

- 4th** Veterans Event
- 11th** Karaoke
- 18th** Christmas in July
- 19th** Bingo Extravaganza
- 25th** Password Gameshow
- 26th** Steak Shootout



Elks Tampa 708 Elksize

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Lodge #708 B.P.O.E.

Working well together.

Dear Elks and Elks Families,

First, I neglected to mention my heartfelt thanks to LOE Member Mrs. Vera Wright for the beautiful flower arrangement she donated for the Mothers Day Service. And a big Thank You for all the good things you do for the Elks and the LOE. *Good folks like you are hard to find.*

The 2009 Florida State Elks Convention was a huge success. Lots of new faces and friendships. It's one of the things that makes us the Best People On Earth! Our Hospitality Room Companions, Lodges 2519 and 1525 lived the motto: "To do unto others as we expect others to do unto us". I think we all worked very well together. I would like to congratulate the raffle winner, our own bingo player, Phyllis Tardugno as well as the money box winner, Wendy Wisler (Woo). My heartfelt thanks goes to our Convention Crew headed by PER Brian Brantley and his faithful Bingo Crew - Flo, Susie and Betty, our Esteemed Loyal Knight William Jay Kinney, Lecturing Knight Robert Harlow

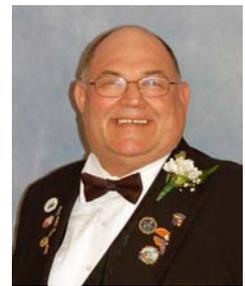
and other 708 Members who assisted in this successful event. I encourage next year's Convention Committee to pursue the same format and team up with the other Lodges once again.

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Another successful activity, Bowl-A-Rama, was sponsored by the Drug Awareness Committee. Great job once again. Their next event will be the Back to School Party on August 16th.

Mark your calendars for our huge Bingo Extravaganza to be held July 19th. Come one - Come all. Cost is only

\$30.00 and we promise you will get your \$\$\$ worth.



Another huge event will be the July 26 Steak Shoot-Out. \$21.00 will get you in and you have a chance at winning a steak. The final Game of the evening will be for the Grand Prize - a Rib Roast. Members who wish to play will be seated around the bar while Guests are seated at the tables. Look for more details as the event approaches.

August 1st is Tampa Elks VP Visitation - Theme "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." Let's get a good showing of Tampa members so we can show the VP and other lodges what a great team spirit we have at our Lodge! Cocktails 6 - 7 p.m., Starts at 7 p.m., with a complimentary dinner following. Thank you, Fellow Elks!

Fraternally Yours,
John Wayne, ER

July Friday Night Dinner Menu

July 3

Southern Fried Catfish Jay Kinney
Beef w/Portabella Mushroom Tom Coyle
Philly Cheesesteak Tom Coyle

July 10

12 oz New York Strip Dave Brown
Shrimp & Scallops w/ Linguini Dave Brown
Salmon w/Dill Rick Snieder P.E.R.

July 17

Chicago Beef Bob Green
Chicago Beef Sand. Bob Green
Fish & Chips Tom Coyle

July 24

London Broil Bob Green
1/2 Baked Chicken Tom Coyle
Shrimp Alfredo over Egg Noodles Tom Coyle

July 31

Prime Rib Tom Coyle
Surf & Turf Tom Coyle
Prime Rib Sand. Tom Coyle

- Available Every Friday:
- Chicken Finger Basket
 - Fried Shrimp Basket
 - Fried Fish Basket
 - Hamburger Basket
 - Soup and Salad Bar



unless otherwise noted, all dinners come with soup, salad bar, a choice of potato, and fresh vegetable

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Exalted Ruler

John Wayne

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Vic Thomas, PER

Loyal Knight

William (Jay) Kinney

Lecturing Knight

Robert Harlow

Tiler

Brian Sanchez

Esquire

Position Available

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Deborah Palladini

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Veterans Deputy

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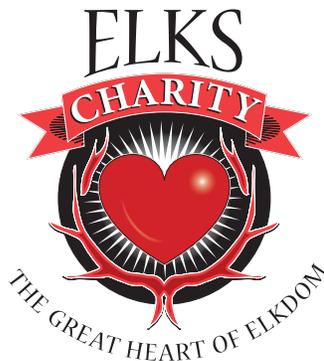
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Committees

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Americanism

Position Available

Auditing

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Bingo

Brian Brantley

Blood Bank

Tommy McHugh

Bulletin (Elksize)

Jerry Reid

By Laws

William (Jay) Kinney

Convention

Brian Brantley

Drug Awareness

Linda Reid

Entertainment

Melanie Hale

Flag Day

John Wayne

Government Relations

Carl Williamson

Harry Anna Foundation

William (Jay) Kinney

Hoop Shoot

Linda Reid

House Committee

William (Jay) Kinney

Indoctrination

Rita Smith

Investigation

Chris Miles

Kitchen

Tom Coyle

Bob Green

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Position Available

Lapsation

Position Available

Lodge Activities

Charlie Brown

Maintenance

Bob Green

Membership

Rita Smith

Memorial Day

John Wayne

Mother's Day

John Wayne

National Foundation

Robert Harlow

National Service

Position Available

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Protocol

Frank Palladini, PSP, PER

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Chris Miles

Public Relations

Carl Williamson, PER

Relief

Carl Williamson, PER

Scholarship

Bev Wick

Sickness

Vic Thomas, PER

Soc./Community/Welfare

Carl Williamson, PER

Special Events

Tom McHugh

Sports/Soccer Shoot

Brian Crowe

Stray Elks

Position Available

Veteran's

Pat Fennell

Veteran's Hospital

Vernon Pickenpaugh

Visitation

Position Available

Visiting

Flo Wayne

Youth Activities

Linda Reid

Youth Camp

John Wayne

Say it to the Editor!

Do you see anything needing changed in the Elksize? Let us know and we'll try to make it better.

Elksize Editor: Jerry Reid

Submit newsletter articles by the

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email: reidhome@tampabay.rr.com

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~ Invest in Your Lodge ~

BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20

Alley, Sonia & Bill 3/2008
 Baronofski, Fran 5/2009
 Baronofski, Ron 5/2009
 Edwards, PER3, William 3/2009
 Kelly, George 6/2010
 In Memory of #7, Patrick 11/2007
 Wayne, John & Flo 3/2009

SILVER INVESTORS \$21 - \$50

Bertoch, Jan 6/2010
 Gukeisen, SGM USA RET, James L. 4/2010
 In Memory of Hilda DeGiacomo 9/2009
 Kelly, George & Elma 5/2010
 LaChance, Rosemary & Roger 3/2009
 McHugh, Thomas 6/2010

GOLD INVESTORS \$51 - \$99

DeLand, Paul & Sandra VanSivers 3/2008
 Harmon, Steve, PER 3/2009
 Huffman, Raymond & Barbara 3/2009
 Keller, Maureen & Matt 10/2009
 Kennedy, Brenda & Brown, David 3/2009
 Nikkinen, Lesley 3/2009
 Pickenpugh, Vernon & Betty FLOE PSP 9/2009

PLATINUM INVESTORS - \$100

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

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



Mission of the Partner's In Progress

To increase the financial strength of Tampa Elks Lodge #708, insuring 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.

To contribute or for more information, contact **Steve Harmon, PER**

From the Lodge Secretary

Delinquent Members as of April 2009

Alley, William	Katz, Jerry	Rohm, Richard E.
Brooks, Bearl	Lamarca, Joseph	Russell, Shirley
Castellano, Dominic	Lebreton, Richard A.	Sapp, Marion Virginia
Chivers, Rex W.	Leonard, Adele	Schade, William P.
Crain, Joann	Leonard, John	Sheffield, Charles E.
Cupp, Robert L.	Lineberger, Gail	Simmons, Robert I.
Diehl, Brent	Linville, John	Simmons, Bob
Diorio, Scott	Linville, Sharon	Szemeredy, Petra
Dreby, Jr., James N.	Lore, Jr., Jesse D.	Tate, Michal
Duncan, Jr., George	Mater, Carl H.	Taylor, Chaun
Filon, Wayne K.	McDonell, Robert	Tomz, Johanna Rae
Fretwell, Jo Ann	Miranda, Luis A.	Vorce, Clyde E.
Fruhorgen, John	Mitchell-Alley, Sonia	Walker, William D.
Greenan, John E.	Newberg, Craig	Walkowicz, Cindy
Guyton, Ruenelle	Nickerson, Scott E.	Willsey, Elmer
Hales, Colin K.	O'Brien, Stephen	
Harris, Neil	Phelps, Jr., Albert	
Higginbotham, Lesla	Reed, Rich	
Jeffries, William R.	Reymers, Don	
Jones, Rodney C.	Rogers, Margie	

Stay with the Elks.
 Pay your dues.

Proposed new members.

New Members:

Scott V. Courtney
 Melissa Helfer

Sponsor

Thomas McHugh
 Tracy Horrel

Invite a friend to visit the lodge.
 Then invite that friend to
 become a member!

B.P.O.E.
 Best People On Earth

Sickness & Distress:
 Keep Sally Heider, PER, in your Prayers.

Knightly News



Greetings Fellow Members,

I welcome you to this article which is dedicated to brotherly love. In Elksdom, brotherly love is symbolized by the spreading antlers of protection, under which all Elk and their family can find safety, support, and understanding. It is the unity of membership that gives our great antlers their strength.

As Lecturing Knight my primary duty is to exemplify brotherly love, so I asked myself how can I best do this, how do I fulfill this duty? Do I need to volunteer for every committee under the sun and give every spare hour I have to working at the lodge as, thankfully, many of our loyal members do? Must I donate large sums of money to every charity and cause the lodge supports, as thankfully many of our loyal members do? Well, as my family and employment must come before the lodge and like many of you, I suspect, my means are modest. I must give my time and money sparingly. So then how can I, how can we all best exemplify brotherly love? But of course, the answer is right there in my own initiatory charge. "Brotherly love is best exemplified by practicing the teachings of our motto" - "The faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory."

Fulfilling the duty of the lecturing knight, as well as the duties of membership doesn't require a lot of money or time, only care, compassion, understanding, and a desire to help your fellow man.

The foundation and ground work of our order is to "do unto others as we would they should do unto us." Unfortunately as I look and listen around the lodge I am sometimes disheartened by the lack of adherence to this principal. In opposition of such behavior, I pledge to all, in the name of brotherly love, that regardless of ones race, gender, religion or political beliefs, even if I don't agree with all that you do or say, I for one will always have a friendly smile, an understanding ear and a helping hand for whom ever I may cross path's with and I encourage you my brother's and sister's, to do the same, as exemplifying brotherly love is the duty of every Elk.

Let's remember, a unified lodge is a happy and successful lodge, and fidelity is of supreme importance.

Fraternally yours,

Robert J. Harlow

Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Volunteers Needed! Ray's Game Concession Workers

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Be an Elksize Booster!

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

Abel, Charles 8/2009
Angus, Cam & Jim 4/2008
Atwood, Bonnie 9/2009
Baer, Robert (Yogi) 2/2010
Brantley, PER, Brian & Sandra 8/2008
Burks, John 3/2010
Curry, Dianne 10/2008
Dayes, PDDGER, Dick & Eleanore 9/2012
Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 4/2010
Gaffrey, Charles 6/2010
Gukeisen, SGM USA RET James L. 11/2010
Heider, PER's, Theodore & Sally 3/2009
In Memory of Bill Denzer 11/2008
In Memory of Bronson & Paul 4/2008
In Memory of Charlie Fiveash 5/2015
In Memory of Gordon Pence 8/2008
In Memory of Harold Wright 6/2010
In Memory of Ina Moore 9/2008
In Memory of Larry Quire, PER 8/2008
In Memory of Richard Palmer, 2/2011
Jorgensen, Sherral 6/2010
Keller, Maureen & Matt 6/2010
Kelley, Thomas 9/2008
Kilbourne, Prudence 11/2008
LaChance, Rosie & Roger 4/2010
Marino, Anthony 8/2008
McBee, Bill & Susan, PLP 2/2010
Noron, Robert 4/2009
Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean, 8/2010
Parker, Jim & Mabel 3/2009
Pickenpaugh, Vernon & Betty 8/2009
Quire, Bonnie 9/2008
Rodgers, Judd 11/2009
Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018
Smith, Rita 4/2010
Snyder, Bob 12/2009
Snyder, Lisa 12/2009
Thomas, Guy PER, & Ruth 12/2008
Toler, Kathleen 11/2009
Young, Robert & Gerry 9/2009

Rewarding Position Available

400 Veterans seeking a Deputy or Two for James Haley Hospital to assist and serve the Veterans in Bingo, Pizza or other fantastic assignments.

Danger level = Zero;

Reward Level = Fantastic;

Compensation = Unbelievable

American applicants should plan on discussing assignment with Silver Bear and then submit Confidential letter to:
Frank Sellers VAVS Representative
4851 W Gandy Blvd # 735
Tampa, FL. 33611



Officer of the Month

Robert Harlow

Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Rob Harlow, our Lecturing Knight, exemplifies what Elkdom is all about. He is always chipping in wherever he can, and he is also doing a great job as the ENF Chairman. Last year was Rob's first year as an officer, and he was one of the best Esquire's we have ever had. Rob is one of our younger, up and coming leaders. He is a loyal, childhood "best friend" to our very own Jay Kinney (Loyal Knight). Per Jay, it was because of Rob's enthusiasm for the Elks, that he let him talk him into being an officer with him last year, and they have both made us very proud. He is a South Tampa native, and graduated from Robinson High in 1988. He moved away to Memphis for a short spell, but it was way too cold for him, so he came back home. Word has it that he is an avid, yet stubborn fisherman Rob served his country in the Army and he is a Desert Storm Veteran. Rob has been married to his lovely wife, Deanna since 1994, and they have 5 wonderful children (3 Boys and 2 Girls). Rob is the son of one of the most devoted Elk Families (James & Susie Harlow), so it is no wonder Elkdom is in his blood. His dedication and commitment in making the Tampa Elks the best, is apparent in everything he does. Congratulations!

Elk of the month

Marty Quire

No matter how busy Marty Quire is with his very demanding job, he is always there for the Elks. He not only manages the Tampa Elks Website, he also KJ's for Karaoke every few months, is our photographer for many events, sends email blasts out to our members about upcoming events or sickness and distress, and just about anything else the Elks calls on him for. Just recently, Marty drove several hundred miles back and forth on two separate occasions to help with events at the lodge. Marty graduated from Yokota High School in Japan, in 1975, and then received his Bachelor's in Electrical Engineering from Georgia Tech. He enjoys a very rewarding career as the Senior Lead Project Engineer at CAE where he has worked for the last 25 years on aerospace flight and ride simulators. Marty also comes from a very active and devoted Elk Family (son of Bonnie Quire and departed Larry Quire (PER), and brother of Linda & Jerry Reid and Nan Quire). His wife Kim is also a member, and his son Michael (14) will most likely follow in his footsteps one day. Please congratulate Marty and thank him for his dedication to the Elks.

An ATM in the Lounge!

Coming Soon – An ATM will be installed in the lounge for the convenience of our members and guests. Credit cards can still be used to pay for food/drinks, but we are no longer able to accept cash advances on credit cards. We will still be able to honor checks for members in good standing.

Peace & Elkdom

William "Jay" Kinney

House Committee Chairman

PASSWORD!

The game show that's sweeping the lodge!

By Popular Request
PASSWORD Game Show
hosted by Linda Reid
In the Lodge Dining area
4th Saturday of every month
(next game July 25)

Game starts at 4:00 p.m.
Donation of \$5 suggested
Snacks/Refreshments/Prizes
1st Place Winners - \$50
2nd Place Winners - \$30
3rd & 4th Place Winners - Free Drink
Coupons

Thank you.

On behalf of the Sellers Family, my Daughters Kimberly and Jennifer and my Son Adam, we would like to Thank each and everyone of you for the outpouring of support and love during the recent passing of my mother Dorothy.

I am not alone in the loss of a loved one as many of you have gone through this adventure before me, but I want you to know how deeply moved and touched I am with your support and I personally wanted to Thank all of you for the cards, letters and prayers.

In Elkdom and in Christ,
Thank You

Frank N. Sellers, Kimberly Parker, Jennifer Crothers
and Adam Sellers

Exciting New Membership Program Begins!

Membership Committee report by Rita Smith

The Elk's Grand Lodge is launching an experimental new membership program in the states of Florida and Washington. Tampa Lodge #708 hopes to be one of the largest beneficiaries, but we need your help!

The Grand Lodge has contracted with a media consulting and public affairs firm, Edmunds Associates, to create public awareness and interest in the BPOE. After considerable market research, Edmunds Associates chose Florida, especially the West Coast Areas, as one of their first target areas. Using mass media such as radio, billboards, magazine ads, and even the back of buses, you will start to see advertisements of the Elks which feature the work we do with Veterans and the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services, and our logo, Elks Care- Elks Share. Potential new members will be directed to a special website at www.discoverfelks.com. The Florida State Elk's Association officers will monitor the website, and contact the "Lodge Ambassador" with the name of any potential new members. (Our own Steve Harmon, PER, has been working

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with the FSEA in the development of this program.) This pilot program will last from July through October, and all results will be tallied at the end of December to determine if the program will be expanded or discontinued.

At our Tampa Membership Committee meeting in June, we selected Steve Harmon, PER and James Harlow, "Mr. Friendly," to be our first Tampa Lodge Ambassadors. It will be their duty to contact the potential candidate, introduce them to Elkdom, and usher them through the membership process, without violating any of our statutory membership requirements. Ambassadors will also submit

weekly reports on the status of each referral.

We need your help!

There are a number of things each member of our Lodge can do to help ensure the success of this program! One of the easiest is to visit your lodge more often during these months, so we look as busy, vibrant and strong as possible. The Ambassadors will be giving tours of the Lodge so you can also participate by helping your Lodge look its best. If you drop it or spill it – pick it up, if you fill

a trash can, empty it, see a light bulb out – ask how to replace it, etc. This is YOUR lodge. If you are introduced to a potential candidate, take a minute to try to get to know them, maybe find a common interest. If you see them a second time, try to greet them by name.

You can also take advantage of the publicity campaign and increased public awareness of Elks to invite your coworkers, friends, and associates to join our Lodge. Many of our Lodge T-shirts are now being sold for only \$5.00 and if you wear them when you are running errands or associating with your non-Elk friends, people might even approach you for membership information!

You may be asked to sponsor a potential candidate, or to sign their application as a member recommendation. If you agree to be a sponsor, you will be expected to follow through by attending their Indoctination and Initiation, but you will also get the credit towards State and Grand Lodge Membership Awards. Grand Lodge has a special award pin for anyone who sponsors three new members in a lodge year, and the new FSEA president, Vincent P. Como, is offering a Harry - Anna pin topper when you sign up five new members during his year, which runs until the next convention.

Elks Mission Statement

To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share."



Drug Awareness Committee Treats Local Youth to Bowl-A-Rama in Support of National Elks Youth Week

The kids had a great time this year at our annual Bowl-A-Rama on June 8th to celebrate National Elks Youth Week. It is always so much fun to watch their faces light up when they make a strike or spare, or just hit a pin they didn't think they could hit.

After bowling, we returned to the lodge for Sloppy Joes and Fries (Thanks to Bonnie Q for cooking the SJ's and Tina for cooking up the Fries). We broke the kids into 2 large teams, and played an on-line Drug Awareness Jeopardy game on my laptop. The kids did a great job and showed us that they have been paying attention to our "Just Say No" messages. The winning team members each won a "finger bowling" game set.

Each child received a personalized certificate and a treat bag full of candy. The 1st and 2nd place winners received some great trophies for the highest scores in each boy and girl age division. Thanks to Traci and Brown's trophies for making the trophies affordable.

Once again, I would like to thank the Drug Awareness Committee and the wonderful Elks who came out to help with this event to make it a success.

Linda Reid
Chairwoman,
Youth Activities and
Drug Awareness Program



Volunteers welcomed!

Do you enjoy working with Children? We'd welcome you to the Drug Awareness Committee! Watch for upcoming events. For info call 813-503-3204.

Kids Back to School Party August 16

Mark Your Calendars for August 16th as we get Tampa Kids ready for School!

For Rent

Completely renovated like new
2/1 Regency Cove. Long Term Lease;
contact Cheri Scobee @ Regency
Cove 813-839-5441

Happy 4th of July!

We gather 'round to celebrate
On Independence Day

Pay homage to our country
As the children run and play.

With barbecues and picnics
And fireworks in the air

The flag we own is proudly flown
To show how much we care.

The stars and stripes spell freedom
She waves upon the breeze

While bursts of colors can be seen
Above the towering trees.

This is all quite wonderful

We revel in delight
But God above in divine love
Has brought this day to light.

With just a stroke of liberty
A touch of His great hand

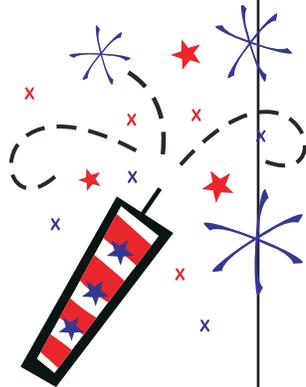
He gave democracy to us
And helped this country stand.

The stripes upon our stately flag
Were touched by His sweet grace
Each star of white that shines so bright
Reflects His loving face.

So as you turn to face the flag
For battles that were fought

Be filled with pride for those who died
And freedoms that were bought.

But don't forget to thank the One
That gives the bright display
The reason why we paint the sky
On Independence Day



The Elks also call
themselves "The Best
People On Earth."

Famous Elks include: Presidents Warren Harding, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, John Kennedy and Gerald Ford; entertainers Lawrence Welk, Will Rogers, Jack Benny, Andy Devine and Clint Eastwood; sports stars Vince Lombardi, Casey Stengel, Mickey Mantle, Whitey Ford and Jim Finks as well as members of Congress and others too numerous to list.

The Elk's Alphabet

This month, I would like to share an inspirational poem written by Brother Raymond A. Brown of New York Lodge No. 1 BPOE. Brother Raymond's "The Elk's Alphabet" was written for the Elks 50th anniversary in 1918.

The "A" is for "Altar," where proudly repose
The Three Precious Symbols that ev'ry Elk knows.
The "B" is for "Brother, a word that we love;
It makes us all kin, does the term from Above.
The "C" is for "Charity, noblest of deeds;
It carries a blessing in each of its seeds.
The "D" is for "Discord" we never have known,
And "Duty," that bids us to take care of our own.
The "E" is for "Eleven," the hour of prayer,
When "Our Absent Brothers" our loving thoughts share.
The "F" is for "Fidelity," ne'er does it lag;
Just now it bids us to stand up for our Flag.
"The "G" stands for "God," the Omnipotent King,
Whose children we are, and whose praises we sing.
The "H" is for our "Home," where a welcome awaits,
The "Wandering Elk" who has come to our gates.
The "I" is for "Initiate," waiting the words,
That makes him an Elk, with a place in the herds.
The "J" is for "Justice," impartial and free,
Yet tempered with Mercy, as Justice should be.
The "K" is for "Knowledge," that thrills you and me,
That all the world honors the "B.P.O.E."
The "L" is for "Lodges," all over the land,
About fifteen hundred, and many more planned.
The "M" is for "Mem'ry," of each bygone prince
Who helped found our Order, just fifty years since.
The "N" is the "Nation" of which we're a part,
And love for it burns bright in ev'ry Elk's heart.
The "O" is for our "Order," and likewise our "Oath,"
As long as life last, we'll be faithful to both.
The "P" is our "Pockets," that we reach in, and quick,
To help the distressed, and the poor, and the sick.
The "Q" is the "Queens" of our hearts and our lives,
Our Mothers, and Sisters, our Sweethearts, and Wives.
The "R" is "religion," we know only ONE:
To do good to all, and do evil to none.
The "S" is the "Star" that looks down from above,
And sheds on our Altar the radiance of love.
The "T" is for "Time," with his scythe and his glass;
He bids us remember, "Do good as ye pass."
The "U" is the "Unknown," where are Brothers of old,
Found rest when the story of life was all told.
And "V" is the "Vision" that sometimes seems plain
Of that Other World where we'll meet them again.
The "W" the "Widows" who call not in vain;
We've helped them before, and we'll help them again.
"X" that's the "Xample" we set to the world,
Wherever the standard of Elkdom's unfurled.
The "Y" is for "Youngsters," for someone has told
How Elks are all children who never grow old.
The "Z" is the "Zeal" that we have for the Right;
The Alphabet's ended; I thank you - Good Night!

Ladies of the Elks News



"365" Club

Dear Members,

As we end the first quarter of my year, I want to thank each of you for your continued support. The LOE has been busy, and we are not letting up just because it is summer! Besides our normal monthly meeting, bingo snack bar and Thursday night dinner, we had Father's Day in June, and we have Christmas in July on the 18th, and Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP, is throwing a Tea Party on Aug 30.



Sandwiches and Brownies provided by Tammy Manley, and of course, Gracie Winchell's fabulous cake.

I took my grandkids to the Bowl-a-Rama put on by the Drug Awareness Committee, most of who are also LOE members. Even though my grandkids are not terrific bowlers, they had a great time. If you have any youngster in your life, make arrangements now to bring them to the Drug Awareness committee's next event, A Back to School Party on August 16th. These events are always a wonderful way to spend some quality time with the kids, without spending a dime!

Since my deadline precedes the rest of the month's events, I will report on them in August.

The May Thursday night dinner was delicious, if I do say so myself. However, attendance was somewhat hampered by a major thunderstorm that hit south Tampa at about 5pm and lingered for hours. I wish to thank Bonnie Atwood for all her help cooking and dishing the meal, Susie Harlow for working the dessert table, Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP for cashiering, and Bob Connor and Bernie Turpin, PLP for being the dining room staff.

Quite a few LOE members attended the Florida Elk's State Association's convention. Susie Harlow and Betty Pickenpaugh attended the FLOE meetings on our behalf. Susie Harlow headed up our LOE sales committee, and worked very hard for us. Betty Pickenpaugh, PLP, PSP, Betty Gnad, Rosie Luer, Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP, Bonnie Quire, Tina Kamerer, Sandra Brantley and Flo Wayne, PLP also spent some time pedaling our wares. Vernon Pickenpaugh, as usual, did some major schlepping, and we appreciate his muscle power. All these members were there on their own dime and their own time, and should be commended. Susie reported a profit of \$576.00 for their effort.

The July 1st meeting will feature refreshments by Tracy Horrell. We have also been gifted by the family of Guy Thomas, PER, (deceased), with some scrapbooks of our earliest days as an Auxiliary, when we were the "Anna Miller Circle". Betty Pickenpaugh, PLP, PSP says this is a part of our history for which we never had records. They will be on display at our July 1st meeting.

The July 16th LOE dinner will be Beef Tips over noodles by Jan and Melissa Bertoch. This is a first meal for this mother and daughter team, so please plan to attend. It is very disappointing to do all that work and not have a successful evening.

Have you bought your tickets for Christmas in July yet? This is sure to be a "Don't Miss" event, and a great chance to include your friends and family in the fun. Tickets for this party also make a great birthday present!

The June LOE meeting was again well attended, and very productive. We finally made it through a meeting in less than one hour, so we had plenty of time to enjoy the Pulled Pork

In Your Service,
Rita Smith
LOE President

Thank you so much to the people who have not forgotten the children through the "365" Club. We realize that money is tight all over, but these children desperately need your help. We are drawing close to the time to turn in the "365" dollars for the year and we are running very short of last year's contributions.

The goal of the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services is to provide Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy to Florida children who do not have easy access to these services or can not afford them. These services are FREE and these services are provided in the patient's home. Your "365" dollars are applied toward a new Therapy Van. This is something else that the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Service does not have to put in their budget.

The Ladies of Elks Auxiliary at #708 sponsor the collection of coins and dollars at the Tampa Elks known as the "365" Club. The little green and white boxes on the tables and the bar are for the collection of your donations.

We received a filled box in May from Michael & Tamatha Manley, Dick & Krista Hauf, Lisa & Bob Snyder, and an anonymous purple bag of quarters. I also received generous contributions from the Lounge area, Dining area, and the Waitresses. Thanks again to all.

Vera Almstedt
LOE "365" Club Chairperson

LOE July Birthdays

Florence Wayne..... 07/01/09
Alice Ferrari..... 07/02/09
Sharon Brown..... 07/04/09
LaVelle Sheppard..... 07/10/09
Susan McBee..... 07/11/09
Linda Reid..... 07/14/09
Carole Fruhmorgen..... 07/24/09
Elma Kelly..... 07/25/09
Kathy Prince..... 07/26/09

Our thoughts and prayers are still with Ebba Jean Palladini and Barbara Miller who are both recovering from surgery.

Joan Clune
LOE Chaplain

**Thank you for supporting the Ladies of the Elks.
Please attend our events!**

Join the Ladies of the Elks. Membership only \$15/year.

JULY 4th Celebration



AT TAMPA LODGE #708 - 3616 W GANDY BLVD

Join us on Saturday as we celebrate our Nation's Independence.

Socialize with your fellow Elks, family and guests. We will have as our guests, *Veteran's from the James Haley VA Hospital.*

The festivities will *end early enough* for you to take your family to see the fireworks.

Enjoy GREAT FOOD SERVED

4:00 - 6:00 P.M.

1/4 Chicken Baked (White or Dark)
Potato Salad, Corn, Baked Beans,
Bread & Butter, and Dessert



Dance & Listen To LIVE MUSIC

3:00 - 7:00 P.M.



TICKETS From Pat Fennell, Bonnie Atwood,
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benefit our Nations Veterans in Tampa



Ladies of the Elks, Tampa #708
are *Decking the Halls* for:



Christmas In July

July 18

6:30

Enjoy the Sights, Sounds, And Smells Of the Holiday
Without the Stress !

Traditional Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings!

Cooked by Danny Linville
And Fran Baranofski



Santa Claus is Coming!



Tickets \$20.00

Early Bird Special—\$18.00 until July 12th

Expect Games, Raffles, Door Prizes, and More!



Music by Billy Lindsey,
winner of the
International Elvis Contest
at the 2009 Florida State Fair!

But

It would be a Blue Christmas without
YOU!

Holiday attire appreciated but not required



Tampa Elks Lodge #708 Presents...



An Evening at The Races!

Saturday, August 15th, 2009

Kitchen open 5:30 until ???

Kitchen Open: Featuring Baskets,
Burgers & More!!!...Menu Prices

BETTING WINDOWS OPEN @ 7:00 PM
POST TIME @ 7:30 PM



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- * \$2,000 in race money if your horse WINS!
- * Your picture in the Winner's Circle

(PROCEEDS GO TO: ENF & Harry Anna)

**Immediately following last race is the auction of prizes, and
a donation of \$5.00 buys you \$1,000 in Race Money!**

Scott Miller, Auctioneer Extraordinaire



*The Honor of your presence is
requested at an*



*Afternoon Tea Party,
hosted by Past Lady President
Shelagh Gombarcik*



*on Sunday afternoon,
the thirtieth day of August, two
thousand and nine at four pm.*



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Tampa Elks Lodge #708
Calendar of Events

July 2009

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Tues

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<p>Make all your Friday Dinners Special. Enjoy the Elks Dinner on Friday. Some of the finest steaks in town.</p>			<p>LOE Meeting 7:30 p</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Dinner Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, veggies, dinner roll 5:30 - 7:30 p</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Dinner 6:30-8:30 Southern Fried Catfish <i>Jay Kinney</i> Beef w/Portabella Mushroom <i>Tom Coyle</i> Philly Cheesesteak <i>Tom Coyle</i> Music - Hi Notes</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Veteran's 4th of July Celebration 3:00p - 7:00 p</p> <p>4</p>
<p>Best Breakfast in Tampa 8:30 a - 12:00 p</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Bingo 6:30 p</p> <p>6</p>	<p>JAM Session 7:30 p</p> <p>7</p>	<p>Lodge Meeting 7:30 p</p> <p>8</p>	<p>YouthCamp Dinner 5:30 - 7:30 p Spaghetti & Meatball or Italian Sausage, Garlic Bread, Salad <i>by Berni</i> Desserts</p> <p>9</p>	<p>Dinner 6:30-830 12 oz New York Strip <i>Dave Brown</i> Shrimp & Scallops w/Linguini <i>Dave Brown</i> Salmon w/Dill <i>Rick Snieder P.E.R.</i> Music Big Jim</p> <p>10</p>	<p>Karaoke with WT Edwards Sound Machine - Bill Edwards 7:30-ish p Ray's Concession 1:40</p> <p>11</p>
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August 7th – Back by Popular Request –
Chef Danny Linville's mouth watering
"Rack of Lamb" dinner.

We are accepting Reservations Only due to limited quantities.
Call the Lounge to Reserve your seat asap, but no later than 3
p.m. on August 7th to ensure you don't miss out!

Coming in August

- 1st -** VP Visitation - Theme event
"Take me out to the ball game"
- 7th -** Rack of Lamb Dinner - RSVP
- 15th -** Horse Races at the Lodge
Bucs Season Starts!!

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Youth Camp Dinner
Thursday, July 9
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Spaghetti with choice of
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and a salad!

by Berni Turpin

Desserts available!

Help support our Youth Camp!

Tampa Elks VP Visitation
Theme "Take Me Out to the
Ball Game"

Let's have a good showing of Tampa members so we
can show the VP and other lodges what a great team
spirit we have at our Lodge!

August 1st, 2009

Cocktails 6 - 7 p.m., Starts at 7 p.m., with a
complimentary dinner following.

Recipe of the Month Contest!

Do you have a favorite recipe you would like to
share with the lodge? Submit your recipe to the
708 kitchen, and the chefs will select a monthly
winner. The winner will have the honor of
preparing the winning dish as part of a specified
Friday night dinner menu!

Karaoke
WITH
W. T. EDWARDS
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Join the fun
Saturday, July 11
7:30 pm