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110 years Strong

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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!

SUPERBOWL (CHILI COOKOFF)	SUNDAY	FEB 3RD 4:00 P.M.			
OFFICERS MEETING	THURSDAY	FEB 7RD 6:30 PM			
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	THURSDAY	FEB 7TH 7:30 PM			
F.S.E.A. QUARTERLY (UMATILLA, FL	WEEKEND	FEB 8TH-10TH			
HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	TUESDAY	FEB 12TH 7:00 PM			
BUSINESS MEETING (NOMINATIONS)	WENDSDAY	FEB 13TH 7:30 PM			
VALENTINES DAY (ENF EVENT)	SATURDAY	FEB 16TH 6:00 P.M.			
SUPPER CLUB	SUNDAY	FEB 17TH			
TRIVIA NIGHT (SUPPORTS VETERANS)	THURSDAY	FEB 21TH 7:00 PM			
VETERANS DINNER	FRIDAY	FEB 22ND 6:00 P.M.			
BUSINESS MEETING (ELECTIONS)	WENDSDAY	FEB 27TH 7:30 PM			
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AND FULL DINNER M	ENTERTAINMENT AND FULL DINNER MENU				
Breakfast	EVERY SUNDAY	8:00 A.M. TILL NOON			
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-and, of course-

Bingo Every Monday Night

6:30 PM till 10:00 PM

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

2013-2014 Slate of Officers

Nominations - February 13, 2013





Elections - February 27, 2013



EXALTED RULER ADDRESS | Tracy Horrell, ER, PLP



It's fun to be a pirate but it is exhausting! I want to take this time to say Thanks to all who helped put this great event on! Your hard work and dedication to make it successful is greatly appreciated!

We are getting close to a new Elk year and as we get closer I think about all the accomplishments that we have achieved. We have helped The Children's Home, Big Brother and Big Sisters, Change Bridge, Liberty Manor for Vets, Athena House, James A. Haley hospital, all through our ENF grants that we were awarded. What a great feeling!

Our lodge members have also worked hard this year to contribute to the lodge by supporting the bar, the events and functions, Friday night dinners and Sunday Breakfast which has enabled us to put money back into our PIP fund, this helps to insure the future of Tampa #708.

Spring brings on new beginnings and soon my time as ER will be over, it feels like the time has flown by and I have enjoyed every minute of it. I am proud to be a Elk and I feel very honored to represent Tampa #708.

Our awards night has been moved to March 14th starting at 6:30 pm. Please look for more details in this issue and by the email blast. If you are not receiving notifications by email please contact me or email Marty Quire at mquire@tampabay.rr.com.

See you at the lodge soon!

Fraternally, Tracy Horrell, ER

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 trahorrell@tampabay.rr.com Paul Deland | Secretary dukeofdeland@hotmail.com Cindy Green | Treasurer Treasurer708@gmail.com





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

February

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

Susie Harlow

Vice President

Treasurer

Donna Halsey

ELKS

President

Sue Moore

Secretary

Sarah Ferguson

Parliamentarian

Lisa Snyder

Chaplain

Susan Hagan

MEMBERS

Jackie Apple Pat Boyd Bill Edwards Richard Florance Bobby Green Melissa Helfer Candy Hodgson Sandy Mayo Mark McDonough Robert Summers

Chairperson

Christine Harris (Right!) What a fun Time! See pictures of the event throughout this edition...

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 Bovd

Entertainment **Robert Summers**

Flag Day

Richard Florance

Government Relations

Pat Bovd

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 Bovd

Soccer Shoot

John Wayne, PER

Sports Activities

John Wayne, PER

Tamatha Manley

Veterans Services

Feb Bertoch Visitation

Leslie Nikkinen Website

Marty Quire

Youth Activities John Wayne, PER

Save the Date "Rescheduled"

Appreciation and Awards Night! March 14th, 2013 starting at 6:30 for cocktails and dinner at 7:00 P.M.



HOUSE Сомміттеє

Carl Williamson: Chairman

Lesley Nikkinen

Vic Thomas

2013 "New Years"

In The News



Courtesy of Connie Blaney

ELKS PAY LIBERTY MANOR A VISIT:

Members of the Tampa Elks Lodge Post No. 708 visited Liberty Manor for Veterans during the holidays to ensure the veterans there would not be forgotten. Members showered the veterans with Christmas gifts and other items to express their appreciation for their military service. Tampa Elks Lodge Post No. 708 is led by Tracey Horrell. The mission of the Elks Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. Pictured are residents of Liberty Manor and members of Tampa Elks Lodge Post No. 708.

Editors Note: This article was printed in the Tampa Tribune. (BTW) Connie Blaney is one of our newest Tampa Elks Members. Next time you see her, be sure to say:"Thanks Connie for getting the Elks noticed in our Community!

Harry Anna Trust Fund Ornament Fundraiser Final Report

What great fun this fundraiser turned out to be. With the help of Vera Wright, Ashley Hall, myself, Beth and Pat Boyd we raised approximately \$317.00 for this awesome charity to help children. That is what being an ELK is all about isn't it? To unselfishly help others in need.

We need more talented people like Vera Wright who can paint such beautiful pictures of parrots and cardinals. That is how she chose to help a child in need. Ashley Hall who is a non-member used her creative talents to paint ornaments of elf's and my favorite naughty or nice. People like Pat and Beth Boyd who actually came to the Tampa Elks Lodge 708 to help decorate the tree with these awesome Christmas ornaments and Peggy the bartender helped to collect the monies. This was a collaboration of beautiful souls who at a special time of year for children helped to raise an awesome total of over \$300.00 to help in their need of therapy. To all the members and non-members who purchased the one of a kind treasures, I thank you.

Sincerely,

Tamatha Manley, Inner Guard Tampa Elks Lodge 708

Special Thanks!

We want t say "Thank You" to our Kitchen staff Lynn Brown, Bill Edwards and Bobby Green for the Excellent meal (Chicago Beef and Fixings) presented during the DD visit. Once again, our Elks Stepped up and Stood Proud!



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 **Christine Harris**

She is full of spunk! A beautiful person inside and out. She took on being Esquire just after becoming an Elk while working a full time job. She recently chaired the New Year's Eve party and what a blast that was! Her dedication to our lodge and our Order is incredible and greatly appreciated! Please welcome and congratulate her the next time you see her in the lodge.

ELK OF THE MONTH Mark McDonough

He is new to the lodge and jumped into action by helping in our kitchen on the 3rd Sunday of the month! He is there to help set up bingo, for events and most recently he has been helping in the office. His positive attitude is greatly appreciated at the house committee meetings. He is a great asset to our lodge. Please congratulate him when you see him. Mark, Thanks for everything!

New Tampa Elk Candidates

Name Janet Hill

Vera Wright

Occupation Sr. Director **Financial Systems Sykes Industries**

Retired

Location Proposer Tampa, FL **Thomas Miller**

Tampa, FL **Tamatha Manley**

Feb 13th, 2013

Feb 13, 2013

Balloting Date

New Tampa #708 Elks



Jennifer Alonzo



William Mason, Jr.



Yvonne Riley





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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

BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20

PLATINUM INVESTORS - \$100

Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 6/2013

SILVER INVESTORS \$21 - \$50 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/mailing the Elk-

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 2018

More New Years FUN!!!

District Deputy GER Visitation

West Central District "District Deputy GER" Steve Harmon, "Grand Esquire" Jeanie Reinhardt and "Grand Auditor" Toni Goodrich attended Tampa Elks business meeting on January 23, 2013.

Steve delivered a report from the Grand Exalted Ruler Thomas S. Brazier.

He also reported on our recently completed "Book inspection," the great things Tampa Elks are doing in the community. He then turned the floor over to Mike Pierson for a report on the 2013-2014 District officer appointments. The night was very informative and helps us remember there are many lodge aspects which help to make the "Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks" a thriving and viable entity within our community.





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February Relay for Life Interbay Pat Boyd

For the third year running, Tampa Elks 708 is participating in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. (See Flyer to left) In honor of our departed Elk Tommy McHugh we are again registered as "Me and my Monkeys. We lost Tommy 3 years ago and Continue to honor him through this fundraising endeavor. The Pledge website has been formed and we encourage all to participate via either pledging cash or participating during the event.

Information can be found on the web at:

http://main.acsevents.org/goto/Tampaelks708

GO to the web and click on get involved -> Donate

Type in the team name "Me and My Monkeys" and make your pledge Today!

As Elks, we know the value of working within the community. This event has special meaning because we have lost many good friends and good Elks to this horrible disease. Come out and be a part of something bigger than the individual.

Make a pledge today and help us reach our goal!.



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Membership Cindy Green Treasurer and Membership Chair

Hello Members! How is everyone? Very well I hope.

Since this is an article and not a report, I will go right to what is on my mind. It begins with the Jolly Corks, the early history of the Elks. Anyone who has ever read or been told of our history realizes the Jolly Corks were entertainers. If you hold the title of entertainer, it would seem like you would like to make people happy, make them laugh.

As the group grew and formed, they decided to select a name. Part of the reason "ELK" was chosen, was it is an animal that is "timorous of wrongdoing". An Elk avoids evil and aggressive combat. It symbolized to the original group the values they wanted to stand for.

Along with the name, this original group also had the task of drafting rules. Hence, we now have statutes and by-laws which I see members read and refer to all the time. Although I have also read through these books, my favorite one is "What It Means To Be An Elk". Please note that this new member guidebook states "We seek to bring into our family only those who delight in wholesome associations with congenial companions, who possess a deep sense of patriotism, fair play and dedication to noble causes...". Gee, if only we could use this simple booklet as our guidelines for our actions, as it was intended. Not that I don't understand the other books, because I do. When we each took our Obligation, we became members of the entire order of Elks. We are all subject to the same Statutes and the By-Laws of our Lodge. We all share the responsibility for our Lodge's acts. The point is, Elkdom doesn't have to be that difficult. I GET IT. I hope everyone else does too.





More New Years FUN!!!



Tampa Elks Lodge #708

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.talkoftheelks.org

www.tampaelks.com

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

Wing Cook-off **Good Food - Good Times** Melissa Horrell

We had a great time at the December 30th wing cook-off. The food was tasty and complimented the assortment of wings.

I would like to thank our judges Celeste Herrington, Jon Arcand, and Jack Johnson. The competition was tough and all the wings were tasty; however, our three winners were:

Mike Manley 1st Place

Al Schnutt 2nd Place

Pat Boyd 3rd Place



"Wing" Nuts?

We hope everyone enjoyed and don't forget! The Superbowl Chili Cook-off will be February 3. Sign up, for you CHILI aficionados, is on the bulletin in the lodge Foyer!



The Excellent food, generous portions and the best prices in town! What a combination!

> Join us for Friday Dinner and Live Entertainment.

More New Years FUN!!!









Bartender News "Peggi" "Courtney"

Welcome to your Bartender's Corner.

First, we'd like to wish Debbie good luck in her new full-time job!! She'll be missed.

Second, Let's welcome Courtney back!! Courtney will be working on Monday and Wednesday. Come on down and get reaquainted with Courtney and your Lodge!!!

Coming up this month it's the SUPERBOWL and that means Superbowl Chili Cookoff and half-time tailgate. The Chili Cookoff will take place at 4:00 p.m. on February 3rd just before the BIG GAME. At half-time the Lodge and Lounge are putting out an Oyster Bar and Gumbo in appreciation for all the members who participated in the tailgate parties throughout the football season. (and that means anyone who brought food, put money in the contribution jar or simply enjoyed a couple of refreshing beverages!) Come on down and enjoy a great day of food, fun, prizes, drink specials and football!

Keep in mind that the Lounge is open every day for your pleasure. There is Monday bingo with food available at the bar, drink specials every night, Friday night entertainment and full dinner menu. February 16th is the Lodge Valentine's Party. Bring your special someone!! Your bartenders look forward to serving you EVERY DAY at your Lodge!!



Americanism American Presidents and Everyday Elks Members Dick Florance Americanism Chairman



History properly reprises the memory of American Presidents in February of each year -- names such as Lincoln and Washington that over our time we hear and learn to revere during February. As Elks we work together as teams of committees to proudly plan, develop, and produce events -- many that continue to repeat specific and beneficial goals for our lodge's successes throughout our local, county, or state's particular needs; and these events become the traditions and customs there are a part of the social fabric of our Elks community contributions.

There are many ways that our Elks make contributions to America; to our state and local communities every day. So I say to you as an everyday Elk in your lodge - have you made your donation to Elkdom today—be it by spending time with fellow-Elks - be it with a financial donation to the Elks National Foundation or to our Florida Elks Charities - be it with your Elks time with a Veteran's project at a V.A. Hospital or in your lodge - be it as a lodge officer or as an active committee - person within a team in your lodge - be it as a Committee Chair-person for a specific event.

The whole point of this Americanism report is to show any and every Elk member who is true to themselves and true to our tenets of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity should be held in the highest esteem - to be thanked for those daily deeds done proudly and honorably for all that you do for Elkdom's successful future. Why? Because true Elks Care and true Elks Share!





Youth Activities John Wayne Chairman

Again a BIG thanks to all Elks who made our "Children's Christmas Party" the biggest and best ever. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. And the Committee—WHOA, What can I say! ! We could not have done this without your support.

Save the date of March 17th, yes St. Patrick's Day.) We have an extremely interesting talk regarding "Say No to Drugs," by the Honorable Judge Mr. Matthew Lucas followed by an "Ice Cream Social." This will be opened to any members, family and friends, as well as, any boys and girls of any age. This is a subject very close to our lives, as the drug world is affecting all aspects of our lives. I.E., society, families, friends and most of all, the children whom suffer in a variety of ways. Please join me and Tampa Lodge #708 Say No to Drugs and support our efforts in keeping our children clean. You will be hearing more in the March Elksize on this event.

On Jan 5th, 2013 I attended the district "Hoop Shoot" competition. Nick Brown participated as a representative of our lodge. Nick tried hard and proudly placed 5th in the competition. When you see Nick be sure to say congratulations and thanks for participating in the program.

"Youth Camp" applications for the year 2013 and "Citizens" Youth applications will be available, at our lodge, after the February quarterly, e.g., February 10th. The Youth Citizens award is a program to honor youth, ages 16 and older. Ask me (John) for details if you know someone worthy of nomination for this prestigious award.

Car washes began again on the third Sunday in January. Plan to come out to breakfast and have you car washed at the same time. All monies raised will go to ward the Drug Awareness—Youth Camp programs.

A mere \$4.00 donation is requested.

Help us expand our Youth programs.

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That's all for now,

John





Support for Liberty Manor "Elks provide needed supplies"

Rita Smith took on this project for Liberty Manor just 2 weeks ago. She is a dedicated Elk that drives the message "Elks Care Elks Share" She does it for all the right reasons!

home. She does it for all the right reasons!

Through her hard work and expert

organizational skills she was able to garner huge support for our veterans. On Monday January 21 there were scores of paper supplies provided by our Elks to assist in Liberty Manor's personal needs. Delivered to Liberty Manor were 1136 rolls of toilet paper, 21 rolls of paper towels, 2 boxes of Kleenex and a plate of brownies. Congratulations to Rita Smith for yet another

Congratulations to Rita Smith for yet another successful Elk veterans project.





Calling all Epicurian Elks! **Candy Hodgson**

The Elks Dinner Group will kick off 2013 with Feb 1st Keith and Ruby a "starters" menu; that is - appetizers, soups or salads any first course meal offering. We'll meet Sunday, February 17th at 5:00 pm - bring a dish or bring a donation and, as always, there WILL be trivia! See you then!

Bands in February 2013

Feb 8th Keith and Ruby

Feb 15th Fiona and Rich (New Group)

Feb 22nd Dazzler Duo

Kitchen Report Hope you noticed!

Over the last several months the kitchen has been changing and doing better both financially and in quality. We are ordering more expeditiously and have become more efficient in food planning, preparation and training of wait staff support. It is sometimes a 'thankless' job; so, take a moment to let your fellow Elks in the kitchen, Al Schnut, Lynn Brown, and Shelagh Gombarcik, know that you have noticed and appreciate the difference.

Editors note:

The lodge has been helping to offset the cost of monthly veterans dinners by holding Trivia nights (every Third Thursday.) Veterans dinners are held the 4th Friday of every month.) In January, Tampa Elks hosted both the "James A Haley" veterans and "Liberty Manor" veterans for a fine dinner and live entertainment. We appreciate our veterans and all those supporting these events. Our Veterans deserve our best!

NOTICE To Membership

Lisa Snyder has written a letter appealing the decision of the House Committee, meeting on December 11th, 2012, to suspend her from the Lodge for a period of 60 days. The appeal will be voted upon at the February 13th regular Lodge Meeting.







February

Grand Lodge and State Dates to Remember

F.S.E.A. Quarterly February 8-9, 2013 Umatilla Fl.

F.S.E.A. Lodge Officer Training March 8 thru 10th Orlando

Looking Forward Pat Boyd Leading Knight

I wrote in the June 2012 Elksize, that "change was coming to Tampa Elks" and we should embrace it or stand to lose those great traditions Tampa Elks have enjoyed over our one hundred ten year history. Some of you took those words to heart and without hesitation, stepped up! To those I give my wholehearted thank you.

While we have moved in the right direction and faced all challenges with a positive spirit, we have more to do and more to be accomplished. The year end is soon coming to a close and YOU have the obligation and authority to keep Tampa Elks #708 moving in this same positive direction.

Come to the meetings (not just nominations and elections.) Participate in the functions, sit in on any committee meeting (choose one to suit your interest.) Most important is to discover the "Heart of Elkdom within!. Find out what is happening in your lodge and help, in any way possible, to continue moving Tampa Elks #708 in its' current forward direction!







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Calendar	Wednesday	30		9		13	7:30pm Lodge Meeting - Nominations	20		27	7:30pm Lodge Meeting - Elections
2012	Tuesday	59		5	6:30pm Salsa Dance Lessons 7:00pm Jam Session	12	6:30pm Salsa Dance Lessons 6:30pm House Committee Meeting	19	6:30pm Salsa Dance Lessons 7:00pm Jam Session	26	6:30pm Salsa Dance Lessons
February	Monday	28	BINGO Earlybird 6pm & Reg 7pm Grill Open	4	BINGO Earlybird 6pm & Reg 7pm Grill Open	11	BINGO Earlybird 6pm & Reg 7pm Grill Open	18	BINGO Earlybird 6pm & Reg 7pm Grill Open	25	BINGO Earlybird 6pm & Reg 7pm Grill Open
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