks, business associates and many people in need. She was instrumental in helping to secure an Elks National Foundation Grant that has helped support the Sunday Morning Homeless Breakfast Program at the downtown Methodist Church in Tampa, and recently received word that a new, larger ENF grant has been awarded for another year.

Courtney is also a skilled bartender who works for our Lodge's House Committee regularly. She is truly an asset to our Lodge Officer Corps and to Tampa Lodge #708.







Dec. 31st - Potluck Dinner @ 7, Followed by....

Pool Tournament - Door Prizes - 50-50s









Admission: Pot Luck Dish for your party + 1 .....

Champagne Toast at Midnight followed by Breakfast!



Pool Tournament entry \$5.00.....
Winner gets \$20 Bar Tab....2nd Place gets \$10 bar tab.

ALL Profits to Lodge General Fund SIGN UP ON BULLETIN BOARD!



# When Tampa Elks ask, Tampa Elks respond.





On November 16<sup>th</sup>, the second Tampa Elks "Texas Hold Em" event became history. If you didn't make it as a player or as a spectator, you missed a grand event. The acco lades are being spread throughout the lodge and I want to take a few moments to share with those who didn't partake.

First, the specifics: We had five (5) tables, thirty three (33) players including twenty six (26) Elks and seven (7) guests. We actually sold 48 tickets though some were not

able to attend due to other obligations. That's Elkdom at its' best! We involved over ten (10) businesses from our community, our Elk membership, our Ladies of the Elks and a number of guests that when combined did "GOOD" within our community. A myriad of people stepped up for the first time and tried something different! It was your time and effort that made this a successful project to be emulated. Most important, we raised a total of \$725.00 for the Florida Elks Harry -Anna Foundation. We showed once again that Tampa Elks DO Care and Tampa Elks DO Share!

ALSO, this was a first, in that we also supported our "Raise the Roof" fundraiser with a combined and scrumptious Spaghetti dinner that filled everyone's bellies as well as the organizations coffers. We proved that you can do 2 things at once and be successful. You will read more about the dinner fundraiser in this Elksize.

There were so many people that assisted in the success of this event; however, I want to personally thank a few, Suzanne Moore, and her Ladies of the Elks (especially Elma.) They served and catered to our players with a smile throughout the evening. Once again our ladies shined through participation. I cannot say enough about our dealers: Mark, Mike, Robert, Tommy and Tracy. They had the daunting task of herding the cats (players) through a long night. They really kept the game moving and I am sure, have some stories to share! Also, I want to thank Nancy, Suzanne, Beth and Tamatha for their efforts in committee organizing, not only the prizes, snacks, and keeping the tempo of the game, but in keeping yours truly on track. Without the assistance of these key Elks, and LOE members this project would not have been successful. Special thanks to Tamatha and Mike Manley! They started the Texas Hold Em idea in April and proved it could succeed in our lodge! They know how to have fun, and raise funds for a cause. My hat is off to that couple! Also, Tamatha has the distinction of being the top ticket sales person by selling over \$280.00 in combined player/meal tickets! You know she doesn't take no for an answer and for that I personally am deeply grateful!

Once again, I want to thank this lodge for stepping up when I ask. This is a lodge to be proud of and when you see and hear the stories about the Harry-Anna Hold Em I want you to know it was your participation that made this project a success. I know through experience that when Tampa Elks ask, Tampa Elks respond.

Yours in Elkdom,

Pat Boyd

## **SPAGHETTI DINNER SUCCESS**

As mention above by Pat Boyd, Chairman of the Texas-Hold-Em event of November 16th, We, for the 1st time, combined two fund-raisers into a single evening as your Raise The Roof Committee held a spaghetti dinner ahead of Texas Hold-Em. More than \$200 went to the fund as a result! Many thanks to my crew including Wendy Hall, and Lynn Brown in the kitchen and volunteer servers who got the plates full of spaghetti, sausage and meatballs to our diners. The committee looks forward to future dinners which will produce funds directly for the Lodge. Thanks again to all who made this night a success through their efforts.

Paul DeLand, Chairman, Raise The Roof Fund Committee















# Tampa Elks Lodge #708 Calendar of Activities

December 2013





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BREAKFAST 8:30 - 12:00 HYDE PARK CHURCH 7:30 - 9AM	BINGO 5-10PM	SALSA - 6:30-7:30P OFFICERS AND BD. OF DIR. MTG. 7P	4 LOE MTG. 7:30PM	5	FRIDAY MEAL 6:30-8:00P	7
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22 BREAKFAST 8:30 - 12:00 HYDE PARK CHURCH 7:30 - 9AM	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS - LODGE CLOSED	26  LOUD AND PROUD THIRSTY THUR. 7P	27 KITCHEN CLOSED	28
29  BREAKFAST 8:30 - 12:00  HYDE PARK CHURCH 7:30 - 9AM	30	3 / KARAOKE NEW YEARS 7P-12:30AM	3 4 10 11 17 18	Nov 2013 T W T F S 1 2 5 6 7 8 9 12 13 14 15 16 19 20 21 22 23 26 27 28 29 30	S M T W T 1 2 5 6 7 8 9 12 13 14 15 16 19 20 21 22 23 26 27 28 29 30	3 4 10 11 17 18 24 25

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