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It's fun to be a pirate but it is also very exhausting! I want to take this time to say thanks to all who helped put on this great Gasparilla event! Your hard work and dedication to make it successful is greatly appreciated! Did you know that it is our biggest money maker to not only help our Lodge but to help our charities! So thanks again!

We are getting close to a new Elk year and as we get closer I believe we have achieved much this year by once again being a huge contributor to the Tampa Children's Home, Athena House, James A Haley hospital, ENF and to our state charity Harry Anna. We can all be proud of these accomplishments.

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, and also by making donations to our PIP fund which helps to insure the future of Tampa Lodge #708.

A special thank you to the LOE for providing to the Lodge chairs and a fireplace for the women's restroom ante room. Just a reminder; this comfortable room is for women!

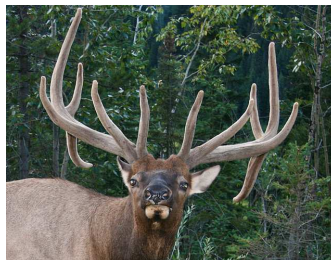
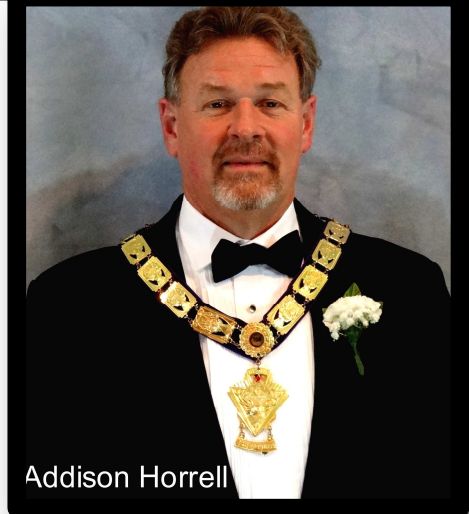
Spring brings on new beginnings and for me it means I will have hopefully a new hip and knee so that I will be able to get around better. My time as ER has flown by and I thank all who have helped me this year! I feel very honored to represent Tampa Lodge.

Our awards night is on February 21st starting at 6:30 and I hope you will join me in celebrating our accomplishments and those who have gone above and beyond to support the lodge. Cocktails will start at 6:30 (first drink on me) followed by awards, dinner immediately following. Come join the fun!

Nominations will be held at the Feb. 11th Lodge meeting and Voting will be on Feb. 25th. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me.

See you soon at the Lodge!

Addison Horrell, ER



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5-Year

Courtney Taylor-Weil

4-Year

Bobby Green

3-Year

Brian Brantley, PER

2-Year

Paul DeLand

1-Year

Jackie Appel



Bike Runs....Old & New!

OLD—DECEMBER



**Bike Run
To Tampa
Children's
Home...**



A final tally will send an additional \$826.02 in gift certificates to the Children's Home....this fund was realized by the Lodge after all expenses connected with the December 14th run, and is in addition to the nearly \$1,000.00 in cash and gift certificates the 100 riders gave on the day of the run! Thanks Bikers & Tampa Elks Lodge #708! **A total of \$1,800.00 to Tampa Children's Home!!!!**

NEW—PALM SUNDAY

**A Palm Sunday Bunny Run from Tampa Elks
to Children's Hospital!**

Your Hall Committee will once again call for a few volunteers to help as we host the Military Vets Motorcycle Club as they gather at the Lodge for a meal and depart for Children's Hospital where they will brighten the faces of children facing illness from minor to very serious. Sign up when the list appears on the Lodge Bulletin Board and join us in a "feel-good" event for its 2nd year out of Tampa Lodge!

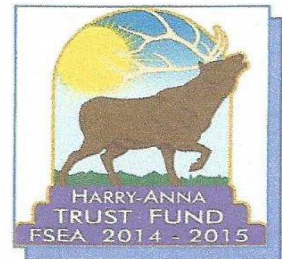


Florida State



State President Challenge

"Pie in the Eye Challenge" for Harry-Anna!!!



Let's all work together as a "TEAM" and cover the state with whipped cream pies! Take a pie for a kid!

Our State President Dan Tabor has started the challenge!

Challenge goes out to anyone to start the wave of pies till

March 31st, 2015!!!

A Trophy will be awarded to the Lodge that tosses the most pies!

IF your called out, you have to donate \$10 to HATF and do the challenge, if you don't care for a

"Pie in the Eye" you then have to donate \$20 to HATF!

You will have 48 hours to complete the challenge or donate \$20.

Turn **ALL** donations in to your Lodge HATF Chairman so you and your Lodge can get the per-capita credit!

After you're called out and complete your challenge/donation, you need to call out at least 3 people and the more the merrier!



Thanks for your Support and **GOOD LUCK!**





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John Amen

Volunteers, ENF grants help 'Elevate America'

Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler, JOHN D. AMEN

Now is the time to finalize your plans for obtaining Elks National Foundation grants for your Lodge. Most Lodges have now achieved my \$4.60 per-capita goal for giving to ENF and have thus qualified for a Gratitude Grant. If your Lodge has not yet achieved the goal for the 2014-2015 Lodge year there is still time to make it so get busy. March 31 is the cut-off date to donate to the ENF. The Gratitude Grant of up to \$2,000 can be used for a variety of charitable community needs. Gratitude Grant applications are due no later than May 31, 2015.

Next consider and plan for a \$2,000 Promise Grant. A Promise Grant project must serve youth in need and events are required to be alcohol - and drug-free. This year's projects must be completed by July 31, 2015. Promise Grants are limited to the first 500 qualifying applications and new applications will be available July 1 for next year.

Beacon Grants are designed for ongoing, Elks-led, charitable community activities and the grants are available for up to \$2,000. These grants require bona fide "Elk involvement". Simply handing a check to a charity does not achieve our goal of elevating the status of the Lodge in the community through active Elk participation of worthy community projects. Any Lodge may apply and projects must be completed by July 31.

Freedom Grants, managed by the Veterans Service Commission, are oriented to projects that serve veterans or active duty military personnel and/or their families. They are competitive, limited in number, and the application period is August 1 through August 31. Active Elk involvement is also required.

If you have a major community project in mind, an Impact Grant from ENF may be just the ticket. These grants are available for large scale, Elk-run service projects of up to \$10,000. The grants are competitive and require significant Elk involvement and community presence.

This summary will serve as your reminder of the various grants funded by Elks National Foundation - "The Great Heart of Elkdom". Do not miss the opportunity to Elevate America and your community by taking advantage of the ENF grant program. Your community and your Lodge will be the beneficiaries!

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**1st and 3rd Fridays
are Steak Nights
at Tampa Elks Lodge!**

We have begun a phone-in RSVP system for our Friday Night Steaks....Folks complain when we do not have enough steaks, and we try to guess how many to buy.....**Now you can call and make reservations to ensure you have a steak!**

CALL UNTIL THURSDAY EVENING!.....

813-839-8928

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

Addison and Tracy Horrell 6/2015

SILVER INVESTORS \$21 - \$50

Shelagh Gombarcik 1/2015
Debbie Osterbrock 11/2015

BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20

YOUR NAME HERE?

PLATINUM INVESTORS - \$100+

Johnson, Jack 11/2014
Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 3/2015
Green, Cindy and Bob 3/2015
In Memory of Fennell, Jerrye and Patrick 3/2015
James, Howard 3/2015
Pickenpaugh, Vernon and Betty, PLSP 3/2015
Schneider, PER, Rick and Jan, 3/2015
Wright, Vera 3/2015
Smith, Rita 4/2015
Appel, Jackie 5/2015
Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean 6/2015
Waldbart, Mark 6/2015
Brennan, John 8/2015
Suhrheinrich, Bob 9/2015
Suhrheinrich, Candi 9/15
Thomas, PER, Victor & Berniece 11/15
Palladini, Debbie & Durant, Rose 3/2016
Palladini, Frank in Memory of Ebba Jean Palladini

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**Elksize Editor
Needed!
We'll help you
get started and
you'll find it
very rewarding!**

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



Vernon and Betty Pickenpaugh 4/2015
In **Memory** of Charlie Fiveash 5/2015
Donna Morris Halsey 7/2015
Christopher Miles 11/2015
Howard James 3/2016
Bob and Candi Suhrheinrich 9/2016
Debbie Osterbrock 11/2016
In Memory of Harold Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018
Wright, Vera 3/2018



Monday Night Line Dancing Lessons

February 9, 16 & 23rd

Get Your Groove On, Get Moving!

Instructor Donna Morris Halsey

Volunteer Corner

**Sign up on the Bulletin Board to help...
NO EXPERIENCE
NEEDED!**

KITCHEN

Cooks, Helpers, Toast Person,
Prep Person

HALL EVENTS

Be there to help set up for Hall
Events, and also for clean up!
(Just a few hours each month)

LODGE EVENTS

Work on a committee to help with
A Lodge fund-raiser, or an
Event for ENF or Harry Anna



Thurs - Feb. 19th
**\$2.00 Trivia
Night**
7:00pm

By Cindy Green
Prizes!!!
(Multiple Choice)

Proceeds help defray
the cost of our
fourth Friday Meals
for Veterans



February 2015 – LOE President's Message



Theresa

Greetings fellow LOE Members and fellow Elks!

Well, we made it through a few more events; the Tacky Party, Gasparilla, and Super Bowl, however, at this writing, these events have yet to occur! So, there will be updates at the next meeting and next Elksize. We did start the upgrade of the ladies restroom foyer. We now have two nice, new, leather looking chairs (minus the stains of the last chairs), a fireplace, an Elk (yes, they may look a little like deer, but we will call them Elk) lamp, and a nice little rug. If you haven't yet had the opportunity, please check it out and enjoy the ambiance. And no, we are not taking the wall out between the men's and ladies room and having one shared foyer as has been requested by a few Elks members!

The LOE supported Gasparilla by selling beads in pirate garb as well as Jell-O shots on some fun-Friday nights. The, now famous, pirate Jell-O shots sold out in no time. I wish I could say the same of the pirate beads (sorry Frank, we will come up with a new marketing angle)! Thank you to all who supported us! All monies were donated to the lodge for the Gasparilla event. We will also work the day of the event selling pirate beads and paraphernalia to help support the Elks.

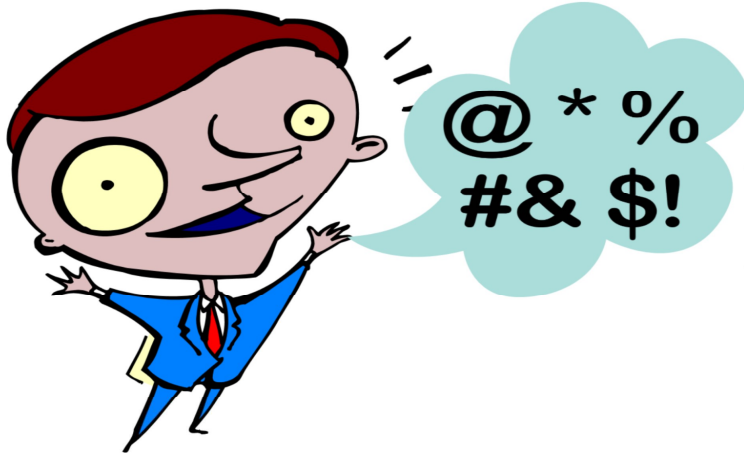
February is the month nominations for the 2015-2016 officers will be held for both the LOE and the Tampa Elks. Now is the time to let us know if you would like to run for office next year. We are always looking for new officers! Remember, the ladies have a by-law that requires you to attend a minimum of three meetings to be able to vote in March. Please keep this in mind if you come to the March meeting to vote. The Elks also has nominations in February and elections in March. If you are also an Elk, like me, there is not a minimum number of meetings you have to attend to be able to vote for their officers, so you better get there early if you want to vote. It will be packed and you may see people there you have never seen before!

In your service,
Theresa Matthews, LOE President



**DUES BILLING
UNDERWAY**

**YOU'LL RECEIVE YOUR BILLING
SOON.....If you moved this year please
let the office know your new address!**



NO PROFANITY ALLOWED!

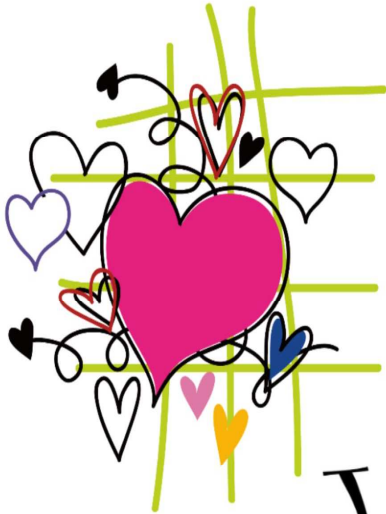
Your House Committee, trying to stem a problem of members (& guests) indulging in inappropriate language and/or gestures, has imposed a fee for the "Cuss Bucket!" of \$5 per incident effective 2/1/15. If you refuse to pay you will not be served (No matter who pays) The Committee will enforce the new fines to insure a return to proper adult behavior by patrons of the Lodge. House Chairman Paul DeLand said, *"The Committee has noted a deterioration in the language used at the bar, and will insist on compliance with the new rule. Attempts to push to find the line will not be welcomed! It is your Lodge and as an Elk it is hoped that all members will join in insisting on behavior becoming of an Elk!"* Webster's definition of profane/profaning: "to treat (something sacred) with abuse, irreverence, or contempt : desecrate " Please help us keep the Lodge a place of respect for all our members and guests!

Exalted Ruler's Awards Night!

February 21st, 2015



**Cocktails @ 6pm.....1st drink on
our Exalted Ruler, Addison Horrell
and Awards to follow!....**



Food!
Music!



Friday, Feb. 13th

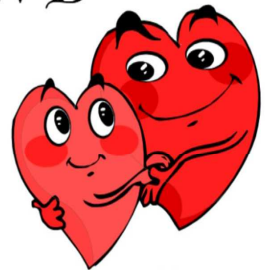
Valentine's *Join The Fun!*

FOOD - COURTNEY WEIL (6:30-8:30P)

love love love

MUSIC - HYNOTES....A CROWD
FAVORITE UNTIL, 11P

at Tampa Elks #708



VALENTINE'S - FUN AND FAVORS!

No Cover - Standard Friday Night Rates!

Addison Horrell | Exalted Ruler
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Tracy Horrell | Secretary
lodge708secretary@yahoo.com
Bonnie Atwood | Treasurer
Treasurer708@gmail.com

Get email updates and event reminders
from our webmaster and information distributor,
Marty Quire.
Send your email to mquire@tampabay.rr.com

Dinner and a Movie Night!

Taco Tuesday



5:30 - 7:30pm



Taco & Nacho Bar



(Donations accepted)

\$4 Margaritas

\$3 Coronas

7:30 PM each Tuesday

February Movies:

Feb 3- Groundhog Day - Rita Smith

Feb 10 - Valentine's Day - Rebecca Sullins

Feb 17 - Romancing the Stone - Jean Scionti

Feb 24- Music and Lyrics - Katrina

(subject to change upon audience request)





ELK OF THE MONTH

Elk of the Month: Tommy Moore

He has been an Elk for 7 years and in that time he truly has been an asset to Tampa Lodge. He loves to help his wife (Sue) & the ladies with their needs. But he is always there first to jump in when the Lodge needs him as well, from cooking at the Kids Back to School Party, or Christmas Party or at the Children's Home. He also never says no when the hall committee needs help with set up or clean up you can depend on him. He participates at many functions and still finds the time to devote to taking good care of Alex! He is not only a great Elk but a fine gentlemen! Please congratulate him!



OFFICER OF THE MONTH

Officer of the Month: Tracy Horrell

She too has been an Elk for the last 7 years and in that time she has spent many countless hours volunteering with social events, hall events, hoop shoot, children's parties, Athena, Gasparilla, within the district as well as State. The last 2 years she has devoted her time in making sure the Lodge runs smoothly and making sure Tampa Lodge is financially stable. Her dedication to our Lodge, District, and State is priceless! She does all of this while taking good care of our family and holding down a full time job! I'm proud to say she is my wife and one fine Elk! Please let her know that she is appreciated!



CALLING ALL EPICUREAN ELKS:

The Elks Gourmet Club will resume our cooking and eating extravaganza on Sunday, February 15th at 5:00 pm. This year we're going to compile a Cookbook - suitable for giving as a gift or selling as a fund-raiser. Each month, we'll work on a different chapter in the cookbook, this first month's theme being "Appetizers/Soups/Salads". Bring a dish to share, the recipe for your dish and 1 additional recipe that fits the month's theme. We will also incorporate pictures of the dishes, if possible. Oh- and there will be trivia : during our meal and in the cookbook! If you want to eat, but don't cook, join us anyway and make a donation to the cause. Hope to see you there!

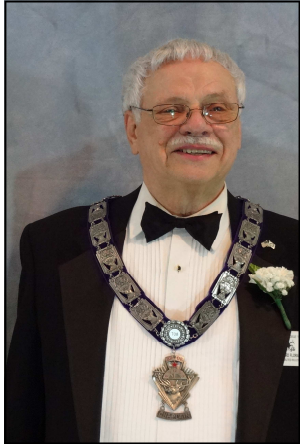
Thanks!
Candy



AMERICANISM REPORT



FOR PRESIDENT'S & PEOPLE'S PATRIOTISM



Richard Florence
Americanism Chairman

As America moves on from day to day - past president's memories come into "play" - as February 12th is Abraham Lincoln's Birthday - then comes George Washington's on February 16th - as America celebrates all President's - past & present on National President's Day.

But wait, in between these special days just cited comes an historic event we will never forget - February 14th - Valentine's Day comes for America -- her families; her parents; her friends; & indeed all lovers of every kind to celebrate their love!

For America's Elks Lodges all across this great land - February is also a meaningful month as new Officers & old & new Lodge Leaders do emerge as dedicated memberships vote & elect their Lodge's future's for Elkdom. So come to your Elks Lodge & celebrate those special days - still so appropriate for us all - then come & do your duty as a loyal & faithful member & vote for your Lodge's " best future

Leaders".

Richard Florance, PER,
Lodge Americanism Chairman



Your House Committee!

In our search for many new activities for the Lodge to interest our members there seems to be a number of such preferred events which would be held on a regular basis and become a staple of your Lodge.

Those include; Quarterly Texas Hold-Em nights; At least monthly Karaoke night; 2 to 3 times a year Elks/Pigs/Horse races with auction; a return of the "family feud" competitions; "Roasts" (PER/Officers/ etc.); and several others mentioned.

If we, as a committee, have left out anything you would like to see, please send a short email to me describing your idea(s)...we welcome input at any time! dukeofdeland@hotmail.com

Paul DeLand, House Committee Chairman

MR. ELKSIZIE SEZ....

Elk Up - Volunteer!



To our Elk members.....particularly those who are newer members this year....



Being an Elk in Tampa Lodge #708 means participation in an organization founded more than 112 years ago (1902), and carrying a long tradition of effort to our primary charities; Veterans and Youth!

One failing of your Lodge in recent years has been bringing new members into our activities and helping them to advance toward being an integral part of our events and efforts. You will find no feeling more rewarding than that of helping feed Veterans at the Lodge on their Friday night (4th Friday).....seeing the glow in the faces of the children at Tampa Children's Home as they receive a Christmas gift from Bikers who traveled from our Lodge to deliver them. There are many more such events.....however there are also activities within the Lodge not connected directly to our charities.....cooking (NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED) Friday dinner or Sunday breakfast....you can pitch in and do toast, help cook bacon and dish grits or sausage gravy. The spirit of fellowship is palpable in those circumstances.

If you think you'd like to participate....just speak with House Chairman Paul DeLand, or ANY House Committee member....they are listed on page 2 of this issue; or contact ER Addison Horrell or Secretary Tracy Horrell....all of these folks can guide you toward helping with some part of Lodge activity, and get you on the way in Elkdom!



Another area involving few hours, but giving an instant feeling of accomplishment is helping your Hall Utilization Committee under the capable direction of Wendy Hall as they set up for hall events and clean up from the same.

A small group of folks can make a short time of this, and provide a great deal of income to the Lodge to help with our charities. Watch for sign-up sheets on the Lodge Bulletin Board.






Finally from time-to-time you will see a volunteer sheet in Elksize such as the one this issue (page 7) offering some ideas on where and when to volunteer. Come join your fellow Elks and be a larger part of Elkdom. You will be greatly rewarded....both in recognition by your fellow Elks and in self-satisfaction!

Tampa Elks Lodge #708 Calendar of Activities

February
2015



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 <i>Super Bowl Chili Cook-off</i> Breakfast 8:30-12	2	3	4 LOE Mtg. 7:30pm	5	6 Dinner 6:30pm Dazzler Duo	7
8 Breakfast 8:30-12	9 LINE DANCING 	10 House Comm. 6:30pm	11 LODGE MTG. 7:30PM NOMINATIONS	12	13 Dinner 6:30pm High Notes	14 Reception Back Hall
15 Breakfast 8:30-12	16 LINE DANCING 	17	18 Officers & Board Mtg. - 6:30pm	19	20 Dinner 6:30pm Satin Laze	21 Awards Night!
22 Breakfast 8:30-12	23 LINE DANCING 	24	25 LODGE MTG. 7:30PM ELECTIONS	26	27 Dinner 6:30pm High Notes	28

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Friday Night Menus & Bands

Tampa Elks Lodge #708



Feb. 6th

New York Strip
(be sure to RSVP!)
&
Chicken Patty
Sandwich w/
Lettuce/ tomato/etc.

Dinner by:
Paul

Music by:
Dazzler Duo

Feb. 13th

Surf & Turf
Bacon wrapped filet
& Shrimp

Chicken Parmesan

Dinner by:
Courtney Weil

Music by:
High Notes

Feb. 20th

Fried Swai Fish, French
Fries and Cole Slaw
Or
Rib Eye Steak,
(be sure to RSVP)
Salad, Baked Potato and
veggies

Dinner by:
Addison Horrell &
Bob Green
Music by:
Satin Laze

Feb. 27th

TBA

Dinner by:
Ralph

Music by:
High Notes