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New Exalted Ruler's Ready to Lead Lodge #708 into the New Year

Dear Friends,

Well, it is a new year in Elkdom and I find myself in very unfamiliar territory. When I joined our lodge, I never aspired to hold office, never thought I would serve as a Trustee and was very content with lending a hand with putting on a function or fixing a piece of the lodge that was broken. Much of that changed after Addison Horrell and I decided to take on the beautification project in the dining room. I had an opportunity to get to know many of you and I ceased being called "James Harlow's Son-in-Law" and regained my name, A.J.

My near daily pilgrimage to the lodge caused me to get involved more, and most importantly caused me to regularly attend lodge meetings in spite of my dirty clothes and the sawdust in my hair. While I had been a member for years, I actually really discovered Tampa Lodge # 708 a little over a year ago and I haven't had time to stop since.

I thank all of our members who voiced their support in my bid as your new Exalted Ruler. I only hope that I can prove worthy of your vote and especially your friendship. For those who did not vote for me, I hope I can earn your trust and support in future endeavors concerning our Lodge.

Please remember that my office is not and has never been about me. It is and will always be about our Lodge and how we can improve as an organization and making a positive impact in our community.

The weeks leading up to the Installation of Officers have been a blur. Without the support of my family and friends, there is no-way we could have hosted such a great event. On that note, I would be remiss if I didn't publicly express my appreciation for the assistance of our Past State President, Frank Palladini, our Past Exalted Rulers and the new Officers from both Lodge 708 and the LOE. I have some large "historic" shoes to fill and I feel blessed that I can rely on your continued counsel and involvement.

As presented at our Installation, my theme for this next year is; "Under Construction, Building for the Future." With all of the improvement projects that are in progress and those that wait for the future, I thought that it was quite fitting. That said, there is so much more to it than paint, plaster and lumber. While our Lodge building is important, it is not necessarily who we are. It is an address, a location of where we physically are. Our lodge needs to be within our hearts and minds. Building on this style of foundation can only



yield great benefits in terms of membership, lodge standing and 708's future.

On a constructive note (see, I am getting mileage out of the construction theme already), I thank all of my fellow members who have pledged to discontinue the practice of "legislating at the bar." I agree that it has been demonstrated that the practice can be quite distracting and even harmful to friendships both old and new. I encourage all of you to bring ideas, comments and concerns to the floor during meetings when we can have a meaningful dialogue. That is where I prefer to do business. Of course I pledge to be responsive to all concerns at all times and if or when we find that there is a difference of opinion, please join me in a more appropriate environment to continue our conversation so that we can keep Brotherhood in the social space.

Thank You Cyndi Linville for donating the microwave for the kitchen!

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Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler
A.J. Matthews
Leading Knight
William "Jay" Kenney
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Vic Thomas, PER
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Richard Florance
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FSEA- Elks Training
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Invite a friend to visit the lodge.
Then invite that friend to
become a member!

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3-Year
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1-Year
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Linda Reid
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Linda Reid
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Vacant
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Bill Edwards, PER
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"Lodge Officers"
Lodge Activities
Vacant

Maintenance
Bobby Green
Membership
Rita Smith
Memorial Day
A.J. Matthews
Mothers Day
A.J. Matthews
National Foundation
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National Service
Vacant
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Relief
Carl Williamson, PER
Scholarship
Vacant
Sickness
William "Jay" Kinney
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Carl Williamson, PER
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Tom McHugh
Sports/Soccer Shoot
Vacant
Stray Elks
Vacant
Veterans
Vacant
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From the Lodge Secretary

Proposed new member.

New Member **Sponsor**
Michelle Clayton Frank Palladini

To Our Absent Members

Their faults we write in the sand,
their virtues on the tablets of
love and memory.

William B. McBee
Passed 2/24/2010



2010 Elks Convention is Upon Us!

Members,

The 104th Annual Elks State Convention is just around the corner. It is scheduled to kick-off on May 20th and run through May 23rd, 2010 at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, in Lake Buena Vista, FL. Individual room reservations are now being accepted through the Disney Reservation link on the Elks State web site (www.felks.org). A one night deposit is required for each room you intend to reserve. Standard room rates are \$119.00 plus tax (\$133.88) per double and can accommodate a maximum of four (4) adults at an additional \$16.88 per person. You can also phone in your reservation to (407) 939-1012, using

our meeting name of "Florida Elks Association" to obtain our special group rate. The cut-off date for reservations is April 19th, or when the block of rooms are sold out.

For additional information and to register for your convention credentials, please log onto www.felks.org. In addition, specially priced theme park tickets will be available to convention guests and immediate family members.

Our newly installed Exalted Ruler has appointed me as the Tampa Lodge 708 Convention Chairman. I am in the process of assembling a team of energetic and talented individuals to make this year's convention a

memorable one for our Tampa members. We are planning some creative activities to incorporate A.J.'s adopted theme of "Under Construction, building for the future." So don't forget your hard hats and join in for the fun.

If you would like to assist with the planning and/or execution of Tampa's participation in the convention, please do not hesitate to let me or A.J. know.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the convention.

Addison Horrell
Convention Chairman

Be an Elksize Booster!

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

Atwood, Bonnie 2/2011
Baer, Robert (Yogi) 2/2010
Bergen, Raymona 11/2010
Burks, John 3/2010
Dayes, PDDGER, Dick & Eleanore 9/2012
Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 4/2010
Ferra, Alice 11/2010
Florance, Richard H. 7/2011
Gaffrey, Charles 6/2010
Gukeisen, SGM USA RET James L. 11/2010
Heider, Ted PER & Sally PER 7/2010
Hauf, Richard & Geraldine 8/2010
In Memory of Charlie Fiveash 5/2015
In Memory of Harold Wright 6/2010
In Memory of Ralph Picard
In Memory of Raymond Davis 7/2010
In Memory of Richard Palmer, 2/2011
Jorgensen, Sherral 6/2010
Keller, Maureen & Matt 6/2010
Kelley, Thomas & Marlene 8/2010
LaChance, Rosie & Roger 4/2010
McBee, Bill & Susan, PLP 2/2010
Nyland, William 7/2010
Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean, 8/2010
Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018
Smith, Rita 4/2010



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BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20

Kelly, George 6/2010
In Memory of #7, Patrick 11/2007
Wayne, John & Flo 3/2009

SILVER INVESTORS \$21 - \$50

Cuccinello, Diane 6/2010
Edwards, PER3, William 6/2010
Gukeisen, SGM USA RET, James L. 4/2010
Huffman, Barbara (In Memory of Hilda DeGiacomo) 6/2010
Kelly, George & Elma 5/2010
McHugh, Thomas 6/2010

GOLD INVESTORS \$51 - \$99

Alley, Sonia & Bill 6/2010
Baronofski, Ron & Fran 7/2010
Bertoch, Jan 6/2010
DeLand, Paul & Sandra VanSevers 3/2008
Harmon, Steve, PER 6/2010
Heider, Ted PER & Sally PER, 7/2010
Huffman, Raymond & Barbara 6/2010
Jorgensen, Sherral 6/2010
Keller, Maureen & Matt 10/2009
Kennedy, Brenda & Brown, David 3/2009
LaChance, Rosemary & Roger 6/2010
Nikkinen, Lesley 3/2009
Pickenpaugh, Vem & Betty FLOE PSP 9/2009

PLATINUM INVESTORS - \$100

DuRant, Rosemarie 1/2010
Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 12/2010
Florance, Dick 6/2010
Hauf, Dick & Gerry 6/2010
In Memory of Harry Reoderer 6/2010
In Memory of Ina Moore 12/2010
In Memory of Larry Quire 6/2010
In Memory of Richard A Palmer 8/2012
Jacobs, Jake 12/2009
Linville, John 5/2009
Lucas, Vernon 6/2010
Marino, Anthony 1/2010
Palladini, Deborah 1/2010
Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean 6/2015
Quire, Bonnie 6/2010
Quire, Martin & Kimberly 8/2010
Ramsey, Richard PER 7/2009
Reid, Linda & Jerry 6/2010
Schneider, PER, Rick & Jan 7/2010
Sellers, Jr., Frank, PER 6/2010
Smith, Rita 3/2009
Snyder, Bob & Lisa 5/2008
Norton, Bob and Stokking, Brenda 6/2010
Thomas, PER, Guy & Ruth 1/2009
Thomas, PER, Vic & Berneice 6/2010
Toler, Kathleen 11/2009
Wright, Vera 6/2010

Contributing to PIP helps ensure a strong Elks Lodge for future generations.

ER Message continued from front page

I am convinced that this is going to be a fun year. Having fun is one of my primary goals for my term in office. Fraternal organizations like our Elks Lodge have been taking a hit on membership in recent years. One of the primary reasons people join organizations like ours is because they are asked. Once they join it is up to the membership (that is you and I), to keep them coming back. I will keep asking and I hope you will too. Once they see what we can achieve with your help, our membership and activity should explode.

Lastly, I thank my family, my wife Theresa, my children Logan (15), Courtney (12) and Hailey (6), my in-laws; James and Susie, Robbie and Deanna and friends Tracy and Addison. These are the people I lean on (and hopefully minimally) neglect when I am tasked with meetings and events. I could not be your ER without them. But I am in good company, because I know in the Matthews, Harlow, Horrell, Quire and Reid households, if you want to see your family, you go down to the Lodge. So get yourself a hard hat, roll up your sleeves and I will see you there.

Yours in Elkdom,

A.J. Matthews
Exalted Ruler

and my wife Theresa and our children

Americanism America Survives and Thrives for All

In this year of 2010, our nation is at work to be better as a shining star of hope for future generations of people of the world.

Many citizens from regions far and near, come to America to see, feel and hear how they may become better and in-turn make their countries similar to ours. Our many choices of religious faith, love of country, and the generosity of charity throughout our precious land demonstrates to all who come why America Survives and Thrives for All.

America's proud history of successes and of our citizenry's rallying to many calls, does truly show the real and everlasting beauty of American's helping wherever needs may fall.

A beacon of great hope for America's future; with God's grace and love, will light Elkdom's way; warm our hearts and souls and continue to help us all be charitable for many causes both near and far - because the spirit of America Survives and Thrives for All. So love America and continue your Elks work with Justice in mind; Brotherly Love and Charity in your heart, and unending Fidelity to Elkdom's causes.

Richard Florance
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Americanism Essay

Tampa #708 Entry Wins 2nd in State!

Divya Bhansali, a 7th Grader from Berkeley Preparatory School came in 2nd in Florida in the annual contest! Congratulations to her!

Tampa Elks Lodge #708 wishes to commend and congratulate the five middle school students who participated in the 2009-2010 Americanism Essay Contest on the topic "The American Dream: What is it?" Local entrants are:

Division 1 (5th & 6th Grades)

Jeremy Elkins - West Tampa Elementary - 5th Grade

Division II (7th & 8th Grades)

Christine Wright - Berkeley Preparatory School - Grade 7

Divya Bhansali - Berkeley Preparatory School - Grade 7

Lauren Horrell - Madison Middle School - Grade 8

Jacob Rice - Berkeley Preparatory School - Grade 8

Each entrant receives from Tampa Lodge a \$50 gift card in appreciation of their interest and effort. State awards will be announced in June at the Florida State Elks Convention. National awards will be given at the Grand Lodge Convention in July.

Richard H. Florance, Americanism Chairman

THANK YOU ALL

I would definitely be remiss if I did not thank each and every one of you for electing me Exalted Ruler for the 2009-2010 Lodge year. I could not have done this without your time, talents, perseverance, confidence and cooperation in me. Remember this is our Lodge family and we all share the good times with the bad ones. Thanks to our PERs, our Lodge Advisor, Mr. Frank Palladini, PSP, the Trustees, the Secretary and Treasurer, Lesley, the Lodge Officers and Committee Chairs, as well as the bar and kitchen staff.

I was very pleased with the turn out for our first Appreciation Dinner for Lodge Officers and Committee personnel. Thank you again for your support.

The St. Valentine's Day Massacre was a huge success. Thank you Paul DeLand Entertainment, Lesley Nikkinen and Robert Harlow for a great time.

As usual the LOE Horse Race was a huge success. A great time was had by all.

The Awards Dinner was on March 20th. Be sure to congratulate the Citizen of The Year Dick Florance, as well as the Elk of the Year Linda Reid & Officer of The Year Robert Harlow.

Please support your new officers for the 2010-2011 Lodge Year. Be sure to stop by, say hello and offer your Elk assistance.

Thank you again from the bottom of my heart. You have all made my year at the helm of BPOE #708 very easy and rewarding. I could not have done this without you!

Fraternally,
John Wayne, PER

Starting in April, and every Other Month after....

Members' Evening of Dinner & Dancing.

With Dinner Prepared by Professional Chef Michael K. Cole

**ONLY
\$15**
per person
April 23
Dinner 6:30 - 8:30 p
Dance until 11 p

Reservations Required:

Price includes dinner and dessert, full band for your dancing pleasure, served in the back hall.

Sign up with the number in your party and meat selections on the board in the lounge by April 20, or email lindamom@tampabay.rr.com

Music by "Kaleidoscope"
for your listening and dancing pleasure

April 23 Menu

Classic Caesar Salad OR

*Spinach Salad with Red Onions, Hard Boiled Egg,
Lardon Bacon and Warm Bacon Vinaigrette*

Entree to Choose:

- *Confit of Chicken Quarters with Fresh Herbs served with rosemary demi glaze, Rustic Mashed Roasted Garlic Potatoes and Sautéed Seasonal Vegetables,*
OR
- *Carved Châteaubriand with Wild Mushroom Demi Glaze, Sundried Tomato Risotto and Fresh Roasted Asparagus*

And for Dessert:

*New Orleans Style Bananas Foster
served with French Vanilla Ice Cream*

Chef's Note: Châteaubriand is a small roast extravagantly cut from the center of the beef tenderloin. In the 200 years since it was first prepared by the Vicomte de Châteaubriand's chef, Montmireil, we seem to have lost its exact dimensions. Some people will tell you that it can be as little as 1-1/2 inches thick. Confit (CON-FEET) of goose (confit d'oie) and duck or chicken are usually prepared from the legs of the bird. The meat is salted and seasoned with herbs, and slowly cooked submerged in its own rendered fat, in which it is then preserved by allowing it to cool and storing it in the fat.

Banner Year for ENF Donations at Tampa 708!



Dear members,

Our celebration of the St. Valentines Day massacre to benefit the Elks National Foundation was a huge success.

With over sixty five in attendance we had a fantastic time and raised over \$1,140.00 for ENF! I sincerely thank everyone who came, the enthusiastic participation, and generous charity by the members of Tampa lodge #708 never disappoints. I can't say thank you enough to everyone who helped make this event happen. Bobby Green, Bob Schindler and Cindy Linville prepared a delicious dinner, and Lynn Brown did an amazing job on dessert and salads, Susie Harlow, Theresa Matthews, and Betty Gnadl ran the Chinese auction. Ashleigh Bostick and Shelby Sanchez were our adorable 50/uhh, share the wealth girls, Paul Deland designed and printed the posters, tickets, and programs, and served as a federal officer while assisting in raiding the joint along with A.J Mathews, Kyle Davis and

myself. Lesley Nikkonen helped plan and organize the evening, My Boys, Brandon and Ryan Bostick were extremely helpful in doing whatever was asked! Bernie Turpin was our world class speakeasy cocktail waitress, Sharon Harlow worked hard in the kitchen, and our bartender extraordinaire was Mar Jean Hand. Paul Deland III provided the music and entertainment, he is a true professional.

Last but certainly not least an extra special thanks to my girls Deanna and Zoe Harlow who handled the decorating and so much more, without your hard work and support the night would not have been possible.

I would also like to recognize and thank those who donated to the Chinese auction: Frank and Ebba Jean Palladini, Paul Deland, Sandra Vanevers, Jerry and Linda Reid, Susie Harlow, Deanna Harlow, Chris Miles, Dave Brown, Rich Mathis, and the LOE. If I have missed anyone I am sorry, It took many people and lots of hard work to create such a

fun and memorable night, everyone who participated should be proud of themselves for supporting such a worthy cause.

My year as lodge ENF chairman has come to a close and I want to say how much I appreciate all of the support I have received from so many this year, it has been a rewarding and educational experience, and I thank the membership for the honor of serving.

Thanks to the generosity of our members, Tampa # 708 has had a banner year, donating over \$4,100.00 to the Elks National Foundation, exemplifying the principles that drive the ENF: as long as there is a veteran in need the Elks will be there, and no Elk stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child. May brotherly love ever fill our hearts.

Fraternally yours,
Robert J Harlow
Esteemed Lecturing Knight



Children's Easter Party

For Ages 11 years and Under

Saturday, April 3rd

12pm-3pm

Please sign up the children by their name and age no later than April 1st.
A sign up sheet will be posted on the Bulletin Board.

Games	Crafts	Contests
Lunch	Entertainment	



Donations Requested. Wrapped Easter candy, Basket Grass, Small Toys, Easter novelty items, and plastic eggs are essential Easter Basket items. Cash donations will be used to purchase each child an identical basket and chocolate bunny. Items appropriate for game prizes also needed.

For more Info contact:
Tammy Manley (831-5796)



LOE Horse Race Raises Money for Two Charities

The LOE Horse Race, held on February 27, went off without a hitch. Co-Chairs Lesley Nikkinen, PLP, and Bill Edwards, PLP, PER3, pulled off a very successful event to raise money for our two charities, The West Central District Van Supplies for Florida Elks Children Therapy Services and the GER Elect Mike Smith Fund. Each fund will receive \$548.00 from the LOE.

This would not have been possible without the generous donations of time and money from the members.

Thanks to Chris Miles, Paul Deland, Marty Quire and Jerry Reid for the advance advertising. Lesley Nikkinen and Paul Deland did all the paperwork – They set up the book to sell the horses, then they printed the programs and betting slips and conversion charts. Bill Edwards showed up early in the day to make the racetrack, and Addison Horrell, Lesley Nikkinen, Tracy Horrell, and Dick Florance set up the winner's circle stage. Lesley set up the auction table, which was filled with donations from Gracie Winchell, Beth Boyd, Ebba Jean Palladini, The Deland's, Phyllis Miller, Lisa Snyder, Shelagh Gombarcik, Tracy Horrell, Berni Turpin, Paul Deland, Dick Florance, Jackie Appel, Sue Moore, Bill Edwards, Linda Reid, The LOE, and The House Committee.

A special Thank You to Frank Palladini for arranging a visit from one of the recipients, Mike Smith and his wife Sandra, who came by for about an hour to see what we had going on. Mike Smith will become the Grand Exalted Ruler at the Elk's National Convention in July, and Sandra will be the First Lady of Elkdome. They were both quite gracious, and so impressed with the race they asked Lesley to come to Plant City and hold one there!

Lynn Brown, Bobby Green and Bobby Schindler opened and operated the kitchen for our enjoyment. Those kitchen proceeds went to the Lodge.

The race itself took place with Susie Harlow, Tracey Matthews, and Cynthia Linville, working the betting windows, Paul Deland announcing the races, Sandra Vans Evers as photographer and numerous dice rollers volunteering to work one race.

A. J. Matthews graciously agreed to serve as emergency auctioneer, and did an admirable job of imitating Scotty Miller's style. Tracey Matthews served as the runner.

Of course, no event is over until the hall is restored to normal, and I would like to thank Susie Harlow, Brandon Bostick, Tammy and Mike Manley, Jerry Reid, Michael Brantley, Christien Elkins, and Robbie Harlow for getting us across that finish line.

Rita Smith, PLP

Hi Folks, remember me the Bridge guy? I'm the fellow who has become a pest asking if anyone is interested in the card game of Bridge. Lo and Behold with a small group of interested Lodge members we have started a Bridge Club at the ELKS. We have been playing and teaching the game starting at 4pm on Tuesdays and 1pm on Thursdays. We've had a lot of fun along the way and we welcome anyone (you don't need a partner) interested in learning or playing Bridge to join us during our fun sessions.

You can contact me at walrol1@verizon.net, or call Janette (839-2588) or Nancy (837-6527) anytime before 8pm most evenings for more information or to leave a message - these great Bridge Ladies will return your call ASAP. Better yet, stop by and join us. If our present sessions don't coincide with your schedule please talk to us, we are flexible. We really need your support for our new Bridge Club to really get firmly established, and the more members the more fun we'll have. See you at the Bridge table,

Walter Rollins

a Night at The Races!

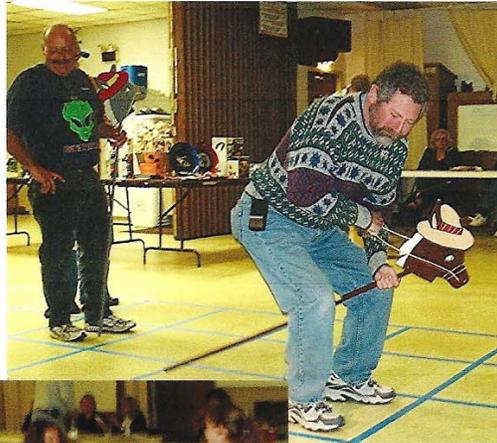
February 27th

CRAZY CHAIRS



Courtney Matthews, Jockey
Suzie Harlow, Owner
Horse: Lo Ca Hai

1ST RACE WINNER



The LOE event was filled with laughs, good food, and lots of prizes after the races. Riding Styles were widely varied as demonstrated here by Tommy & Bobby.



Dice throwing was handled by volunteers including Hailey Matthews, at left and Zoe Harlow at right.

Winners of races 2-6



- Race 2-"Too Late To Stop"; Jockey James Harlow, Owner Rita Smith
- Race 3-"Brotherly Love"; Jockey Zoe Harlow, Owner, Rob Harlow
- Race 4-"Lucky Lou"; Jockey Addison Horrell, Owner Tracy Horrell
- Race 5-"14 Valentines"; Jockey Carl Williamson, Owner Sandra DeLand
- Race 6-"Five More Weeks; Jockey Bob Green, Owner Rita Smith



THANKS ALSO TO VOLUNTEER AUCTIONEER, ER-ELECT A J MATTHEWS

Hall Rental Committee News

As we enter the 2010-2011 Elk year, the slow economy doesn't only affect us at home, it affects our lodge. We are faced with many large expenditures needed to upkeep the building, and pay our bills. If you don't realize how difficult it has been in the last few years to generate much needed income to pay our expenses and try to reinvest in our lodge, you really should talk to one of our Trustee's.

Mid last year, many of us concerned Elks/LOE were discussing ideas and my thought was that we have to use what assets we have.

It seemed that other efforts like working a booth at the sports forum proved to be difficult to keep a consistent crew since it was hard work and inconvenient. As I saw it, our biggest asset is we have a Banquet Hall that sits empty most Saturdays and many other days of the week, in a convenient part of Tampa, with not much competition in the area who could offer affordable hall rentals. In addition, it would seem to be a lot easier to get volunteers to help with these events since they were at their lodge. Lastly, it is a great way to bring in new members when they see what a great organization we have. We have had many folks attending an event who ask us what does it take to become an Elk?

This year I have volunteered to head up the Hall Rental committee, to generate

this much needed income. I started generating interest last year through different types of advertisements, and we are starting to get a consistent flow of interest and the hall is being booked on many Saturday nights in the upcoming months. From the profit of these events, we have been able to invest in white linen tablecloths/napkins, white linen chair covers, curtains to soften the walls, elegant

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centerpieces, and we are able to get chair sashes/table runners in satin or organza in all the popular wedding colors at a deep discount. All of these items are rented for the event, adding to the profit we are making. If you haven't seen any of the beautiful wedding receptions we have done, take a look at the slideshow on the www.tampaelks.com website under the Banquet Hall rental link.

Since it takes many volunteers to put on a large event like a wedding reception for 125 guests, we could use all the help we can get. I would like to have a couple of teams trained in the decorating, hostess and cleanup to work these events, so we can alternate the teams between events and give everyone a break. It is really a lot of fun and very rewarding. We get so many heartfelt Thank You's and we are meeting some wonderful people. Many of the tasks are easy like setting the tables, putting fresh flowers in the vases, skirting tables, busing tables, serving water/coffee, etc. We need men on the committee

to hang curtains/lights, and other decorations, monitor the doors and parking lots, move tables, etc.

If you really want to help with a committee that is directly contributing to the livelihood of the lodge and the good things we as Elks/LOE do, this is the committee for you!

Please contact me at my email address lindamom@tampabay.rr.com if you would like to join our committee. I can also be reached on my cell at 503-3204. All hall rental events are listed on the www.tampaelks.com Calendar. Scroll to the bottom of the current month calendar and click on the Web Calendar link for current and future events.

In addition, it is important to contact Bonnie Quire the Calendar Chairwoman far in advance if you have an upcoming Elk or LOE event so your date is secured on the calendar. We want to make sure the Elk/LOE events get first priority, but we cannot do anything to help if you wait until the last minute and the date is already booked. Her email address is quiregirl708@verizon.net or you can call her at 831-0606.

I look forward to partnering with many dedicated Elks/LOE to make this year our most profitable, so we can continue to reinvest in the Lodge and our many charitable causes!

Linda Reid
Chairwoman
"Hall Rentals, Entertainment & Youth/
Drug Awareness Committees"



GER-Elect Smith Visits Tampa #708

Mike Smith, Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect stopped by Tampa Lodge #708 just before our Night at The Races. He is seen, at left, with PSP Frank Palladini. The GER-Elect met several members and officers of Tampa Lodge and offered encouraging words about the idea behind our Night at The Races, saying it would work well at his home Lodge, Plant City.

Entertainment News

I have volunteered to head up the Entertainment Committee this year, and my goal is to bring in many new talented entertainers for your listening and dancing pleasure on Friday nights. Two of the bands I was able to bring in over the last month due to openings in the schedule, have been asked to come back this month by popular request. We will also be having a PIANO Bar periodically, which is always a lot of fun to sing along with.

In addition, I plan to bring back the dinner/dances we use to have "back in the day" as a special evening for our members. These dinner/dances will be every other month, and will be

advertised in the Elksize. The hall will be elegantly decorated and we will be serving a gourmet dinner prepared by a professional chef, including dessert. The bands selected for these events will play a variety of music to keep you entertained and on your toes. The cost is only \$15 for the dinner, but reservations are required. There will be a reservation list posted on the main board in the lounge a couple of weeks prior to these events. Our first dinner/dance is Friday, April 23rd (see advertisement in this issue) so make sure you do not miss this special night!

I am also planning a couple of dinner/show events for the year (Magic,

Comedy, Theatre, etc.), so make sure you watch for advertisements. Friday night entertainment and any special events will always be posted on the www.tampaelks.com Calendar. Scroll to the bottom of the current month calendar and click on the Web Calendar link for the most current events and any future events.

If you know of a band or entertainer you feel our members would enjoy, please forward any suggestions to my email address at lindamom@tampabay.rr.com.

Cheers! – Linda Reid

Ladies of the Elks News

Dear Members,

I am honored to be this year's Ladies of the Elks President! We are starting off running full force. With our Easter Party on the 3rd of April, Tammy Manley is doing a fine job of putting it all together! THANKS to all who are helping with this event and for all the wonderful donations we have received so far. Tammy raised over \$500.00 in Feb. for the Easter event by selling chances on two Valentine's Baskets. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for you to sign up your children or grandchildren that will be attending. We also are still in need of donations!

The ladies will also have a raffle for a COOLER FULL OF BOOZE at this year's Elks Convention. If you can donate booze please see myself or Susie. We will soon be selling raffle tickets.

I look forward to a wonderful year! If anyone has suggestions or can help with activities please let me know. Also I am looking for volunteers to help with the LOE Thursday night dinner. It is the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Here is my motto to keep in mind:
MEETING THE NEEDS OF
OTHERS BENEFITS ALL...
AS A TEAM, WE HAVE
THE POWER TO MAKE
AMAZING LEAPS !

Sincerely,

Tracy Horrell
LOE President

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365 Club News

We have new little houses for our crippled children's donations. Hope everybody will help fill them up. Thanks again for all the generous donations from Kelly & Virginia Sapp, Jackie Appel, Kitty Shore, Judy Turner, and all the anonymous donations from the boxes on the tables at the bar and dining room. Donations were very good this month. Keep it up!

Vera Almstedt

365 Club Chairperson

LOE April Birthdays

04/01MELISSA BERTOCH
04/02THOMAS MC HUGH
04/07CAROLYN WILLIAMS
04/09JOHN WAYNE
0410.....LYNN SZELIGA
04/12TINA KAMERER
04/18MARILYN FENNELL
04/18JOHANNA TOMZ
04/24SONDRA CHAPMAN
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April 2010

Sun

Mon

Tues

Wed

Thur

Fri

Sat

Elks CARE Elks SHARE

Dinner 1

Dinner 2
6:30-8:30
Prime Rib
Roast Chicken
Breasts
Stuffed White
Fish
Music 7-11
Endless
Summer Duo

Easter
Party LOE 3
12:00pm -
3:00pm

Best
Breakfast 4
in Tampa
8:30 a - 12:00 p

Bingo 5
6:30 p

JAM
Session 6
7:30 p

7:00pm
House Comm.
Meeting 7
7:30pm -
9:00pm LOE
Meeting

Youth Camp 8
Dinner
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Veal Parmesan
& Spaghetti
with Salad
by John Wayne,
PER

Dinner 9
6:30-8:30
Salmon
Seafood Pasta
NY strip
Bump in the
Road - 3 piece
band back
by popular
demand

Hall
Rental 10
6 -11pm

Dining Room
Rental
7 pm -
Midnight

Best
Breakfast 11
in Tampa
8:30 a - 12:00 p

Bingo 12
6:30 p

13

Lodge
Meeting 14
7:30 p

LOE
Dinner 15
5:30-7:30p

Dinner 16
6:30-8:30
Ribs
Fried Shrimp
Baked Chicken
Breasts
Music 7:00pm -
11:00pm
"Arlington Road"
"formerly Country
Edition"

17

Best
Breakfast 18
in Tampa
8:30 a - 12:00 p

Bingo 19
GOLDEN
GIRLS
KITCHEN
6:30 p

JAM
Session 20
7:30 p

Trustee
Meeting 21
Indoctrination
6:30 p

Dinner 22

Special 23
Friday
Dinner / Dance
6:30pm -
11:00pm \$15
Reservations
Required
Dinner 6:30
to 8:30 pm
"Kaleidoscope
Band" till 11p

Hall
Rental 24

Best
Breakfast 25
in Tampa
8:30 a - 12:00 p

Bingo 26
6:30 p

27

Lodge
Meeting 28
7:30 p

Dinner 29

Dinner 30
6:30-8:30
Ribeye
Steaks
Fried Shrimp
Stuffed Chicken
Breast
Music 7:00 -
11:00pm
"Big Jim"



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Thursday, April 8
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Veal Parmesan & Spaghetti
with Salad
by John Wayne, PER
Desserts available!
Please help support our Youth Camp!

Friday Night
Entertainment Schedule:

Apr 2	"Endless Summer" Duo	7-11 p
Apr 9	"Bump in the Road Band" (back by popular demand	7-11 p
Apr 16	"Arlington Road" (formerly Country Edition)	7-11 p
Apr 23	Special Friday Dinner Dance with "Kaleidoscope" Band	6:30 - 11 p
Apr 30	"Big Jim" sings your favorites	7-11 p

Movie Night For the Troops Project!
Please Help!



Helping is easy—just purchase any Newly Released movie , watch it at home, then donate it (and the leftover bag of popcorn) to an Army unit from Fort Steward, GA. that has been in Iraq for 2 months and has 10 months to go. There is a Priority box at the Tampa Elk's Lodge, and it will be shipped to the Unit's Medic for disbursement. Include a card or note if desired.