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## Exalted Ruler Address

Hello Tampa Elks!

Once again, I find that I am writing to you from another part of our Great Nation while on Coast Guard Business. Last time (May), it was New London, CT, as I was attending the Chief Warrant Officer Professional Development Course. That was an obviously temporary assignment as it lasted a mere two-weeks. This time, it is more involved, more exhausting and much longer. For the fourth time since 9/11, I have been called to involuntary Active Duty, this time by order of Title 14 of the US Code. I am on the Gulf Coast in support of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Response.

Since departing Tampa on July 9th (the day following my return from the 146th Elks National Convention), I have managed to travel as far west as New Orleans, LA and as far east as Port St Joe, FL, where I have been serving as a Task Force Leader for Near-Shore Operations in the oil clean-up. I am supervising and directing a fleet of Vessel of Opportunity Surface Skimmers (VOSS) as this massive response seeks to rid the Gulf of the oil from the Deepwater Horizon MS-252 Disaster that occurred late last April. I find the work is both challenging and rewarding as the days are long (12-hours) and days-off are scarce. At this point, I anticipate that I will return to Tampa in September, but then even that is not a certainty at this point in the operation.

I know that I said I would not use this column as a “thank-you, thank-you. thank-you” platform, but I feel that current circumstances necessitate my doing so. First and foremost, I thank my loyal wife and partner (Theresa) for representing me at our V.P. Visitation, taking the reins for our Christmas in July event and for doing all she does for our home and family in my absence. Addison, Knuckles and Glen get the nod for all of the work they have done in completing the beautification effort of our lodge. PER Steve Harmon receives thanks for stepping in to lead the Visitation, while Leslie Nikkinen receives a hearty “Job Well Done” for planning and chairing the event. I wish I could have been there for all of it.

In all of the turmoil and activity up here, I have still managed to visit several of the Elks Lodges up here. While in Biloxi, MS, I was well received at Lodge 606 on Beach Blvd. (it was just down the street from my hotel) and I managed to visit Fairhope Lodge # 1879 while I was in Mobile, AL. Both lodges made me feel well at home. Naturally, knowing I was going to deploy to the area caused me to visit their hospitality suites while we were in Orlando. I therefore had a face and a name so it was far more enjoyable than “cold call.”

I received word early on July 4th that I would deploy to the neighboring Gulf States in support of Deepwater Horizon. That was hours before I was scheduled to depart for the National Convention. Originally, I was told to report to New Orleans on Tuesday, July 6th, but when I explained that I had an obligation to our lodge and more importantly to you, I was granted an extension. It was well worth it, as I made the most of my short time in Orlando including

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E.R.  
A.J. Matthews

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Ladies of the Elks  
Presidential Address

Greetings to All,

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer; it sure is a hot one!

I have been traveling these last couple of weeks and have had the pleasure of meeting not only Elks but Ladies as well. They are actually called Patriotic Order of Does. (I prefer being called Ladies of the Elks Auxiliary better) The hospitality that Addison and I were shown just made me feel good to be part of this great organization!

We are working very hard on our Variety Show and it is really coming together, I know it will be lots of fun & laughs! I am asking for our LOE members and Elks to support this event by purchasing ticket(s) and bring a relative, a friend, a neighbor or a co-worker to sit back and enjoy the show and dinner. Who knows, just maybe that person will join our GREAT ORGANIZATION! It's not too late to help volunteer for our show please contact Lesley at 813-629-2256 or Barbara at 813-205-9697 after 6:00 pm for more information.

Please keep in mind some of our events coming up are the LOE Yard Sale, Fall Festival, and Christmas Bazaar. We will need many donations for these events to be successful.

I hope each and every one of you has a safe and wonderful summer. Please take time to stop and smell the flowers or better yet, lend a hand. It surely will put a smile on your face!  
See you at the next meeting!



*In Your Service, Tracy Horrell*

*L.O.E. President*

LOE	Vera Wright	6-Aug
August Birthdays	Lisa A. Snyder	7-Aug
Beth Boyd	Tracy Horrell	10-Aug
LOE Chaplain	Pat Fennell	11-Aug
	David Partlow	14-Aug
	Mary Spirtos	18-Aug

**E.R. Message** (Continued from page 1)

seconding several important motions and even calling for a Point of Order when discussing one of fourteen resolutions called for by the Judiciary Committee. That was tough, because Florida was seated next to the New Jersey delegation and they were rather loud and boisterous. Still, they were no match when I used my military voice.

My daughter Hailey really enjoyed the convention, especially collecting pins from more than twenty states. After all, who could resist her with her angelic face and good manners. She even managed to get one of GER Mike Smith's pins while taking the elevator in the Rosen Centre Hotel.

You made it through the V.P. Visit without me. While speaking to Theresa on the phone right before the event, it was hard to let go, knowing what I was missing. I truly wish I could have been there. Somehow, Bayou LaBatre, AL while it is an interesting town really wasn't on my mind. Thank you to all who worked hard and attended.

I mentioned, I knew I had an obligation to you and our lodge to attend the Elks National Convention. It seems that I have many obligations these days. Aside from my obligation to family, friends, our Nation and our lodge, I am always reminded of our obligation to be charitable to our community and to our order. At this point in my term as ER, I know no better way to express my support and devotion to our order than to support our **Harry-Anna Trust Fund**. While our lodge per-capita target calculates to approximately \$6,000 as a lodge, we cannot get there with fundraisers and fish fry's alone. We need our membership to reach into our pockets and purchase **Harry-Anna Trust Certificates**. You can purchase and or make payments to certificates online by going to [www.flaelks.org](http://www.flaelks.org) or you can pop into our lodge office, I am sure Carl Williamson would love to take your money. Either way, you can feel proud that you support Florida's own Major Project. Remember, that Harry-Anna Trust Fund is the source of funding for Elks Children's Therapy Services and our Elks Youth Camp.

I will check in with many of you from time to time, and I can always receive e-mail at [ajmatthews@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:ajmatthews@tampabay.rr.com), even if I don't always have time to answer. Still, I look forward to seeing you upon my return.



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A.J. Matthews  
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**Loyal Knight**  
Robert Harlow  
**Lecturing Knight**  
Vic Thomas, PER  
**Tiler**  
Richard Florance  
**Esquire**  
Pat Boyd  
**Inner Guard**  
Tracy Horrell  
**Chaplin**  
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Paul Deland

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**FSEA- Past President**  
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**FSEA- Elks Training**  
Carl Williamson, PER

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**5-Year**  
Robert Snyder  
**4-Year**  
open  
**3-Year**  
William Edwards, PER  
**2-Year**  
Brian Brantley, PER  
**1-Year**  
Addison Horrell

**LADIES OF THE ELKS**

**President**  
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**Vice President**  
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**Recording Secretary**  
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**Chaplin**  
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Lisa Snyder

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**Americanism**  
Richard Florance  
**Athena House**  
Tracy Horrell  
**Auditing**  
Jackie Appel  
**Bell Ringers**  
Pat Fennell  
**Bingo**  
Brian Brantley, PER  
Blood Mobile  
Vic Thomas, PER  
**Bulletin (Elksize)**  
Pat Boyd  
**By Laws**  
John Redding  
**Convention**  
Addison Horrell  
**Hall Activities**  
Linda Reid  
**Drug Awareness**  
Linda Reid  
**Entertainment**  
Linda Reid  
**Flag Day**  
Richard Florance  
**Government Relations**  
Carl Williamson, PER  
**Harry Anna Foundation**  
Brian Sanchez  
**Hoop Shoot**  
Linda Reid  
**House Committee**  
Robert Harlow  
**Indoctrination**  
Rita Smith  
**Investigation**  
Chris Miles

**Committees**

**LOE Liaison**  
Bill Edwards, PER  
**"Lapsation"**  
"Lodge Officers"  
**Maintenance**  
Bobby Green  
**Membership**  
Rita Smith  
**Memorial Day**  
A.J. Matthews  
**Mothers Day**  
A.J. Matthews  
**National Foundation**  
Vic Thomas, PER  
**Parliamentarian**  
Frank Palladini, PSP, PER  
**Protocol**  
Frank Palladini, PSP, PER  
**Presiding Justice**  
John Redding  
**Public Relations**  
Carl Williamson, PER  
**Relief**  
Carl Williamson, PER  
**Sickness**  
William "Jay" Kinney  
**Social/Comm/Welfare**  
Carl Williamson, PER  
**Visitation**  
Lesley Nikkinen  
**Visiting**  
Pending  
**Website**  
Marty Quire  
**Youth Activities**  
Linda Reid  
**Youth Camp**  
John Wayne

**Officer of the Month July**

The Officer of the Month for July 2010 is Trustee Chairman, Art DeAngelis. Art has given years of service to our lodge as member, Trustee and Trustee Chairman. For the past several years, Art has been instrumental in preparing our lodge budget and has been the voice of reason and economy in spending issues related to our lodge. His "If you can't figure out how to pay for it, we are not going to do it!" mindset has steered us away from irresponsible spending and is responsible for some significant improvements to our bottom line. Unfortunately, Art is stepping away from his duties as one of our Trustees. His multiple businesses are taking him in a new direction and he is to be respected for his insight and courage to put our lodge first. While he will remain a loyal and dedicated member, his budding businesses will ultimately require more of his time and attention, but we as an organization are better for his stewardship.  
Thank you and well-done Art.

**Elk of the Month July**

The July Elk of the Month is Theresa Matthews, wife of ER A.J. Matthews. Theresa is the Southeast Regional Project Manager for Burger King Corporation, the mother of future Elks Logan, Courtney and Hailey Matthews and Daughter of James and Susie Harlow (James is the Former House Man and current Bar Manager and Susie is the Ladies Vice President.) Aside from raising three children with an absent husband, Theresa regularly volunteers as cashier for Friday evening dinners and regularly assists the Hall Rental Committee in making these events special for all of our patrons. She is there in my absence, representing the Lodge in elegant fashion.

Florida State Elks Association State  
President's Message

To all my fellow Elks across the State of Florida:

As I indicated in my first article for July, this brief message each and every month is part of my program to increase the level of communication between you as lodge members and the State Leadership. I thank those overwhelming number of lodges which have chosen to include the message in their monthly bulletins.

You will undoubtedly keep hearing frequently this year that increasing our membership is a prominent and necessary goal. It is crucial because we have been consistently losing members the last several years. There are numerous reasons for this decline and therefore it calls for numerous solutions. There is no one "magic bullet" that will reverse the decline but I am convinced that whatever actions are taken must be initiated at the local lodge level. Support and encouragement from your State Association is important, but we cannot and should not dictate any one solution. The circumstances are too varied in each community to allow us to implement any one all encompassing plan. However, many lodges are experiencing net membership gains and we can learn from them and perhaps readily incorporate their ideas and strategies in our own communities.

Part of the solution may be to reinforce the knowledge within our lodge areas through **Publicity and Public Relations** the tremendous amount of charitable activities individual lodges are promoting. This approach is stressed in my program and motto this year, "**You Can Count on Us.**" Again, this Elk does not have all the answers, but I trust many of you do have ideas, suggestions, or at least thoughts on the matter. I invite you to communicate with me, the State **Membership** Chairman, Don Moon, or your respective District **Membership** Chairman, should you feel so inclined.

In conclusion, Julia and I would be pleased for you to attend any of our scheduled State President's Visitations to the 14 districts whenever possible. We consider the opportunity to meet and greet so many of you one of the many privileges and honors we are experiencing this lodge year.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
James E. Hurst  
FSEA State President

West Central District Vice President  
Visits Tampa Lodge 708  
Lesley Nikkinen

Our VP visitation was fantastic. Over 200 members and guests showed up at Tampa Lodge to see and hear our WCD VP Ken Yagoda. The theme of the "**Jolly Cork Academy**" was well received and after being checked for weapons at the door by Security Officer, Vic Thomas, our guests were given beads by the academy's mascot, Pirate Tommy Miller. While mingling about during the cocktail hour, the guests were serenaded by our piano bar master, Steve Mullis. Our school crossing guard and deputy sheriff, Pat Boyd, did a great job as Esquire.

The kitchen, headed up by Lynn Brown made an excellent meal of salad, Picadillo, yellow rice, black beans and guava pastries for dessert. The teens that served the meals were from John Wayne's bowling team and also sons and daughters of Elk members. They did a great job and received many compliments from our guests. Our bartenders, Courtney and Marjean, were great cheerleaders and kept on smiling throughout the night no matter how long the lines were.

The history skit by Lesley Nikkinen and Ken Yagoda was a hoot! All the lodge representatives that had to wear dunce caps really came through with the donations for the Harry Anna Trust Fund. We raised over \$900.00 this night. Also, the back bar was loaded with donations of school supplies (brought by the District Lodge members) which will be donated to the Drug Awareness Committee for their Back to School Party.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this visitation one of our best ever!

Look for Pictures on Page 11.





Partners in Progress

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

**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  
 Huff man, 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  
 Baranofski, 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  
 Huff man, 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  
 Vernon and Betty Pickenpaugh 8/2010  
 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 3/2 009  
 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  
 In Memory of James Wilder 5/2010  
 Anthony Marino 5/2010

**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  
 Boyd, Beth and Pat 05/2012  
 Baer, Robert (Yogi) 2/201  
 Bergen, Raymona 11/2010  
 Burks, John 3/2010  
 Dayes, PDDGER, Dick & Eleanore 9/2012  
 Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 4/2012  
 Ferra, Alice 11/2010  
 Florance, Richard H. 7/2011  
 Gaffney, Charles 6/2011  
 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  
 Pickenpaugh , Vernon and Betty 8/2011  
 Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018  
 Smith, Rita 4/2010  
 Connor, Bob 5/2011  
 Turpin, Bernie 5/2011  
 Spiritos, Mary G. 5/2011

**DID YOU KNOW!**

The annual Partners In Progress banquet will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2010. All current Lodge Partners will be notified by invitation with a request to R.S.V.P. More details will be available in the September bulletin.

**Stuffed Animals Needed**

The Veterans Hospital visits are in full swing. Once a month we visit and play bingo. The Vets love the time we spend with them and the bingo! We give stuffed animals and coupon books as bingo prizes and are running low on the animals ('new or gently loved'.) See Vernon Pickenpaugh or Brian Brantley to donate.



Ed McCaffery, Is moving around with his normal flair. We recently saw him again at the Friday night Dinner.

**Good to see you again Ed!!!**



**Did you Know**

Our own Jud Rogers recently turned 85. He, and wife Nancy are still dancing the night away and even singing on the Karaoke nights! **You Rock Jud!!!**

**Proposed Candidates**

Candidate	Proposer
James A. Radford	- Robert Orcutt
Ronald Rex Bendure II	- Carl Williamson
Donna R. Halsey	- Dr. Thomas W. Hagan
Rose Rodriguez	-James Harllow

**Charity**

L e a r n i n g   a b o u t   Y o u r   L o d g e  
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This is the second in a series of “Meet the Committee Chair” articles. Our goals are to inform you, the membership, on specific committees, i.e., what is their charge within the lodge, who members of the committee are and how they operate, as well as highlighting specific Goals to be reached. It is also a chance to highlight the Chairperson and his/her Elk history. This month, we focus on one of the more ‘thankless’ positions; the Membership Committee and its Chairperson Rita Smith

Rita, Thank you for taking the time too discuss your personal story and the Membership Committee Chair Responsibilities.

**Can you tell me how you became involved in the Elks?**

According to my membership card, I have been a member for 16 years. I joined the Tampa Elks Lodge the first year women were admitted, in the fall of 1994, when I was 38 years old. Rick Schneider, PER was my sponsor and a personal friend. My interest goes a little bit further back, as my children were involved in the “Just Say No” club under Brent Adair and Frank Shortt, back in the early 80’s.

**What other committees have you served on in the past?**

My first volunteer opportunity was as a cashier for the Horse Race Event that Leslie Nikkinen produced. By then I had been a member for 6 or 7 years, *but had never been asked to do anything.* After 2 or 3 events, while working the night shift at the Post Office, with a little spare time and lots of energy, I volunteered to be the Elksize Editor. I held that job for about 3 years. It was very educational, to say the least. I also took over the Elksize Mailing Committee for a couple of years after Larry Quire, PER, passed away. Since then, I served as Esquire, Tampa Ladies of the Elks Auxiliary Vice President and President. I have chaired the “Public Relations Committee,” the annual “Fundraiser for the Homeless” and currently serve as Chairperson for the “Indoctrination Committee,” ”Elk’s Training Committee,” and this, my second year, as Membership Committee Chair. I am also a member of the Athena Committee as well.

**Is the Indoctrination Committee part of your position as Membership Chairperson?**

Normally, the Indoctrination Chairman would be a part of the Membership Committee, but they are two different positions. I just happen to hold both positions this year.

**Please, give me a short (1 paragraph) summation of the position responsibilities?**

The Membership Chairperson oversees all the committees related to retaining and recruiting members for our Lodge. Each year we lose approximately 10% of our membership to Lapsation, transfers (moving) and deaths. Our goal is very simple – we need to show an increase of at least one member for the year.

**Does the Membership committee report to a particular Elk Knight?**

There has been some talk about the Leading Knight taking on that role, however, I don’t believe this has been formalized.

**Who else in on the committee (include position if applicable?)**

The Membership Committee consists of : The Exalted Ruler, or his designated Knight, Lodge Secretary - Carl Williamson, Investigative Committee Chair—Chris Miles, Indoctrination Chair—myself, Lapsation Chair—all lodge officers and the Stray Elk Chair, which unfortunately, has not been filled.

**What will it take to make the Membership Committee successful in your opinion?**

“Remember our primary goal “Growth of Tampa Lodge by one (1)” We are going to have to think outside the box this year. What we have done in the past is no longer working, subsequently, our membership numbers have continually declined. To reach our goal it may take some money but all ideas are on the table, including membership call nights, enhanced activation efforts, and even some cold calling to reach our goal.

**What one thing would you like to tell our membership about the position of Membership Chair-person?**

The Grand Exalted Ruler has declared membership to be his number one priority. For many years now, it has been treated like an afterthought. Locally, the chairman is appointed after the March budget submission period, and therefore has had little or no budgeted monies to work with. Thankfully, the Grand Lodge has created an incentive program for sponsors. *Editors note – See Rita’s Monthly membership article on page 12.* Since every new candidate requires a sponsor, I am counting on the current membership to bring in their friends and co-workers, Invite them to one of the myriad of ‘special programs’ fun nights including Football Sundays, Fish fry, the Variety show (in August,) piano bars and mid week snack and drink nights which are being planned.

**Can you provide a list of membership projects planned for the rest of the year?**

As the budget is limited this year, we did not get the funding needed for a Direct Mail Campaign and will rely on the Tampa Lodge Members to introduce their friends to Elkdom, during any of our events which are published on the web, in this Elksize, and throughout the Lodge hall. I will be holding a meeting on August 1st to come up with some low/no cost ideas to Reach our Membership Goal. All members are welcome to attend and contribute their ideas. Without members, the lodge cannot sustain or contribute to the community.

***Become Involved in Growing our Lodge!!***



Supporting Personal  
Citizenship While  
Serving Elkdom's  
Principles  
Dick Florance American -  
ism Chairman



**Charity** -- That act or deed from deep within your being; that will let others be better by their seeing; that by whatever or however you are giving; that the end results are for the betterment of living.  
**Justice** -- That moment in your life that removes the sting of human strife; that you know has solved those mysterious wrongs to rights; that will let you rise from despair's deep holes; that will comfort you and refresh your human soul.  
**Brotherly Love** -- That inner bond as learned from as early as your birth; that gives you mostly good feelings and thoughts; sometimes remembrances filled with mirth; that at other times and places not so great; has given wisdom and experience to better broaden your total life's fate; that has steadfastly been your shining guide to understanding; that you and all mankind are forever equal in life's circle continuously banding.  
**Fidelity** -- That part of you, as you have grown and learned; that shows to you many honors and benefits that may be earned; that being honest and truthful at all times; that will endure for all Elks when the Eleventh Hour of Memory chimes. As Elks , we live, work and abide by the feelings instilled by these principles. In this way we honor our American Spirit as intended.

**" 3 6 5 " Reaches Goal**  
Vera Almstedt  
Chairperson

We've made it! \$1,000.00 plus and we still have another month to go before we turn it in. Thanks to everyone who donated. It was great to receive this amount. It should help more handicapped children.  
Thank you for your donations, Bill Edwards, Linda and Jerry Reid, Helen Hotchkiss, Ann Smith, Sarah Ferguson, Tracy and Addison Horrell, Phyllis Miller, Shelagh Gombarcik, Brian Rubright, Marcadis and Associates. Also, Thanks to all the people who put money in the houses on the tables and bar.

**Youth Camp News**  
John Wayne PER

This year, our Grand Lodge sent ten children to our camp. All children had a great time and are looking forward to going next year (2011.) This is all done through your continuous support of the Elks "2nd Thursday night dinner." Thank you, Thank you!! I want to send a special thank you to my chef, Ms Lynn Brown who is so dedicated as well as my waitress Betty Prim.  
DO NOT COOK on the 2nd Thursday. Keep your kitchen cool and enjoy Baked Chicken with the trimmings for August. Support the youth camp for only \$5.95  
Fraternally,  
John

**Mark your Calendar**  
Oct 3, 2010  
A bowling challenge has been issued. Sharpen your skills as this will be FUN! Food will be at the lodge as well as True Elk fellowship. Look for specifics in the September Elksize.

**Attitude—Author Unknown**

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company (OR LODGE) a church, a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude... I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.

**And so it is with you...we are in charge of our attitudes."**

**Justice**

# Special Friday Series Delicious Chef-Cooked Dinner & Awesome Dance Band

**August 13**  
Dinner 6:30 - 8:30 p  
Dance until 11 p



Music by "Sequel"  
Popular 4-piece band  
playing throughout Tampa

*Taste Of Summer Theme*  
Prepared by Professional  
Chef Michael K. Cole

## Salad

*Insalata Caprese Salad- Fresh Sliced Mozzarella  
Cheese, Tomatoes, Basil and Drizzle of Balsamic  
Reduction*

*Or  
Fresh Fruit Salad*

*Assorted Gourmet Rolls & Butter*

## Entrée's

*Blackened Mahi Mahi with Banana Whipped  
Sweet Potatoes, Jalapeno Au Jus (on the side),  
Mango Relish and Fried Plantains*

**\$13.95 + tax**

*Mojo Marinated Roasted Pork Tenderloin with  
Horseradish Mashed Potatoes, Patty Pan Squash  
and Mango Relish*

**\$12.95 + tax**

*Chef Salad with bacon, ham, turkey, blue cheese  
crumbles, avocado, boiled egg, and shredded  
mozzarella over fresh spring salad mix*

**\$8.00 + tax**

## Entrée includes Dessert

*White and Dark Chocolate Mousse with  
Seasonal Berries  
Or Fresh Berry Custard Parfait*

## Reservations Required

Sign up with your name and meat/salad selections posted on the bulletin board in the lounge by August 9, or email [lindamom@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:lindamom@tampabay.rr.com)

# Kitchen Corner

## August Calendar of Meals Melissa Bertoch

**Thursday, August 5,**

Seafood Jambalaya \$ 5.95

**Friday, August 6,**

Prime Rib \$12.95  
Mahi Mahi \$11.95  
Fried Shrimp \$ 9.95

**Thursday, August 12,**

Baked Chicken \$ 5.95  
"Supports Youth Camp"  
John Wayne

**Friday, August 13,**

*See flyer page 9*  
*"Special Dining Series"*

**Thursday, August 19,**

Beef Tips & Noodles \$ 5.95

**Friday, August 20,**

Ribeye Steak \$12.95  
Chicago Style Beef  
(Bobby Green) \$10.95  
Chicken Skewers \$ 8.95

**Sunday, August 22,**

Addison Horrell Fish Fry \$6.95  
Gumbo available  
"by the cup or bowl"

**Thursday, August 26,**

Ladies Night  
Carl Williamson \$5.95

**Friday, August 27,**

NY Strip \$12.95  
Catfish Fried, Grill or Blackened \$ 9.95



**Did you know**  
If you want something added to the menu, take a step as a kitchen Volunteer!!  
The kitchen is always looking for volunteers to assist on Fridays, Sundays and Mondays. – You may be the next Emerald or Rachael Ray in waiting!!!

**The LOE dinner  
August 19th**  
Beef tips and noodles by Melissa & Jan Bertoch.  
The time is 5:30 to 7:30

**Sunday Fish Fry  
August 22, 2010**

Bring family and friends for an enjoyable afternoon of Elks' food and fun!



**Elks Care—Elks Share  
Even in the kitchen**

Want to help the lodge and get a meal at the same time? Join the kitchen staff. One night a month will give our regular cooks a break and you will be laughing and learning about edible alternatives. We regularly serve breakfast on Sunday mornings, evening meals on Thursday and Friday nights, as well as Bingo Mondays. Special events always include something delicious. Help us—tempt your palate and enjoy Elk camaraderie.



**Under Construction:**  
The construction crew is at it again. We have seen great changes in the dining area and now, we have moved on to the facelift at the refreshment area. If you haven't been into the lodge for a while, make plans to come see our improvements. Though Addison Horrell is spearheading the efforts in A.J.'s absence, many others have been lending a hand, using a hammer, paint scraper, or brush. We are not done yet, however, you may not recognize the changes over the last couple of months. Come out and enjoy our newly renovated crib!!



# West Central District VP Visitation July 2010



Friday Night Out -Elks Enjoying Elks



**Brotherly Love**

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**L i n d a   R e i d   C o m m i t t e e   C h a i r m a n**

**What is the Special Friday Night Dinner & Dancing Series?**

Every few months the entertainment and house committee are offering a special professional chef cooked meal, and an extended dance band for our members and their guests to enjoy. I am still hearing compliments about how delicious the meal was from the last one, and how great the band was, so if you did not attend, don't miss out this time! See advertisement in this issue for the Friday, Aug. 13th Dinner/Dance series. There are no tickets to buy, you just need to sign up on the reservation list in the front foyer if you are interested in the dinner, so we can ensure we have enough for everyone.

The band will play at an angle half way between the lounge and the back hall so everyone in the dining room, back hall, and bar can enjoy them. This is an evening where we try to please all different tastes; Those who want to stretch out and dance on a full dance floor, and enjoy their dinner/dancing in the back hall away from the congestion and chatter at the bar; those who just want a nice meal and to listen to the music at a distance in the dining room; and those who just want to come for happy hour to socialize at the bar and listen to the music. Hopefully, no matter what your preference is, you feel comfortable enough to jump up and dance occasionally if the music moves you!

For the Dinner, the reservation list will be hanging up in the front foyer to select your entrée choice, so sign up early. Our regular Baskets will also be served, for anyone not interested in the special chef cooked entrees. If you are not able to make it down to the lodge to sign up, you can email Linda at lindamom@tampabay.rr.com with your names and selections, or call Bonnie at 813-831-0606 and we will be happy to make sure you are signed up.

I have featured a new band every month, and appreciate the great feedback I am receiving. Several of the bands have been asked back due to popular request. If you missed the Piano Bar and Lasagna dinner on July 10th, the music was great and Courtney did an awesome job with the Lasagna! Our piano has been properly tuned and fixed by a professional, and we will be planning a Piano Bar one Saturday or Sunday each month, so make sure you come down to hear how beautiful it sounds, and to enjoy a yummy/casual meal..see advertisement in the Elksize.

*Please send any suggestions on entertainment or other fun activities you would like to see at the lodge to lindamom@tampabay.rr.com.*

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**" P r o m o t e   E l k s   P a s s i o n**  
**R i t a   S m i t h   M e m b e r s h i p   C h a i r**

Last month, I promised to write about the membership rewards available for recruitment incentives. I had to wait, because these awards are earned during the Grand Lodge year, which runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Our new Grand Exalted ruler, Mike Smith, revealed his incentive plan at the national convention in Orlando. He also emphasized that member recruitment will be his number one priority for the year. The GER states, "To continue to serve Veterans, communities, State Major Projects and all those we serve, we must continue to recruit members who believe in service to others and at the same time, retain the members we currently have." He suggests that we "Don't tell prospective members who we are, but what we do." Excellent Advice!!!

To sweeten the pot, the Grand Lodge offers the following incentives:

- Recruit 3 new or reinstated members – receive the Grand Exalted Rulers Pin.
- Recruit 11 new or reinstated members – receive an Elk's Watch (limit 2)
- Recruit 33 new or reinstated members - receive an Elk's Clock (limit 1)

Additionally, every time you win one of these awards, you are entered in a drawing to receive a paid trip to next year's Grand Lodge convention in Phoenix! **Remember** – the Grand Lodge year runs from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

There is an additional certificate, the GER Class certificate, for new members Initiated in Sept. and Oct. of this year.

The Lodge also may receive awards based on meeting our membership goal of +1.

**What are you waiting for? The clock is already ticking!**  
**(Hope you win one!)**

Last year, four of our members received Grand Exalted Ruler Awards.

Congratulations to Ed McCaffery, Tracy Horrell, Brian Brantley, and Thomas McHugh (RIP)

**There will be a meeting of the Membership committee on Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, at 1 PM. Everyone is invited.**



Tampa 708 Drug Awareness Committee  
Tampa Elks Lodge- 3616 Gandy Blvd – 839-8928

**"JUST SAY NO" KIDS CLUB**  
Boys & Girls ages 6 - 15



# BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

**Sunday, Aug 15 – 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

**GREAT ENTERTAINMENT:**

Kids you don't want to miss the Back To School Party on Sunday, Aug 15. That's right, school is right around the corner, and the "Just Say No" Kids club at the Tampa Elks is gearing up for another fun and educational school year. We will have lots of fun and entertainment:

- **Surprise Entertainment**

**POSTER CONTEST:**

Bring in your own original **POSTER**, with any message about what you know you need to do to be a Successful person all of your life. It can be around how important an Education and School is and about staying away from Bad influences like Drugs, Tobacco, Alcohol, Violence. Use your imagination, and creativity. All kids that bring in a Poster will receive a prize, but there will also be **special prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> through 3rd Place winners.**

**FOOD:**

**PIZZA, Soda, Chips & Dessert**

**GAMES:**

We will be playing some fun games as time permits.

**FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR ALL KIDS:**

Each kid will receive a **free bag of school supplies**, so don't leave without one!

***Bring a Friend to join in all the fun!***

If you have any questions, call one of the following Drug Awareness Committee members:

- Linda Reid – 689-8249 Home or 503-3204 Cell
- Bonnie Quire – 831-0606 Home

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C o m m i s s i o n M e m b e r

For the past 93 years, since 1917 during World War I, the Elks have stepped forward during every conflict or war our Nation has been engaged in, and led the way in providing support, relief, and assistance for our troops, our "Defender of Freedom." Currently and for the past seven years, our "Army of Hope" has provided that support and a wide variety of assistance for our troops and their families across many of the states and communities our Lodges serve.

Our "Army of Hope" was established and organized as a program, a movement if you will, enabling and encouraging Lodges and State Associations to provide support and assistance for the families of their local Military Reserves and National Guard Units who are deployed in "harm's way," to defend our National Interests during the current and ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Well, the "Army of Hope" of today has evolved into much, much, more!!

Today in many states and local communities, our "Army of Hope" has expanded its service activities to provide direct support for the troops, as well as their families. Lodges and State Associations are providing all sorts of personal hygiene, clothing and comfort items, food items, phone cards, etc. You name it, and it is being sent to our troops by the Elks. In addition to the variety of items being sent directly to the troops, an even greater effort is being made to make their return home as easy and pleasant as possible for both the trooper and the family.

Elk Lodges and members are participating in "Welcome Home" events at airports, military bases, and the like for these returning "Heroes." Lodges and the "Army of Hope" Committees are holding "Welcome Home" celebrations, as well as providing financial and other assistance, all to help each returning Hero to continue with their normal life with their family.

Many of our returning Heroes are not as fortunate and return with injuries, both physical and psychological, the Wounded Warriors. Others, tragically are even less fortunate and return as Fallen Heroes. Once again, our "Army of Hope" has stepped into the breach and in many communities provided relief to the individual Hero Warrior as well as their families.

Our "Army of Hope," through a wide range of fundraising activities, is providing funds for rehabilitation activities, services, and facilities. A specific state "Army of Hope" Committee has even donated a new special bus for transporting Wounded Warriors so that they may have access to distant rehabilitation services.

In the case of Fallen Heroes, our "Army of Hope" organizes groups of Elks members to honor them and comfort their families. Lodges also provide their Lodge facilities for funeral and memorial related activities. Elks everyday are doing everything they can to ensure that our Fallen Heroes are given the respect and honor they deserve, as well as helping their families cope with their devastating loss.

Hopefully you gather from this brief message, Elks all across our Order make up the "Army of Hope" and are bringing comfort and relief to our troops and their families, day in and day out.

The question is—is your Lodge involved and are you personally involved in this most worthy effort? If not, why not? The troops, these Heroes and their families certainly deserve the support and assistance of all Americans. They serve and give up so very much that we might be free and able to pursue our lives as we wish.

If you and your Lodge are not currently involved in our "Army of Hope" effort, please contact the following for information on how to get started. Every Lodge and every Elk should be involved in this effort!!



**"Army of Hope"**  
**Robert M. Hennings, Director**  
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**2750 North Lakeview Avenue**  
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# August 2010 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30am - 12:00pm <u>Full menu Breakfast</u> 1:00pm Membership Meeting	2 7:00am Jam Session	3 6:00pm - 7:00pm Officer Meeting 7:00pm House Comm. Meeting 7:30pm LOE Meeting	4 6:30pm - 7:30pm PER Meeting 7:30pm Lodge Meeting	5 5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday Night Dinner - Youth Camp	6 7:00pm - 11:00pm Music by the "Hynotes" band	7 Visitation at Dunedin 7:00pm Nan's 50th B Day celeb. Food and Karaoke (Hambone) Jerry Reid
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15 Elks size articles are due by the 15th 8:30am - 12:00pm <u>Full menu Breakfast</u> 2:00pm - 5:00pm DA Back to School Party	16 Golden Girls Bingo Kitchen	17 Jam Session	18 Indoctrination--6:30 Trustees Meeting	19 FSEA at Youth Camp 5:30pm - 7:30pm Thurs. Dinner "Beef Tips and Noodles by the "Bertochs"	20 FSEA at Youth Camp 7:00pm - 11:00pm Music - Piano Bar with Steve Mullis - variety from 40's to current	21 FSEA at Youth Camp Kansas City at Bucs 7:30p 6:30pm - 11:00pm LOE Dinner / Variety Show
22 8:30am - 12:00pm <u>Full menu Breakfast</u>	23 Lodge Meeting - 7:30 -	24 Lodge Meeting - 7:30 -	25 Lodge Meeting - 7:30 -	26 Bucs at Houston 8:00 pm	27 Honor our Veterans at dinner Music - Big Jim the music man	28 Jacksonville at Bucs 7:30p Visitation at Seminole
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