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Lounge Hours

4:00P.M. till Closing-Mon thru Sat 1:00P.M. till 9:00P.M. Sun

Note- if Five or fewer people are present the lodge will close—one hour early.—

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

LOE MEETING WENDSDAY MAY 1ST 7:30 PM BUSINESS MEETING WENDSDAY MAY 8TH 7:30 PM LOW COUNTRY FISH BOIL FRIDAY MAY 10TH 6:30-8:30 TRIVIA NIGHT (SUPPORTS VETERANS) MAY 16TH 7:00 PM THURSDAY MAY 21st 5:00 PM SUPPER CLUB SUNDAY NO BUSINESS MEETING (DISPENSATION) WENDSDAY MAY 22ND 7:30 PM MAY 24TH 6:00 PM VETERANS DINNER FRIDAY LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AND FULL DINNER MENU EACH FRIDAY NIGHT NO DINNER SERVED ON FRIDAY MAY 24TH DUE STATE CONVENTION Breakfast (Full Menu!) EVERY SUNDAY 8:30 A.M. TILL NOON

BREAKFAST (FULL MENU!) EVERY SUNDAY 8:30 A.M. TILL NOON FEED HOMELESS AT HYDE PARK EVERY SUNDAY 7:30 A.M. TIL 9:30AM -and, of course-

Bingo Every Monday Night

6:30 PM till 10:00 PM

Assistance for any of the events is ALWAYS appreciated. Contact any committee Chairman or Lodge officer if interested.

DINNER CLUB

If you have not been aware of the Dinner Club, you have been missing a fun, and quite tasty time. Third Sunday every month this group of Elks meets at 5pm at the Lodge and enjoys a meal they made. At right you see some of the participants in the April dinner....Every dish was made using BACON......From Bacon Mac & Cheese to Green beans



with bacon to bacon on-a-stick, coated with chocolate (picture below), bacon-wrapped wafers with cheese, and bacon-wrapped chicken livers. There was much more.....including a bacon-



peanut butter cookie! Plan to come by and join in the fun.....check each month.....May 19th we'll be enjoying any type of comfort food as enjoyed by your

mother. Candy Hodgson, Chairperson



EXALTED RULER ADDRESS | Pat Boyd, ER

Having Fun Yet?

Well, we are about to start month 2 of the New Elk Year. There has been a lot of activity around our lodge and I hope you have taken part in at least one of the functions. I am sure that May will prove to be just as busy. I have been asking many of you to 'kick it up a notch' but, I want to make sure all get the same request. We need everyone to do a little so that we can accomplish BIG. I guarantee, the more you get involved, the more FUN you will have.

The following are some FOCUS areas where we need work. The Bingo committee is being revamped. As you may know this is our major fundraising arm for community projects. Last year we supported many children and veterans through bingo. The only requirement for bingo charities is that monies go to 401C3 charities. Bingo is held on Monday nights and is over by about 10:30 P.M. I ask you, our members, to help me form two groups of five (5) people committed to Bingo. It is a FOCUS area that will make a difference in the lives of others! You will have some fun and develop more fraternal spirit within our lodge. Want to make a difference in our community – get involved in Bingo. It is FUN and FOCUS applied! ALSO, we have some "Hall Donations" coming up in May (check the calendar for dates.) We

will need some assistance! These "donations" help fund the lodge and reminds us that with a little individual effort we can accomplish great things. This FOCUS area, leads me to OUR facelift! Thanks to some generous donations, we have enough paint to finish the job. Just like your home, our lodge upkeep is a necessity. The best effect when helping around the lodge is the fraternity you experience. It is easy when fellow Elks chip in their time and effort. I guarantee the fun, before, during and after these events will continue to grow our lodge character and is "PRICELESS!"

We are still having Dinner and Entertainment on Fridays and will be trying some other venues in the future in an effort to entice you down. Watch for them.

BTW: if you haven't sent your email address to Marty, do so soon. Messages regarding events are sent out regularly. You don't want to miss that BIG event!

Finally, the Florida State Elks Convention will be in Orlando at the end of MAY. Our Convention Committee has been hard at work to make this years' hospitality suite the best in the state. I hope you make plans for at least a day trip. Stop in and enjoy the festivities! It will be an experience!!!

I close by saying **THANK YOU** to all who made our first month a Fun and Focused experience!

See you soon....At the Lodge!



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

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



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May

BOARD O F TRUSTEES

5-Year **Bobby Green** 4-Year

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3-Year

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President Sue Moore **Vice President** Sarah Ferguson Secretary Alma Kelly **Treasurer** Donna Halsey **Parliamentarian** Susie Harlow, PLP Chaplain **Bonnie Atwood**

From the Exalted Ruler:

As part of the NEW Tampa Elks Lodge "Improvements", we have adopted the Grand Lodge Committee format. There are really three (3) basic committees, I.E., Auditing and Accounting, Community Activities and Lodge Activities. We hope you ask your Committee persons what you can do to get involved In projects.

Reminder!!!!

Exalted Ruler Pat Boyd has asked that members bring in their old issues of Elks



Magazine for distribution to S. Tampa businesses to raise the level of recognition of Tampa Lodge within the community!

LODGE COMMITTEES

Auditing and Accounting

Nancy Sleeper

Community Activities

Addison Horrell

Lodge Activities

Pat Boyd, ER (Chairperson Needed!)

Elks National Foundation

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Bingo

Pat Boyd, ER (Chairperson Needed)

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House COMMITTEE

MEMBERS William T. Edwards, PER, PLP, Chairman Bobby Green Sandy Mayo Mark McDonough Lesley Nikkinen, PLP

Carl Williamson, PER

Glenn Harris

Paul DeLand.

Editor Sez: Deadline for all articles is the 15th of the month. Mail to: dukeofdeland@ Hotmail.com Be on-time PLEASE!

LOE PRESIDENTS REPORT Sue Moore LOE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather. I would like to thank everyone for your patience during my first meeting. I hope the next one will be much smoother. I would like to thank Rita Smith for taking over the 365 Club. At the last meeting I challenged everyone to fill at least one house and anyone who filled more will be entered in a contest with 1st and 2nd place. See any board member for more information.

I would like to exceed last year's total!

As we get ready for the Elks State Convention a reminder to bring any donations for the "Ladies Basket" by May 1st. We want to begin selling chances. Also the screatch off board is ready and we are selling chances during the week and on Friday evenings. Drawing will be held May 24th at 4pm. "Good Luck!"

I want to close by thanking everyone for your support in the past and future...and also for paying your dues!



365 Club – Rita Smith

Do you know what becomes of the money you put in those little houses around the Lodge? That money is collected and reported each month by the Lady's Auxiliary, and placed into a restricted fund. In August, the money from the entire year is sent to the Florida Ladies of the



Elks (FLOE), where it is again consolidated with the money collected by all the Auxiliaries in Florida. At the FLOE conference it is presented to the Elk's Children's Therapy Services and earmarked towards the purchase of replacement vans for the Therapy Services. As of the April meeting there was just over \$500.00 in this fund. We are less than ½ way towards our minimum goal of \$1000.00, and we only have 4 months to catch up!

The Tampa Ladies of the Elk's president, Suzanne Moore, has announced a contest to see who can fill the most boxes by our June 5th meeting. There will be prizes for first and second place. Please reach deep into your pocket to support this worthy project.

If you place bills instead of change in the houses, please write your name on them so I can acknowledge your contribution. You can also take our house to your home to fill up as you empty your pockets each evening. Just grab one from the dining room tables and we will replace it.

From April 2nd until April 15th, I have received filled houses from Sue Mason, Flo Wayne PLP and John Wayne PER, 2 houses from Bill Edwards, PER3, PLP, and 3 houses from Bernie Turpin, PLP. There were also anonymous donations in the houses around the Lodge, and I thank each of you that dropped a coin or bill into a house.

L.O.E. BIRTHDAYS April and May 2013

Melissa Bertoch	4/1
Carolyn Williams	4/7
John Wayne	4/9
Justine "Tina" Kamerer	4/12
Richie Palmer	4/20
Barbara Miller	4/25
Rhonda Schmidt	4/29



Alice Harmon	5/2
Bob Orcutt	5/5
Rita Smith	5/12
Bill Edwards	5/19
Leslie Nikkinen	5/24
James Harlow	5/28
Ed McCaffery	5/29
Janette Bennett	5/31







FaceBook Information

To POST an event Contact:

Mark McDonough at
813-410-4763 or via email:
mark@ioholistics.com
for instructions or comments!!!

Elk of the Month

Several people have worked tirelessly during this transition month. It takes a special commitment to stand out when everyone is working so hard. This month; however, one individual has done just that. He has always been around, but this month he has "worked countless hours" on budgeting, inventories, deliveries and most important guiding our House Committee. I cannot say enough about this man and his tireless effort. He has proven to me to be a major asset, from coordination to implementation, to cleanup from our recent plumbing debacles. Take a moment when you see **William T.** (**Barnacle**) **Edwards**, THANK YOU for working tirelessly as our House Committee Chairman, PER, PLP and **Elk of the Month!** Bill You have truly shown your Focus for our lodge while still having FUN!

Elk Officer of the Month.

The Officer for the month is one who truly has stood out since the beginning of the year. She has spent many hours working on the "Relay for Life" project, and the ongoing "Open Arms" Program. She has taken the time to spread the Fun with her cheery wit and demeanor for the entire month. She has shown me that we can truly have FUN while Focusing on the vision of Elkdom. Finally she was responsible for the Installation meal and most recently the luncheon, for the District Deputy Clinic held at our lodge. Courtney Taylor steps up when asked even with her busy business schedule. Please join me in thanking Courtney when you see her on being the Officer of the Month for Tampa Elks!

New Tampa Elk Candidates

Name Occupation Location Proposer Balloting Date

THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR

YOUR NAME AS YOU

BRING IN ONE NEW MEMBER.....
HIELP GROW YOUR LODGE.....

New Tampa #708 Elks





Mission of the Partners In Progress

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

GOLD INVESTORS \$51 - \$99

Horrell, Addison and Tracy 3/2014 Wayne, John and Flo 3/2014 LaChance, Roger and Rosemary 3/2014

SILVER INVESTORS \$21 - \$50

Elma Kelly 3/2014

BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20

Edwards, Bill 3/2014 McDonough, Mark 3/2014 Swaney, Valorne 3/2014

PLATINUM INVESTORS - \$100

Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 3/2014 In Memory of Fennell, Jerrye and Patrick 3/2014 Florance, Richard 3/2014 Appel, Jackie 3/2014 Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean 6/2015 Quire, Bonnie (In memory, Larry Quire) 3/2014 Snyder, Robert & Lisa 5/2013 Marino, Anthony 3/2014 Wright, Vera 3/2015 In Memory Ina Moore 3/2014 DeLand, Paul & Sandra 3/2014 Green, Cindy and Bob 3/2014 Smith, Rita 3/2014 Nikkinen, Leslie 3/2014 Palladini, Debbie & Durant, Rose 3/2016

Be an Elksize Booster!

\$10.00 per year helps offset the cost of the Elksize.

Boyd, Pat 05/2013 Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 6/2014 In Memory of Charlie Fiveash 5/2015 In Memory of Harold Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018 Wright, Vera 3/2018



TATABLE OF TAMES AND ASSET

Come to Our...708.

LOW COUNTRY (FISH 301L



MAY 10th

6:30 to 8:30pm

Oysters on The Half-Shell...





Seafood Gumbol







Tickets at Bar! Get Em Early!!!

Т I K E T S F 0 R S A L E At T H E B R

A Free Week At The Beach!

At the...

Island Gulf Resort, Madeira Beach, Florida

and a **Balcony...On The Beach!**





September 21 - September 28, 2013....YOUR week at the beach....Up to 4 persons, in their own, just-remodeled, one-bedroom unit with full kitchen, washer-dryer, spa, murphy bed

TODAY!!!!

\$5 each, or \$20 for Five Tickets

Donated by Paul and Sandra DeLand and The Island Gulf Resort....Madeira Beach, Florida Located less than 1/2 mile from Holiday Isles Elks Lodge #1912...with Pool, Tiki Bar, etc. DRAWING TO BE HELD AT ELK'S STATE CONVENTION, SATURDAY NIGHT, MAY 25th!



ature two TVs. wifi.

Units feature two TVs, wifi, bright roomy kitchens, baths and bedrooms. Building is a secure facility.

(Must be 21 to win!)





Visit these web links for ELK information and events!

Grand Lodge www.elks.org

Florida State Elks Association www.floridaelks.org

Florida State Elks Online Community Forum

www.talkoftheelks.org

www.tampaelks.com

www.facebook.com/#!/ElksLodge708



Tampa Elks Lodge #708

Tampa Elks Facebook

Americanism

Richard Florance
Americanism Chairman



THE EVER-CHANGING FACES and GRACES of ELKS DIVERSITY

As our new Elks-year continues thru March of 2014 every lodge member should review and reflect upon the old familiar faces with their usual, but at sometimes different ways and means and be patient and understanding, as well.

At the same time as we find new members with sometimes very different or even odd ideas, and ways and means of accomplishing our Elks happenings and events. All Elks should listen to and get advice from every Elk - old or new member alike. Why you ask? Because new, fresh ideas and methods of Doing that stimulate new and old members - is a very real component of almost every Committee in all lodges. These new things or ways and means add to the faces and graces that add to thru their diversity of ideas - the enhancement and potential for a successful event such as an Easter Basket sent to the Children's Home in Tampa, or to raise funds for the Florida Elks Youth Camp, or the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services programs.

As it so happens Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12th, 2013. Remember that all our lives begin because of our "Moms" - so say prayers for "passed Moms" and send cards or telephone your "Moms" still living that will continue to send "everlasting love."

As our new Exalted Ruler - Pat Boyd has said, "Fun and Focus" is our lodge's way to continued future successes. So as fellow-Elks lodge members, sit back and look forward to both contributing and enjoying the successes that our lodge will make this year. Be active and suggest new thoughts, ideas, projects, places to go - that will enthusiastically make a positive difference for us all. Happy trails to all Elkdom because Elks Care and Elks Share for all worthy endeavors.



Richard Florance, Americanism Chairman 813-831-0518 rhflorance@yahoo.com



"Peggi"

Lounge News "Courtney"

"Sam"

How did it get to be May already?!

Welcome to your Bartender's Corner. As promised, this month's featured drink is our delicious Strawberry or Peach Daiquiri for \$3.00!!! As it heats up outside, come on in to your Lodge for a cool

refreshing cocktail. Don't forget, we have trivia on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. with proceeds going to Veterans Dinners. We also have the Dinner Club on the third Sunday of every month at 5:00 p.m. (proceeds go to the Kitchen). Please join your fellow members at your Lodge on any day of the week and enjoy friends, fellowship and cheer.

Peggi, Sam and Courtney look forward to serving you!







Tampa Florida

\$3.00



Strawberry



Daiquiri!

Ask your Lounge Professionals for more information!

STATE PRESIDENT'S PLANNING MEETINGS

State President Planning Meeting - St Pete - May 19

Golf Tournament Fundraiser State President Visit - Lake Seminole Country Club - June 15

State President Planning Meeting - St Pete - June 23

State President Planning Meeting - St Pete - July 28

Mystery Dinner Luncheon Theatre Fundraiser State President Visit - St. Pete - Aug 8 Reverse Raffle Drawing for Winners Fundraiser State President Visit - St Pete -Aug 9

Final State President Planning Meeting - St Pete - Aug 11

WCD PER Association Meeting includes visit from State President - Holiday Isles - Aug 16

State President Visit to WCD - Aug 16-18







PLACES TO BE, THINGS TO DO

Camper and Military Applications Now Available Online

The Florida Elks Youth Camp typically runs six sessions from mid-June through July each year. The camp is open for Elksponsored boys and girls ages 9-13.

Military Week is a special week of Summer Camp that will run from July 28 through August 3, 2013. The week is dedicated to helping children of military personnel, children of National Guard or reserve units and children of those who have made the supreme sacrifice serving our country. The age for this special week of camp is 9-16.

If you are interested in sending a child to the camp, please download and complete an application at the FSEA website at: www.floridaelks.org

State Convention

The 107th Annual Convention of the Florida State Elks Association will be held Thursday, May 23, 2013 through Sunday, May 26, 2013 at Disney's Coronado Springs RESORT in Lake Buena Vista. In addition to meetings of all boards of directors, the general business sessions, and the various committee meetings and workshops, this convention will include a luncheon meeting of the Florida Elks Major Projects Committee. All meetings, including the ritual competition, will be held at Disney's Coronado Springs RESORT and are open to all Elks unless otherwise noted. New this year, the Installation of Officers will take place at the end of the Saturday afternoon general session. All incoming officers are asked to dress in a coat and tie. Also, the Saturday night President's Banquet will feature a band for your dancing & listening pleasure! All FSEA State Convention links are at the bottom of this page. More information is available on the FSEA website at: www.floridaelks.org

Grand Lodge Convention

The 2013 Grand Lodge Convention will be held in Reno, Nevada July 14-18, 2013. The Florida delegation hotel is the *Peppermill Resort Spa Casino* located at 2707 South Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89502. All attendees are responsible for making their own travel arrangements and **all hotel reservations for the** *Peppermill Resort Spa Casino* **must be made directly with the hotel.** You may do this by phone or online at the FSEA website, www.floridaelks.org. The room rate is \$123.72 per night (includes taxes).

For Reservations by Phone – (866) 821-9996 – Must mention Group Code ELK13FL

The cutoff date for reservations is June 13, 2013 or when our 190 rooms are sold out.

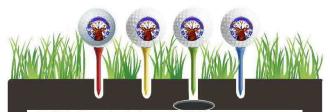
The following is online and accessible at the Florida State Elks website at www.flelks.org:

FSEA <u>Required</u> Preregistration (required for all Florida attendees regardless of where you are staying) List of State Hotel Assignments Ordering Information for Orange Jackets





Get on the Green!



WCD Fundraising Golf Tournament All PROCEEDS go to the Florida Elks State President Visit to West Central District

Saturday, June 15 Seminole Lake Country Club 6100 Augusta Blvd., Seminole Florida \$65PP price includes: 18 holes of golf, cart, prizes and steak dinner at St. Pete #1224

Registration Starting at 11:00am Payment Via Cash or Check
Tee- off 1:00pm

4 Person Shot Gun Start

Chance to Win Various Prizes 🌑 Par 3 Poker with 50/50 Split

Sign Up Sheets at Seminole #2519 Golf Attire is Required, Collared Shirts

Please join us in this fun event and help us raise much needed funds. For further information contact St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 at 344-6551

How's your cooking skills?

Even if you have few...you can still be a part of a Sunday Team! Join one of our regular teams to train and then we'll form a new team....It is work, but fun Elks work...

Call Paul: 813-376-5401 or Bill: 813-495-1083



For more information

The WCD Golf Tournament is a primary fund-raiser for the State President's Visit. Join in; support the cause by attending and playing in the tournament! Then join us for the annual Elks Day at The Rays! That is coming in August!



Aurder Mystery

ate Petes' Frozen Fish Sticks A Whale of a Fatal Tale

Fishin's

Trouble

Whale of a Fatal To

Takes place at St. Pete Lodge #1224

Sunday, August 4th Lite Lunch Begins at 1:30pm

Fundraiser for the Florida State Elks President Visit to WCD.

The plot twists and turns as guilty

secrets are revealed and people show their true colors. Is the

Countess as ditsy as she seems? Will Peter ever change out of that ridiculous pirate outfit? Are those fish sticks really good for you?

Keep your eyes and ears open because someone will meet an untimely death tonight, and it's up to the audience to solve the crime! PRIZES will be awarded for correctly guessing the murder and motive.

(All the names of those guessing correctly will be put into ad drawing for a chance to win the prizes).

Tickets \$10.00

(Ticket price includes Lite Lunch at 1:30pm)

Choice of Tuna or Chicken Salad Sandwich with Potato Chips, Pickle and Chocolate Chip Cookies TICKETS

Buy your Tickets before we sell out:

Tickets may be purchased at your Lodge or call St. Pete Lodge Tel: 344-6552 for further information.





2013-2014 Lodge Year





The 2013-2014 Officers of Tampa Lodge #708 are already deep into planning for the year ahead. Step forward, and offer to get involved in one of the many varied committees/activities. Join us in the kitchen; help with Bingo; or, any activity you might choose....get your benefit from membership by joining us in giving back to the community!









Grand Lodge and State
Dates to Remember

F.S.E.A. State Convention Grand Lodge

May 24-26, 2013 Coronado Resort, Orlando

July 14-18, 2013 Reno, Nevada



May 2013 Calendar of Events







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