



Lodge # 708

# Tampa 708 Elksize



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## Mother's Day Celebration!

Join us at the Lodge on  
Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 3:00PM

- Service and dinner to follow •

**MOTHERS EAT FREE!**

Adults \$7.00 | Kids \$3.50

*Please come and join us while we pay tribute to all mothers!  
Lots of fun afterwards!*



**2012  
Florida State  
Elks Convention**  
MAY 24<sup>th</sup> through MAY 27<sup>th</sup>  
Disney's  
Coronado Springs Resort  
Orlando, FL

If you plan on attending, you can go online at [www.floridaelks.org](http://www.floridaelks.org) to reserve your room and pre-register. The cost is \$133.88 per night including tax. One night's deposit is required. You can also reserve a room by calling Disney direct by phone at (407) 939-1020 and mention that you are an Elk. If you have never attended a State Convention, this is an opportunity to meet fellow Elks from throughout the state. If you plan on attending, don't put off 'till tomorrow what you should have done **TODAY!** As the Chairman for Tampa, I encourage you to consider attending. I am also looking for volunteers to help and Tracy Horrell, me, and Tampa Lodge #708 be the BEST Lodge at the convention. Don't forget, **"IF YOU SNOOZE YOU LOSE!"** If you have any questions feel free to e-mail me at [wtedwards1@aol.com](mailto:wtedwards1@aol.com) or reach me by phone at (813) 495-1083.

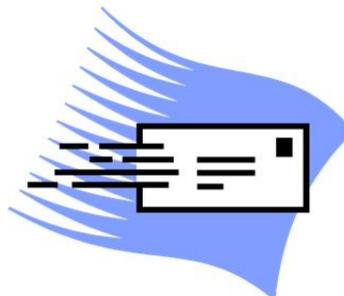
**Bill Edwards, PER, PLP**



**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!**



**Tracy Horrell | Exalted Ruler**  
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Tracy Horrell  
Exalted Ruler  
2012 - 2013

**EXALTED RULER ADDRESS | Tracy Horrell, ER, PLP**

**Change! Change What Can It Mean?**

Have you ever had to move? It can, at times, be difficult. Adjusting to your new surroundings, meeting your new neighbors, and changing routines that you are use to, and most of all...PACKING UP BOXES!!

Think about the stuff in those boxes; photo albums, heirlooms, lots of memories. These are things you just can't get rid of. When moving, you have old things and now new things. Just like we have here. We have traditions that have been around for years and will continue to be around. We have new things going on in our Lodge too. We are moving forward and modernizing our Lodge while staying true to our traditions. Change can be a good thing if you open yourself up to it and embrace it.

You know ATTITUDES are contagious! Is yours worth CATCHING? Some of you may be asking yourself "What does this mean?" If you look up the definition of "contagious" in the dictionary you will find it means: to spread from one person to another by direct or indirect contact.

Germes are CONTAGIOUS, laughter is CONTAGIOUS, and yes, even attitudes are CONTAGIOUS. Having a positive attitude can spread like wildfire, PASS ONE ON TODAY!

This year marks the 110th anniversary of our Lodge. How can we celebrate 110 wonderful years of Elkdom? By staying true to what the Elks are all about. HELPING, SHARING, AND CARING.

We go out into the community, we are dedicated to helping our Vets who have served and sacrificed for our freedom. We keep our children safe by teaching them to "SAY NO TO DRUGS". We Elks care about our community and each other.

ELKS, it's time to step up and stand proud. Stand proud knowing you can and you do make a difference. Whether you volunteer once or time and time again, YOU make a difference. And for that, we should all stand tall and stand proud! We can all step up by having a positive attitude and spreading it. We can all step up by telling a fellow Elk, "Thank you for all you do!" Help someone catch an attitude, A POSITIVE ATTITUDE! Elks, step up, stand proud. Embrace change and be thankful of one another. Is your attitude worth CATCHING? Let's make this the best Lodge in Florida!

For those of you who didn't make Installation night I wanted to share my speech with you and I look forward to seeing you in the Lodge soon. If you are interested in being on a committee or can help in the kitchen on a Friday night or Sunday morning, please contact me. Helping your Lodge in these matters will make it a great place to be!

**Fraternally, Tracy Horrell | Exalted Ruler**

**LOE MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Bob Orcutt	5/5
Rita Smith	5/12
William T. Edwards	5/19
Lorraine Leung	5/21
Leslie Nikkenen	5/24
Datha Sirmons	5/28
James Harlow	5/28
Janette Bennett	5/31

**"365 Report"**

We are having nice weather and we hope the little children can get out to enjoy it.

The disabled children thank you for your donations.

Thanks go out to Bill Edwards, Rita Smith, Bonnie Atwood, Beth Boyd, Sue Moore, Barbara Huffman, Janette Bennett, and all the donations I continue to receive from the tables and bar.

Please continue to fill the little houses.

**Vera Almstedt | "365" Chairperson**

**LOE PRESIDENT'S REPORT | Susie Harlow, LP**

Greetings to all of the LOE members. I cannot believe we are already into May. I think we skipped Spring and went straight into Summer. Don't you just love Florida? I know I do because it is the greatest place to live.

Mothers Day is May 13<sup>th</sup> and Memorial Day is May 28<sup>th</sup> and the Lodge is planning a lovely event with dinner for all mothers. Information about it can be found in this newsletter. Elks State Convention is Memorial Day weekend. We plan to raffle a money tree. Please support both events. We started our year off with a children's Easter party which was chaired by our LOE Vice President, Sue Moore. What a great job she did for her first event. The children had a great time. Her report can be found in this newsletter.

I am sad to report we lost our member, Ebba Jean Palladini. She fought a great battle but lost in the end and we lost her smiling face. She always had a kind word for all. We will miss her.

Remember my challenge from April's meeting to have at least one person join the LOE. We need membership to survive. We still have a lot to achieve. We also want to continue to support Florida Children's Therapy Services which is our major charity. We can help by filling up the little houses. I will leave you with my motto: "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." - Helen Keller

In Your Service, Susie Harlow | LOE President



Susie Harlow  
LOE President  
2012 - 2013



Lodge Officers	Board of Trustees	Committees	
<p><b>EXALTED RULER</b> Tracy Horrel, ER, PLP</p> <p><b>LEADING KNIGHT</b> Pat Boyd</p> <p><b>LOYAL KNIGHT</b> Richard Florance</p> <p><b>LECTURING KNIGHT</b> Albert Schnut</p> <p><b>TILER</b> Robert Summers</p> <p><b>SECRETARY</b> Nancy Keesler, PER</p> <p><b>TREASURER</b> David Partlow</p> <p><b>ESQUIRE</b> Cindy Linville</p> <p><b>INNER GUARD</b> Tamatha Manley</p> <p><b>CHAPLAIN</b> Dianne Cuccinello</p>	<p><b>5-Year</b> Brian Brantley</p> <p><b>4-Year</b> Addison Horrell</p> <p><b>3-Year</b> Robert Snyder</p> <p><b>2-Year</b> Sharon Ford</p> <p><b>1-Year</b> William Edwards, PER, PLP</p> <div data-bbox="456 716 808 1066" style="text-align: center;"> </div>	<p><b>Accident Prevention</b> Addison Horrell</p> <p><b>Americanism</b> Richard Florance</p> <p><b>Athena House</b> Tracy Horrell, ER, PLP</p> <p><b>Auditing</b> Ben Veneble</p> <p><b>Bell Ringers</b> Pat Fennell</p> <p><b>Bingo</b> Brian Brantley, PER</p> <p><b>Blood Mobile</b> Vic Thomas, PER</p> <p><b>Bulletin (Elksize)</b> Michelle Przywara</p> <p><b>Bylaws</b> Chris Miles</p> <p><b>Community Activities</b> Vic Thomas, PER</p> <p><b>Convention</b> William Edwards, PER, PLP</p> <p><b>Drug Awareness</b> John Wayne, PER</p> <p><b>Elks National Foundation</b> Vic Thomas, PER</p> <p><b>Elks Training</b> Pat Boyd</p> <p><b>Entertainment</b> Robert Summers</p> <p><b>Flag Day</b> Richard Florance</p> <p><b>Government Relations</b> Pat Boyd</p> <p><b>Hall Activities</b> Courtney Taylor</p>	<p><b>Harry Anna Foundation</b> Pat Boyd</p> <p><b>Hoop Shoot</b> John Wayne, PER</p> <p><b>House Committee</b> Carl Williamson, PER</p> <p><b>Indoctrination</b> Pat Boyd</p> <p><b>LOE Liaison</b> Susie Harlow</p> <p><b>Lodge Activities</b> Addison Horrell</p> <p><b>Maintenance</b> Jay Lleras</p> <p><b>Membership / Lapsation</b> Courtney Taylor</p> <p><b>Memorial Day</b> Richard Florance</p> <p><b>Mother's Day</b> Tracy Horrell, ER, PLP</p> <p><b>Officer Attendance</b> Tracy Horrell, ER, PLP</p> <p><b>Parliamentarian</b> Lisa Snyder</p> <p><b>Presiding Justice</b> John Redding</p> <p><b>Public Relations</b> Kim VanWalker</p> <p><b>Sickness</b> Pat Boyd</p> <p><b>Soccer Shoot</b> John Wayne, PER</p> <p><b>Sports Activities</b> John Wayne, PER</p> <p><b>Veterans Services</b> Jan Bertoch</p> <p><b>Visitation</b> Leslie Nikkinen</p> <p><b>Website</b> Marty Quire</p> <p><b>Youth Activities</b> John Wayne, PER</p>
Grand Lodge & State	Ladies of the Elks		
<p><b>Elks National Veterans Commission Veterans Representative</b> Brian Brantley, PER</p> <p><b>V.A.V.S. Deputy</b> Vernon Pickenpaugh</p> <p><b>FSEA Past President W.C.D. Sponsor</b> Frank Palladini PER, PVP, PDD, PSP, PGLC</p> <p><b>FSEA Lodge Liaison Membership Lodge #708</b> Pat Boyd, Loyal Knight</p> <p><b>W.C.D. Vice President</b> Steve Harmon, PER</p>	<p><b>President</b> Susie Harlow</p> <p><b>Vice President</b> Sue Moore</p> <p><b>Secretary</b> Bonnie Atwood</p> <p><b>Treasurer</b> Donna Halsey</p> <p><b>Parliamentarian</b> Richard Florance</p> <p><b>Chaplain</b> Susan Hagan</p>		
<p><b>Tampa Lodge #708 List of Officers 2012 - 2013</b></p>			

# Did You Know?

## Part-1 REFLECTIONS....2002

A look back on Tampa Elks Lodge #708 leading to a celebration of our 110th year. This 1st article reflects upon the Lodge when it was 100 years old, in 2002.

**WHO WAS WHO?** In 2002 Mike Smith, now a PGER, was President of the FSEA; Frank Palladini, now a PSP, was PDDGER, Lodge Sponsor, and chaired the Centennial Committee. Nancy Keesler was Exalted Ruler, Scott Miller was Leading Knight, Carl Williamson was Secretary, Callie Spooner Treasurer and the Trustees included PERs Steve Harmon (now PVP & DDGER - Endorsed), Brian Brantley and William Edwards.

The Centennial booklet included notes or letters from President George W. Bush; Governor Jeb Bush; GER Arthur Mayer, Jr.; FSEA President Mike Smith; Tampa Mayor Dick Greco; U. S. Senator Bob Graham; Congressman Jim Davis; and a number of others.

In our upcoming articles we'll go back to the beginning. Today we are handing out member numbers in the 9,000s. Next month we'll talk about member #1....Our 1st Exalted Ruler, a well-known Tampa businessman and community leader. Tampa Lodge #708 has a rich and interesting history and can claim several major 1sts!

Paul DeLand, Co-Chair, 110th Anniversary Committee

### "AID AND ATTENDANCE"

This little known VA Benefit is incredibly important, especially when trying to balance medical costs and budgets. This benefit helps surviving spouses (men and women) pay for a variety of medical and long term costs.

This special pension benefit, established in 1952, provides a tax-free monthly income up to \$1,644 for a **Veteran**; \$1,056 for a surviving spouse, or \$1,494 for a **Veteran** and one dependent. The money can be used to pay to pay for in-home care, assisted living, and nursing home care as well as medical expenses, prescription drugs, and more.

Today, around 150,000 **Veterans'** surviving spouses receive this benefit, but for hundreds of thousands more are eligible and either don't know it or don't think that they can qualify for it.

To qualify, you must have served 90 days of active military service with at least one day of service during a period of war (stateside or overseas), and were not dishonorably discharged. (Single surviving spouses of war time Vets are also eligible if their marriage ended due to death.) You will also have to meet certain physical and financial requirements to be eligible.

To qualify financially, you must have limited assets (usually under \$80,000) excluding your home and vehicle. The annual income (minus medical and long term care expenses) cannot exceed the Maximum Allowable Pension Rate (MAPR) which in 2009 is \$19,736 for a single Veteran, \$12,681 for a single spouse, or \$23,396 for a **Veteran** and his/her spouse.

To calculate your income qualifications, add up your income over the past year (including Social Security, pensions, interest income from investments) and subtract any out-of-pocket expenses and long-term care costs over that period of time. If the final tally is under the **MAPR** and you meet the other requirements stated, you are eligible for aid.

To learn more, check to see if you are eligible, or apply for "**Aid And Attendance**", contact your State or Local Veterans Service Organization. They can walk you through the process or feel free to inquire online [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

Yours In Service to our Veterans, Frank Sellers

## MAY ELKS BIRTHDAYS!

Michael Elliott	5/1	Katherine Wick	5/17
Melissa Bertoch	5/1	Rufus Gaskin	5/18
Claude Pegden	5/2	Anna Hughes	5/18
Alice Harmon	5/2	Albert Schnut	5/18
Betty Whigham	5/2	Bill Edwards, PER, PLP	5/19
Melissa Helfer	5/2	David Kishbaugh	5/20
Nicki Asmer	5/2	Lorraine Leung	5/21
Thomas Timberlake II	5/5	Rick Sassone	5/22
Bob Orcutt	5/5	Lesley Nikkinen	5/24
Thomas Lopez	5/7	Benny Sylvester	5/25
A.J. Matthews	5/8	Judy Duarte	5/25
Richard Schneider, PER	5/11	Frances Aberle	5/27
James Radford	5/11	James Harlow	5/28
Rita Smith	5/12	Ed McCaffery	5/29
Brenda Stokking	5/12	James Merrick	5/30
Elwood Thompson	5/15	Arthur 'Gene' Fullen	5/30
William Rogers	5/16	Lisa Drenth	5/31



Prizes needed for a Pop-It-And-Win-It game to be held at the Florida State Elks convention in May in Orlando. All donations are very much appreciated. Gift cards, prizes, any and all items.

Contact Tammy Manley at (813) 831-5796 for details!

# Did You Know?

## Part-2 BEGINNINGS - 1902

Tampa Elks Lodge #708 was formed by a group of Tampa Businessmen...led by Abe Maas, one of the Maas Brothers. The actual initiation ceremonies were handled by a group of Elks who came by train from Jacksonville. Abe Maas became member #1, and also was elected as the 1st Exalted Ruler of Tampa Lodge. The 1st building used by the Elks of Tampa was the home of Masonic Lodge #25 at Franklin and Whiting Streets. The 1st actual lodge building was the former home of H. H. Stebbins, a Charter member.

In 1904, less than two years after formation, Tampa Lodge hosted the meeting to found the FSEA (Florida State Elks Association). By 1907 Tampa Lodge had 441 members, 1/5th of the total state membership.

In 1914 the building pictured on the walls of the dining room was completed, sitting on the site of the original Stebbins home. The building would, for decades, be a social center of Tampa. The Elks top charity then was the Tampa Children's Home. When the home burned to the ground Elks led the committee, and one of their members, Col. H. C. McFarlane, donated the property for a new Tampa Children's Home.

Next Month: A look at well-known early members!

Paul DeLand, Co-Chair, 110th Anniversary Committee

(Material used is from the Centennial Booklet)

## ELKS MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Pat Boyd, Loyal Knight

Welcome to the new Elks, Tampa #708. As many of you know our doors have been closed for a period of time. There were several reasons this occurred. Without beating the proverbial 'dead horse' let's just be frank and say it was necessary. We are working closely with the State and National powers to set a new opening date. Rest assured that the new officers have been diligent in responding to requests to make this happen as soon as possible.



We have been given a set of guidelines that must be met in order to once again open the doors. The officers have been busy meeting some of these requirements, for example, updating office procedures, budgeting, inventories, and even practicing ritual in preparation for our reopening. Our goal is to open our doors but to have practical issues resolved so we can get back to our core, Vets, Kids, community, and becoming a vibrant fraternal order.

While we have been receiving calls from many asking WHEN, there are things required for opening our doors that are entirely in your hands. Remember, this is your Lodge also! The following are some things that you could do to help us open our doors in timely manner:

- Contact your Exalted Ruler, Tracy Horrell: (813) 453-2268, [trahorrell@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:trahorrell@tampabay.rr.com), or the head of the Steering Committee, Mike Pierson, [mpierson17@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mpierson17@tampabay.rr.com) and let them know you are willing to step up where needed. Tell them what you are willing to do what it takes to make this Lodge a viable, positive, and contributing member of the Tampa community.
- While anyone can complain, it is your kind words and good deeds that make Elksdom the premier charitable organization in the country. Show it before the Lodge reopens by offering your time and expertise.
- Once we do reopen, don't only support your Lodge lounge and kitchen, but attend Lodge meetings as well. If each of our 348 members could make one meeting a month, (we only have two per month), we would show the ruling powers what we already know: Elksdom is alive and well in Tampa.
- Prepare now to come into the Lodge and share your wealth of knowledge in Elksdom, business, and social settings. Be the first to stand out by sharing a good thought, a kind word, or a charitable deed without expectation of a return. The return will be an exciting and growing Lodge.
- We are still planning projects. We are still going to be a presence at the State convention. We are still going to meet our per capita numbers for State and National charitable contributions. We ask only that you show publicly your love of Elksdom, your community, and your fellow man. **WE NEED YOU NOW, as never before to "Step up and Stand Out" as Tampa Elks.**

I began this article with welcome to the new Elks, Tampa #708! We are in our 110<sup>th</sup> year as a Lodge and we are now setting a new agenda for the next 100 years of our Lodge. In that regard, don't expect everything to be the same on reopening day. As a business, Tampa Elks will be making some changes. We may be streamlining our bar, limiting our kitchen and entertainment offerings, and yes, we will even be asking you to show your membership card at events and functions (regardless of your time in the organization). We will be asking for you to sign in your guests completely on the forms provided. We are basically asking you to be proud of your Elk heritage and experiences and show your pride with kind words and big smiles. At the DD Clinic on April 21, 2012, the State and National officers stated: "We need to know at all times WHO is in our Lodge... It's the Law!" Please comply with a smile and friendly word!

Tampa Elks will be the place to be, when our doors reopen. I am personally asking all members to become a part of something bigger than we are as individuals.

Let us show by our actions that we "ELKS, Step Up, Stand Out.."

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES NEWS

Join us on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 2012 for Bowl-A-Rama at Pinarama Lanes in South Tampa at 12:30PM. We'll start bowling at 1:00PM followed by Awards and food. Kids are free!

As always, contact John Wayne at (813) 837-4252 for more information about ongoing Youth Activities.

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

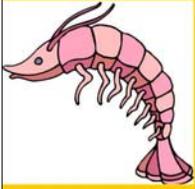
**Visit the web for more up to date information and events for Elks!**

**Grand Lodge | [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org)**

**Florida State Elks Association | [www.floridaelks.org](http://www.floridaelks.org)**

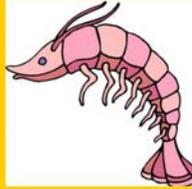
**Florida State Elks Online Community Forum: | [www.talkoftheelks.org](http://www.talkoftheelks.org)**

**Tampa Lodge #708  
Second Annual "Low Country Boil"  
Friday May 11th, 2012**



**\$10.00 each**  
Serving includes:

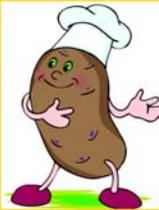
- Boiled Shrimp
- Sausage
- Potatoes
- Corn on the Cob



Tampa's own Addison Horrell and Tommy Miller will be the Chefs.  
All members and family of the  
**Best People On Earth**  
Are welcome!!!



**AlaCart items Include:**  
Farm fed Catfish (bone in) \$2.50 each  
Oyster Bar (raw or steamed) at \$0.50each



Tickets will be available AT THE BAR  
Project Chair Bill (Barnacle) Edwards  
And Members of the  
2012 FSEA Convention Committee



This Family Event is being presented to cover Tampa  
708 2012 FSEA Convention Hospitality Room.

**COME OUT AND ENJOY the Food and FUN Times!!!**



**LIVE  
MUSIC**



**Serving begins at 6:30 PM**

**A NOTE FROM THE EXALTED RULER**

As most of you know by now our Lodge is temporarily closed. The Lodge Officers and myself are currently working with the Steering Committee to overcome the issues that caused this action.

I ask for your patience and assistance in this matter. You can help by stepping up and volunteering your time and knowledge when we reopen to make Tampa Lodge #708 the best it can be!

You may call or email me with helpful comments. I can be reached at [trahorrell@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:trahorrell@tampabay.rr.com) or by phone at (813) 453-2268.

**Fraternally, Tracy Horrell | Exalted Ruler**

**Memorial Day Wreath-Laying Ceremony**

The Lodge will be participating with American Legion Post 4 at Kennedy Blvd & Dale Mabry Highway In the Wreath-Laying Ceremony in their Memorial Garden on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:00AM - 1:00PM



Lodge Officers to Attend  
Families and Guests are Welcome



**At Tampa Lodge #708 its...**  
**CLEAN UP DAY!**

**May 5th - 10am til ???**



Come join  
Exalted Ruler Tracy Horrell  
as we **"Step Up & Stand Proud!"**  
Bring your mops and buckets,  
dusters and rags.....



When we're done making our Lodge clean, a free wine or beer for each volunteer on me! &we'll have a lot of fun!



# DONATE TO HELP 708 GO TO CONVENTION!

## "Elks Step Up, Stand Proud..."

all the way to convention 2012!

Join us as we make sure Tampa Lodge #708 is well  
-represented & we keep our convention costs....

### LOW!

When you come to the Lodge for our CLEAN UP (May 5th), or the Low Country Boil (May 11th), bring a donation...a bottle of liquor, a bottle (or case) of Coke or other mixer....

WE'LL CUT CONVENTION COSTS & ALL FEEL  
GOOD ABOUT BEING A PART OF THE NEW  
"WE CAN" ATTITUDE!

LET'S KEEP IT PROUD AND  
CELEBRATE LOUD....708 IS BACK!

### MAY MEETING SCHEDULE

TRUSTEES MEETING		
Tuesday	5/1	7:00PM
OFFICERS MEETING		
Wednesday	5/2	6:00PM
LOE MEETING		
Wednesday	5/2	7:30PM
House Committee		
Tuesday	5/8	7:00PM
Tuesday	5/22	7:00PM
PER MEETING		
Wednesday	5/9	6:30PM
LODGE MEETING		
Wednesday	5/9	7:30PM
Wednesday	5/23	7:30PM
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE		
Contact Pat Boyd		
ATHENA HOUSE		
Contact Tracy Horrell		

It is my sad duty to inform you that we have lost two members of our Lodge; one of our long time members, **Bob Connor**, and **Ebba Jean Palladini**. Most of you will remember Bob as a fine soldier dedicated to his country as well as a dedicated member of Tampa Lodge #708. He was always wanting to help, most of the time handing out water and making sure the tables were cleaned and ready for the next group. He will be missed by all.

Ebba Jean Palladini passed away by losing her battle with a long-time illness. Most of you will remember her sweet smile and her kind words she had for all. She is the departed wife of our PSP, Frank Palladini, and she spent lots of time being with him all over the state representing Elkdom. She will be missed by all.

I ask that you keep their families in your prayers in the days and weeks to come.

Tracy Horrell | Exalted Ruler

### Tampa Elk's 708/Youth Drug Awareness

## COUNTRY STYLE DINNER

May 17, 2012\* 5:30pm-7:30pm

Oven Fried Chicken\*Mac & Cheese\* Green Beans  
\$7.00



Delicious Cobbler for Dessert \$2.00

Please come and support our L#odge 'Tampa 708' and the 'Youth Drug Awareness' program by dining in or call for takeout (813) 839-8928  
Note: If you are unable to drive please call a fellow Elk to take you to dinner.

## WIN! A Free Week At The Beach!

### Island Gulf Resort!



October 2nd - October 9th, 2010....YOUR week at the beach....Up to 4 persons, in their own resort with full kitchen, washer-dryer, spa, and Balcony...On The Beach!

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Donated by Sandra and Paul DeLand and Island Gulf Resort....Madeira Beach, Florida  
Located less than 1/2 mile from Holiday Isles Elks Lodge #1912...with Pool, Tiki Bar, etc.  
DRAWING TO BE HELD AT ELK'S STATE CONVENTION, SATURDAY NIGHT, MAY 22ND!



At Pin-A-Rama Lanes  
For Ages 5 to 13!

May 20, 2012

Registration:

12:30pm

Bowl at 1:00pm

# BOWL-A-RAMA

Awards and Food  
follow bowling!  
No cost to kids!

For info:

John Wayne

813-837-4252



Just a quick note letting you know that the Easter Party on April 1<sup>st</sup> was a big success!

We had about 30 kids with their parents along with three craft tables of colored eggs, bunnies made out of wash cloths, and Easter cut-outs to decorate. Lunch included pizza, drinks, and cupcakes. We also had a visit from the Easter Bunny who gave each child an Easter basket.

Lots of prizes and fun! Thanks for all those who donated candy and money for the event. This was my first project in office and was proud of the turn out!

Sue Moore | LOE Vice President



## THE FACES OF TAMPA LODGE #708



## ELKS DINING CLUB



The next **Elks Dining Club** is scheduled for Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM

April's theme is:

### All Appetizer Dinner



We have tentatively set aside the third Sunday of each month at 5:00PM on the Lodge calendar for our Dining Club. I am suggesting that our May theme be an

"All Appetizer" dinner, with everyone bringing their favorite hors d'oeuvres.

Come and eat...either bring your delicious creations, or throw a donation in the kitty to defray kitchen costs.

My mouth is already watering...

For more information, email Candy Hodgson at [chodgson2@verizon.net](mailto:chodgson2@verizon.net) - Candy Hodgson

### BARTENDER'S CORNER



Hello Elks Members! It is a new year for our Lodge and we are open and ready to serve you. There are many upcoming events that are going to be dynamic and entertaining. **STARTING WITH CINCO DE MAYO!**

Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> is Lodge Clean Up Day. After (or if you are so inclined, during) the clean-up the party begins, enjoy beer bucket specials, Margarita specials, drink specials, and concoctions!

Then on **May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** the Elks Dining Club meets again to everyone's delight. There will be delectable, delicious, and decadent appetizers to enjoy. Sign-up at the bar or simply bring your tasty sensation!

Come on down and support YOUR Lodge!!!!

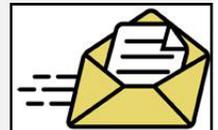
Also, we mourn the passing of Ebba Jean Palladini and Bob Connor, both of whom were outstanding individuals and will be greatly missed.

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](mailto:mquire@tampabay.rr.com)

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**AMERICANISM REPORT | An American Elks Recipe for Successful Living**

As Spring comes forth in majesty and May promises to become reality, all Elks should pause and give thanks because Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 is Mother's Day - a special day during which Elks will always come together with fond memories of their moms - that in our Elks lore will become the first ingredient of our Recipe for Successful Living. Now, as May passes its mid-month mark all Elks should be aware and hark to hear the rallying calls - because Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 is Armed Services Day, a day to remember and revere all past and present military veterans who have come from afar as well as near. So, this commemorative day, all Elks say prayers of thanks so we can say remembering our veterans will become the second ingredient in this Elks Recipe for Successful Living. As June comes near and brings with it the rain and heat of Summer - there is one more day to stop - to pray on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 which is Memorial Day - America's day to give thanks to God that the heroes who gave us our lives as we know them today will never be forgotten. As American people and Elks will attest, these ever-growing number of citizens who "gave their all" - Memorial Day will always be during the Month of May - the third and final ingredient in this, an American Elks Recipe for Successful Living. As Elks and as patriotic Americans; Motherhood, Our Veterans, and all past and present Patriots and Heroes; should be a part of May's Recipe for Successful Living. Remember Elks Care and Elks Share!

**Richard Florance | (813) 831-0518 | rhflorance@yahoo.com**

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Atwood, Bonnie 2/2012  
 Boyd, Beth and Pat 05/2012  
 Baer, Robert (Yogi) 2/2012  
 Bergen, Raymona 11/2010  
 Burks, John 3/2010  
 Connor, Bob 9/2014  
 Dayes, PDDGER, Dick & Eleanore 9/2012  
 Rose Durant 10/2011  
 Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 4/2012  
 Ferrari, Alice 11/2010  
 Florance, Richard H. 7/2011  
 Gaffney, Charles 6/2011  
 Gukeisen, SGM USA RET James L. 11/2010

Halsey, Donna Rae 10/2012  
 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, Sherryl 6/2011  
 Keller, Maureen & Matt 6/2010  
 Kelley, Thomas & Marlene 8/2010  
 LaChance, Rosie & Roger 4/2013  
 McBee, Bill & Susan, PLP 2/2010  
 Nyland, William 7/2010

Palladini, Debbie 10/2011  
 Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean, 8/2010  
 Parker, Jim and Mable, 2/2014  
 Pickenpough, Vernon and Betty 9/2012  
 Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018  
 Smith, Rita 4/2010  
 Snyder, Robert & Lisa 5/2013  
 Spirtos, Mary G. 5/2011  
 Summers, Robert 1/2012  
 Summers, Linda 1/2012  
 Turpin, Bernie 9/2014  
 White, Maurice  
 Woodburn, John 11/2011



**BINGO!**

*Every Monday Night*

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

I am still looking for people to volunteer for the Elks Phone Bank. This involves one or two groups of 5 people each that will meet once a week to call our membership and inform them of upcoming events. We will also be fact-finding on membership needs and ideas. If you wish to volunteer, contact Pat Boyd by phone at (813) 505-7485. Help make a difference!



**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>

The original Elks were traveling thespians and entertainers e.g., "Jolly Corks!" I know there is talent amongst our members. If you have a talent such as comedian, musician, actor/actress, or any such skill, contact Pat Boyd at (813) 505-7485. Tampa Elks are looking for talent for a Variety/Gong show in the planning stages as part of our annual Harry-Anna fundraiser. Also, the District is searching for Elk Talent for the State Major Emphasis Projects fundraising effort. Step up and lets return to our entertainment roots! Call me today! Pat Boyd (813) 505-7485

## Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

LODGE CLEAN UP DAY	Sat	5/5/2012
PER PICNIC, ST. PETE LODGE	Sun	5/6/2012
MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION	Sun	5/13/2012
BOWL-A-RAMA	Sun	5/20/2012
DINING CLUB "APPETIZERS"	Sun	5/20/2012
FL STATE ELKS CONVENTION	Thu—Sun	5/24/2012
BEACH BLANKET BINGO DRAWING	Sat	5/26/2012
ISLAND GULF RESORT DRAWING	Sat	5/26/2012
"OUT OF SCHOOL" PARTY	Sat	6/9/2012
DINING CLUB	Sun	6/17/2012
FLAG DAY AND FATHER'S DAY	Sun	6/17/2012



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Beach Blanket Bingo  
Prize Package:  
Chair!  
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Tickets available at the Bar!



\$2.00 each /  
6 tickets for \$10.00

You don't have to be present to win!  
Drawing Held on Saturday May 26th  
The Florida Elks State Convention

Florida State Elks Convention

May 24<sup>th</sup> - May 27<sup>th</sup>

Disney's Coronado Springs Resort  
Orlando, FL

<http://www.floridaelks.org/StateConvention.html>



2012 State Convention

## May Band Schedule

LIVE MUSIC EVERY FRIDAY!



Kathy and Paul 5/4

*Back By Popular Demand!*

Street Life 5/11

*For Your Listening Pleasure!*

Keith and Ruby 5/18

*For Your Entertainment Pleasure!*

There will be no entertainment on 5/25 due to State Convention



### Was your departed a veteran?

Tampa Elks Lodge #708 wants you to know that if your loved one was in the U.S. Military, you can order an engraved paper Presidential Memorial Certificate. It is free and we can give you the information needed to request these certificates. Go to [www.fielks.org](http://www.fielks.org) and click on **PMC Program** or contact **Bob Thornburg at (727) 512-4822.**

The Harry-Anna Foundation Fundraiser is coming in early fall. Keep your eyes on the Elksize for more information!  
Pat Boyd, Leading Knight, Harry-Anna Chairman

### Have you lost or misplaced your DD214? Would you like copies of all your records?

Where to go or what to do. The answers are simple and here are some solutions. If you are not in a hurry, simply logon to [www.va.gov/forms](http://www.va.gov/forms) and request form SF-180. Fill out the form and mail to:

Military Personnel Records  
9700 Page Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

Or the fastest way is to type in or click on the link below. Click **Yes** and you should see your records in a week or less.  
[www.vetrecs.archives.gov](http://www.vetrecs.archives.gov)

One more little bit of information. If you visit the local VA Hospitals on a regular basis, you can obtain your medical records by going to the basement of the hospital; find the records department and they will copy all of your medical records.

Thanks for your support of our Veterans  
Your National Veterans Service Officer

## MAY FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER MENU

### 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

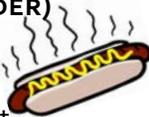
#### THE CALF CLUB (KIDS 11 AND UNDER)

**INCLUDES SODA & FRIES**

**\$3.95**

Hot Dog Basket | Corn Dog Basket

Chicken Strip Basket | Burger Basket



#### DESSERT

**\$1.50**

Ask your server about the dessert of the day!

### SIDES

HOUSE SALAD  
**\$2.29**



ONION RINGS  
**\$3.49**

SOUP DU JOUR  
**\$2.95 Bowl | \$1.95 Cup**

FRENCH FRIES

**\$1.95 Small | \$2.95 Large**

VEGETABLE DU JOUR  
**\$1.95**

SWEET POTATO FRIES  
**\$2.95 Small | \$4.95**

COLE SLAW  
**\$1.95**



BAKED POTATO  
**\$1.95**

MASHED POTATOES  
**\$1.29**

*DINNER ENTRÉES INCLUDE SOUP PLUS CHOICE OF BAKED POTATO, SWEET POTATO, OR FRENCH FRIES*

**MAY 4, 2012**

### BAKED OR FRIED CATFISH



**\$9.95**

**MAY 11, 2012**

### LOW COUNTRY BOIL



**\$10.00**

**BOILED SHRIMP  
SAUSAGE  
POTATOES  
CORN ON THE COB**

**MAY 18, 2012**

#### ROAST CHICKEN

WITH LEMON OREGANO

**\$10.95**



#### SHRIMP COCKTAIL SALAD

**\$13.95**



**MAY 25, 2012**

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# MAY

2012 Lodge 708

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8:30AM-12:00PM FULL MENU BREAKFAST		6:30PM-7:30PM - SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS 7PM TRUSTEES MEETING 7PM JAM SESSION	6:00PM OFFICERS MEETING 7:30PM LOE MEETING	5:30PM-7:30PM THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER BEEF TIPS & NOODLES, ORANGE-GLAZED CARROTS	6:30PM-8:30PM LODGE DINNER 6:30PM - 11:00PM MUSIC - KATHY & PAUL	LODGE CLEAN UP DAY
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