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A.J. Matthews
Exalted Ruler
2011—2012

EXALTED RULER ADDRESS

Leap Year!

What does that mean to you? Right off the bat, it tells you there are twenty-nine days in February. It also means that February will have a rare shot at having five Wednesdays in the month. Without a leap year February could not hope to have more than four of any individual days within the month. We will have to wait for four years before we see that again. But what about the poor folks who are born on February 29th? They only have a birthday every four years! Is that fair? I guess it is as fair as anything else in life.

The leap year is society's mathematical method of making sure our calendar doesn't throw our seasons out of synch. It actually takes 365.2422 days to get from one vernal equinox, (the time it takes for the sun to circle the earth and reach a position directly above the Equator), to the next. If we didn't throw a day in here or there, our seasons would be about 24-days ahead of themselves after just 100 years! So why not do something special on our extra day this year. We are all very proud that we have met our per-capita goals on our major projects, so why not make an extra contribution to our own Harry Anna Trust Fund? It could be the start of a great tradition every four years.

February is also a very patriotic month, specifically in the celebrations of President Abraham

Lincoln's Birthday on February 12th (1809) and President George Washington's Birthday on February 22nd (1732 or February 11th, 1731 depending on which calendar – Julian or Gregorian—you used). While the federal government never formally honored Lincoln's birthday, seven states formally honored the births of the 16th President. However, while the day was recognized informally across the nation, President Washington's birthday was formally commemorated by a bill signed into law on January 31st, 1879 by President Rutherford B. Hayes. However, in 1968 the Uniform Monday Holiday Law placed the formal commemoration of Washington's birthday to the third Monday of February which we now refer to as President's Day. However, Congress, President Nixon, who signed the Bill on June 28th, 1968, and the enacted legislation never made reference to President's Day.

Naturally, I would be remiss if we didn't mention Saint Valentine's Day. In case you have forgotten, this is a day to express love and affection between intimate companions. While a Tuesday is not actually a romantic day, I know our Elks will do their best on this romantic day. If you last minute romantics can wait until the 17th, Rick Schneider, PER, and I will see what we can whip up in the kitchen to get you out of the dog house. *(Continued on Page 4)*

Sunday, February 5th

Super Bowl Party & Chili & Wing Cook Off



Entries in by 3:00PM
Judging at 4:00PM
Game at 6:30PM

Saturday, February 25th

Sadie Hawkins Visits Dogpatch Dinner Dance

Dust off your overalls and get ready for a fun night of food, music, and dancing!

Tickets only \$10 per person

Contact the Lodge for details!





Theresa Matthews
L.O.E. President

THE LOE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy Valentine's Day! Hard to believe it is already February. We just finished the 11th annual LOE sponsored **HOE Down**. Another fabulous event chaired by PLP, Barbara Huffman! I want to personally thank Barbara (and of course her partner in crime, Raymond) for working so tirelessly on this event. Barbara secured a great band, planned the hilarious skit, and kept everyone on track for another successful event. Anyone who is in charge of an event could learn a lot from Barbara!

We had a membership goal of 100 members this year. We are short 16 right now. All new Elks, please ask your spouse to join the LOE. She or he will have a good time with great camaraderie. You can do as much or as little as you like. Elks, you too, can become a lady for only \$15 per year. Please see any LOE officer and join the Ladies - "we make things happen."

The LOE Thursday night dinner will be on February 17th. Our very own Rita Smith will be cooking her famous "Floribbean chicken". This will be a great meal and will help support the Lodge and the LOE. Hope to see you there! We will be completing a Walk-A-Thon in March as our annual big fund raiser for the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services (FECTS). Your support of

the ladies and gentlemen who will be walking is greatly appreciated. You can pledge a specific amount per mile or a set amount for completion of the 3 mile course. Time to get the cobwebs off of those sneakers!

We will be taking nominations for next year's officers in the month of February followed by the election and installation in March. Please let any LOE officer know if you are interested in becoming an officer. We did focus on mentoring potential candidates this year. We would love to see some new faces and see some current officers move up the ladder. I am sure we have many qualified members to continue on the legacy of a great organization. PS - Happy Birthday to my lovely daughter, Courtney, and my wonderful Mother and LOE VP!

In Your Service, Theresa Matthews | LOE

LOE FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS	"365 Report"
Susie Harlow 2/9	<p><i>Hope everybody had a nice holiday!</i></p> <p><i>Thanks again for your donations. Keep them coming.</i></p> <p><i>We need to fill our little houses to keep the vans rolling.</i></p> <p><i>Donations from the bar and tables have been good.</i></p> <p><i>Bonnie Quire filled a little house. Thanks again!</i></p> <p>Vera Almstedt "365" Chairperson</p>
Bernadette Turpin 2/11	
Crystal Carter 2/15	
Reta Roederer 2/16	

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

It is so nice to see members coming back in for Friday night dinners again. Our "Back to Basics" motto is paying off. We also have our members back in the kitchen cooking every Friday night, Monday night for Bingo, and Sunday mornings. These are all volunteers giving their time and sweat equity to provide a great meal for our members. We are seeing the sales slowly creeping back up on Friday nights and Sunday mornings. This is a positive sign. I want to thank Rick Schneider for his diligent efforts in managing the kitchen. We are working on managing inventory, waste, and food cost. These efforts will help to improve the profitability of the kitchen.

We have finally hired a third bartender and have gotten back up to a full staff. Please welcome Daniel as our newest bartender. Daniel will be working every Monday night, fill in for any other nights, and work special events as needed. Daniel has lots of experience as a bartender and has attended bartending school. We look forward to having Daniel behind the bar on a regular basis. Make sure you introduce yourself and give him a brotherly welcome to Tampa Lodge #708.

We are trying to meet members request for certain items at the bar. Due to member requests, we have recently changed our red wine, added Middleton Rare Irish whiskey, and added cherries soaked in 151 proof rum. We will try to meet as many requests that are financially responsible. Please let us know your ideas. Do remember if you tell me an idea while I am at the bar enjoying the new red wine or an alcohol soaked cherry, then I may not remember. Therefore, putting your ideas in writing may be a safer bet. The bartenders will also learn new recipes and try new drinks on occasion. This week Jessica made various flavors of Jello shots for \$1. Many thanks to one of our wonderful members, Tony, who gave us some Jello shot recipe ideas!

In closing, please make sure you follow all house rules as posted on the Lodge bulletin board. These are not all inclusive but need to be followed. Our first area of concern is around members not making proper use of their memberships card to enter the Lodge. You should have your membership card upon entry and use it to let yourself in the front door. Members and guests should not be arriving through the side door. That door is for wheelchairs only. And finally, Lodge business should not be discussed around the bar, with employees, or non-Elks. Let's keep the social quarters **"social!"**

Theresa Matthews | House Committee Chairperson

Lodge Officers

EXALTED RULER
A.J. Matthews, ER, PER

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Pat Boyd

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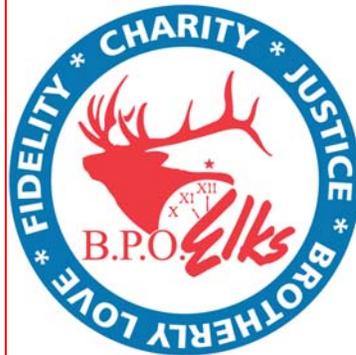
5-Year
Addison Horrell

4-Year
Robert Snyder

3-Year
Jerry Reid, Chairman

2-Year
William Edwards, PER, PLP

1-Year
Brian Brantley, PER



Committees

Accident Prevention
Addison Horrell

Americanism
Richard Florance

Athena House
Tracy Horrell, PLP

Auditing
Ben Veneble

Bell Ringers
Pat Fennell

Bingo
Brian Brantley, PER

Blood Mobile
Vic Thomas, PER

Bulletin (Elksize)
Michelle Przywara

By Laws
Chris Miles

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Vic Thomas, PER

Convention
Addison Horrell

Drug Awareness
John Wayne, PER

Elks National Foundation
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Elks Training
Pat Boyd

Entertainment
Robert Summers

Flag Day
Richard Florance

Government Relations
Pat Boyd

Hall Activities
Linda Reid

Harry Anna Foundation
Tracy Horrell

Hoop Shoot
John Wayne, PER

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Indoctrination
Pat Boyd

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Lodge Activities
Addison Horrell

Maintenance
Jay Lleras

Membership / Lapsation
Courtney Taylor

Memorial Day
Richard Florance

Mother's Day
A.J. Matthews, ER, PER

Officer Attendance
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Parliamentarian
Lisa Snyder

Presiding Justice
John Redding

Public Relations
Kim Van Walker

Sickness
Tracy Horrell

Soccer Shoot
John Wayne, PER

Sports Activities
John Wayne, PER

Veterans Services
Pat Fennell

Visitation
Vacant

Website
Marty Quire

Youth Activities
John Wayne, PER

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Theresa Matthews

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Treasurer
Cindy Linville

Parliamentarian
Lisa Snyder

Chaplain
Beth Boyd

*Tampa Lodge 708 List of Officers
2011 - 2012*



WALK-A-THON FOR

Children's Therapy Services

Sponsored by Ladies of the Elks Auxiliary
Tampa Lodge #708

Sunday, March 11, 2012

9:00AM

WALKERS

Roundtrip from Ballast Point to Bay to Bay

SPONSORS

A Lump Sum or By The Mile

The proceeds from this event are donated to the Florida Children's Therapy Services but are specifically designated to be used to furnish any supplies needed by the two therapists who work with the children in West Central Florida.

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Contact apwurita@hotmail.com for details!



FEBRUARY ELKS BIRTHDAYS!

Sisto Giordano	2/2	Roy Dunn	2/16
Nancy Keesler	2/2	Frank Pupello	2/19
Elizabeth Hulsey	2/3	Sonia Mitchell-Alley	2/20
Sharon Ford	2/5	Cheryl Hecker	2/21
Dennis Crnolatas	2/6	Bill O'Donnell	2/21
Rosemarie Durant	2/6	John Waby	2/23
Cristina Pando	2/6	Charles Livingston	2/24
Marvin Sowell	2/7	Kevin Roebuck	2/24
George Kelly	2/8	Anna Marie Bishop	2/25
Susie Harlow	2/9	George North	2/26
William Helsel, Sr.	2/11	Anthony Edwards	2/27
Kim Rohm	2/12	Darrell Richmond	2/27
Charles Venable	2/12	Willis VanDyke	2/27
Crystal Carter	2/15		

Happy
Valentine's
Day!

EXALTED RULER ADDRESS *(Continued from Page 1)*

We, as Elks, have much to accomplish in this shortest of months. We will be electing a new slate of officers for the 2012-2013 Elk Year. Nominations are February 8th and elections are on February 22nd. As well, we are holding our first Celebration of Membership/New Member Initiation on Sunday, February 26th. In between there, your Lodge Officers are sponsoring a "Sadie Hawkins Visits Dogpatch" dinner dance on Saturday, February 25th. This interesting affair will even please bar manager, James Harlow, as the dress code will be right out of member Ben Venable's closet. In other words, overalls and hillbilly attire are the standard attire for the evening. The Dazzler Duo will perform while we dine on a very elegant dinner of beef stew over rice. Tickets are just \$10 but fellas, if a woman asks you to dance, you are obliged to honor her request and have a good time.

Over the last few months I have listened and participated in many discussions with our members concerning what constitutes being a "good Elk." That has caused me to reflect upon where I stand on the issue. I have not, nor would I proclaim in public or private that "I am a good Elk." After all, it is not for me to decide. The fact is, I know that I am human, I have flaws, and I am not, nor will I ever be perfect. It is because of these accepted human traits that I serve you, our Lodge, and volunteers (at times to excess according to our First Lady and LOE President, Theresa) in hopes of proving only to myself that I am worthy of the trust and honor that you have bestowed upon me. It is my personal opinion and the opinion of those I have spoken to upon the subject that if you are telling yourself and proclaiming to others that you are a "good Elk" that you may be missing what we are all about. Simply stated, it is vain and unproductive. In order to exorcise these demons, might I suggest that we use that same energy to do something positive for our Lodge. Volunteer for dinner, set-up or take down some chairs and tables for bingo, assist with a banquet event, or just sweep the parking lot.

Lastly, I seemed to have created somewhat of a stir with last month's ER cover photo. It is a real photo taken of me back when I used to play semi-pro football with the Police Department (circa 1996). We just completed a game with the London, England Metropolitan Police Department in the name of charity (hmmmm, charity, now there is a concept). Several of our members questioned the authenticity of the photo and two more accused me of touching the photo up with computer software. Still, others actually questioned the relevance of the photo until those individuals read the article. Personally, I am just glad that so many people are paying attention to our Lodge bulletin. It makes all the hard work that so many of our members put into our publication seem worth it. Thank you.

A.J. | Exalted Ruler

THE YEAR OF THE MEMBER - PROPOSED CANDIDATES AND NEW MEMBERS

New members are as important to our Lodge as our current members. Think about your neighbors, your friends, your co-workers, and people in your community who you see every day. Get your friends in the door and let us take it from there. After all, we are the friendliest Lodge in Florida!



Welcome January's Newest Members

Larry Arnold, Sandra Lake, Tamatha Manley, Sandra Mayo, Juanita Section
(Not Pictured: Michell Duran-Knoop, Carol McEvoy)

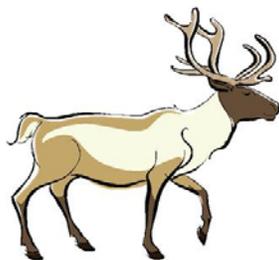
ELKS MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Pat Boyd, Loyal Knight

NEW ELKS MAKE ELKS FUN

We are at the time of the Elk year when we reflect on our accomplishments and plan for a new chapter in local Elkdom. Similar to the Super Bowl championship game, this time of year true Elks rise to the top to make that last touchdown as a team! This combined effort is what marks us as champions! How we end our Elk year, just like that championship game, determines the direction and enthusiasm for the new Elk year! The way we end is the way we begin! As with the championship metaphor, whether blocking, receiving, or passing the football, your efforts will not be in vain. If you bring a friend into our Lodge today - tomorrow will be brighter!

The Membership Committee implores you not to wait till next year to bring your friends into the organization. Do it today so Elks in Tampa and across the country maintain our place as the premier fraternal organization in America and our local community. To hesitate talking Elkdom with your family, friends, and business associates



"If you bring a friend into our Lodge today - tomorrow will be brighter!"

won't keep scholarships flowing, veterans healthy, or our mobile therapy vans running. Like that last second play where everyone works in unison to make it successful, ending the Elk year with a membership increase not only wins the championship but begins the new Elk year with new ideas, renewed enthusiasm, and more members who aren't tired, rather ready for the challenges ahead.

When new faces and ideas come through our doors, the Lodge takes on a vibrancy that cannot be matched. We as members of Tampa Lodge #708 can Rise to the Top NOW and bring new faces, ideas, and energies into our gracious organization. By doing so, the organization will end with us as champions and begin the 2012 year a step ahead as the fraternal organization to be emulated.

The Membership Committee is declaring February as "Membership Madness Month!" We are planning a number of events at our Lodge organized just for the fun of it! History shows the biggest reason people join any fraternal organization is to have FUN. We want to show that courtesy to both you,

our members, and your friends and associates, our future Elks. When our guests have fun, they want to become a part of the BPOE (Best People on Earth!)

Planning is ongoing for a number of February FUN events. We were not able to meet the publishing deadlines of this Elksize with exact dates; however, follow the online calendar, <http://www.tampaelks.com/calendar.htm>, and watch your emails for the most current scheduled event or ask your officers or lounge host about the next planned event. More important, begin to have that dialogue NOW with people you know about what Tampa Elks do in their community, what fun we have when Elks gather, and what event they believe will be the most FUN for them. Most importantly, invite them to attend one of our Membership Madness Month events. We are gathering special awards for you, the MVP of the ELK Season. Help us NOW to have a successful championship year and set the baseline for a fresh beginning that continuously promotes the tenants of Elkdom (Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity) throughout our community.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES NEWS

On Saturday, January 7th, 2012, Flo, Dick Florance, and I attended the District Hoop Shoot in Dunedin to support our two participants, Sara Princivalle, and our own "hero", Mr. Nick Brown. Neither advanced, however, if you see either of them, stop to say "hello" and be proud of them as they gave it their best try. There will be another chance to try next year. Also in attendance were Tracy and Addison Horrell, and their grand daughter, Michaela.

There has been some talk around the Lodge concerning Fish-o-Rama. If anyone is interested in participating in the event or if any children want to get involved, please see either our Lodge Esquire, Mr. Albert Schnutt, or me.

John Wayne, PER | Youth Activities Coordinator



Partners in Progress

Mission of the Partners In Progress



To increase the financial strength of Tampa Elks Lodge #708, ensuring that our Lodge will be around for another 100 years. We will accomplish this by rebuilding our capital through investments made by Lodge Partners who are determined to secure Tampa Elks Lodge #708's long term future. Interest earned on the investments will remain in the investment account and help to increase the overall financial strength of our Lodge.

PLATINUM INVESTORS - \$100

DuRant, Rosemarie 1/2010
 Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 4/2012
 Florance, Richard 7/2012
 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
 Lucas, Vernon 6/2010
 Marino, Anthony /2010
 Palladini, Deborah 1/2010
 Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean 6/2015
 Pickenpough Vernon and Betty FLOE PSP 10/2012
 Quire, Bonnie 6/2010
 Quire, Martin & Kimberly 8/2010
 Ramsey, Richard PER 7/2009
 Reid, Linda & Jerry 6/2010
 Schneider, PER, Rick & Jan 10/2011
 Sellers, Jr., Frank, PER 6/2010
 Smith, Rita 3/2 009
 Snyder, Robert & Lisa 5/2013
 Norton, Bob and Stokking, Brenda 6/2010
 Thomas, PER, Guy & Ruth 1/2009
 Thomas, PER, Vic & Bernice 6/2010
 Woodburn, John, 11/2011
 Wright, Vera 6/2011
 In Memory of James Wilder 5/2010

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
 Huffman, Raymond & Barbara 6/2010
 Jorgensen, Sherral 6/2011
 Keller, Maureen & Matt 10/2009
 Kennedy, Brenda & Brown, David 3/2009
 LaChance, Rosemary & Roger 6/2010
 Nikkinen, Lesley 3/2009

SILVER INVESTORS \$21 - \$50

Cuccinello, Diane 6/2010
 Edwards, PER, William 6/2011
 Gukeisen, SGM USA RET, James L. 4/2010
 Huffman, Barbara (In Memory of Hilda DeGiacomo) 6/2010
 Kelly, George & Elma 6/2010
 LaChance, Rosemary and Roger 6/2010
 Kelly, George & Elma 5/2010
 McHugh, Thomas 6/2010

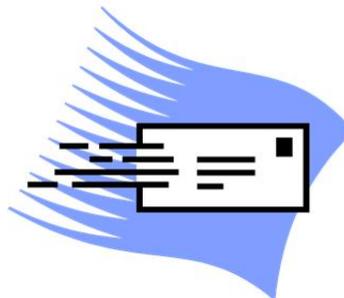
BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20

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

Stay in touch with the Lodge even if you can't be there!

E-mail your questions, comments, and suggestions to the Office.

We look forward to hearing from you!



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SUPER BOWL PARTY!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5th

→Chili Cook-Off →Chicken Wing Cook-Off

3:00PM Cook-Off Entries Deadline!

4:00PM Judging Begins!

6:30PM Game Time!



Half-Time Ice Cream Sundae Bar Sponsored By the House Committee

Sign up sheet in the lounge for rules and details on dishes needed for this event!



Contact Bob Orcutt or
Call the Lodge for details (813) 831-4280



SUPER BOWL XLVI

SADIE HAWKINS VISITS DOGPATCH DINNER DANCE

Hosted by the Officers of Tampa Lodge #708

Saturday, February 25th 6:30pm – Midnight

Tampa Lodge #708

Tickets Just \$10.00 (Available at the Bar)

Entertainment by Lodge favorite "The Dazzler Duo"

Dress as your favorite Hillbilly (or like Ben Venable)

PRIZES FOR THE BEST DRESSED MALE AND FEMALE CITIZENS OF DOGPATCH

Ticket price includes:

An Unrefined Dinner, Dancing (Ladies Choice), and Dessert!





NEW LOUNGE HOURS

Effective January 2, 2012

SUNDAY
12:30PM - 9:00PM

MONDAY - THURSDAY
4:00PM - 11:00PM

FRIDAY
4:00PM - 12:00AM

SATURDAY
4:00PM - 11:00PM

FEBRUARY MEETING SCHEDULE

OFFICERS MEETING		
Wednesday	2/1	6:00PM
LOE MEETING		
Wednesday	2/1	7:30PM
TRUSTEES MEETING		
Tuesday	2/7	7:00PM
House Committee		
Tuesday	2/14	7:00PM
Tuesday	2/28	7:00PM
PER MEETING		
Wednesday	2/8	6:30PM
LODGE MEETING		
Wednesday	2/8	7:30PM
Wednesday	2/22	7:30PM
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE		
Contact Courtney Taylor		
ATHENA HOUSE		
Contact Tracy Horrell		



YOUTH CAMP NEWS



Youth Camp applications will be online after the February 2012 quarterly meeting or you can see me to pick one up. Please return these to me as soon as possible as the best camp in the USA will fill up early. Do not forget your children, nieces, nephews, and friends ages 9 to 13, as we as adults need a little time for ourselves.

What would be nicer than having your children meet new friends and grow up with the kids of the Best People on Earth. The camp is co-ed. More to come in the March edition of the Elksize!

John Wayne, PER | Youth Camp Coordinator

OFFICERS OF THE MONTH

Nancy Keesler, PER, Lodge Secretary and David Partlow, Lodge Treasurer

Few officers have worked harder or worked more by moonlight to make sure our Lodge is more prepared for administrative action than our administrative team. Both officers have been solidly engaged in correcting errors uncovered by our District Deputy's book inspection. But what is more remarkable was the realization that several items had to be corrected from the previous Lodge year that were not even on the list of discrepancies uncovered by the inspection. While this work was not expected, the tasks were handled with great care and the attention to detail that we have grown accustomed to from our office staff. Keeping regular afternoon and evening hours for the convenience of our membership, our reports, books, and required documentation are in fine shape and it is remarkable that Nancy has kept pace with her duties while being on the job for only three months. At the same time, Nancy and David have been stalwart supporters of Lodge functions and activities while being attentive to the good of our order. They support our Lodge the old fashioned way; by being there for our membership and our management team. Thank you both!

ELK OF THE MONTH

Rick Schneider, PER

Once again, Rick comes to the rescue. Last month, our Kitchen Chairman demonstrated what it takes to be the Elk of the Month. He had his hands into everything from electrical work to repairing appliances to making menus to fixing plumbing. He simply hasn't stopped!

Taking over for Brian Brantley, PER, who is busy recovering from his surgery late last year, Rick has deftly handled a number of essential responsibilities to keep our kitchen running smoothly. He has also grabbed the bottom-line to make sure our dinner and breakfast service returns to profitability while answering to the desires and wants of the membership. This was no easy task, as the departure of Chef Mike Bradley required Rick to make sure each Friday evening was covered with a kitchen crew while also tending to several Thursday evenings as well. You may well have noticed the return of prime rib of beef to our Friday menu. From initial accounts, this has been a big hit and will continue to be a regular staple in or Friday menus. It is well noted that Rick puts his "Elk where his mouth is" in that he has personally volunteered to stand the watch in the kitchen until more members step up to assist. Way to go, Rick!



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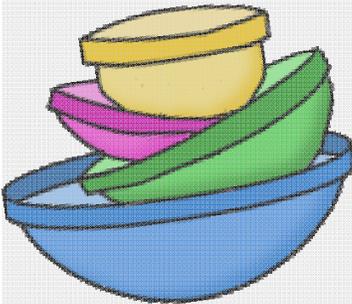
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ELKS DINING CLUB



Just a Reminder!

We had some wonderful dinners last year, and we had fun with the "tailgates" organized by Peggi.

Now, we need to gauge the interest level for continuing the Dining Club in 2012.



One thought was that maybe Sunday afternoon is a better time than Saturday evening? Please email me your thoughts and interest so we can decide if we're going to continue with this.

Please email Candy Hodgson at chodgson2@verizon.net - Candy Hodgson

BARTENDER'S CORNER



Okay, so we are now in February! The Hoe Down was a **YEE HAW** event! Hats off to Barbara Huffman and the Ladies of the Elks for putting on such a fantastic night. The Lodge was ROCKIN'! Then Gasparilla! In true Elk form it shot through the Lodge like a pirate cannon ball! To repeat myself, hats off to everyone involved in putting on another successful pirate invasion! Next, we have

the chili cook-off and the Super Bowl. So the Bucs did not make it to the Super Bowl this year. No sweat, come to the Lodge and taste some of the best chili in the state, make that in the U.S.! Enjoy some championship football, great friendship, and Elkdom at it's best.

On a further note, the Elks Dining Club wants to promote a positive response and once again fire up its relaxed dining experiences early on Sunday evenings. Imagine not having to cook at home before another hectic week at work. Simply provide one dish to participate or come enjoy some really good home-style food for a small contribution. Candy Hodgson is heading up this endeavor and would like feedback on themes, prior experiences with the Dinner Club and/or any suggestions you, as members, would like to contribute. Please contact Candy at chodgson2@verizon.net or pass your suggestions on through the lounge.

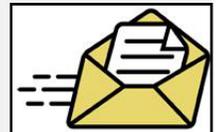
Remember, Jessica and I continue to serve you your favorite libations and always look forward to seeing you!

Peggi Tuttle | Bartender

If you would like to receive e-mail reminders of Tampa Elks events and general announcements, please send your e-mail address to the webmaster:

Marty Quire | mquire@tampabay.rr.com

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There falls each year - in February - a special call to hail with patriotic love and fond memory - past American heroes who will never be forgotten. Whose names echo all across America you might ask? Well, be aware that Abraham Lincoln's birthday is Sunday, February 12, 2012 and is followed on Monday, February 20, 2012 with George Washington's Birthday as well as that of America's celebration of President's Day to honor the memory of all past American Presidents. Then starting on Presidents Day comes National Patriotism Week to remember, to honor, and to revere all Americans, who in the past and present, have loved and preserved America's great way of life - to achieve and maintain America's forever heartbeats of Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness for all who are willing to believe in the chase of personal, lawful, productive progress as a goal for the good for themselves and for the good of America as a nation. As an Elk in your Lodge - how do you measure-up? Do you share your time and effort in volunteering to work in bettering your Lodge? What skills and talents do you have that you can apply to "help out"? Have you been and are you a volunteer in your Lodge? What will your personal legacy of past work and successful deeds be when you are gone and your name is brought up in future Elks circles regarding the sharing of Elks Tablets of Love and Memory? So let this February 2012 be the month of rededication to our Elks principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. Come back to Elkdom with a new revitalized resolve to do more - to be more involved and ultimately to get more enjoyment and fun in your Lodge. By caring and doing you will be more involved in the Sharing of Elks Tablets of Love and Memory in a most positive way, which will build and strengthen your Lodge's future existence and immeasurably contribute to the future of all of Elkdom. Remember, Elks Care and Elks Share!

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BINGO!

Every Monday Night

6:30PM Early Bird
 7:00PM Jackpot, Hot Snack Bar

Super Bowl Party - Chili & Wing Cook Off

Sunday, February 5th

Sponsored by the Lodge House Committee



Contact the Lodge
 for details!
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SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS!

Every Tuesday from
 6:30PM-7:30PM

Free for Elks
 \$5 for Military
 All others \$10

Contact Gus Adams at (813) 374-4988
 RSVP at <http://www.meetup.com/Learn-to-dance-salsa>

Visit the web for more up to date information and events for Elks!

Grand Lodge | www.elks.org

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Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

SUPER BOWL & CHILI COOK-OFF	Sunday	2/5/2012
SADIE HAWKINS DINNER DANCE	Saturday	2/25/2012
MEMBERSHIP EVENT	Sunday	2/26/2012
ELKS WALK-A THON	Sunday	3/11/2012



Your House Committee asks that you come down to Tampa Lodge #708 and stay for dinner because **"The Boys Are Back in Town!"**

Your fellow Lodge members are back in the kitchen cookin' up a storm. Our new kitchen chairman has vowed to keep prime rib

on the menu every week along with your other favorite dishes. Member satisfaction is a principal goal of the kitchen crews and they want you to be satisfied with a fine meal at the end of a busy week.

And because the crew are Elks, there is no better way to support our Lodge and the honorable work we do.

Remember, dinner service begins at 6:30pm every Friday evening and continues until 9:00pm. After your meal, sit back and relax with a beverage, some fine entertainment, and some of the **Best People on Earth!**

Attention ALL Members & Especially all 2012 Candidates for: Exalted Ruler and Lodge Secretary, Lodge Knights, Lodge Treasurers, Lodge CLMS Assistants, Trustees, & House Committeemen

Save the Date!
Announcing the All New 2012 Office Training Seminar
One Session Only

Friday, March 9th through Sunday, March 11th

Orlando - Florida Hotel
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February Band Schedule

LIVE MUSIC EVERY FRIDAY!



Chris and Bob 2/3

Good Music, Good Singing!

Kathy and Paul 2/10

Back For Your Listening Pleasure!

Dazzler Duo 2/17

The Dazzler's are Back!

Keith and Ruby Show 2/24

Very Good Show!

Brian's Bingo Blast!



We are starting the year off great. Other bingo halls were closed the first week of January so their customers came to donate (oops I mean play) to us. It was a great week for the kitchen as well. We still need volunteers. This month we donated money to the Cookson Toy Run. This fine organization gives gifts to around 2,000 children every year. It is all done by Brother Elk, Bill Brown, and his wife Elk, Sherry, our office assistant. Bill and Sherry, we salute you!

In Elkdom, Brian Brantley, PER

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Questions? Comments?

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FEBRUARY FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER MENU

THE STANDARDS

CHICKEN FINGERS & FRIES

\$6.95

A full pound plate featuring crispy, crunchy-tender chicken strips and golden brown French fries, served with choice of sauce



SHRIMP N'CHIPS

\$7.95

A twist on a UK favorite with five-piece fried shrimp and crispy-tender French fries, served with cocktail sauce and lemon wedge, malt vinegar upon request

SOUP DU JOUR

\$2.95 Bowl | \$1.95 Cup



Made from scratch and prepared fresh, classic and inventive soups, ask server for today's selection



HAMBURGER \$4.95

\$5.49 WITH CHEESE

\$6.29 WITH BACON & CHEESE

4oz. of lean beef, grilled to perfection, topped with lettuce, tomato, onion and pickle on toasted bun and served with 1/2lb. of golden fries

THE BIG ELK BURGER \$7.95

\$8.49 WITH CHEESE

\$8.95 WITH BACON & CHEESE



8oz. of USDA lean beef hand pattied and grilled to your perfection topped with lettuce, tomato, onion, and pickle, served with a heapin' pile of golden fries



WINGS

\$7.95

10 large wings tender and crispy choice of hot, medium, or mild buffalo sauce and served with Ranch or Blue Cheese, and celery

THE CALF CLUB (KIDS 11 AND UNDER)

INCLUDES SODA & FRIES

\$3.95

Hot Dog Basket | Corn Dog Basket | Grilled Cheese Basket
Chicken Strip Basket | Burger Basket



SIDES

HOUSE SALAD

\$2.29

CAESAR SALAD

\$3.29

SOUP DU JOUR

\$2.95 Bowl | \$1.95 Cup

VEGETABLE DU JOUR

\$1.95

COLE SLAW

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ONION RINGS

\$3.49

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SWEET POTATO FRIES

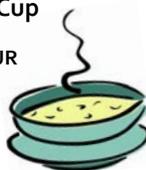
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BAKED POTATO

\$1.95

MASHED POTATOES

\$1.29



THE CLASSICS

February 3, 2012

DINNER HOUSE OR CAESAR SALAD

\$2.95

CHICKEN SOUP

\$2.95 Bowl | \$1.95 Cup

*ENTREES INCLUDE CUP OF SOUP OR SALAD (ENJOY BOTH FOR \$2.95 EXTRA), AND CHOICE OF POTATO, VEGETABLE, AND DINNER ROLL **

PULLED PORK, BLACK BEANS & RICE

\$9.95

** EXCLUDES POTATO OR VEGETABLE*

PRIME RIB KING CUT 16OZ.

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PRIME RIB QUEEN CUT 12OZ.

\$11.95

NEW YORK STRIP STEAK 14OZ.

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7 PIECE BATTER FRIED SHRIMP

\$10.95

February 10, 2012

DINNER HOUSE OR CAESAR SALAD

\$2.95

SPLIT PEA SOUP

\$2.95 Bowl | \$1.95 Cup

ENTREES INCLUDE CUP OF SOUP OR SALAD (ENJOY BOTH FOR \$2.95 EXTRA), AND CHOICE OF POTATO, VEGETABLE, AND DINNER ROLL

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DINNER HOUSE OR CAESAR SALAD

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CLAM CHOWDER SOUP

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CATFISH FRY

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\$10.95

February 24, 2012

DINNER HOUSE OR CAESAR SALAD

\$2.95

NAVY BEAN SOUP

\$2.95 Bowl | \$1.95 Cup

ENTREES INCLUDE CUP OF SOUP OR SALAD (ENJOY BOTH FOR \$2.95 EXTRA), AND CHOICE OF POTATO, VEGETABLE, AND DINNER ROLL

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FEBRUARY

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:00PM OFFICERS MEETING 7:30PM LOE MEETING	2 5:30PM-7:30PM THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER VEAL PARMESAN WITH PASTA, SAUCE, GARLIC BREAD, AND SALAD	3 6:30PM-8:30PM LODGE DINNER 6:30PM - 11:00PM MUSIC - CHRIS & BOB	4
5 8:30AM-12:00PM FULL MENU BREAKFAST 4:00PM SUPERBOWL PARTY. CHILI AND CHICKEN WINGS - COME AND HAVE FUN WITH US.	6 2:30PM BRIDGE CLUB BINGO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6:30PM EARLY BIRD 7:00PM JACKPOT HOT SNACK BAR	7 6:30PM-7:30PM - SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS 7PM TRUSTEES MEETING 7PM JAM SESSION	8 6:30PM-7:30PM PER MEETING 7:30PM LODGE MEETING	9 5:30PM-7:30PM YOUTH DINNER STUFFED PEPPERS WITH MASHED POTATOES AND SALAD	10 6:30PM-8:30PM LODGE DINNER 6:30PM - 11:00PM MUSIC - KATHY & PAUL	11
12 8:30AM-12:00PM FULL MENU BREAKFAST	13 2:30PM BRIDGE CLUB BINGO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6:30PM EARLY BIRD 7:00PM JACKPOT HOT SNACK BAR	14 6:30PM-7:30PM SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS 7PM HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16 5:30PM-7:30PM LOE DINNER FLORICARIBBEAN CHICKEN	17 6:30PM-8:30PM LODGE DINNER 6:30PM-11:00PM MUSIC - DAZZLER DUO	18 7:30PM KARAOKE WITH SOUND MACHINE (BILL EDWARDS)
19 8:30AM-12:00PM FULL MENU BREAKFAST	20 2:30PM BRIDGE CLUB BINGO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6:30PM EARLY BIRD 7:00PM JACKPOT HOT SNACK BAR <i>President's Day</i>	21 6:30PM-7:30PM - SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS 7PM JAM SESSION	22 7:30PM LODGE MEETING	23 5:30PM-7:30PM THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CATFISH FRY WITH BAKED POTATO OR FRIES AND COLE SLAW	24 6:30PM-8:30PM LODGE DINNER VETERANS DINNER 6:30PM-11:00PM MUSIC - KEITH & RUBY	25 6:30PM-12:00AM SADIE HAWKINS DINNER AND DANCE - WITH DAZZLER DUO
26 8:30AM-12:00PM FULL MENU BREAKFAST MEMBERSHIP EVENT (CALL LODGE)	27 2:30PM BRIDGE CLUB BINGO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 6:30PM EARLY BIRD 7:00PM JACKPOT HOT SNACK BAR	28 6:30PM-7:30PM SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS 7PM HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	29			

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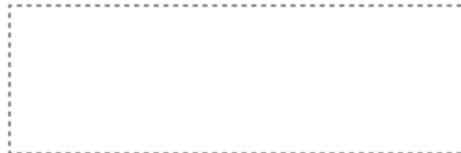
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