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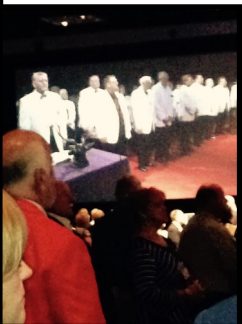


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Did you know if you went out every night in downtown Indianapolis, it would be a year before you were forced to go to the same place twice? Who knew Indy was such a happening town! And you are probably wondering why I am giving you irrelevant facts about downtown Indianapolis. Well, that is where this year's Grand Lodge Convention was just held. I had the honor of going to the Grand Lodge Convention as your representative. It was a great learning experience and a lot of fun. No, I didn't hit every place in Indy, but there were a lot of great places to visit and you sure won't go hungry!

The new Grand Exalted Ruler, Ron Hicks, along with all the other Grand Lodge Officers were installed on July 9, the last day of the convention. Toni Goodrich from St. Pete Lodge 1224 was installed as our District Deputy. Toni looked very sharp and is going to do a fabulous job this year. Please look for her introduction letter on the bulletin board and welcome her when you see her come into the Lodge. There were 18 resolutions voted on at the Grand Lodge session. Three of them failed. These will be brought before the Lodge for voting as well. I will provide a more detailed report on Grand Lodge convention shortly.



Exalted Ruler Theresa Matthews

The Grand Lodge has a lot of new programs coming out this year. For all the officers, I have encouraged you to go to Elks.org and open your own account. All you need is your membership card and you can set yourself up to have access to all kinds of information and tools. I personally have learned a lot more about the B.P.O.E. and down loaded lots of tools that will be very useful throughout the year. Not only is Grand Lodge a great source of information, the Florida State Elks Association (FSEA) has a great website floridaelks.org. Again, all you need is your membership number and you can join and have access to boundless amounts of information. I encourage all officers, committee chairs, committee members, and those desiring to move up in the organization to go on-line and learn as much as you can.

We welcomed some new members this first quarter of the year as well as returning members. Members are what it is all about! If we don't have a good solid membership we could cease to exist. I don't know about you, but after 113 years, I don't want to see Tampa Lodge not exist because we aren't getting the word out on what Elkdom is all about. We need to make sure we ask our families and friends to join as well as getting out into the community. We do a lot of great community activities: Athena House, Feeding the homeless, youth activities, veterans, scholarships, and so much more. We just need to make sure people in our community know what we do and how we are here to help them. In earlier articles, I challenged each active member to bring in one new member this year. I also challenge you to look at the delinquent list on the bulletin board (first 10 people to come to me and say they read the delinquent list get a free drink on me – this is to make sure you are reading my lengthy articles!) and see if you recognize a name you can call and then invite them to come down and see what they have been missing.

LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler

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Loyal Knight

Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP

Lecturing Knight

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3-Year Trustee

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Courtney Taylor-Weil

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Orientation

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Youth Camp

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Marty Quire

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John Flowers

Michelle Przywara

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Rick Schneider, PER

Lisa Snyder

John Weigold

LOUNGE MANAGER

James Harlow

Welcome New Members



John F Morris

Have
YOU
sponsored
a new member
this year?



Charles Carillo

West Central District's Elks Day at the Rays

In conjunction with the State President's visit to our district we have been offered a package deal to enjoy the Rays playing the Orioles game on September 20 and also receive a Rays/ Elks tote bag. You will want to come early to watch Florida Elk's Association President Carl Ledig throw out the first pitch! Tickets are \$28.00. Sign up on the Bulletin Board to reserve your seat.

From page 1



How can I help and get active you ask? Well, we are currently working on qualifying for all the grants currently available. We are going to apply for the Beacon Grant again. This is the grant that Courtney Weil has been leading to feed the Homeless. This is a great endeavor and she is always looking for volunteers to help serve on Sunday mornings. We qualified for the 2015 Gratitude Grant and did a big event with Robinson High School's Club Chivalry. Great job to Kristina Chowning and Rita Smith for putting this event together and supporting our local high school so well. There were also many Elks and volunteers during the event that represented Tampa Elks very well. I am sorry I missed it due to being at Grand Lodge Convention. (See page 5) We will apply for the 2016 Gratitude Grant this year and also hope to keep an on-going relationship with Robinson High School so we can support our community. Go Knights! We also recently received the Promise Grant that will be used for three Youth Activities throughout the year, starting with the back to school party on August 9. Tommy Moore is our youth activities chair and did a great job with his wife Suzanne, John and Flo Wayne, and Rita Smith, putting together a great plan for the year. Tommy will be looking for lots of support for the party on August 9. We have a box set up in the dining room to drop off donations of school supplies. Please donate anything you can as this will give us more money to spend on the kids throughout the year. We welcome any and all suggestions on worthy programs for the Elks to be involved in, please provide your feedback!

August will be a busy month as VP visitations by Jeanne Reinhart continue in our district. The Tampa visitation will be held on Saturday night August 15. All members are welcome to attend. The theme will be "Western". Please come and hear what Jeanne has to say about the current FSEA activities and her message from our State President, Carl Ledig. Jeanne will also share what is going on within the West Central District. Please see notice of visitations on the Lodge bulletin board and make sure you sign up for all visitations you are going to attend. This way the seating and food will be planned for appropriately. I expect to have a very good turnout at Tampa Lodge on August 15! You are all invited!



The VP and the ER

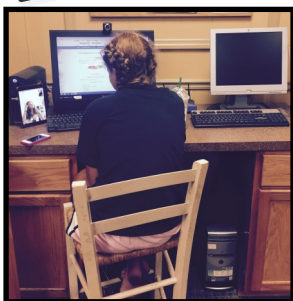
Thank you all again for allowing me the honor of being Your Exalted Ruler. I look forward to a successful and productive year and spending time with each and every one of you.

"Change is not a four letter word... but often your reaction to it is!"- Jeffrey Gitomer

Fraternally,

Theresa Matthews, Exalted Ruler

What's the Buzz?



We have a second computer in the Antler room. Thanks to new member **Keith Tulk** for donating a computer to the Lodge and to **Michelle Przywara** for updating the software and, of course, **Chris Miles** who handled the installation.

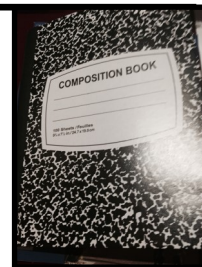


Thank You to **Lynn Brown** for taking on another night in the hot kitchen. Please stop in and give her the business!

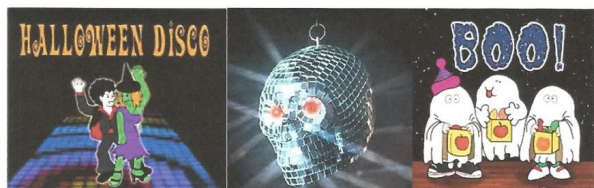
4PM-7PM

If you are reading this online,

Please stop by the table between the entrance and the Antler Room to sign up to "Opt Out" of a paper copy of the newsletter. It will save the Lodge printing costs, postage and volunteer hours if you prefer to access your newsletter online by email or through our website at www.tampaelks.com.



Tampa *Elks* Lodge Presents **HALLOWEEN AT THE DISCO**



Saturday, October 31st, 2015

~ Dinner ~

~ Disco Music & Dancing ~

~ Costume Contests & Prizes ~

More information to follow in Sept. Elksize!



OLD ELK TALES (MYTH BUSTERS)

“Non-members may purchase drinks at the bar as long as they pay cash.”

False!

Only *members* are allowed to pay for drinks. We are a private organization with the rights and privileges of a charitable entity and could endanger this status by serving alcohol to non-members. Make sure **you** sign your non-member guests into the book at the entrance and pay for all purchases. You can always get a membership application for them!

We Like YOU - We'll Like Your Friends too!
Ask them to join!

The 2014-2015 Gratitude Grant Project - Launching Club Chivalry at TJ Robinson HS



The dinner buffet was a hit!



Success Coach Kristina Chowning



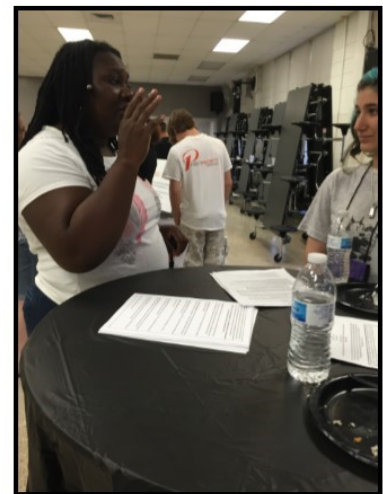
Chris and Pat manned the drink table.



Vincent Fuggetta won the gift card!



XTina and Patty show off the T-shirts designed by Georgia Hilficker



XTina explains the Community Service rules to a parent.



Patty, Xtina, Elma and Sue from Tampa Elks 708 distributed new school supplies.

Special thanks for the behind the scenes work done by Georgia and George Hilficker, Kristina Chowning, Rita Smith, Susie Harlow, Jack Johnson, Lu Frazier, and Pat Boyd.

This event would not have been a success without their tremendous help!



Targeted students and parents arrive.

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

James, Howard 3/2016

SILVER INVESTORS \$21 - \$50

Osterbrock, Debbie 11/2015
Gombarcik, Shelagh 6/2016

BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20

YOUR NAME HERE?

PLATINUM INVESTORS - \$100+

Brennan, John 8/2015
Suhrheinrich, Bob 9/2015
Suhrheinrich, Candi 9/2015
Thomas, PER, Victor & Berniece 11/2015
Palladini, Debbie & Durant, Rose 3/2016
Deese, John & Kathy 4/2016
Fennell, Pat and Marilyn 5/2016
In Memory of Jerrye and Patrick Fennell 5/2016
Pickenpaugh, Vernon and Betty, PSP 5/2016
Schneider, PER, Rick and Jan 5/2016
Appel, Jackie 6/2016
Johnson, Jack 6/2016
Norton, Robert 6/2016
Smith, Rita 6/2016
Walbart, Mark 6/2016
In Memory of Ebba Jean Palladini

From the Editor:
apwurita@hotmail.com

Articles, flyers and pictures should be received by the 15th of the month.

Frist Priority will be for advertising the current month's activities and/ or events.

Save the Date flyers for more than 2 months out should be shrinkable to a quarter page.

Be an SOB!

(Smiling ole Booster)
\$10.00 per year helps offset
the cost of the Elksize.



Christopher Miles 11/2015
Howard James 3/2016
Bob and Candi Suhrheinrich 9/2016
John and Kathy Deese 4/2016
Pat and Marilyn Fennell 5/2016
Vernon and PSP Betty Pickenpaugh 5/2016
Robert Norton 6/2016
Donna Morris Halsey 7/2016
Debbie Osterbrock 11/2016
In Memory of Harold Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018
Vera Wright 3/2018

Hot Dog!

Wienie Wednesday

\$1.00 Hot Dogs on Meeting Nights



6:15-
7:15

&
1 hour
after
the
Meeting

Sunday Funday

Wii Bowling

New Tournament each Sunday

Everyone Welcome!

4:00 most Sundays

2:00 Gourmet Club Sunday



Taco Tuesday 6-8

Beef and Chicken
Taco and Nacho Bar

Please make a donation.
Proceeds go to ENF

AUGUST Movies 8:00 PM

- 8/4 Nebraska
- 8/11 The Shawshank Redemption
- 8/18 Yours, Mine & Ours
- 8/25 Gran Torino

\$2.00 Trivia Thursday, Aug 20th 7:00 PM



Hosted by
Candi & Bob Suhrheinrich

All questions are multiple choice.
Prizes are awarded for each round.
Come early for the best seats.

Lady President's Message

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and vacations. I want to thank all those who helped and came to the 4th of July lunch and ice cream bar. It was quiet but good. Now the LOE has been asked to donate the appetizers for the 113th Anniversary party on August 22nd. I put a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

Welcome back to our ER Theresa Matthews from the National Elks Convention. I am sure she has come back with lots of important information for our lodge.

The Booster sign up sheet for 2015 Flo Conference Program book is on the bulletin board. If you want your name in, please sign up and I will collect the money. It is \$3.00 to have your name listed in the program book as a booster.

I want to welcome our newest LOE member, Laura Jones. She is not a stranger to the Lodge, she can often be found in the kitchen.

Now we are getting ready for the Ladies Conference in September. The Lotto Board chances are ready to be purchased, and we are still selling blinky hats. Get them while they're hot! You will want the cowboy blinky hat for the August 15 VP visit, which has a country theme this year. I hope most of the LOE members can attend this event, which includes a dinner for only \$5.00. Mark your calendar and dig out your boots and plan to be at the Lodge on this Saturday night.

It is soon time to get ready for back to school. The lodge will be hosting a children's back to school party on Sunday, August 9th, at 1pm. A poster and flyers will soon appear. My husband Tommy is the chairman; we are in need of donations and help for the day of the event. The Lodge children are, of course, invited, but we are also sending home flyers with kids in the summer programs in the Port Tampa area. I know I can count on my ladies to help these needier children get ready for school.

Remember: "Those with enough are responsible for sharing what they have with those in need."

God's Blessings,
Suzanne Moore



Suzanne Moore



LADIES OF THE ELKS

President

Suzanne Moore, PLP

Vice President

Susie Harlow, PLP

Secretary

Elma Kelly

Treasurer

Robert Bordonaro

Chaplain

Janette Bennett

Parliamentarian

Bonnie Quire



365 CLUB

A penny a day.....

365 Club

I would like to thank everyone who filled the little houses. Special thanks to Eloise, Veronica and all the Bunco players. They filled up houses. Also thanks to Susie Harlow, Elma Kelly, Bill Edwards and his fiancée Doris Ellis, and myself for full houses. Yes I beg for donations for the children and I also give with love. Thanks to the generous donors at the bar. All donations are appreciated. If you donate after the 15th you will be included in next month.

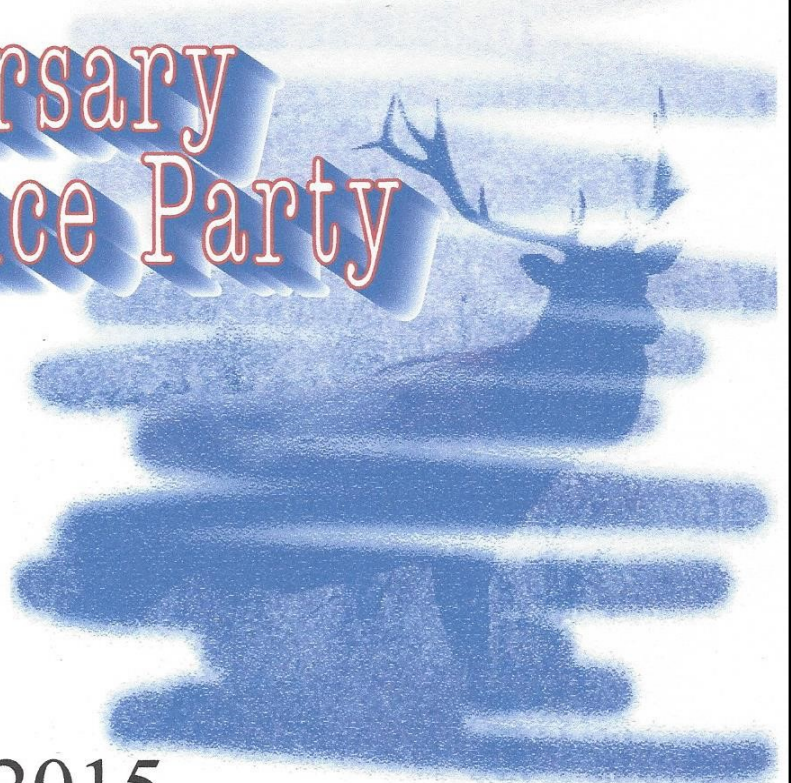
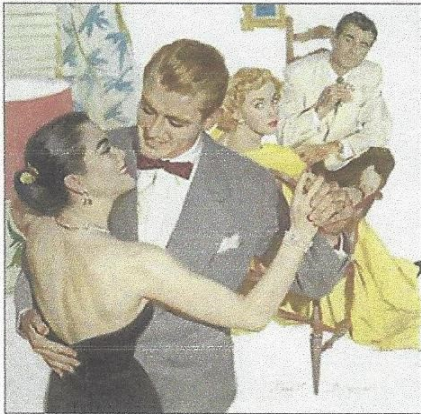
Thank you,
Berni Turpin
365 Chairperson

LOE August Birthdays

- 8-5 Nannette Quire
- 8-6 Vera Wright
- 8-7 Lisa Snyder
- 8-10 Tracy Horrell
- 8-14 David Partlow
- 8-23 Gwen Burke
- 8-28 Vera Almstedt

Tampa Elks #708

113th Anniversary Dinner & Dance Party



AUGUST 22, 2015

(Business Casual Dress)

Music by PK EXPRESS

Cocktails 6-7pm

Dinner 7-8pm

Fidelity Awards @ 8pm

Dancing to follow!

Tickets:
\$15 each
(\$20 after 8/14)



Theresa Matthews | Exalted Ruler

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Robert Bordonaro

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Feeling left out? Missing all the fun?
Get email updates and event reminders from our webmaster and information distributor,
Marty Quire.
Send an email to mquire@tampabay.rr.com and add Marty as a contact.



SUNDAY AUGUST 9TH 1-4PM
2015 BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

CHILDRENS BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

COME AND JOIN US FOR A BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY...WE WILL HAVE A FREE LUNCH, FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES, ALONG WITH ENTERTAINMENT, GAMES, PRIZES AND MORE. LEARN ABOUT PERSONAL SAFETY FROM A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.



Kids aged 5-12 are Welcome

Free School Supplies

Free Lunch, Games, Prizes, Magic Show

Learn about the "Say No to Drugs" Program Featuring "Elroy the Elk"

Tommy Moore
813 810-2269
Suzanne Moore
813 390-2930

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SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST
1:00—4:00PM

Calling all Epicureans:

August 16th will be the final date of the Gourmet Club for the year, as we take our annual football season break.

This month will be a **Chef's Selection**. What do you love to cook, or think you do best, or just want to see in the cookbook? You decide! You are allowed to make more than one dish, but be sure I get the recipe by either bringing it in or emailing it to me at chodgson2@verizon.net. Of course, there will be trivia!
Candy Venable





ALEXIS AND HER SISTER JANICE
Offer you this Great Menu
August 7, 2015

Appetizer

Beef Barley Soup..... \$1.75

Dinner

w/Salad & Garlic Knot

Eggplant Rollatini
w/Penne Pasta..... \$10.95

Savoy (Chicken thighs, garlic,
balsamic vinegar) w/chicken fried
rice, & mixed veggies ... \$ 9.95

Soup - Beef Barley

Bowl of Soup \$3.25

Soup with Salad, garlic knot
& Cream Puff..... \$5.75

Dessert

Cream Puffs\$3.95

Kids under 12.....

Penne Pasta, Garlic Knot, and
a Cream Puff \$4.25



...APPETIZER...

Spanakopita (2pcs).....\$3.50
Small Greek Salad
w/potato salad \$1.50

...DINNER...

Dinners Served w/Yeast Rolls

Greek Beef Stew with
Pearl Onions \$9.95
Greek Style Lemon Chicken
w/Parsley Potatoes..... \$8.95

...LAURA'S DESSERTS...

Greek Custard Pudding
Baked in a Pastry Shell..... \$4.50

Kids under 12.....
Hot Dog w/chips\$1.50

Cooking:

Courtney, Georgia & Laura

*Spectacular
Steak & Salmon*



August 21, 2015

Steak and Salmon served with
Choice of Baked Potatoes or Fries,
Green Beans, Salad & Roll

14oz New York Strip...\$15.95
Pan Seared Salmon.....\$13.95
Ham & Au gratin Potatoes
veggie & roll.....\$ 9.95
Soup - Navy Bean
Cup\$1.50
Bowl.....\$3.00

Bowl of Soup with a Salad
crackers and roll\$ 5.50
Dessert

Rum Cake
w/Vanilla Ice Cream \$ 5.50

Kids under 12

Chicken Nuggets with veggie
And French Fries.....\$ 5.95
Tea, Coffee, Soda.....\$ 1.25

RICK IS COOKING TONIGHT!

*Homestyle
Cooking*



**Dinner like your
Mom made it!**

Elks Lodge #708
Friday, August 28, 2015
Cooking:
Georgia, Alexis and Laura

DINNER CHOICES

Served with Salad & Yeast Rolls

Liver and Onions..... \$8.95
mashed potatoes & gravy,
green beans or mixed veggies

Breaded Veal Cutlet.. \$ 8.95
mashed potatoes & gravy,
green beans or mixed veggies

LAURA'S DESSERTS

Apple Dumpling .. \$2.75

Kids under 12.....

Chicken Nuggets
w/French fries\$ 4.50

Hot Dog w/Chips\$ 1.50

Cooking tonight:
Georgia, Alexis & Laura

Community Corner



All Hillsborough County Public Schools reopen on August 25. Plan for the extra traffic and watch for kids on the corners waiting for buses.

Congratulations to **Christine Futrell-Harris** on your new job as Principal of BridgePrep Academy Charter School in South Tampa.

Congratulations to **Rita Smith** on receiving the “Unsung Heroine” award from the American Legion Auxiliary at Post 139.

From the South Tampa Chamber of Commerce (STCOC) Website:

"Our Mission: To provide members a forum to promote their businesses, to educate, to volunteer their talents in order to enhance commerce, culture and growth of the South Tampa community."

Our Gratitude Grant Partner and fellow Elk, **Kristina Chowning**, has been invited to give the keynote address at the STCOC annual Welcome New Teachers Banquet. On August 20th. Congratulations!

**VP VISITATION –
WELCOME
JEANNE REINHART TO
TAMPA 708**

**Saturday, August 15
Cocktails at 6:00,
Program at 7:00,
Dinner to follow.
Tampa Lodge 708
Western Attire
Suggested
Only \$5.00**

All Elks and LOE are Invited



Line Dancing Lessons are Back!

Instructor Donna Morris Halsey makes it look so easy, but you can sure work up a sweat. Come learn the moves, from the classics like the Hully Gully to the Wooble, Donna can keep you in the dance line for all your party needs. \$2.00 donation is requested to offset the A/C bill. Bring your friends!

Every Thursday in August 6:30 - 7:30



Sock Hop is Coming!

Past Exalted Ruler (PER) Report

Our 113th anniversary is finally here: August 22, 2015. We will have a cocktail hour from 6pm to 7pm, with our Ladies famous hors d'oeuvre table. Dinner is at 7PM, with a choice of Roast Beef or Baked Chicken with all the trimmings, starting with a salad and ending with a beautiful Anniversary Cake, coffee or tea included. Then, at approximately 8PM our festivities will commence with Frank Sellers, PER as emcee for the lodge awards ceremony. Dancing to the tunes of KP Express should keep us busy right up to the 11 O'clock Toast. You can also participate in a share the wealth or basket of cheer raffle. The cost is only \$15.00 in advance or \$20.00 after August 17th. Children under twelve are welcome for \$8.50. Tickets are available at the Lounge.

Table reservations are accepted for parties of 8 or more. - Call the Lounge to reserve your table. You don't have to be present to enter the Basket of Cheer raffle; you can get tickets in the dining room on Friday nights or Sunday mornings.

John Wayne, PER Committee Chairman



PER Committee

ELKS CHARITY - OUR LEGACIES KEPT?



As years pass by, and the ages of our members seem to fly - "Charity" - a word that has always been a "crowning virtue" of Elks -- evolves in our minds & hearts over & over again. Now here we are - 15 years into our 21st Century - So now we find - an Elk custom that binds us forever more to our Benevolent Order. We as Elks have & will continue to find new community wants & needs that arise even beyond our annual member's ages.

There are several ways - our members volunteer days extend & create Charity's good works - well into the future. For those members who still must work - to feed & clothe their own - I say to you - if time is short - name an already underway project & make a donation - however large or small.

Even now, our venerable Elks National Foundation in Chicago, Illinois - has established ENF Grants & with parameters set & descriptions given -makes lodges seek & discover new good works - for our charities to support & Elks to work for. As members all - when you hear a call - have you stepped-up to continue to serve and build upon our promises of Legacies Kept?

Please always remember Elks Live & Elks Give because Elks Care & Elks Share.

Richard Florance
Americanism Chairman

Richard Florance, Americanism Chairman,
rhflorance@yahoo.com

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

We've had another good month for National Foundation with 4 more of our good members who believe in the ENF mission Purchasing Certificates:

Big Elks Thanks to:

Debbie Palladini
John Redding Esq.

Rose Durant
Robert Summers

Now for our latest exciting news: We have received a grant that will provide the funds for three events including a "Back to School Party" for the local kids in the community where they will receive free back to school supplies and enjoy a great party with entertainment, a safety program and "Elroy the Elk" (The Drug Awareness Mascot) in attendance.

We have also applied for another grant to Feed the Homeless on Sunday mornings (Open Arms Ministry) for another year. A big thanks goes out to Courtney Weil and all who volunteer to help serve the needy. Courtney always needs help and there is no better way to start your Sunday off than helping those less fortunate..

SAVE THE DATE! Plan to attend a poker night on Sat. Sept, 12th with proceeds going to the Elks National Foundation. Watch for more info next month!

In the meantime - Thanks for eating those tacos!

Shelagh Gombarcik
Loyal Knight



Shelagh Gombarcik



Officer of the Month: Shelagh Gombarcik

Our Loyal Knight, Shelagh Gombarcik, is the Officer of the month for August. Shelagh has been a great source of information, guidance, and inspiration. Shelagh has been a loyal Elk for many years now and is currently moving through the chairs in her quest to become the Exalted Ruler. Shelagh is a local business woman who takes great pride in her Elks Lodge. She has served in many capacities in the past. She has been a Trustee, House Committee Chair, and has even been behind the bar! She works hard to share the good word of the B.P.O.E and help teach new members and officers all about Elkdom. Shelagh is the Chairperson for ENF this year. Due to her great efforts, Tampa 708 has already reached our per capita goal for the year. More importantly, we qualified for the ENF matching funds from The Florida State Elks Association. Without Shelagh's diligence, it would have taken us much longer to reach these goals. Shelagh is also active with the LOE. She was the Secretary the first time I was Lady President and I would not have survived without her help and guidance. Please join me in congratulating Shelagh on a job well done and for everything else she does.

**Elk of the Month: Chris Miles**

Have you ever walked into the Lodge and saw a pair of legs sticking out of the ceiling, standing on a ladder? If so, those legs belong to our Elk of the month, Chris Miles. They aren't bad legs either! Chris is the House Committee Chairman again this year. He has also served as a Trustee. Chris takes his obligation as an Elk very seriously. He is always working hard to help improve the Lodge. The majority of the time, these improvements come out of his own pocket. Chris was instrumental in acquiring the big screen and projector, the various T.V.'s throughout the Lodge, the Wii bowling, the new computer and monitor in the Antler room, the sofa and love seat in the Antler room, and the new security system to name a few. Chris is currently working with members for pledges for a new beer cooler. Chris always puts so much time and effort into working in the Lodge and this is after putting in a 60 hour week as an Attorney. Chris also is very diligent about analyzing the numbers to continuously work on improving our sales, profits, and member satisfaction. He recently held a wine tasting (again, out of his own pocket) to allow the red wine drinkers to choose a new wine to be carried in the lounge. Chris is an example of true benevolence and Tampa Lodge 708 is lucky to have him!

**Volun"Elk" of the Month: John Deprospe**

You may have noticed a really nice and quiet young man hustling around the Lodge during dinner on a Friday night or during breakfast on a Sunday morning. His name is John and he helps bus the tables, serve the food, prep in the kitchen, and help with any general needs around the Lodge. John does this all as a volunteer. John has been instrumental in helping Georgia and George with intensive, deep cleaning in the kitchen and throughout the Lodge. John is currently helping them deep clean and pressure wash the kitchen on a monthly basis. John always has a smile on his face. He constantly hustles, and he is always polite to everyone. He doesn't wait to be asked to do something either, if he sees a need, he takes care of it. The amazing thing is John does all of this for tips only. John suffers from a sometimes debilitating illness that prevents him from maintaining a full time job.

John also has a young daughter he cares for. She recently went to the Youth Camp on behalf of Tampa Lodge 708. She was ecstatic about being able to go and John was very appreciative of the Elks for sending her. John has a very good heart and is always helping others. Next time you see him, please thank him for all he does for us and don't forget him when you are in for dinner or breakfast!



FSEA Elk's Training is now available - see Pat Boyd!

Tampa Elks Lodge #708 Calendar of Activities

August

2015



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



August Summer Night's Happy Hour Special
All Beer, Wine and Cocktails reduced \$.25
Monday through Thursday
9PM -11PM!



1 VP VISIT
St Petersburg
6:00
50's / 60s
Theme

2 Breakfast
Served 8:30-12
Wii 4PM
Hall Rental
6PM

3

4
6-8 Taco
Tuesday
Movie 8:00

5 LOE
Meeting 7:30
Dinner 6:45

6 Line
Dance Lessons
6:30

7 Dinner
6:30-8:30
Dancing to
Miss T's
Karaoke

8 9AM- Noon
DD Clinic
St Pete Lodge
Hall Rental
4PM

9 Breakfast
Served 8:30-12
B 2 S Party
1-4
Wii 4PM

10 House
Committee
Meeting
7:00

11
6-8 Taco
Tuesday
Movie 8:00

12 Lodge
Meeting 7:30
Weinie
Wednesday
6:15

13 Line
Dance Lessons
6:30
Hailey's
12th Birthday

14 Dinner
6:30-8:30
Dancing to
Kathy & Paul
(VP set up)

15 VP Visit
Tampa 6:00
Western
Theme

16 Breakfast
Served 8:30-12
Wii 2:00 Hall
Rental 5 PM
Gourmet Club

17

18 6-8 Taco
Tuesday
Movie 8:00
Officers &
BOD 7:00

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20 Line
Dance Lessons
6:30
Trivia
7:00

21 Dinner
6:30-8:30
Dancing to
Keith &
Company

22 PER
113th
Anniversary
Party 6PM

23 Breakfast
Served 8:30-12
Wii 4 PM

24 House
Committee
Meeting
7:00

25
6-8 Taco
Tuesday
Movie 8:00

26 Lodge
Meeting 7:30
Weinie
Wednesday
6:15

27 5:00
Meet & Greet
7:00
Loud N Proud
Line Dance

28 Dinner
6:30-8:30
Dancing to
Bert & Sassy
Vet's Night

29 VP Visit
Largo 6:00
Homecoming

30 Breakfast
Served 8:30-12
Initiation
12:00
Wii 4PM

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<p>Reservations for meal items available at 813-831-4280</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday Night Menus & Bands Tampa Elks Lodge #708 August See page 11 for more details.</p>			
<p style="text-align: center;">August 7</p> <p><i>Alexis and her sister Janice Presents:</i> Eggplant Rollatini w/ penne pasta , salad and garlic knot \$10.95 OR Savoy (chicken thighs) with chicken fried rice, & mixed veggies, salad & garlic knot \$9.95</p> <p>Beef Barley Soup Cream Puffs Kid's Menu</p> <p><i>Music by: Ms. T's Karaoke</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">August 14</p> <p><i>Georgia & Courtney & Laura Presents:</i> Greek Beef Stew with pearl onions and yeast rolls \$9.95 OR Greek style lemon chicken w parsley potatoes, yeast rolls \$10.95 OR Spanakopita, small Greek salads,</p> <p>Greek Custard Pudding in pastry Kids Menu <i>Music by: Kathy & Paul</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">August 21</p> <p><i>Rick Presents:</i> NY Strip \$15.95 OR Pan Seared Salmon \$13.95 OR Ham & Au gratin potatoes, veggie & roll \$9.95</p> <p>Bean Soup & Salad 5:50 Rum Cake w/ ice cream Kids Menu</p> <p><i>Music by Keith & Company</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">August 28</p> <p><i>Georgia with Laura Presents:</i> Liver & Onions, Mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans or mixed veggies \$8.95 OR Breaded Veal Cutlet Mashed potatoes, green beans or mixed veggies \$8.95</p> <p>Apple Dumpling Kids Menu <i>Music by: Bert & Sassy</i></p>