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See House Committee  
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## Exalted Ruler Address

Merry Christmas Elks!

Happy New Year Tampa Elks!

We made it through another calendar year, and what a year it was. Where or how do you begin to sum up all that we have accomplished and experienced, both while we were together, and while we were apart? Then if you could, how would you thank all of the members and friends who were responsible for seeing it through. I am not known for my brevity, so I will try to touch on SOME of the high points.

I trust all of our Elks and their families had a wonderful Christmas. Our high points were our Children's Christmas Party (I have never cooked so many hot dogs) and our Adult Christmas Party. Linda did a wonderful job keeping both parties fun, especially the "Night before Christmas" pass around game that led to the gift exchange. If you were not there, put it on your calendar for next year, you missed a good one (you really had to be there). Jerry (Hambone) did his usual excellent job of Lodge KJ (Karaoke Jockey), that I know I missed during my travels. I look forward to more of that in the future.

What a New Years celebration we had. I say that under mixed colors, because I am typing this article (already late) with Editor Pat Boyd breathing down my neck. So, just in case Addison Horrell, Bob Snyder and I burned the lodge down while we were cooking dinner, on New Year's Eve, I will put this function into the success category. Ticket sales were brisk leading up to Christmas, so I believe that was a good sign as well.

All in all, our lodge activity has really taken off. The dog days of summer are surely gone and our bar and kitchen sales have really sprung back. It is possible that some of us have simply returned to our lodge (I know I have with a vengeance since returning from Deepwater Horizon duty). And why not! The place is looking spiffy and the walls in both the dinning room and bar areas completed. I even overheard Elk John Redding complaining that he didn't know to "act in the place anymore."

It is looking good, but our work is not done. We still are looking forward to sprucing up the entry way and modernizing other rooms as we get the funding for materials. It is amazing what a little bit of paint, lumber and imagination can do. Personally, I cannot thank our Ladies Auxiliary and Ladies President Tracy Horrell enough for opening up their checkbook to assist us with our interior and exterior projects. Did you notice that the parking lot is in fine shape again?

For the last quarter of our Elk Year, we will see a return of our St Valentines Day Massacre Ball (our annual ENF Fundraiser next month) and the Ladies Hoe Down, later this month. In addition, plans are underway to host another Yard Sale and even another Harry-Anna Trust Benefit. While we have a mere three months remaining, we can collect nearly a lifetime of memories. So don't miss out!

Our House Committee and our kitchen volunteers are being very aggressive to take our kitchen to the next level. We are doing this by using imagination (there goes that word again) and



E.R.  
A.J. Matthews

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! Hope your holidays were bright and joyful!

We were busy in the month of December starting with our cookie exchange. YUM! YUM! Next we had our Christmas Bazaar with lots of great items and baked goods to sell, for those two days we made over \$550.00. Lots of hard work went into making it a huge success Thanks to Susie, Beth, Tammy, and Lisa and to all of you who donated items and baked goods! I applaud you!!

Thanks to the Ladies of the Elks we can now enjoy our newly paved and sealed parking lot. No more holes in the back of the lodge to try and dodge. We have some extra parking and everyone can enjoy this I know the Trustees and Elks are very appreciative of us funding this project.

We were saddened by the news of the passing of our Sister Mrs. Anne Smith. A memorial service was held on December 14th. Her smile was priceless and will not be forgotten! Please keep Rita Smith & Family in your thoughts and prayers.

We are gearing up for our 10th Annual LOE Hoe Down on January 22nd and Barbara Huffman is still needing help with this event. Please contact her if you would like to help! 813-205-9697 after 6:00 pm. Auction items are now being accepted.

In the next few months we will be working on our Election of Officers if you are interested in running for Office please make sure you are at the February meeting.

I have enjoyed being your Lady President and I can't Thank you enough for allowing me this opportunity as well as all the support you have given to me. This is truly how working as a team we can make amazing leaps! See you at the next meeting!



*In Your Service, Tracy Horrell*

*L.O.E. President*

LOE January Birthdays	Ray Huffman	11-Jan
Beth Boyd	John M. Flowers	15-Jan
LOE Chaplain	Mabel Parker	16-Jan
	Shirley Adams	20-Jan
	Joan R. Clune	22-Jan
	Sandra M. Andrews	28-Jan

**" 3 6 5 " Report**  
**Vera Almstedt**  
**Chairperson**

Happy New Year to everybody!

Donations are getting better. We need them to pay for the children's therapy. The largest expense is, believe it or not, the Gasoline for the Vans.

We thank everyone who drops a few coins in our houses. Special thanks for donations from Wendy Woo, Tracy and Addison Horrell, Richard Florance and the bar and tables. All contributions helped keep us on a positive track.

**Rock the Casbah Report**  
**By Rita Smith**

On November 20<sup>th</sup> the Past Lady Presidents (PLP's) from the Tampa Elk's Lodge Auxiliary held a Desert Storm themed event to benefit the Tampa Elk Lodge's Veteran's Committee. The event was held in honor of Tommy McHugh, who always came up with unique ideas to raise money for the Vets. Thank you to all who came out and Rocked the Casbah and helped make this innovative event a success, adding over a thousand dollars to the Vet's fund.

As always, it takes many people to hold an event. The Tampa PLP's who participated include William Edwards, Shelagh Gombarcik, Anna-Marie Huffman, Barbara Huffman, Lesley Nikkinen, Barbara Miller, Carolyn Miller, Betty Pickenpaugh, Rita Smith, Berni Turpin, and Flo Wayne. Current Lady President, Tracy Horrell, was also on Board.

Most of the advance work – Creating the tickets, flyers and advertisements - were done by Lesley Nikkinen and Paul Deland. Bob Connor donated the paper for the tickets. Publicity was carried out by Chris Miles, Pat Boyd, Marty Quire and Linda Reid. The back room was beautifully decorated as a Casbah by Shelagh Gombarcik and Bill Edwards, with major assistance by Linda and Jerry Reid. The social quarters were decorated as a military base by Bill Edwards, Chris Miles, and Courtney Taylor. Both bartenders and many of the guests got in the spirit by wearing their camouflage.

Tracy Horrell sold tickets at the door. Bill Edwards was our resident "shareef". Bob Snyder, Addison Horrell, and Robbie Snyder Jr. cooked a wonderful Shish Ke Bob Dinner. Carolyn and Barbara Miller donated the Oasis Date Cake for dessert. Dinner was served by some of the youngsters we see at the Lodge: Taylor Taylor, Christien Elkins, Charlotte Bertoch, Lauren Horrell, Ashley Beasley and Sophie Trunk with bus help from Bob Connor. Lynn Brown handled the dishes. Army Specialist Juan Herrera, a medic just back from his fourth tour in Iraq, was a guest speaker. Rock music was provided by The Howler Monkeys. A special feature was a classy performance by the Belly Dancing troupe, Leonard's Ladies. John and Flo Wayne handled the Casbah auction; the auction items were donated by Pat and Beth Boyd, Lisa and Bob Snyder, Jerry and Linda Reid, Shelagh Gombarcik, Melissa Bertoch, Pat and Marilyn Fennell, Betty and Vernon Pickenpaugh, Lesley Nikkinen, Joan Clune, and Patricia Bellairs. Barbara and Raymond Huffman took charge of Share the Wealth. Editor Pat Boyd took lots of photos. James Harlow, Carl Williamson, and Cindy Linville helped me get the financial report straightened out. It was read at the first Lodge meeting in December.

Thank you all very much, and thanks to all who helped clean up or helped in some other way but I failed to mention.

**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  
**Chaplain**  
Dianne Cuccinello  
**Secretary**  
Carl Williamson, PER  
**Treasurer**  
Cynthia Linville

**GRAND LODGE AND STATE**

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

**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

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increasing the quality of the food products we offer to our members. Along those lines, might I remind you that I intend to work the kitchen for Super bowl? We have had a good deal of success with our tailgate parties, so the pressure is on me to turn that up a notch too. If I am going to be there, I don't want you to miss out so make sure you come out and support our lodge. Harry Anna will receive a major portion of the proceeds from this event.

Well, I could go on and on with this report, but Pat is waiting. I am sure I already owe him dinner. I thank all of you for what you do as Elks, Ladies, volunteers, committee members, and advocates for our organization. No one could be more proud of you than I am. Happy 2011!



**WELCOME TO**  
← **Our**  
← **Newest**  
← **Members**

**Donna Craig Pam Osborne Darlene Powell Steve Hall**

December 22, 2010

## State and National Elks News

Florida State Elks Association State  
President's Message January 2011

My Fellow Elks,

By the time this is published in your lodge bulletins and read we will have entered into the new calendar year.

I have often been asked by those outside our Order the questions: Who are the Elks? What do Elks do? Two simple questions, but the way in which we answer them may decide whether we instill a positive impression, whether the person becomes a prospective member, and as a result whether he or she will therefore desire to join our organization.

I naturally have my own thoughts and suggestions as to how to answer the questions and I have been sharing them at several but not all of the State President's Visitations to the Districts. As you, the membership of our State Association and your respective lodge, I would be interested in knowing your thoughts and ideas as to how to respond to those seemingly obvious questions. Since it is my understanding that the monthly message is being included in practically all the Lodge Bulletins around the state, I chose to use this as the best way to communicate and invite a reply with your own opinions. You may e-mail me or send it via U.S. Mail. (jhurstjr@bellsouth.net – 4355 Edgewater Crossing Dr. Jacksonville, FL 32257).

Please consider joining us at the February Quarterly Meeting February 2-5 as we welcome for his official visitation to Florida, GER Mike Smith and Sandra, the First Lady of Elksdom. There are a lot of fun activities being planned and you will not want to miss them.

Julia and I have three more State President's Visitations as well as other activities providing us the opportunity to meet and become better acquainted with many of you.

In conclusion, please accept these New Year Wishes and join us in hoping for a productive year for Florida Elksdom:

We wish you Health, so you may enjoy each day in comfort.

We wish you the Love of friends and family, and Peace within your heart.

We wish you the Beauty of nature that you may enjoy the work of God.

We wish you Wisdom to choose priorities for those things that really matter in life.

We wish you Generosity so you may share all good things that come to you.

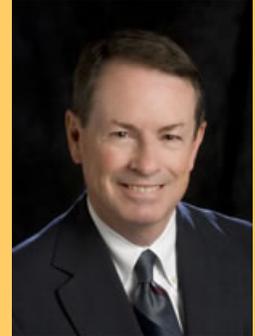
We wish you Happiness and Joy and Blessings for the New Year.

We wish you the best of everything that you so well deserve.

Fraternally,

James E. Hurst

FSEA State President



# ! Elks Caring and Sharing !

## Youth Camp News

John Wayne - Youth Camp Chairman



Do you want to send a child to the "Florida Elks Youth Camp?"

Applications will be arriving soon at the office as well as online (in February 2011)

<https://www.floridaelks.org/FEYC/feyc.htm>

Any child: boy, girl, niece, nephew or friend, ages nine (9) to thirteen (13) are eligible.

The sooner you complete the applications and return them to me, the sooner we can determine eligibility.

My heart felt thanks goes to A.J. Matthews ER and Bill Edwards PER, for cooking my Thursday night fish fry on December 9th. Special thanks to Addison and Tracy Horrell who stepped back in at the last minute, even though it was their 15th Anniversary, to make this a successful Youth Camp Event. Their actions truly reflect our Elks Motto "Share and Care." Thank to all fellow Elks who show up for these fundraising events.

By the Way, Have you noticed our Bus Boy's and Girls on Fridays and Sundays. Their services were started to expedite the serving of meals. Their hard work makes our servers more efficient. These young men and women are volunteering their time to serve us. Let me know how you enjoy the new services.

# Fidelity

# January Candidates



<i>Proposed Candidates</i>	
<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Yolanda Call-Mora	Courtney Taylor

## Membership Only 3 months left!



Only 3 months left to earn your free dinner! Please congratulate our newest recipients of the membership committee's free dinner certificate: Bonnie Quire and Robert Summers. They earned their certificates by successfully sponsoring two new members during the current lodge year. That makes 5 certificates we have awarded so far this year, but would love to double or triple that amount by March!

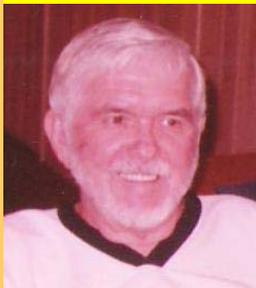
Likewise, the membership committee has only 3 months left to try to meet their meager goal of 1+ membership gain. We have brought in 23 new members so far this year, but that does not cover but about half the number we lost through delinquency of dues and through deaths.

So far, there has only been one new member installed from the wine tasting. Tracy Horrell successfully sponsored her cousin, Steven Hall as a member. Way to go – Tracy! She has a unique angle. Tracy told Steven, who recently relocated to Tampa, "We're always at the Lodge, so if you want to see us, you have to join." Maybe that will work for you, too!

There are still 6 month's left in the Grand Lodge membership incentive program. Linda Reid is the first in our Lodge to receive the Grand Exalted Ruler's Award. Congratulate Linda when you see her. She had to bring in three new members since July 1st to earn that honor. I hope many of you follow her excellent example.



Just a reminder, sponsors are expected to attend both Indoctrination and Installation with their candidate. If you can't attend, ask somebody to represent you, and introduce them to your candidate. This makes the candidate more comfortable, and ensures there is somebody on hand to introduce the candidate to the members, help them remember names, and answer any questions. Hope to see you at Indoctrination with your candidate this month!



### December Elk of the Month

#### Pat Fennell

Pat is well deserving of our Elk of the Month as the Committee Chairperson for the Salvation Army Bell Ringers at the Publix Supermarket on West Gandy Blvd. Pat was essential in making sure all of our shifts were properly covered, thus

giving our Lodge some great exposure and positive publicity. Pat supports Lodge efforts throughout the year; however, in December, his efforts were exemplarily. Way to go Pat!



### December Officer of the Month

#### Trustee Bob Snyder

Bob is heralded for his work volunteering in our kitchen and for taking the lead on the supervision of our cleaning staff. Bob has not once refused to roll up his sleeves and pick up a spatula in preparing your dinner, serving up a snack or even volunteering

behind the bar. What is extraordinary is that he continues to do it on a regular basis. It doesn't matter if it benefits the Ladies, our Youth Camp or our lodge, Bob is there. Thank you Bob.

## 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 6/2011  
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 Vans Evers 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



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  
Sirtos, Mary G. 5/2011  
Turpin, Bernie 5/2011  
John Woodburn 11/2011

# Brotherly Love

**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 Januarys 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.

**"Additional Entertainment"**

\*Tampa #708 Mini Hoe Down Revue

\*Mule Skinner Blues (Dolly Pardon)

\*Costume Contests

\*Line Dancers: Cotton Eye Joe

\*Temporary Home (Carrie Underwood)

Best County Western Male

\*Cloggers

\*Sit Down Hoe Down

Best Country Western Female

Ending the evening will be the National Anthem Singing by **Jasmine Hannon**



**Americanism -  
Our Mighty Elksdom Forges On  
Dick Florance Americanism Chairman**



Tis New Year's Day of 2011 and Elksdom proudly marches on. The hoof beats of our Order resound positively as our Elks Charities grow, even through the cold and dampness of Winter's ice and snow.

Our Elk demonstrates great purpose and resolve, to reach out to all of America's military Veterans, to answer their special and specific calls. Our Elk's head raises up with majestic grace to run, to race, to answer the cries of needy children for many reasons they and their families face the threats of illnesses and injuries - wherever their place.

Our precious symbol calls out to all Elksdom with a special happy tone - when our members rally around to answer our community's calls -- and our Florida's Youth Camp's cabins and halls - are filled with the laughter and joy of happy campers from across our state - one and all. So we should all celebrate this 2011 year - and be Loud and be Proud because Elks Care and Elks Share.

As Elks everywhere across America know - Our Mighty Elksdom Forges On and we continue to be near and be active in our Lodges, our Communities, our Districts and beyond - for Elksdom it truly is our 235th Year!



## Justice

**Homeless vets need help more  
than ever**

By Roger R. True. PGER  
Commission Secretary

Reprint from Jan 2011 Grand  
Lodge Newsletter



As we begin the New Year, it is appropriate that we dedicate ourselves to our Elk commitment: **“So long as there are Veterans the Benevolent and Protective order of Elks will never forget them.”**

One group of Veterans who need help more than ever before in our history, are our homeless Veterans. They come from all walks of life and have a wide range in age. They were in Vietnam, Granada, Iraq, and other locations to numerous to name; but they all have one thing in common, they are all Veterans who have served and protected this great nation. You can see them walking the streets, and sleeping on the benches. They are dirty, unshaven and wearing tattered clothes. **Our homeless Veterans are now estimated to be 200,000 in number.** However it is also reported that as many as 500,000 Veterans are homeless at some time of the year.

There are several ways that your Lodge can provide assistance to our homeless Veterans. Our Adopt-A-Vet Program would be a great way to get started and get involved; or contact your local area Veterans support groups. You may also get in touch with the National Coalition of Homeless Veterans at [www.nchv.org](http://www.nchv.org).

It doesn't matter how we help our Veterans, just as long as we do help them. Get involved, get active and don't forget our real American Heroes.

From the Editor  
Tampa 708 Elksize  
Pat Boyd

We are fast approaching the end an exciting year (2010) and moving into an even more exciting future (2011.) There have been many changes to our Lodge, new Facelifts, new Faces (members), and some older Faces (returning to our Lodge. As the new year approaches, take the time to review and renew your actions, relationships, and your commitments to God, Family and the Elks. Your relationship to the Elks, regardless of how small they seem, make great differences to our lodge as a whole.

Elk Elections will be upon us soon. Now is the time to take pleasure in what you have accomplished; however, it is also time to determine where you can assist. Any measure of assistance is paramount to making our Lodge better. Talk with the current officers and committee chairs, you know who they are by now, and see where they want to take the Lodge. Find something that thrills and excites you and get involved! Your Actions, throughout the remainder of this year sets the bar for next years leadership. Regardless of size of your contribution, your cooperative spirit truly makes the Elks the

**Best People on Earth!**

82nd Anniversary

"We're Gonna Make You An Offer You Can't Refuse!"

# St. Valentine's Day Massacre

Sat., February 12th @ Tampa Lodge We're Gonna Do It Again!

**Tickets: \$15 (\$18 after Feb. 5th!)**

**Garage Door Opens: 6:00 pm** (Cocktail Hour!)

Featuring: "Bloody Shots!"

**This Menu Will Kill You: 7:00 pm** (Dinner)

Steamship Round with burgubdy wine sauce, roasted new potatoes and asparagus, salad & for dessert, red velvet cupcakes with chocolate-dipped strawberries.

**Speakeasy Opens: 8:00 pm**

**Yes Sir! it is.....**

**DeLand Entertainment**

(Paul DeLand, III) & his

Special Guest.....**The**

**return of Swami Elkhorn!**



**All proceeds to the Elks National Foundation**

**Tickets available from Bar or Officers!**

Tables may be reserved for 8 or more!

**NOTE: Children \$7 (and have a special basket menu!)**

**Costume Contest: Prizes for...  
Best Female; Best Male, &  
Best Couple**

Some of Last Year's Cast!



da Lawyer & His Doll



da Godfadder & da Boss



don't axe him anything!



confused? - so were they!

# CHILI COOKOFF!

**SIGNUP SHEETS  
POSTED IN LOUNGE!**

February 6th, 2011 - SUPER BOWL SUNDAY!

Entries to Lodge by 3:30pm for Judging.....

We'll EAT the entries after judging!

**BAR TABS FOR 1ST-2ND-3RD PLACE WINNERS**

(We are asking for sidedishes to fill out the meal!!!)

Cooking Club Update  
Courtney Taylor

Hello Fellow Elks -

We had our kick-off/brainstorming meeting for our cooking club. We realized it's not just how to but where to get, food secrets & more when it comes to great food ideas; therefore, "The Elks Dinning Club" might be more appropriate.

Our objective is to have some fun, good food, fellowship, and learn a few things along the way. Our first official meeting will be Saturday January 15th at 7:00pm at our Tampa Elks Lodge. We plan to meet once a month & want to try to keep our meeting as close to the 2nd Saturday of the Month as Possible. Each month will be focused around a theme January's theme will be Italian. We have a sign up sheet at the Lodge so we know 2 things: what you are bringing and how many are coming. Feel free to invite friends!

So far we have the following people and items: Shelagh - Fresh Mozzarella and Tomato Appetizer, Tracy - Italian Salad, Maria - Antipasti, Candy - Ravioli, Courtney - Eggplant Rotini, Linda - Stuffed Manicotti and Carrie - Pizza. James is looking into what Nice Italian wines he could order to accompany our meal. Please contact Courtney if you are interested in joining us or if you would like more information. courtneytaylor@marykay.com

**Viva Italiano**

## Saturday January 8th Elks Feud 7PM

You might have noticed Courtney Surveying Elks at the Lodge over the last few weeks. All your answers (strange as some of them may be) will be used in our upcoming Elks Feud! Make plans to join a team or even be a team captain -

**Each team will have 5 players Including the Team Captain.**

We are looking for bragging rights here! Who's got the Right Stuff???

Have some fun - team colors - slogans - cheering sections

Addison will open the kitchen and there will be a basket menu available

Team Sign Up Sheets and updates are available at the bar.

ELKS—are you READY to RUMMMMBBLLLEEE???

Who will be the last Elks standing???? **You will have to show up to find out!**

**DID YOU KNOW** - The adopted colors of the Emblem Clubs are Purple and Gold.

**PURPLE:** The color of royalty, denotes the highest standards and principles and is used by the Elks with whom our relationship or sponsorship establishes eligibility for membership in the Emblem Club. **GOLD:** This color is used to signify quality or great value and symbolizes the rich blessings and material means.

# Kitchen Corner

## November Calendar of Meals Brian Brantley

### Thursday 01-06-2011

Meat Loaf \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 5.95

### Friday 01-07-2010

Tenderloin of Beef \_\_\_\_\_ \$12.95

Skewered Shrimp \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 9.95

Chicken Tortellini \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 8.95

### Thursday 01-13-2011

Youth Camp

Veal Parmesan \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 5.95

### Friday 01-14-2011

Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ \$13.95

Steak \_\_\_\_\_ \$13.95

Seafood Pasta \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 9.95

### Thursday 01-20-2011

LOE (Rita Smith and Bonnie Atwood)

Florribean Chicken black beans and rice \$ 5.95

### Friday 01-21-2011

Steak \_\_\_\_\_ \$12.95

A.J. and Addison Italian Night

Various Ingredients for the 'Savee'

Pasta with Red or White Sauce \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 9.95

Chicken Picata \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 8.95

### Thursday 01-27-2011

Country Fried Steak \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 5.95

### Friday 01-28-2011

Crabby Alfredo \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 9.95

Steaks \_\_\_\_\_ \$12.95

Chicken Virginia \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 8.95

## DON'T Forget the TailGate Parties:

1/2 lbs Blue Max and Bacon Cheddar Burgers,  
Wings, Tater Tots and other GREAT EATS

Monday nights, Friday Nights and Sunday Mornings. Shifts last approximately 3-4 hours and usually involve only light cooking (meals are usually prepped before hand). Volunteers receive a meal (up to \$10) and 2 drinks (up to \$5 total) per shift. **Show your Elk Spirit and give the Kitchen a try.**

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## Bartender Briefs

"Courtney"



HAPPY NEW YEAR  
ELKS!

Have you noticed a new face behind the Bar? That's

**Peggi** our new

bartender. If you have not yet had the chance to meet her please stop by and do so. You will also notice the face lift the bar is undergoing! Same friendly bar, great drinks at great prices - but new Looks - Don't you Just LOVE IT!!!!

January promises to be a great month at our lodge - please keep an eye out for "NEW" information posted on the "NEW" Television monitor for details on events happening at your lodge/lounge during the month of January including but not limited to - Elks Feud Jan. 8th, Elks Cooking Club Jan. 15th, Bloody Mary bar on January 16th, and we will be following the NFL playoffs as well. Remember, Courtney will continue to cook food on Tuesday Evenings

**Bar Schedule:** Monday's - Peggi  
Tuesday's - Courtney  
Wednesday's - Courtney  
Thursday's - Alternates  
Friday's - Both  
Saturday - Peggi  
Sunday - Peggi

"Peggi"



## House Committee Report

By Chris Miles

"THE LODGE NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THE KITCHEN!"

Except for the dishwasher the entire kitchen is run by volunteers. Several long time Kitchen Volunteers are retiring their aprons and we need your help to fill their positions. The House Committee is looking to establish regular



## Volunteer Services

Kitchen Crews to volunteer one shift per month, currently we serve meals

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Be a Marty Smarty!



## RVs' with Pirates and Elks! OH MY!

This Group Promote to the West Central District our own "12th Annual Gasparilla Boat Parade at Tampa Elks."

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## 12th Annual Gasparilla Boat Parade At Tampa Elks



### Gasparilla Boat Parade (You'll be in a seat on the water's edge!)

In the Gasparilla Pirate Fest, every year plunderers take over the city of Tampa in honor of the legendary pirate Jose Gaspar. Since 1904, it is one of the country's largest and most unique outdoor celebrations.

### Tampa Elks Lodge 708 Presents the 12th Annual Gasparilla Boat Party

**Saturday January 29, 2011**

**SPACE IS LIMITED    THIS EVENT USUALLY SELLS-OUT    DON'T BE LEFT OUT**

**FULL DAY EVENT, ONLY \$55.00 PER PERSON, INCLUDES: Three meals with a 7:00 am Bus Trip to Tampa Elks Lodge where we start our day with an all you can eat breakfast!**

**THE BEST "on the water" location for viewing this extravaganza. We have inside and outside viewing areas within an excellent air conditioned facility with restrooms.**

**\*\*\*Bring your own lawn chairs\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Complimentary Pirate Beads\*\*\***

**Lunch - Provided at the boat parade site: Cuban sandwiches, chips, cookie & soda.**

**Dinner (approx. 4pm) - PER Ted's Famous (all you can eat) Spaghetti with meat sauce, Salad, Bread, Cookies and Coffee back at Tampa Elks Lodge**

**Happy Hour with live music at Tampa Lodge until our return leaving at approximately 5:00 pm.**

**Big Screen TV viewing of the Gasparilla Land Parade**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TAMPA ELKS LODGE #708**

Round-trip bus transportation from Tampa Lodge to event and return - \$15 per person

Total cost including transportation - \$55 per person...

**FOR TICKETS: Frank Palladini @ 813-286-0685 or Paul DeLand @ 813-376-5401**



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# January 2011 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 New Years Holiday Jan
2 Bucs at New Orleans 1:00pm - Tailgate Party in the lounge - Blue Max or Bacon Cheddar Burgers, Wings, Tater Tots, etc. 8:30am - 12:00pm Full menu Breakfast	3 6:30pm BINGO - Early Bird 6:30, Regular games start 7:00 & Snack Bar	4 JAM SESSION	5 6:00pm - 7:00pm Officer Meeting 7:30pm LOE Meeting	6 5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday "one" item dinner	7 6:30pm - 10:30pm Music - Red, White & Blue Band - New feature 3 piece band - Country, Rock, Blues, Standards	8 6:00pm "Elks Feud" Game in the Bar- Drinks Specials (Dining Room) 6:00pm - 10:00pm Hall Rental Pending - UCH - 60 Guests - Holiday Party
9 8:30am - 12:00pm Full menu Breakfast	10 6:30pm BINGO - Early Bird 6:30, Regular games start 7:00 & Snack Bar	11 6:30pm House Comm. Meeting	12 6:30pm - 7:30pm PER Meeting 7:30pm Lodge Meeting	13 5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday "one" item dinner 5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday Night Dinner - Youth Camp	14 6:30pm - 10:30pm Music - "Stephanie & Moses Greyhound Band" -Back by Popular request - Variety Dance music - great fiddle, lead guitar and vocals	15 Elks articles are due by the 15th 6:00pm 1st Official Tampa Elks Cooking Club (Dining Room)
16 8:30am - 12:00pm Full menu Breakfast 4:00pm - 8:00pm Hall Rental - Wedding 100 Guests - Barb Smith	17 6:30pm BINGO - Early Bird 6:30, Regular games start 7:00 & Snack Bar	18 JAM SESSION	19 Indoctrination--6:30 Trustees Meeting	20 5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday "one" item dinner	21 6:30pm - 10:30pm MUSIC - DAZZLER DUO - Back by popular request - always packs the dance floor!	22 2:00pm - 5:00pm Hall Rental-Joyce W.-90th Birthday Party - 35 guests in Dining Room 6:30pm - 11:00pm Barbara Huffman's 10th Hoe Down Anniversary - Featuring the famous "Gator Creek" Country Band
23 8:30am - 12:00pm Full menu Breakfast	24 6:30pm BINGO - Early Bird 6:30, Regular games start 7:00 & Snack Bar	25	26 Lodge Meeting - 7:30	27 5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday "one" item dinner	28 6:30pm - 10:30pm Music - "Big Jim" the music man - Honor our Vets night	29 8:00am - 7:00pm Gasparilla Invasion Event
30 8:30am - 12:00pm Full menu Breakfast	31 6:30pm BINGO - Early Bird 6:30, Regular games start 7:00 & Snack Bar	1 JAM SESSION Feb	2 6:00pm - 7:00pm Officer Meeting 7:30pm LOE Meeting	3 5:30pm - 7:30pm Thursday "one" item dinner	4 6:30pm - 10:30pm Music-"Dazzler Duo" back by popular request	5 Hall Rental-Tatiana Valentine Party - 125 Guests - Pending

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