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Note— if Five or less people
are present the lodge will
close—The House Committee

Exalted Ruler Address

Merry Christmas Elks!

We are now in the middle of the Holidays and as far as I am concerned, it is the best season for Elks!

Fresh off our Elks Mid-Year Convention and having settled into my first month back home, I am resigned to getting back to work with greater purpose and direction. I was re-energized in seeing my fellow ER's and all of the people who truly make Elkdom work and work well I might add. One of the highlights of the weekend was taking part in the collection of more than \$30 thousand of donations toward our Harry-Anny Trust Fund. This fund is well on its way to meet the original goal of One Million Dollars for the year. In that respect, we must make sure our lodge meets our own goals. There is no doubt that our good Elks will make that a reality.

I have personally taken responsibility for all of the things that need to improve at our lodge. I do this because while I was deployed, I was not present to take a proactive role in eliminating or correcting them. I understand that gossip, back talking and some negativity has entered our lodge. Simply put, it is not welcome and will not be tolerated. Even I have fallen victim to these phenomenon, as I have been accused of being a "self serving" individual. The member's accusation is, at best, laughable but the person making the statement demonstrated a clear lack of integrity by not making the statement in a constructive manner directly to me. This type of "talk" has no place within our lodge. Personally, I can take whatever is thrown at me, however, I ask you, why would anyone want to gather socially within any lodge in order to take part in berating another? I prefer to use our energy to doing what Elks do best; taking care of each other (brotherly love) and allegiance to our primary charge - charity.

With reservation, I accepted Robert Harlow's resignation as our House Committee Chairman. He based his decision on personal grounds that I agreed with. While I am pleased that Robbie will continue as our Loyal Knight, I will miss Robbie's leadership and daily participation at our lodge. In Robbie's place, I have named Chris Miles as the new House Committee Chairman. Chris brings a wealth of energy and new ideas to the position, and there is no doubt that he is the best-qualified person to take over. I know there were several others, who flirted with seeking and holding that most important position, but after seeing Chris in action as the interim chair, it was apparent that Chris is our guy! His organization and attention to detail is exactly what our lodge needs. Welcome aboard Chris! In filling the vacancy created by Chris' promotion, I am pleased to welcome John Flowers back to the House Committee. His experience and dedication to our lodge is both respected and appreciated.

Special thanks go out to Linda Reid and Rita Smith for the successful Wine Tasting/ Membership event that was held last month. I enjoyed meeting a number of new people and prospective members who graced us with their presence. I look forward to more functions of this caliber designed to show case our community spirit and involvement.



E.R.
A.J. Matthews

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**L a d i e s o f t h e E l k s
P r e s i d e n t i a l R e p o r t**

Hope your Thanksgiving holiday was a good one! I know I'm still stuffed!

Thanks to all of you who came out to support the LOE Thursday night dinner! A big thanks to all who donated to help buy goodies to go into the stockings as well as the monetary donations. The stuffing of the stockings went great! It always helps to have lots of hands helping. I know the children who receive them will love them!

We will be having our Christmas Bazaar on December 9th and 10th starting at 5:30 pm. So bring lots of money to spend as we will have some great items for sale! If you would like to donate a craft item please see Susie Harlow.

Our next big event will be the LOE HOE Down on Jan. 22, 2010 this will be our 10th year doing this event and I know Barbara is working hard to make sure this one is special! SO DON'T MISS IT! Please contact Barbara Huffman if you can help with this event.

May your Christmas be filled with lots of family & friends and lots of happy memories! All the best to you and your family in 2011.



In Your Service, Tracy Horrell

L.O.E. President

LOE December Birthdays

Beth Boyd
LOE Chaplain

Rosemary, Hodge 5-Dec
Katherine Jacobs 7-Dec
Chris Miles 11-Dec
Elizabeth K. Yeomans 15-Dec
Shelagh Grombarcik 24-Dec
Ebba Jean Palladini 27-Dec

Anne E. Smith 5-Dec
Jack Johnson 8-Dec
Betty Pickenpaugh 13-Dec
Carolyn Miller 22-Dec
Michael P. Scharneck 24-Dec

" 3 6 5 " R e p o r t

V e r a A l m s t e d t C h a i r p e r s o n

We are a little slow this month. Hope to do better on the next. The children need the therapy; so, let's fill up the houses. 329 children receive therapy every week. The only money I received was from "little houses" at the bar and tables. Big thank you goes to people who have tried to fill the houses.

Thanksgiving Feast

It is with great pride that Tampa Lodge #708 was able to provide Thanksgiving meals to over 120 people on Thanksgiving Day. The Lodge was full and that is the way your host, John Wayne, wanted. Special thanks to Brian Brantley and others who assisted by cooking and bringing side dishes. Here is a partial list of the people that assisted: Carrie, Marie, Tony, Bonnie, Rita, Fio, Heidi (bartender) Bob Ray and family, Ruth, Rosemary, Lesley, Ned, Doug and Marsha as well as numerous others. Also thanks to those Elks that made the Holiday for the Athena House participants. We as Elks truly Care and Share. Elkdom is all about extending Brotherly Love and for that, our community truly, made it a thankful Day..

Exalted Ruler Address (Continued from page 1)

I thank many of you for the kind words and the prayers related to the passing of my Mother last month. I always know where to go when I need to be around the Best People on Earth!

As this magical month progresses, I ask that we all try to take part in our many functions and holiday celebrations as possible. It is a giving time of year, and while all of us are not millionaires, the gift of time and of yourself is worth riches all their own.

Lastly, the dynamic "A-Team" of Bob Snyder, Addison Horrell and I will return to prepare a fabulous dinner for our annual New Years Eve Party. We have greatly improved the menu while keeping costs as low as possible. This year, proceeds will go to our lodge, which will make buying a ticket that much more rewarding. Once again, Merry Christmas

A.J.

LODGE OFFICERS

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

GRAND LODGE AND STATE

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

LADIES OF THE ELKS

President
Tracy Horrell
Vice President
Susie Harlow
Recording Secretary
Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP
Treasurer
Cynthia Linville
Chaplain
Beth Boyd
Parliamentarian
Lisa Snyder

Committees

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

Committees

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

**House Committee Report
Chris Miles**



As you already know from the Exalted Ruler article, Rob Harlow has stepped down from the committee and ER, A.J. Matthews has appointed me as the new Chairman. In addition, John Flowers has again accepted an appointment to the committee. Hopefully, in the next month or two members will begin to notice the increased presence of House Committee members due to the re-implementation of the Lodge Closers, who will stay until closing. In addition committee members will be filling more shifts in the kitchen. The House Committee has implemented other changes as well; however, even with the additional volunteers, our Lodge is in desperate need of new volunteers in the Kitchen and for special events. It seems we always see the same people volunteering and picking up the slack. I think it is time for all members to remember their Obligation and the Foundation and Groundwork of our order, E.G., **"To do unto others as we would they should do unto us."** While I have seen people give volunteers a pat on the back or even buy them a drink we are at a point where that is no longer enough. The Lodge only operates through the support of its membership and with that in mind I am asking every member to volunteer at least one day a month at your Lodge. You may contact me directly at 813-495-2308 or via email at legalmiles@gmail.com. You can, also, talk with any House Committee Member, to volunteer, share ideas, or inquire where help may be needed. Help the committee make Tampa Lodge #708 the friendliest most productive Lodge in Florida.

State and National Elks News

Florida State Elks Association State
President's Message

My Fellow Elks,

Julia and I have just returned from the Mid-Year Convention which was very productive and informative. It is always a privilege and encouraging when gathering with so many dedicated Elks who traditionally attend this event. In addition to having a considerable number of meetings that dealt with our fund raising efforts, Major Projects, other programs, and state issues, we heard the numerous reports from all our state wide committees. Of particular interest we had more than one session concerning our plans to reverse the membership decline as well as the results of a series of meetings in each of the 14 state districts hosted by State Secretary Carl Seibert and State Membership Chairman Don Moon that addressed the same issue. This was topped by two excellent speakers who shared with us strategies and ideas relative to attracting new lodge members and techniques for interaction among people.

I continue to be encouraged by the progress with our Harry-Anna Trust Fund raising efforts and we appear to be on track for a substantial amount of donations for that annual campaign. I wish to thank all Florida Elks who are giving of their time, skills, and contributions in order for us to meet our fund raising goal. Please consider making a pledge toward the 24 hour endurance run that PER Jim Larsen from the Manasota Lodge 2734 will conduct on behalf of Harry-Anna, this coming New Year's Eve and Day. Pledges may be made on the FSEA Website. Jim's great generosity will definitely help us attain our goal this year.

Julia and I naturally wish and pray that all Florida Elks and your families have a most pleasant and safe Christmas Season. We will be traveling to the Elks National Home in Bedford, Virginia for their annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony as well as some other functions. It will be our privilege and pride to represent all Florida Elks and our State Association. Others will be joining us as we distribute some gifts to the residents and enjoy their hospitality. Please keep us in your prayers also as we continue our visitations to the remaining state districts in addition to other events.

May God shine his face upon you, and give you great joy and happiness this coming Holiday Season.

Fraternally,

James E. Hurst

FSEA State President



Membership

By Rita Smith



The November membership Drive Wine Tasting event was successful, though it will probably be January before we see the fruits of our labors. There were 38 people in attendance, many of whom were potential new members. I would like to thank everyone who participated and brought in a friend. I would also like to thank everyone who purchased some wine – hopefully we made a few bucks for Harry Anna. And thank you, especially, to those who worked to make it happen - Linda Reid, who hired the pianist and the Wine consultant; Jerry Reid, who made three different versions of our flyer; Lynn Brown, Carrie Ann Leskey and her friend Sam, who provided major kitchen support; and Bonnie Atwood, Bonnie Quire, Pat and Beth Boyd, Courtney Taylor, Addison and Tracy Horrell, Carrie Ann Leskey and Shelagh Gombarcik who filled up the Hors de' vour table. Our grand Lodge Officers, Brian Brantley, PER, and Frank Paladini, PER were both on hand to show their support and share their wisdom, as was our Exalted Ruler, AJ Matthews. Linda Reid spoke on Drug Awareness and Youth Activities, and Tracy Horrell explained our Athena program.

It was a lovely evening, and the best part was the enthusiasm of many of our guests, who proclaimed they were definitely joining! Please, please, members, be sure to follow up on these people! If anyone needs a membership application – they are right behind the guest sign in book.

Let's close these deals!

Next up for the Committee: Grand Lodge has furnished a new "Stray Elk" list. A Stray Elk is someone who no longer resides in the jurisdiction of their own Lodge. Our list consists of Elks who provided a new address which had a Tampa Zip code, but they are not members of a nearby Florida Lodge. There looks to be couple of hundred of them! We will be sending each of them a letter inviting them to visit our beautiful Lodge, so if you see a stranger in the Lodge, please introduce yourself and make them feel at home!!! Also – I am looking for donations of postage stamps! If you can spare any, I will have a Stray Stamps for Stray Elks envelope behind the bar!

Remember – We like you – we'll like your friends! Invite them to join!

December Candidates



Proposed Candidates

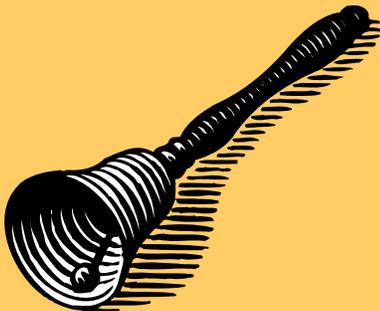
<i>Candidate</i>	<i>Proposer</i>
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Donna Craig	Robert Summers
Steven Hall	Tracy Horrell
Pamela Osborne	Bonnie Quire
Darlene Richter-Powell	Bonnie Quire

Bell Ringers

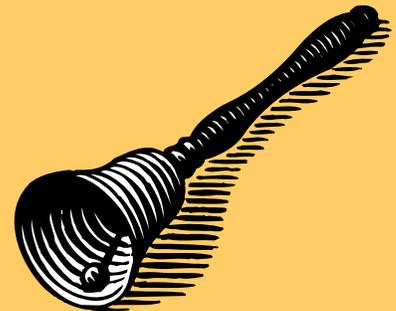
Hear Ye-Hear Ye bells

Pat Fennell "Bell Ringer" Chairman



On December 11th and December 18th, 2010 - Tampa Elks Lodge #708 will be doing our annual "Ring of the Bells" at the Publix Super Market, across the street from our Lodge. We will be raising funds for the Salvation Army.

This will be done from **9:AM until 8:00 PM in 2 hour shifts.** We will have a RED Kettle Bell Ringer at each entrance.



The money collected will go to help those who are less fortunate than us, through the Salvation Army, in the name of BPOE Lodge #708. There will be a sign up sheet on the Bulletin board if you would like to volunteer to help us out.

Thank you, in advance, for your participation in this very worthwhile event. Please wear something "Elkish" if possible so that the public will know that we as ELKS CARE and SHARE.

Fraternally
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all from Pat and Marilyn Fennell.

It's Time for Elk's Training!

Rita Smith-Elk's Training Chair

The Grand Lodge has a program called Elk's Training, and each Lodge has an assigned Chairman. This year, I have that honor. The Lodge is given a different True - False test each year, and we are to get as many members, officers, and committee chairs as possible to get some training and take the test. Next year, when our District Vice President comes to visit, those who have taken the training receive a Grand Lodge Certificate for their efforts. All of the answers can be found in the Elks Statutes or Officer books, and it is definitely an "open book" test. Since nobody had ever failed this test, please help me break a new record this year by having the most members completing the test. I will try to set up different days of the week so everyone has an opportunity to participate!



!!! Important Notice !!! Important Notice !!! Important Notice !!!

In the past, our lodge has been open a few hours on Christmas Eve.

This year, after discussion by the House committee and those that manage our "refreshment center" it has been decided that Tampa Lodge #708 WILL BE CLOSED on Christmas Eve. Make note however, that Christmas Day Your Lodge is providing a Pot Luck Christmas Dinner Hosted by John Wayne, with Fried Turkey prepared by Addison Horell and A.J. Matthews. See the "Kitchen Corner" in this Elksize (Page 10) for more information.

Partners in Progress

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

BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20

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

SILVER INVESTORS \$21 - \$50

Cuccinello, Diane 6/2010
Edwards, PER3, William 6/2010
Gukeisen, SGM USA RET, James L. 4/2010
Huff man, Barbara (In Memory of Hilda DeGiacomo) 6/2010
Kelly, George & Elma 6/2010
LaChance, Rosemary and Roger 6/2010
Kelly, George & Elma 5/2010
McHugh, Thomas 6/2010

GOLD INVESTORS \$51 - \$99

Alley, Sonia & Bill 6/2010
Baranofski, Ron & Fran 7/2010
Bertoch, Jan 6/2010
DeLand,
Paul & Sandra VanSevers 3/2008
Harmon, Steve, PER 6/2010
Heider, Ted PER & Sally PER, 7/2010
Huff man, Raymond & Barbara 6/2010
Jorgensen, Sherral 6/2011
Keller, Maureen & Matt 10/2009

PLATINUM INVESTORS - \$100

DuRant, Rosemarie 1/2010
Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 12/2010
Florance, Dick 7/2011
Hauf, Dick & Gerry 6/2010
In Memory of Harry Reoderer 6/2010
In Memory of Ina Moore 12/2010
In Memory of Larry Quire 6/2010
In Memory of Richard A Palmer 8/2012
Lucas, Vernon 6/2010
Marino, Anthony /2010
Palladini, Deborah 1/2010
Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean 6/2015
Pickenpaugh Vernon and Betty FLOE PSP 8/2010
Quire, Bonnie 6/2010
Quire, Martin & Kimberly 8/2010
Ramsey, Richard PER 7/2009
Reid, Linda & Jerry 6/2010
Schneider, PER, Rick & Jan 10/2011
Sellers, Jr., Frank, PER 6/2010
Smith, Rita 3/2 009
Norton, Bob and Stokking, Brenda 6/2010
Thomas, PER, Guy & Ruth 1/2009
Thomas, PER, Vic & Berneice 6/2010
Woodburn, John, 11/2011
Wright, Vera 6/2011
In Memory of James Wilder 5/2010

**Elks Holiday Party
December 18, 2010**



6:00pm - 11:30pm
Bring a Dish - Games/Prizes 6 to 7:30 p.m. and Karaoke in the Lounge with Hambone (Jerry Reid) starting around 7:30, Optional - Bring a wrapped gift (\$20) for a fun auction

Hope we will SEE YOU THERE!!!

Tampa Elk #708 Pin Design Contest



Our Lodge Trustees are 'STILL' looking for IDEAS to be incorporated into the 'NEW' Lodge #708 Elk PIN, If you have any thoughts on what should be included

contact:
Addison Horrell at 813-810-6759.

NOTE! You will receive a Special Incentive if your idea is chosen!!!

Be an Elksize Booster!

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

Atwood, Bonnie 2/2011
Boyd, Beth and Pat 05/2012
Baer, Robert (Yogi) 2/201
Bergen, Raymona 11/2010
Burks, John 3/2010
Connor, Bob 5/2011
Dayes, PDDGER, Dick & Eleanore 9/2012
Rose Durant 10/2011
Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 4/2012
Ferra, Alice 11/2010
Florance, Richard H. 7/2011
Gaffney, Charles 6/2011
Gukeisen, SGM USA RET James L. 11/2010
Heider, Ted PER & Sally PER 7/2010
Hauf, Richard & Geraldine 8/2010
In Memory of Charlie Fiveash 5/2015
In Memory of Harold Wright 6/2010

In Memory of Ralph Picard
In Memory of Raymond Davis 7/2010
In Memory of Richard Palmer, 2/2011
Jorgensen, Sherral 6/2011
Keller, Maureen & Matt 6/2010
Kelley, Thomas & Marlene 8/2010
LaChance, Rosie & Roger 4/2010
McBee, Bill & Susan, PLP 2/2010
Nyland, William 7/2010
Palladini, Debbie 10/2011
Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean, 8/2010
Pickenpaugh, Vernon and Betty 8/2011
Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018
Smith, Rita 4/2010
Spirtos, Mary G. 5/2011
Turpin, Bernie 5/2011
John Woodburn 11/2011

Did you know:

Every Monday at 2:00 P.M. The Lodge has a "Bridge" Game. If your interested, come out and introduce yourself
Card Players enjoy the comraderie!!

St. Valentine's Day Massacre
February 12th @ Tampa Lodge
Details in January Issue

*RING IN THE NEW YEAR
AT THE TAMPA ELKS*

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

AND MASQUERADE BALL



\$25
PER PERSON

FEATURING THE POPULAR
5-PIECE DANCE BAND
"UPFRONT"

SURF & TURF DINNER 6:30 PM
CHAMPAGNE AT MIDNIGHT
PARTY FAVORS ALL NIGHT
BREAKFAST AT 12:15 AM

DECEMBER
31st, 2010



Tickets available behind the bar or from Trustees



Americanism
"A Christmas Message"
Dick Florance Americanism Chairman



There strode three men in regal garb across vast reaches of desert, in pursuit of a shining star that guided them into the town of Bethlehem. A host of angels showed them into a stable, and once there to a manger, where a newborn baby lay sleeping peacefully.

These three kings brought with them gifts to celebrate the birth of a savior, for word had it that this child's family was poor, and these three men had more. So the **gift of Charity** was born by these wise men of the Magi. As much time and many tides passed, this baby became a man hailed as a savior of many but feared and scorned by others. This man, it seemed, had a mission: to help save others from worldly plights, not of their own choosing. His fame grew all across many regions of these fabled lands, until at last an uneasy ruler sent out his Legions to seek out this Savior's reasons for becoming a man for all seasons, for so many people. This ruler, Pontius Pilate was his name, questioned this "Savior" of a man, and what came next was the **birth of Justice** with all its misguided, man-made, flaws and frailties; yet, nevertheless Justice for that time. After time, a table for twelve men is set with this Savior at its head. Our Savior knew it would be his last meal prepared before he'd be dead, for his disciples were all with him and so **Brotherly Love was born** for all the ages of men.

As our savior died for us, as a symbol of how to save mankind's souls: we give our savior our trust, our beliefs, and our true fidelity to him. So to all Elks wherever you are in Elkdome, or whatever you do, always remember where our Elks tenets of charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity originated.

November is a Special Month for Veterans

Grand Lodge reprint November 2010 By Paul D. Helsel, PGER, Commission Member

Years ago, the Elks made a promise that "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." This promise holds as true today as on the first day it was spoken, and today the need for the promise and the service provided because of it has never been greater. Our Veterans who have sacrificed so much to protect our freedoms and allow us to live the American dream continue to need our help day in and day out.

That promise, as it was first uttered many years ago, is being fulfilled by the dedicated men and women of Elkdome, who work on a daily basis through their Lodge to help make the lives of Veterans better. They continue to volunteer many hours of service to help improve and enhance the daily lives of our Veterans in need. They visit the VA medical centers and Veterans nursing homes, aid Veterans within our communities and give freely of their time. These men and women of Elkdome who give unselfishly of their time to improve the lives of our Veterans should be recognized for their efforts even though they do not seek this recognition.

While the Order of Elks serves and assists our Veterans 365 days a year, the month of November is singled out as Veterans Remembrance Month and it is a special time to give recognition, not only to our active duty military but to all of our veterans who have served in our military throughout the years. As Elks, fulfilling our solemn promise, be sure this month to thank all those who have and are serving to protect our freedoms. Always remember that freedom is not free. It is paid for on a daily basis by our active-duty military personnel, and by those Veterans who continue to carry the scars of freedom for the rest of their lives.

November is also a good time to give praise and thanks to those caring men and women of Elkdome who step forward to assist our Veterans in their homes, communities, on the streets and in the hospitals. As a Member of this great Order, take the time to seek out and thank those Members in your Lodge who go that extra mile to assist those true American heroes.

In October, the criterion for the Veterans Volunteer of the Year Award was sent to every Lodge. If you need assistance in submitting nominations, call the Chicago office, they will be more than willing to help.

Each state can honor one male or female.

The State National Veterans Service Commission Chairman should coordinate this program. The Chairman should work closely with the State President and a Committee established for judging nominations.

Nominations for Veterans Volunteer of the Year must be submitted in narrative form, not to exceed 300 words, to the State NVSC Chairman, or the designated judging Committee Chairman by January 31st of each year. The Judging Committee with the assistance of the State NVSC Chairman, will select the winners and submit their names and other pertinent information to the National Veterans Service Commission office by Feb 28th of each year, so that the inscribed certificates and watches can be sent for presentation at the State Convention.

Editors Note: If you know someone from our LODGE that is deserving of this award Contact Carl Williamson (Lodge Secretary) at 813-831-4280.

**Learn about Your Lodge
Youth Activities & Drug Awareness Committee Chairperson - Linda Reid
By Michelle Przywara**



Thank you Linda for taking the time to share you history and thoughts on these important roles of Tampa Elks Lodge #708. We believe our readers will find this Committee Chair report informative as well as find a way they can get involved in the myriad of projects supported by the B.P.O.E..

How did you first become involved with the Elks and what other roles have you or are you serving?

My father was a member since the early 1980's, and my husband and I would attend events with my family. My husband eventually became a member 20 years ago and I became a member 10 years ago when they finally allowed women to be Elks. I was an Officer (Chaplain) in 2000 under my father Larry Quire, who was the ER for that year. I was also VP of the Ladies of the Elks (LOE) in 2000. I have been active on the Scholarship committee and various other Elk and LOE activities each year. Other than the Youth Activities and Drug awareness I also serve as the Chairwoman in charge of Hall Rentals as well as Entertainment Chair. I was encouraged (begged) to get involved in 1999 because there had not been much activity related to Youth Activities & Drug Awareness for many years. I was even happier to become involved because of my love and passion for working with children. At the time, my own children were at the prime age to benefit from these programs. I not only viewed my involvement as the committee as an opportunity help my lodge succeed, but to also join my kids, family members, and friends together in a worthwhile and rewarding endeavor. At the committee's peak there was at least one community youth event almost every month. We have since leveled the activity to a more realistic commitment of four to five events per year. This is still considered to be a very active commitment since most lodges have hosted one event a year.

What is the primary purpose of the Drug Awareness & Youth Activities Committee, and what are your main goals?

Public service is an integral part of being an Elk. In keeping with this tradition, Elks create and participate in many programs to better their communities and demonstrate that Elks Care - Elks Share! The *purpose of the Youth Activities Committee* is to recognize the young members of our community with who have demonstrated outstanding achievement. Awards are given for those youths who have made exceptional contributions to community service. As well, scholarships are presented each year as part of the Elks Most Valuable Student and Legacy award contest. The Elks are one of the largest contributors of college scholarships in the nation (\$3.65 million). The kids learn it is not about winning, it is about true sportsmanship and how to cheer on all the kids in the contest regardless of the outcome. Fun and character-building co-ed sporting contests provide children the opportunity to get involved in community service.

The *purpose of the Drug Awareness Committee* is to promote awareness and organize events to make the youth and their parents within our community aware of the dangers posed by the use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. It is at the discretion of each lodge to determine what type of activities they will sponsor related to the above and how often. We have partnered with many "at risk" organizations like the Joshua House, Camelot Kids, Metropolitan Ministries, Everyday Blessings, The Spring, and Hope Children's home. All of these organizations support homeless, abused, or abandoned children. We invite the children in these homes to our events and have collected much needed items for them. We have also walked in the City of Tampa Drug Awareness parade and sponsored Ice Cream socials at the local community centers and Boys & Girls Clubs. We have also coordinated trips to the local nursing homes including the VA. Children will work with patients to hand out Holiday cards or sing Christmas carols.

The Youth Activity committee is a required program for each lodge which is covered under the Elks National Foundation (ENF). There are numerous suggested programs from the ENF but the required programs are Drug Awareness, Scholarships, and Hoop Shoot. Each of these programs can be chaired by a separate committee. Here at the Tampa lodge we have kept the Drug Awareness and Hoop Shoot under one committee, and the Scholarships under another. We have consistently participated in the Soccer Shoot program and have recently been more active in participating in the Americanism Essay contest. I am very proud of the fact that our Youth & Drug Awareness programs have won several State/District awards over the last ten years. This recognition comes from the hard work of a very dedicated committee and I am happy to have been a part of these efforts.

What are some of the recent and ongoing events supported by the Youth Activities and Drug Awareness Committee?

All events are completely free for kids within the community. These committees are non-profit and all donations and proceeds of fundraisers go directly to our programs. This year we have sponsored the following programs: **Easter Party** in April, **Drug Awareness Bowl-a-rama** in June, **Back to School Party** in Aug, **Hoop Shoot Contest** in Nov and are currently focused on the **Christmas Party** on Dec 12 (Editors note: See Flyer above.)

Who else is involved in the Committee?

- Though we are so fortunate to have many great Elks and LOE assist with our events, the core committee for Youth

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Tampa Elks Kids Christmas Party

Sunday, December 12

From 2 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

FREE - Kids ages 0 - 14

***Kids must be on sign-up sheet by Dec. 9th
at front desk to receive a present!!***

Email Linda Reid at lindamom@tampabay.rr.com or call me at 813-503-3204 if you cannot get into the lodge to sign up, so I can sign you up. Email your full name, age and indicate if you are a boy or girl.

- LUNCH
- GAMES / PRIZES
- ENTERTAINMENT – Tricky Dog Show
- SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY SANTA AND HIS ELVES
- GIFT FOR EACH CHILD ON SIGNUP SHEET



Sponsored by the Youth Activities/Drug Awareness Committee & Lodge Officers



(Youth Committee Chair Report Continued from page 9)

• Activities and Drug Awareness is comprised of: Bonnie Quire – Vice Chair & Treasurer, Bev Wick – Secretary, as well as At Large members: Jerry Reid, Wendy Weisler, Susie Harlow, John & Flo Wayne, Tina Kamerer, Tracy & Addison Horrell, Nan Quire, Tammy Manley, Betty Gnad. The lodge officers and LOE are very supportive of our events and we always welcome help from any member. We also enlist the help of parents attending the events to encourage them to be part of the fun and get involved.

How can I learn more and get involved?

You can find more information about our Committee and events by clicking on the the Youth Activities link under our website (www.tampaelks.com). The Youth Activities link on the Elks national website has lots of information on the different programs that fall under the Youth Activities umbrella at the following link (www.Elks.Org). Members, LOE or friends who would like to get involved in our programs, can email me at lindamom@tampabay.rr.com or call me at 813-503-3204. It is a very rewarding experience and we would love to have you! You can also look at the other programs suggested by the ENF, and volunteer to Chair a committee to get it started within our own lodge – Youth Recognition, Dictionary Project, Elks & Scouting, Youth Veterans Volunteers, Junior Golf tournament, and the Antlers. We are not limited to these suggestions, so if there is a need in our community related to Youth, you would like to discuss and see what we can do, contact me and I would love to talk to you about your ideas or any other aspect of Youth Activities.

Kitchen Corner

November Calendar of Meals

Melissa Bertoch/Brian Brantley

Thursday 12-1-2010

Beef Tips \$5.95

Friday 12-2-2010

Prime Rib - \$13.95

Baked Chicken - 8.95

Thursday 12-8-2010

Youth Camp -

Fish Fry - \$5.95

Friday 12-9-2010

Salmon - \$13.95

NY Strip - \$13.95

Thursday 12-16-2010

LOE (Betty Gnadt and Bob Orcott)

Roast Pork \$5.95

Friday 12-17-2010

BBQ Ribs - \$10.95

Sirloin Steak - \$12.95

Thursday 12-23-2010

Shepards Pie - \$5.95

Christmas Day 12-25-2010 John Wayne (Host)

Pot Luck OPEN 1pm. Dinner at 3pm

Lodge to supply Fried Turkeys (cooked by AJ and Addison) BRING A COVERED DISH and enjoy the Best People On Earth

Thursday 12-30-2010

PER

Pork and Kraut -\$5.95

DID YOU KNOW-TailGate Parties

Bucs vs Redskins (1pm) Sunday 12-12-2010

Bucs vs Saints (1pm) Sunday 1-2-2011.

1/2lbs Blue Max and Bacon Cheddar Burgers,



Bartender Briefs

"Courtney"



"Heidi"



Elks Happy Hour
2-4-1
3 P.M. to 6 P. M.

All well, house wine and domestic drafts

Heidi will be off for a week Dec. 15th-22nd

12-19-2010 — 12:00 till 4:00 Create Your Own Bloody Mary

Your Bar is now providing light food n snacks - keep posted for more details. Currently we have \$2.00 Deviled Crab!!

DID YOU KNOW:

The Bar is a Primary Fundraiser for the LODGE General Fund!

ELKS COOKING STARTING

This is an invitation to those of you who love to cook and cook to show your love. Thanks to an idea hatched at your very own Elks Lodge Bar (thanks Candy.) We would like to invite you to join us Saturday December 4th at 6PM to kick off our Elks Cooking Club

Please bring your Favorite Holiday Appetizer to Share with the recipe. We will talk about ideas to put together a cooking club, that will meet, at the lodge, sharing a dinner of delightful delicacies we prepare as well as share recipes, ideas and fellowship.

This is a kick off meeting to plan how we will proceed!!

Please email Courtney courtneytaylor@marykay.com so we know how many to set up for and expect - also if you have any ideas please send those as well! Can't wait to see you and taste your amazing creations!

NEW "Auto Reminder Call Service" Instituted

Because we have heard complaints over the years from members, who were not aware about an event they would like to participate in, we have implemented a new **"Auto Reminder Call Service."** This service allows us to send out important information about lodge items members should be aware of as well as reminders about our special upcoming events. This "Auto Reminder Call Service is less expensive than mailing out reminders, much less labor intensive and much timelier.

We realize that many members are not able to get to the lodge on a regular basis to see the postings and flyers on display and they may not have email to receive the e-mail reminders. Even though many of these items are found on the monthly Elksize newsletter, you may put it aside and not realized an event, you were interested in, is approaching its deadline date. We have received very positive feedback on the few calls that went out reminding folks about the Variety show and most recently the "Rock the Casbah" Veterans night. None-the-less, there were a couple of members who requested to be removed from the list.

If you DO NOT wish to receive a reminder call, about upcoming projects, programs, and official Elk notices, please call the office at 813-831-4280, or e-mail tampaelks@verizon.net and provide your name, membership number and phone number. On the inverse, if you did not receive a reminder call and would like to; please call the above number or send an e-mail to the above e-mail address to make sure we have your correct/preferred contact phone number.

This is yet another attempt to make Tampa Lodge 708 more accessible to our members. Communication is the key to a vibrant, active and growing membership base. We appreciate your lodge activities and your support, in every fashion, of "OUR" lodge programs and projects. In Elkdom!



Elksize Advertising Prices

Place your ad in the #708 newsletter and enjoy our low annual prices....

Business Card.....\$80

1/4 Page.....\$120

1/2 Page.....\$240

Full Page.....\$480



For a One-Time Ad Check with the office!



Monday night Bingo NEEDS VOLUNTERS!

See Brian Brantley PER, and Bingo Committee Chairman if you can commit just a couple hours on Monday Nights.

Step Up and

Be an Example !



LOE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



**THURSDAY, DEC 9TH & FRIDAY, DEC 10TH
ELKS LODGE**

HOMEMADE BAKED GOODIES

**HANDMADE GIFT ITEMS
GIFT ITEMS**

**DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NOW! ONLY 2 WEEKS
LEFT
UNTIL CHRISTMAS**

If you would like to donate, please call Suzie at (813)205-1762



L.O.E. #708

**10th Anniversary Celebration
Country Hoe Down!!!!!!**



**Date: 22/January/2011
Time: Dinner 6—6:45PM**

Entertainment 7:00PM

**FEATURING: "Gator Creek Band" from
Venice Florida along with Tampa #708" Hoe
Down Revue"**



MEAL Includes:

Baked Chicken, Au gratin Potatoes, Whole Green Beans (mushrooms/pearl onions) Rolls and Dessert.
By Chef Bill Edwards PER, PLP and Crew

"Matt Dillon's Jail"



"Jello Shots"



"Hee Haw Auction"



Share the Wealth and more !!!!

PRICING

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

ADULT DONATION \$15.00

CHILDREN 6-10 YRS \$ 7.50

LATE COMERS (AFTER 1/15/11)

ADULT DONATION \$20.00

CHILDREN 6-10 YRS \$10.00

Tickets go on sale New Years Eve.

Tickets will be available at the bar and LOE Officers and myself (Barbara.)

For even more info see Jamarys Elksize. You won't want to miss this Celebration.

Contact Barbara Huffman, PLP Chairperson at 813-205-9697 after 6:00 PM weekdays and anytime on the week-ends.



More pictures on Web at:
<http://www.futurestreamsinc.com/Silent/elks-holoween-raymond/>
 And
<http://www.futurestreamsinc.com/Silent/holoween2010/>
 And
<http://www.futurestreamsinc.com/Silent/Kasbah2010/>



Making a list and Checking it twice—HO! HO! HO!
 Happy Holidays from the Elksize Staff and Contributors.





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December 2010 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Bucs at Baltimore 1:00pm 8:30am - 12:00pm Full menu Breakfast 12:00pm Bloody Mary Bar-Thanksgiving Pot Luck Leftovers (Dining Room)	29 6:30pm BINGO - Early Bird 6:30, Regular games start 7:00 & Snack Bar	30	1 6:00pm - 7:00pm Officer Meeting 7:30pm LOE Meeting	2 5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday "one" item dinner	3 6:30pm - 10:30pm Music - "Deluxe Hit Machine" - new feature Trio - Variety dance music.	4 6:00pm Tampa Elks Cooking Club - Kickoff Meeting (Dining Room) 6:00pm - 10:00pm Hall Rental-Dinner Gala- Miriam R. - 100 Guests
5 Atlanta at Bucs 1:00pm 8:30am - 12:00pm Full menu Breakfast 4:00pm - 7:00pm Addison's Fish Fry - enjoy great food and great music (Live Music)	6 6:30pm BINGO - Early Bird 6:30, Regular games start 7:00 & Snack Bar	7 JAM SESSION	8 6:30pm - 7:30pm PER Meeting 7:30pm Lodge Meeting	9 LOE Christmas Bazaar during dinner 5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday "one" item dinner 5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday Night Dinner - Youth Camp	10 LOE Christmas Bazaar during dinner 7:00pm - 11:00pm Music - "SEQUEL" 4 piece dance band-back by popular request 8:00pm - 11:30pm Back Hall Rental-60 Guests- USF engineering students-Marie	11 Bell Ringers at Publix 6:00pm - 10:00pm Hall Rental Pending - UCH - 150 Guests - Holiday Party
12 Bucs at Washington 1:00pm - Tailgate party in the lounge - Blue Max or Bacon Cheddar Burgers, Wings, Tater Tots, etc. 8:30am - 12:00pm Full menu Breakfast 2:00pm - 5:00pm DA / Elks Kids Christmas Party	13 6:30pm BINGO - Early Bird 6:30, Regular games start 7:00 & Snack Bar	14 6:30pm House Comm. Meeting	15 Elksize articles are due by the 15th Indoctrination--6:30 Trustees Meeting	16 5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday "one" item dinner	17 6:00pm - 9:00pm Hall Rental-Holiday Party-30 Guests-Keri Lane 6:00pm - 10:30pm Music - Kenny Flint and the "Rough Diamond Band" - Country, Rock, Variety - New feature band	18 Bell Ringers at Publix Hall Rental Pending - Holiday Party - LR 6:00pm - 11:30pm Elks Holiday Party-Bring a Dish - Games/Prizes 6 - 7:30 and Karaoke in the Lounge with Hambone (Jerry Reid) at 7:30, Optional - Bring a wrapped gift (\$20) for auction
19 Detroit at Bucs 1:00pm 8:30am - 12:00pm Full menu Breakfast 12:00pm Bloody Mary Bar-Holiday Favorites Pot Luck (Dining Room)	20 6:30pm BINGO - Early Bird 6:30, Regular games start 7:00 & Snack Bar	21 JAM SESSION Jam Session	22 Lodge Meeting - 7:30 -	23 5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday "one" item dinner	24 Christmas Eve - Lodge is CLOSED	25 Christmas- Lodge open for Potluck Dinner at 3 p.m. -Bring a dish and enjoy AJ & Addison's Fried Turkey. Lodge will be open from 1 pm and will close after dinner.
26 Seattle at Bucs 1:00pm 8:30am - 12:00pm Full menu Breakfast	27 6:30pm BINGO - Early Bird 6:30, Regular games start 7:00 & Snack Bar	28	29	30 5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday "one" item dinner	31 7:00pm New Years Eve Party-Masquerade Ball- Featuring the "Upfront" 5 piece dance band	1 Jan New Years Holiday

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