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## Exalted Ruler Address

Greetings Elks!

Happy September. Well, I am still here, that is Mobile, Alabama. The Deepwater Horizon Mississippi Canyon 252 well is no longer leaking oil, but there is still much work left to do. My job has continually evolved over the past several weeks, where I have supervised and directed as many as 120 boats, 330 contractors and twelve Coast Guard personnel across three Gulf Coast states. As the Branch Director of the Inland Water Strike Team, my team has performed admirably and has proven themselves worthy of the task to rid the Gulf of Mexico of spilled oil.

However, things change and my job is surely one of them. With little surface oil visible, I have been assigned to the On-Water Task Force and am, specifically, the Group Supervisor of the Subsurface Oil Assessment Team. In other words, I am looking for oil that cannot be detected from the surface. All in a day's work, but my return to Tampa is to be delayed for several months. While I am disappointed that I will be away from my favorite Elks until October, I am proud to continue wearing my Coast Guard uniform and serving our nation in this capacity. Semper Paratus!



I am constantly receiving updates from many of you on the improvements to our lodge, the activity at the visitations and your successes on many levels. You should be as proud of these successes as I am. I cannot wait to get home. Of course, I was deeply saddened upon hearing of the passing of friend and lodge bartender Marjean. Marjean was a meaningful part of our lodge and will most certainly be missed.

It was unfortunate that we had to cancel Christmas in July. I take full responsibility for not guiding the concept to a successful event. When I return, I intend to seize the opportunity to host a successful event to benefit our Harry-Anna Trust. But, you don't have to wait until I return. There is still great work that we can all do to support this major state project. In addition, I ask all of you to look at our Elks National Foundation donations. Last year, under the stewardship of Robbie Harlow, we managed to exceed our per-capita goals set by the Grand Lodge. I know our new Grand Exalted Ruler, Mike Smith would approve of our again exceeding that goal this year.

Lastly, I thank all of my Elks family for sharing in the celebration of my daughter Hailey's 7th birthday. I know it meant a great deal to her, especially since I could not be there. Please continue to call and send e-mails. Naturally, I am very interested in having a look at the progress of the bar, any and all photo's of the work the team has completed will be greatly appreciated.

That said, I will cut this one short a paragraph or two. I know Pat Boyd, our editor, will appreciate my brevity.

A.J.

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Ladies of the Elks  
Presidential Address

I want to start this newsletter off by saying "Thanks" to All who sent me well wishes for my birthday and those who joined me on my birthday at the lodge ! It was a Fun Time!

I was very saddened that evening to find out that our Sister LaMara "Marjean" Hand passed away unexpectedly. It was only in July that she was here cooking our Thursday LOE night dinner. I will truly miss here! Thinking of the news of Marjean got me to really think again how truly life is so precious, I am asking for each and everyone of us to reach out to those we love, who maybe you haven't seen or talked to in awhile and let them know how much you care and how important they are in our lives. We are only here for a short while make the most of it! Have Fun, Love and Be Loved! Please keep Marjean's family in your prayers as they go thru this difficult time.



On a lighter note, Did you enjoy the Variety Show? I know I did! Boy was it a lot of work but well worth it at the end! Thanks to the Reid Family, Quire Family, Tina, Chris, Jeremy, Pat, Tommy, Melanie, John, Chelsea, Ally, Shelagh, Wendy, Donna, Melissa, Courtney, Lauren, Cindy, Susie, Addison, Raymond, Phyllis, Lynn, Bobby, Robert, Carrie, Bill, Sue, Sarah, Alexis, Jasmine, Angel, Vera Almstedt and a BIG SPECIAL THANKS TO Barbara Huffman and Lesley Nikkenin the show could not have happened with out all these people. If you missed it I hope you will come to the LOE next event and we will be selling a DVD soon of the Variety Show so you can enjoy and laugh in the comfort of your home! I hope I did not forget anyone if I did please know that I appreciate everyone who donates their time and energy to the success of the LOE as well as monetary donations. See you soon at the lodge

*In Your Service, Tracy Horrell*

**Charity**

*L.O.E. President*

<b>LOE September Birthdays</b>	Cynthia Linville	1-Sep
<b>Beth Boyd</b>	Lucy Berger	24-Sep
<b>Chaplain</b>	Wendy "Woo" Wiesler	24-Sep
	Joanne M. Picard	26-Sep

" 3 6 5 "  
Reaches  
Goal  
Vera  
Almstedt  
Chairperson

**Athena News**

Tracy Horrell

Athena Committee Chairperson

The ladies of Athena House will be joining us for the evening on **August 21st** to see the Variety Show.

**Sept. 7th** we will be hosting at Athena House a Mary Kay Party/The Glamorous You, Inside & Out! It will be knowledgeable information about skin care and products that will give the ladies confidence in themselves along with making them feel good to go back out in the work place. We will also be having dinner and dessert there as well.

Other upcoming events with Athena Ladies are resume' writing and day at the Rays on Elks Day at the Rays. If you are interested in joining the Athena Committee we meet 1 to 2 times a month and have planned events with the Ladies of Athena House. Feel free to call or email me for more information 813-453-2268 or trahorrell@tampabay.rr.com .

We made our goal of \$1,000.00 for August, our turn in month.

Thanks to everybody for their generosity. Let's keep filling our little homes, so we can keep the vans running and keep giving therapy to the children in need.

Thanks again to Janette Bennett, Hailey, Jackie Appel, and Sykes co-workers and the Bar and tables. Also, thanks to all you who donate to our little houses.

**"Auto Reminder" Call Service Instituted!**

Attention Elk & LOE Members:

Because we have heard complaints over the years from members who were not aware about an event they would have liked to participate in, we have implemented a new **Auto Reminder Call Service**. This service allows us to send out important information about lodge items the members should be aware of and reminders about special upcoming events.

This service is less expensive than mailing out reminders, and much less labor intensive. We realize that many

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**LODGE OFFICERS**

**Exalted Ruler**  
A.J. Matthews  
**Leading Knight**  
William "Jay" Kinney  
**Loyal Knight**  
Robert Harlow  
**Lecturing Knight**  
Vic Thomas, PER  
**Tiler**  
Richard Florance  
**Esquire**  
Pat Boyd  
**Inner Guard**  
Tracy Horrell  
**Chaplin**  
Dianne Cuccinello  
**Secretary**  
Carl Williamson, PER  
**Treasurer**  
Paul Deland

**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**  
Tracy Horrell  
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**Recording Secretary**  
Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP  
**Treasurer**  
Cynthia Linville  
**Chaplain**  
Beth Boyd  
**Parliamentarian**  
Lisa Snyder

**GRAND LODGE AND STATE**

**Elks National Veterans Commission**  
**Veterans Rep**  
Brian Brantley, PER  
**Veterans Deputy**  
**FSEA- Harry Anna Trust Fund**  
Vernon Pickenpaugh  
**FSEA- Past President**  
**W.C.D. Sponsor**  
Frank Palladini, PER, PVP, PDD, PSP, PGLC  
**FSEA- Elks Training**  
Carl Williamson, PER

**Committees**

**Accident Prevention**  
Addison Horrell  
**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

**Did You Know**

*"Semper Paratus" The Coast Guard Motto?  
Meaning "Always Ready"*

**Fidelity**

**Auto Reminder** (Continued from page 2)

members are not able to get to the lodge on a regular basis to see the postings and flyers on display and they may not have email to receive the email reminders. Even though many of these items are found in the monthly Elksize newsletter, you may put it aside and not realize an event you were interested in is approaching its deadline date. We have received very positive feedback from the first call that went out reminding folks about the Variety Show. However, there were a couple of members who requested to be removed from the list. If you **do not wish to receive Reminder Calls** about the above, please either call the office at 813-831-4280 or email [tampaelks@verizon.net](mailto:tampaelks@verizon.net) and provide your name, membership #, and phone #. On the inverse, if you **did not receive a Reminder call and would like to**, please call the above number or send an email to the above email address to make sure we have your correct "preferred" contact phone number.

*Editors Note: The use of this service almost doubled our ticket sales for the "Around the World Variety Show."  
"That is thinking "outside the box!"*

Florida State Elks Association State President's Message

To all my fellow Elks:

This is the September or third article in my attempt to enhance communication with all Elks in the State of Florida. I appreciate the very positive responses I have received from these messages and thanks again to the lodges that are including them in their monthly bulletins.

I will leave the membership issue aside this month and instead encourage you to continue to support particularly the Children's Therapy Services. At two of the four State President's Visitations so far we have had the privilege of hearing from two of our Physical Therapists. Julia and I are struck by the enthusiasm and gratefulness expressed as they discuss this program that affords them the ability to provide for needy children. It is of course because of the generosity of Elks such as you that this effort is sustained. If any reassurance is needed that we are right and just in our attempts to aid those children and their parents it is most certainly acknowledged best by the Therapists themselves.

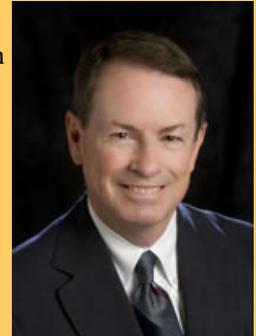
For this lodge year, I have kept the previous goal of one million dollars to be raised for the Harry Anna Trust Fund. Due to the contributions so far, I am confident we will come close to making our goal if not exceeding it. However, it will be necessary to be vigorous in raising the adequate funds for our major projects, partly because of the still struggling economy. Look for information on the FSEA Website soon about an inspirational opportunity being sponsored by Jim Larsen from the Manasota Elks Lodge 2734 to raise money. It will be a novel way of contributing to Harry Anna.

Please continue those charitable activities in your individual lodges and keep sending the Elks message to your respective communities, "You Can Count on Us".

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

*James E. Hurst*

FSEA State President



**Proposed Candidates**

Candidate	Proposer
Nicki Asmer	Courtney Taylor
Randal Gerber	Linda Reid
Cristina Pand	Courtney Taylor



**Sponsors and Ideas Needed!  
Membership Chair Rita Smith**



The Membership Committee met on August 1st, and we came up with a few ideas... We would welcome more ideas on how to engage the current, but inactive, members; how to lure back members who have lapsed and no longer pay dues; and how to encourage our current members to recruit new members.

We divided the list of this year's lapsed members into groups of 5 or less, and each lapsed member received a personal letter from a current member asking them to rejoin.

We discussed adding an incentive to offer members who recruit two or more new members in the year. If this incentive passes by the Trustees and the Lodge floor, I will reveal the program next month.

We are planning an evening event to which we will invite members of other charitable organizations. If you are a member of a compatible social/charitable club which might distribute our invitation, or share their membership list with us, please let me know! We are also looking into having an invitation printed that you could use to invite your friends to stop by the Lodge.

It doesn't matter what We, the Membership Committee, does, the bottom line is YOU have to invite your acquaintances to join the Tampa Elks Lodge. Our success depends on U.

On a similar note, if you see a new member, or anyone that you don't recognize, please greet them and introduce yourself.

Let's make sure that the Tampa Lodge is known as a place where you are only a stranger once!

**Learning about Your Lodge  
Bingo Committee Chairperson  
Guest writer Michelle Przwara**

Welcome to the third chapter in a series of "Meet the Committee Chair" articles. Each month a Committee is highlighted in this section of the Elksize in order to inform, educate and remind the members of Lodge 708 of the duties that are performed by its key committee leaders. Every committee serves a purpose that in some way helps promote and prolong the longevity and success of our Lodge and its benefactors. The Bingo Committee Chairperson, Brian Brantley, is this month's featured spokesperson.



**How did you first become involved with the Elks?**

I became a member in 1991 and became involved with our youth programs and started attending meetings so that I could learn more about what Elksdom stands for and how things work. The main reason that I became an officer was because Allen Miller and R.J. Salter, who were Trustees, asked if I would become the Lodge Inner Guard and the rest is history. However I have stayed an active member because I deeply believe in what we do as Elks; that is that we are able to help those that are less fortunate than us in some small way and to have a good time while we're doing it. Other reasons are the fine people that I have become associated with and seeing the good that is being done.

**What other roles have you served in the Lodge?**

I am a Past Exalted Ruler and have served as Ritual Judge at the District, State and National levels. I am currently a representative for the Elks National Veterans Service Commission and a 2-Year Trustee. I also spend many hours in the kitchen.

**Who else is involved on the Committee?**

Bingo Committee members help make each Monday night enjoyable and successful for everyone. Their efforts come with little recognition: Suzie Harlow, John Wayne, Clyde Godsey, Betty Gnad, Sandra Brantley, Michael Brantley, Tracy Horrell.

**When is Bingo night?**

Bingo is hosted every Monday night from 6:30PM until 10:00PM with doors opening at 4:30PM. Bingo is open to the public. Players assemble in the main hall and can purchase bingo supplies from the sales table.

**Is food available on Bingo night?**

The Bingo kitchen serves burgers, patty melts, fries and other special items the kitchen volunteers put together. Menu items are available for a reasonable price from 5:30PM until 7:00PM. Food can also be ordered by lounge guests, however, alcohol is not permitted in the main hall when Bingo is in session.

**What is the 'Golden Girls Kitchen'?**

The third Monday of each Month is the Golden Girls Kitchen which is hosted by Shelagh Gombarcik, Bonnie Quire, Tina and Wendy Wiesler. The ladies provide variety and flare to the standard Bingo night menu.

**How much money does Bingo raise and where does the money go?**

In an average year, the Bingo operations at Lodge 708 raise approximately \$12 to \$15 thousand dollars. The Lodge receives a minor reimbursement for the rental of the hall. All other funds raised are used to support a collection of charities and good deeds: Individual sponsorships for Heart Walk, various cancer walks, Metropolitan Ministries, The Salvation Army,



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## 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

**PLATINUM INVESTORS - \$100**

DuRant, Rosemarie 1/2010  
Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 12/2010  
Florance, Dick 7/2011  
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  
Pickenpaugh Vernon and Betty FLOE PSP 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 6/2011  
In Memory of James Wilder 5/2010  
Marino Anthony 5/2010

Next time your in the lodge, say hello to our Newest Elks:

**Robert Summers and**

**Linda Summers.**

They are ready to get involved and can they Dance. I have seen them on Friday nights!!! Welcome, Robert and Linda to our Elk family!!

**Volunteer**

There is no better way to give back to your fellow human beings than to volunteer your time and energy. The options for volunteering are endless and the one that you choose must be compatible with your lifestyles and values. Regardless of what road you take, be sure to offer you hand to others. Only when we give, can we truly receive.

Be an Elksize Booster!

**Just \$10.00 per year helps offset the cost of printing/mailling the Elksize.**

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  
Spirtos, Mary G. 5/2011

**Did You Know???**

General John "Blackjack" Pershing, American general and hero of the First World War, hailed from New York Lodge No. 1 as a lifelong member. 70,000 Elks served in the First World War; 1,000 gave their lives in the service of their country. 100,000 Elks served in the Second World War, over 1,600 made the supreme sacrifice for American freedom.

**DRUG AWARENESS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES:**  
**Back to School Party** - Linda Reid - Chairwoman

Sunday, Aug 15, 2010 – This year's Back to School Party was a big success thanks to all of the help and donations from our Elk and LOE friends. We had over 40 kids, and about 25 adults attend this year's event.

After playing several games of Bingo, we munched down on Pizza and refreshments. There were lots of laughs and audience participation during the fantastic Magic Show. We had a great time playing "Are You Smarter than a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader". Bev, Courtney and Wendy did a great job leading their teams, with Courtney's team coming in first place. We had a table full of prizes for the kids to choose from, and each kid won at least one prize during all of the fun games we played.

The drug awareness posters the kids designed this year were awesome! Each child received a prize for bringing in a poster, and we gave out special awards to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. We ended the event with each child receiving a bag full of school supplies and a stuffed animal. We will display the posters in the pool room through the month, so please take a look at these wonderful messages from our "Just Say No" Kids club.

As always, I appreciate all of the help and assistance from Elks, LOE and friends. Without your help and donations, we would not be able to provide such a fun and rewarding experience to the kids in our community.

Thanks to all who brought in school supplies to supplement the cost to the lodge (including the VP visitors.) Special thanks to those who helped with the event: Bonnie, Tina, Wendy, Bev, Linda, Jerry, Chelsie, Allie, Rachael, Tracy, Addison, Flo, John, Susie, Lynn, Zoe, Raymond & Courtney



**Bingo Committee Chairperson** (Continued from page 5)

Homeless and other esteemed charities.

**How Can the Bingo Committee Help My Charity?**

The Bingo Committee will consider a contribution request from any 501(c)(3) charities and other submissions approved by the Lodge. Charity requests will be approved by the Trustees and voted upon by Lodge members.

A recent charity request was approved to combine funds from the July Fish Fry event and Bingo income to meet a \$500 contribution to the Harry-Anna Trust. This donation was presented to West Central District VP Ken Yagoda during his August visitation.

**How does Bingo night work?**

To make it work well we need at least 60 players and 7 to 8 volunteers plus those that help with the Bingo kitchen. We start setting up at about 4:00 in the afternoon by getting the bingo machine set up, the PA system turned on, the TVs turned on and the sales table ready to sell the bingo supplies. The duties that carry the most responsibility are those of the callers, those who sell the supplies and the ones who call back the bingos. There are really no jobs that are difficult and we are always willing to help our volunteers learn what needs to be done.

**How can I learn more?**

The committee is always looking for volunteers for card sales, checkers and runners. For more information on the Bingo Committee or benefiting charities you may reach Brian Brantley at (813) 390-6220.

**Volunteer Today! – Make a Difference in your Lodge! The Projects we Run! The People we Touch! – Volunteer Today!**



## Americanism- Celebrating America's Eternal Institutions

Dick Florance  
Americanism Chairman



Among America's freedoms there lies; as our proud heritage and history supplies; that a good life will be a working one; productive for all Elks and for Americans to enjoy and to see. From this basic truth of life comes America's Labor Day to pause and be thankful we can celebrate America's good fortune on Monday, September 6th, 2010. Hard fought-for rights and development of America's national might, gives us past heroes and thus we can recall to honor, revere and celebrate National Patriot's Day - Saturday - September 11th of this year. A third remembrance of times gone by, where American heroes wrote to create; to forge America's truths and freedom's ties; so that today with God's grace we can celebrate Constitution Day- Friday September 17th, 2010. As often happens in a nation's history - a single day can be a dual celebration - because Friday, September 17th is also Citizenship Day to honor and remember our immigrant people from countries far and wide; that become American citizens; that build and help renew America's eternally strengthening tide. Three eternal institutions are brought forth to celebrate here! Labor of good and honest work; the celestial thoughts of now ageless men who wrote to craft and create America's future; and the unending stream of blessings that come to America to further strengthen and grow America's and all Elks' pride. So be proud to be an American and a good Elk serving our nation and our community.

### Fallen Heroes Banner Presented to Lodge

Bombs burst aloud, and bullets fly on their deadly mission: so many die! After all, this is another war to keep our freedoms and protect America's door. Whatever becomes of these lost soldiers, fine young women and men? Are they given their rightful and final due? As Americans and Elks we line the streets across America's lands for their return home. Tampa Elks Lodge #708 stands with all America, and salutes these heroes and their surviving families. We stand to demonstrate Elks love and remembrance of these heroes lost.

It is with a special "Thank you" and "God bless you" to our own Elk members past Chaplain **Deborah Palladini** and past Inner Guard **Rose DuRant** for their caring, thoughtfulness and Patriotism. They lovingly created and presented this special banner to our Americanism Chairman Richard Florance and Past State President Frank Palladini as a dedication to our American heroes. We will display it as we honor our fallen with the same pride as its creators, until the last of our troops return. This



is truly another way we show *Elks Care and Elks Share!*

**Brotherly Love**

# Bowling Challenge!



at Pinarama Lanes

October 3, 2010 at 1:00 PM

Strike them Pins -- and Have Fun!

Enjoy fellowship with other Elks and Ladies!  
Enjoy a hot meal at Lodge 708 after the matches  
and the Champs are Crowned.

Remember the Winning team buys the losers a drink at the  
bar. Awards will be given also a Surprise for the Children who  
come. This will be FUN as it's for Bragging Rights for Mr.  
Frank Palladini's PSP Districts.

Join us for only \$17.00 -- includes 3 Games Bowling with  
Shoes.

The Center will have it's Bar opened while we are bowling.  
Children activity is planned as well!

See you there!

# Kitchen Corner

## August Calendar of Meals Melissa Bertoch

**Thursday, Sept 2**  
Stuffed Peppers \$ 5.95

**Friday, Sept 3**  
Prime Rib \$12.95  
Mahi Mahi \$11.95  
Stuffed Chicken  
Breast \$ 8.95

**Thursday, Sept 9**  
Liver & Onions or  
Baked Chicken \$ 5.95

**Friday, Sept 10**  
Ribeye \$12.95  
Salmon \$12.95  
Picadillo \$ 8.95

**Thursday, Sept 16**  
LOE Dinner \$5.95  
by Berni Turpin, PLP  
Baked chicken w/ dressing,  
mashed potatoes, vegetable  
and roll

**Friday, Sept 17**  
Pot Roast \$12.95  
Roast Pork \$10.95  
Baked Fish \$ 8.95

**Thursday, Sept 23**  
Carl's Williamson  
Is in the kitchen \$ 5.95

**Friday, Sept 24**  
NY Strip \$12.95  
Fried Shrimp \$ 9.95



Florida Elks Youth Camp Dinner  
Thursday, September 9th 2010  
"Ina Moores' Famous "Liver and Onions," Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Peas and Carrots  
By Lynn Brown and John Wayne  
!!Baked Chicken (If Liver isn't your cup of tea)!!

## Bartender Briefs Courtney Taylor



Greetings Elks  
Courtney and your new bartender  
**Tommy Miller** (some of you may know him better as Captain Jack) would like to say hello.

In September we know there will be "football" and hopefully, cooler weather. You can expect many fun events plus 1/2 time potlucks. We will be showing multiple games as we now have 3 working Televisions. Stop in for a game, good food, and postings of events and details.

**As a Reminder** — Tuesday night's Courtney will continue to bring in a culinary delight for your dining pleasure...if you have favorite foods or special requests let Courtney know.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon!!! Courtney &



**Your Lodge!  
Volunteer Today!!!**  
The kitchen is always looking for volunteers to assist on  
Fridays,  
Sundays and  
Mondays.

**Bands for September:**  
**Friday, Sept. 3rd - "Suncoast Duo"**  
Oldies Show & Variety Dance Music  
**Friday, Sept. 10th - "Street Life"**  
New feature  
3 piece popular band laying throughout  
Tampa Bay 40's through Current  
**Friday, Sept. 17th - "Bump in the Road Band"**  
3 piece band - Variety music 50's through current -  
**Friday, Sept. 24th - "Big Jim" the music man - Vet night**





**Meals, Bands and Dancing OH MY!**



**Variety Show Acts and Crowd**



**Elk National Foundation**

**" Helping Elks Build Stronger Communities "**

The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We provide tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with a healthy beginning; honor the Elks pledge to never forget our veterans; help the state Elks associations accomplish their charitable objectives and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

Like all Elks, the Foundation values the belief that charity is the greatest of all virtues and that by sharing and giving we have the power to replace sorrow and despair with hope and confidence. Donations to the Foundation help us fund programs that match our cornerstone values of knowledge, integrity and community.



At its May 8, 2010, meeting in Chicago, the Elks National Foundation Board of Trustees approved a record \$19.2 million in appropriations and distribution for the 2010-11 year.

- State Elks Association Grants \$7.9 million**
- Scholarship Programs \$3.64 million**
- Elks National Veterans Service Program \$911,475**
- Elks "Hoop Shoot" free throw contest \$778,020**
- Elks Memorial Building Maintenance \$446,961**
- Elks Drug Awareness Program \$726,600**
- Community Investments Program \$2.3 million**

**Vic Thomas, PER** is our Chairman for the Elk National Foundation this year. He will begin planning for the ENF annual fundraiser, typically held in February. Last year the project was **"Valentines Day Massacre."** If you want to get involved in the ENF fundraiser or any of the ENF supported projects, Contact Vic.



Below is the basic information on contributing to the ENF Certificate Program. Or, you can contribute through the lodge office Personnel.  
Visit: <http://www.elks.org/enf/>

GDLF



Lodge Name \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ Mem. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Donor I.D. \_\_\_\_\_

- Favorite ENF program:
- Scholarships
  - Hoop Shoot
  - Drug Awareness
  - State Grants
  - Veterans
  - Community Investments

Sign me up for *Pulse*, the ENF's email newsletter.

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print: Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Title (Check One)  Mr  Mrs  Ms \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Gift Types:

- Enclosed is my donation of  \$50  \$100 (Peace)  \$250 (Justice) Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I would like to pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (total amount) I have enclosed my initial payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me reminders:  Annually  Semi-Annually  Quarterly  Monthly

I would like to make a tribute of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  In Memory of  In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Notification Of Gift Should Be Sent To: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a monthly donation to the ENF by:

- Charging my credit card the agreed monthly amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Enter card information below.)
- Drafting my bank account monthly. (Please enclose a voided check for accuracy.)

Bank Draft Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly Draft Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method:

- I have enclosed a check. Please Mail Checks Payable To: Elks National Foundation 2750 N. Lakeview Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614-2256
- Please charge my credit card: Visa MasterCard Discover Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

**DID YOU KNOW**

**Elks Opening Ode**

[Air, "Auld Lang Syne." ]

**Verse 1**

Great Ruler of the universe  
All-seeing and benign  
Look down upon and bless our work  
And be all glory thine

**Verse 2**

May Charity as taught us here  
Be ever born in mind  
The Golden Rule our motto true,  
For days of Auld Lang Syne

★ ★ ★ *Annual* ★ ★ ★

# TRUSTEE LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

*Monday Sept 6*

**2:00 pm until ??**



**\$12 tickets adults**

*includes 2 natural lite drafts  
or 2 fountain sodas*

**\$6 child 12 and under**

*includes 1 soda*

*BBQ (or regular)*

**Pork Butt Roast (pulled pork)  
or Chicken or Hot Link Sausage**

*Plus Sides:*

Baked Beans

Potato Salad

Corn on the Cob

Bread

Vanilla Ice Cream scoop for desert

*plus Entertainment*

**Elks National Veterans Service Commission**  
**'Adopt-A-Veteran' offers a way to say thank you**  
**by ROBERT M. HENNINGS Commission Director**  
 Reprint from Grand Lodge Newsletter August 2010

Anyone who has been hospitalized for a length of time will understand the loneliness and depression experienced by veterans who either live in a facility or are confined to their homes. Visits from family and friends may be infrequent or non-existent. Elks Veterans Volunteers make special efforts to visit, call, send cards, and bring them to special events. This personal contact we call adopting, for these are the actions of a family reaching out to loved ones.

Stewart G. Israel, of Plymouth, Michigan Lodge No. 1780 is Chairman of the Adopt-A-Veteran Program. Brother Israel, as a dedicated VAVS Representative, also takes an active part in adopting veterans in hospitals and working closely with the homeless.

It is estimated that almost 200,000 Veterans are part of our Adopt-A-Veteran program nationwide. Adopting a Veteran is our way of saying "Thank you for your service to this country, and we will always remember you." We are grateful for the commitment of Brother Israel and the volunteers at the Lodge, District and State levels who so willingly adopted these men and women.

To find out how your Lodge can take part in this program including where to find veterans in need of adoption and how to adopt, visit our Web site at <http://www.elks.org/vets/AdoptAVeteran.cfm> or contact Stewart Israel directly.

Stewart Israel, Chairman  
 Adopt-A-Veteran Program  
 40225 Newport Drive  
 Plymouth, MI 48170-4739  
 e-mail: [stewizzy@yahoo.com](mailto:stewizzy@yahoo.com)

*Adopt-A-Veteran certificates are available from the Chicago office at no cost.*

**Justice**

**Attitude (Author Unknown)**

*Don't hold a grudge!!! It is not healthy, It's not worth it, and it serves no purpose in you life. You have two choices with a grudge; you can either confront the situation head on and try to fix it, or forget about it completely. Your Choice!!!*

**HOLD THE DATE!**



Tampa's Elks 708 Past Ladies' Presidents Present:

**Rock The Casbah!**  
**Sat. November 20**

(A Benefit for our Veteran's Committee)



In 1982 the British London-based punk rock group The Clash released "Rock the Casbah", about Iran's outlawing of music. The following year the single was released in the U.S., reaching #8 in the charts. "Rock the Casbah" was also the first song played on the Armed forces Radio during Operation Desert Shield. It became the unofficial anthem for the US Armed Forces during the Gulf War operations.

**Did You Know?**

**In 2009, The Elk National Foundation returned \$1.538 to Florida for every dollar raised by Florida Elks**



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# September 2010 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8:30am - 12:00pm Full menu Breakfast	30 6:30pm BINGO - Early Bird 6:30, Regular games start 7:00 & Snack Bar	31 Jam Session	1 6:00pm - 7:00pm Officer Meeting 7:00pm House Comm. Meeting 7:30pm LOE Meeting	2 Bucs at Houston 8:00 pm	3 7:00pm - 11:00pm Music - Suncoast Duo - Oldies & Variety	4
5 8:30am - 12:00pm Full menu Breakfast	6 <b>Labor Day Holiday</b> 2:00pm Labor Day Celebration - Trustee's- Music & BBQ \$12 see flyer 6:30pm BINGO - Early Bird 6:30, Regular games start 7:00 & Snack Bar	7 Jam Session	8 6:30pm - 7:30pm PER Meeting 7:30pm Lodge Meeting	9 5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday Night Dinner - Youth Camp	10 7:00pm - 11:00pm Music - "Street Life" - New Feature 3 piece band - Variety 40's to current	11 Karaoke 7:30 1:00pm - 4:00pm DD <b>BOOK INSPECTION</b> 5:00pm 9/11 Remembrance - Lounge/DR
12 Cleveland at Bucs 1:00 pm 8:30am - 12:00pm Full menu Breakfast	13 6:30pm BINGO - Early Bird 6:30, Regular games start 7:00 & Snack Bar	14	15 Elksize articles are due by the 15th Indoctrination--6:30 Trustees Meeting	16	17 Bump in the Road Band - 3 piece variety band FSEA Presidents Visit - Seminole	18 FSEA President Visit - WCD at Seminole
19 Bucs at Carolina 1:00 pm Elks Day at the Ray's 8:30am - 12:00pm Full menu Breakfast	20 6:30pm BINGO - Early Bird 6:30, Regular games start 7:00 & Snack Bar	21 Jam Session	22 Lodge Meeting - 7:30 - 7:00pm DD <b>VISITATION</b>	23	24 Honor our Veterans at dinner Music - Big Jim the music man	25 6:00pm "Pip" Banquet in D.R. "Pending"
26 Pittsburgh at Bucs 1:00 pm 8:30am - 12:00pm Full menu Breakfast 1:00pm - 6:00pm Hall Rental-Pending - Heidi Rameau - 75 Baby Shower	27 6:30pm BINGO - Early Bird 6:30, Regular games start 7:00 & Snack Bar	28	29	30	1 Oct	2
<p><b>Look for Addison's Famous Fish Fry During the Month of September! Always good. Always Fun!</b></p>						

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