



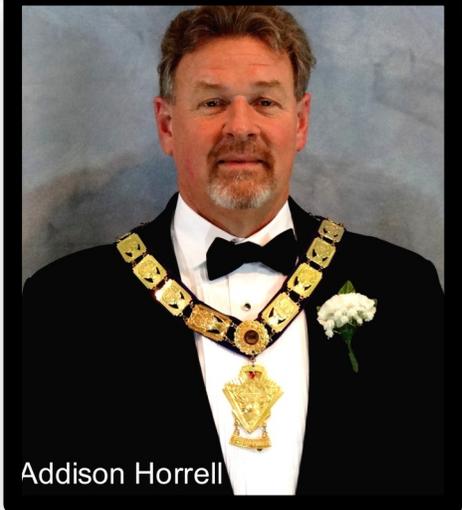
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My Fellow Elks,

I am so proud of the turnout we had recently for our hoop shoot held at The Children's Home in Tampa. There were 48 children who participated and some will advance on to the district level. Many of you came out and gave lots of your time, energy and most important your encouragement to the kids and I can't thank you enough. "Thanks for all you do!" Elma Kelly, John Wayne, PER, Flo Wayne, PLP, Richard Florance, PER, Debbie Osterbrock, Bonnie Atwood, Courtney Weil, Mark McDonough, Dave Amos, Elizabeth Melendy, Katrina Campanello, Melissa Helfer, Melissa Bertoch, Charles Stanford, Vic Thomas, PER, Ralph Seng, Frank Palladini, PSP, Jeanne Reinhart PER (Largo lodge) and the members of Holiday Isles #1912. For those moving on to district level this will be held on Dec. 20th at the Dunedin Recreational Center.



Addison Horrell

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving with family & friends and was able to spend time outdoors in our cooler weather.

Another Christmas is fast approaching and we will be very busy at Tampa #708! We have a few hall events scheduled and are always needing volunteers, so if you can lend a helping hand please let us know. Our Adult Christmas Party will be on the 20th of Dec. The lodge will be providing the hams and the music, please bring a side dish, appetizer or dessert and come have some Christmas Cheer. The fun starts at 6:00 pm.

We will round out the year with a Dress to Impress New Year's Eve party, put your fancy duds on and be ready to party! Please see insert in this issue for details.

Fraternally,



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Dave Amos



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John Weigold

Florida State



State President Challenge

“Pie in the Eye Challenge” for Harry-Anna!!!



Let's all work together as a "TEAM" and cover the state with whipped cream pies! Take a pie for a kid!

Our State President Dan Tabor has started the challenge!

Challenge goes out to anyone to start the wave of pies till

March 31st, 2015!!!

A Trophy will be awarded to the Lodge that tosses the most pies!

IF your called out, you have to donate \$10 to HATF and do the challenge, if you don't care for a

"Pie in the Eye" you then have to donate \$20 to HATF!

You will have 48 hours to complete the challenge or donate \$20.

Turn **ALL** donations in to your Lodge HATF Chairman so you and your Lodge can get the per-capita credit!

After you're called out and complete your challenge/donation, you need to call out at least 3 people and the more the merrier!



Thanks for your Support and **GOOD LUCK!**





GER
John Amen

Let Christmas be time to 'Elevate America'!

Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler, JOHN D. AMEN

This is the busy holiday season when social activities at our Lodges are at the maximum and we as Elks have the opportunity for fun with our friends. December can also be a time for great voluntary service in our communities.

I am reminded of a good friend who is an active and prominent Elk in my home state. He grew up in a dusty town in another state where the economy was chronically in poor shape. My friend learned of the Elks when he was a boy in his small town because of the annual Christmas party hosted by the Elks for the whole community.

Some 50 years later he would recount the pleasant experiences of sitting on Santa's lap at the Elks Lodge, grateful for the simple gift he received from the Elks on those happy occasions.

This remembrance of my friend exemplifies the message of our Leading Knight's Initiatory charge that "the influence of a good deed, honestly and promptly performed, will continue forever."

One of the most heart-warming activities that we can participate in is Christmas basket donations to the needy. It takes a little planning and a few requests to local businesses for donations of food items and small gifts. My experience is that at this time of year our businesses are supportive and generous in this type of activity. If your Lodge does not have a community gift basket program you are missing out. This is one activity that when the call goes out for volunteers you will be pleased at the positive response.

This can also be a time of year when sadness can be felt in our VA hospitals. A friendly visit with a veteran who is sick or in distress will be rewarded greatly. It costs nothing other than a little time, and "the influence of a good deed will last forever."

Marcia and I wish all Elks and families a Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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*1st and 3rd Fridays
are Steak Nights
at Tampa Elks Lodge!*

We have begun a phone-in RSVP system for our Friday Night Steaks....Folks complain when we do not have enough steaks, and we try to guess how many to buy.....**Now you can call and make reservations to ensure you have a steak!**

CALL UNTIL THURSDAY EVENING!.....

813-839-8928

Lodge # 708

Dec 7

4:00



Tampa Florida

Elk's Memorial Service

Honoring all Tampa members that have passed this year:

- Albert Cagno*
- Robert E Dickson*
- Roger Dubois*
- Edward McCaffery*

**Everybody is invited to attend this ceremony.
Refreshments will be served.**

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

Addison and Tracy Horrell 6/2015

SILVER INVESTORS \$21 - \$50

Shelagh Gombarcik 1/2015
Debbie Osterbrock 11/2015

BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20

YOUR NAME HERE?

PLATINUM INVESTORS - \$100+

Johnson, Jack 11/2014
Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 3/2015
Green, Cindy and Bob 3/2015
In Memory of Fennell, Jerrye and Patrick 3/2015
James, Howard 3/2015
Pickenpaugh, Vernon and Betty, PLSP 3/2015
Schneider, PER, Rick and Jan, 3/2015
Wright, Vera 3/2015
Smith, Rita 4/2015
Appel, Jackie 5/2015
Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean 6/2015
Waldbart, Mark 6/2015
Brennan, John 8/2015
Suhrheinrich, Bob 9/2015
Suhrheinrich, Candi 9/15
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**Elksize Editor
Needed!**

Be an SOB!
(Smiling ole Booster)
\$10.00 per year helps offset
the cost of the Elksize.



Vernon and Betty Pickenpaugh 4/2015
In **Memory** of Charlie Fiveash 5/2015
Donna Morris Halsey 7/2015
Christopher Miles 11/2015
Howard James 3/2016
Bob and Candi Suhrheinrich 9/2016
Debbie Osterbrock 11/2016
In Memory of Harold Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018
Wright, Vera 3/2018



Monday Night Line Dancing Lessons \$2.00

Get Your Groove On, Get Moving!

Instructor Donna Morris Halsey will hold classes on December First, Eighth, and Fifteenth. Then the Line Dance classes will be on Holiday Break for the rest of the month.

Merry Christmas!



Children's Christmas Party

Saturday December 13th Noon - 2:00

(A party for the younger family members of our Elks.)

Please sign these kids up on the Bulletin board .

(We need names and ages.)



Your children will enjoy a magic show, a keepsake craft, lunch, and a visit from Santa.

Thurs - Dec. 18
\$2.00 Trivia Night
7:00



Cindy Green - Loyal Knight

By Cindy Green
Prizes!!!

(Multiple Choice)

Proceeds help defray the cost of our Fourth Friday Meals for Veterans

Holiday Lodge Schedule!

Thanksgiving

Eve - 9pm closing

Day - Meal and Volunteer Bar - 1pm to 7pm

Friday - Nov. 28th - Kitchen Closed

Christmas

Eve - Lodge Closes at 6pm (Unless Crowded)

Christmas Day - Closed

Friday - Dec 26th - Kitchen Closed

New Year's

New Year's Eve - Lodge Closed 6pm

(Except to ticketed New Year's Attendees)

New Year's Day - Jan. 1st - Bar Open at 1pm

(Kitchen Closed)

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Your House Committee

Happy Holidays to our wonderful LOE and Elk Members,

As 2014 winds down and the holidays are upon us, I always find myself doing a lot of self-reflection. Did I achieve everything I wanted this year? Did I do everything I could? Did I do unto others? Where the hell did the year go?

November found me planning a 50th wedding anniversary party for my parents, James & Susie Harlow. My brother Rob and I worked hard (along with the help of Nancy Keesler and Linda Reid) to try to plan a surprise party with about 100 of their closest friends.

The day before the party, my Dad got rushed to the hospital due to shortness of breath.

If that isn't enough to make one stand up and take stock, I don't know what is! Fortunately, Dad came home after 4 days in the hospital and says he is feeling much better. Needless to say, we had to cancel the party and we had to go ahead and tell them about it. Of course, we told them it would have been great! The most important thing is Dad is feeling better. Now, how do we get another party planned?? We told Dad if he didn't want a party all he had to do was say so! He didn't have to get an ambulance and hang out at Tampa General for four days. And I thought my Mom was the drama queen (just kidding Mom)! We are just glad to have him back home and hope to keep it that way for many, many years! I want to thank everyone for your well wishes.

You may wonder why this article is all about my Mom and Dad. Well, Family is the most important thing! And I hope we all never forget this. Our Elk family is important too. The LOE continues to do as much as we can to help support our lodge and our community. Reaching out and supporting our local community is just as important as supporting the Florida Elks Charities or our National Charities. The community is where we may find new members with like minds. I challenge everyone to think about what else we can do, who can we help support, and how we can do that while getting the name of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks out into the community.

As always, I thank the ladies for all you do each and every day. We sponsored the Tailgate party on November 16. And, I'm not saying it is because of our good karma, but the Buc's won!!!! Only their second win of the entire season too. We had a lot of yummy soups and lots of hungry Buc fans there to eat it. I want to thank Susie, Sue, Donna, Robert, Jim, Lisa, Tracy, Candy, Rita, Bonnie A., Bonnie Q., Bob S. Jeanne, Berni and everyone else that helped with "America's Soup Kitchen". We raised money for the LOE as well as donated money towards the Elks Super Bowl Party.

Please make sure you come to the Christmas Bazaar on **December 12**. The Bazaar will be held right here in the dining room. We will have lots of Christmas crafts, baked goods, and various items so you can easily do some holiday shopping. We will also draw the raffle tickets for some great baskets you will find for sell here at the lodge between now and December 12.

I hope to see you all at our next regular business meeting on December 3, at 7:30. Dinner will be served at 6:45. Rita Smith will be serving a wonderful Ham dinner. We will also have our annual cookie exchange. You won't want to miss this!

In your service,

Theresa Matthews, LOE President



Theresa Matthews,

LOE Annual Cookie Exchange

If you would like to participate in the cookie exchange at our December meeting, please bring at least two dozen of any one type of cookies with you.

You should then be able to take two dozen different types of cookies home. A few extra cookies for sampling at the meeting are always appreciated.



LOE December Birthdays

- 12/8 Jack Johnson
- 12/9 John Burks
- 12/13 Betty Pickenpaugh, PLP, PSP
- 12/22 Carolyn Miller, PLP
- 12/24 Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP
- 12/30 Gail Green



I also sent sympathy cards to Sue Moore, PLP. who lost her mother and the family of Reta Roederer, PLP. Past State President Betty Pickenpaugh is still homebound, I sent a card letting her know we miss her. Please keep these and all our members in your prayers.

Donna Morris Halsey, LOE Chaplain

HALLOWEEN



When the calendar looked bleak, Elizabeth Melendy and Dave Amos stepped up and made something happen. *Thanks Elizabeth and Dave!!!!*



There are opportunities to step up and make something happen on Dec 26th or New Years Day -



Adult Christmas Party

**The Pleasure of Your Company is Requested
December 20th**

6-12

**Please bring a dish to put on the table to go with the
ham provided by the Lodge.**

Optional
White Elephant
Gift Exchange
\$20.00 Value
Wrapped



**Christmas Carols
Sing Along
With Steve Mullis**

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Tracy Horrell | Secretary
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Bonnie Atwood | Treasurer
Treasurer708@gmail.com

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Dress to Impress

New Year's Eve Party

*Enjoy an evening filled with dining,
dancing, and memories!*

Cocktails & Appetizers from 6pm – 7pm

Dinner at 7pm

Carving stations, Mashed Potato Bar,
& many other culinary delights



**BEST DRESSED CONTESTS,
DANCE COMPETITIONS, DOOR PRIZES
AND MORE!**

A Champagne Toast at Midnight

Followed by a Cuban Breakfast Sandwich made by Sammy Weil

Everything listed above included in \$25 TICKET

******Please note semi to formal attire – no shorts OR flip flops******

Contact Courtney Taylor Weil for details 813-484-0123



Elk of the Month: Mark McDonough

Mark McDonough is known around the lodge as the Toast Master! He can evenly butter your bread on the third Sunday of every month. But all kidding aside he is truly helping where needed in our lodge. He has recently gotten more involved with our community projects, helping with our Back to School Party and with our Hoop Shoot, both of which were held at The Children's Home. He has also taken on the task of the entertainment and has proven he has a good ear for music! We appreciate the enthusiasm he brings to Tampa Lodge and his willingness to lend a helping hand. Please congratulate him next time you see him!



Officer of the Month: Bob Suhrheinrich

Bob transferred to Tampa Lodge from the Pensacola area and we couldn't be happier to have him! He contributes his time and effort by helping with the task of monthly lodge safety inspections, he donates time to the house committee and also helping with the monthly chore of bar inventory. And when there was a need to fill a vacant position he was willing to accept the duty of Tiler. He and his lovely wife Candi are truly a great asset to our lodge and organization. Please let him know how much he is appreciated!

BUCCANEER TAILGATE SCHEDULE

12/7 BUCS @ LIONS - TAILGATE BY CHEF RALPH AND CHRIS MILES

12/14 BUCS @ PANTHERS - VOLUNTEER NEEDED

12/21 PACKERS @ BUCS - VOLUNTEER NEEDED

12/28 SAINTS @ BUCS- VOLUNTEER NEEDED



At the Elks, we like to eat the food popular in the region of the opponents home stadium. Our tailgates are at halftime for the early games. A donation basket is set up to prefund the next tailgate party. We enjoy viewing the game on a 135' inch screen.

Please come join us - win or lose - we have a good time!

What's the Buzz?

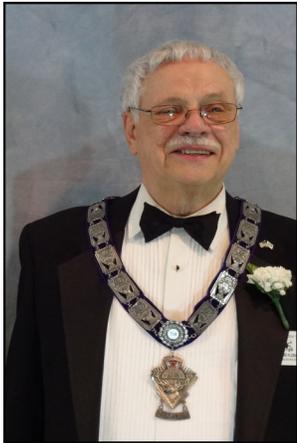
Parking for Elk of the Month

This can be your spot by volunteering, helping around the lodge. This was purchased pursuant to a motion at a Lodge meeting. Please do not park in this spot unless it is yours for the month.





AMERICANISM REPORT



Richard Florence
Americanism Chairman

America's Religious Confluence & Conformity

With Christmas coming into our Elks lives with the reaffirming of our faith & devotion to our religion - December is a month to celebrate America's unique position in the world as the "most free & most tolerant society" regarding the beginnings - developments - & continuance of the myriad of religions accepted & conducted daily in America. A true cornerstone of early American lives - even up to today - as you read this - comes true knowledge of the value of Religious Freedom for all American citizens to "have & to hold!"

Within the Constitution of the United States of America are the first ten Amendments to the Constitution - known as the "Bill of Rights" - ratified by Congress effective on December 15, 1791.

Amendment I - Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, & to petition the government for a redress of grievances. America's founders from our nation's beginnings made sure that religious freedom would endure as an everlasting institution that did & will continue to give confluence & conform to the standards above.

Merry Christmas to all Elks & their families & also Happy Holidays to all faiths known and practiced by all American & worldly brothers & sisters that live in respectable societies.

Remember - Elks Live & Elks Give because Elks Care & Elks Share!

Richard Florence, PER
Lodge Americanism Chairman
rhflorance@yahoo.com

Just an early "Heads Up"

February 14th is closer than you might realize.
We'll have a fine Valentine gathering for all hearts on that Saturday evening.
Plan on bringing your one true love for an evening of dining and good music.

Bob Suhrheinrich, Chair



Drug Awareness / Youth Activities

By John Wayne

Flo and Myself want to wish each and every Elk Family, and Friends the Most joyous and Merry Christmas, and the Best Wishes for a Truly Happy New Year 2015. Flo and I want to say Thanks for all the help you all gave to both of us in all our doings at Tampa 708. We must cut down on some of our activities due to health problems.

The biggest Soccer and Basketball contests were given on 15th of November and will be addressed in January's Elksize, along with the first annual Bike Run report on 12/14/14.

Thanksgiving Dinner at 708 was Lots of Food, camaraderie, fellowship and good times by all. Thank you Kitchen staff and greeting staff for a job well done.

So long 4 now.



Tampa Elks - Toy Run

DECEMBER 14th

Let's Give The Children Of The Children's Home A Christmas to Remember

The Children's Home specializes in caring for children who have been victims of abuse, neglect or abandonment, ages 6-17. We will be bringing Christmas to their 60-acre healing campus which is a nationally recognized and accredited residential treatment home, with usually 50 children.

**Your Registration Will Be a NEW TOY For A Child Age 6-17
Or A \$10 Gift Certificate To Walmart, Or \$10 Fee**



Starting At TAMPA ELKS LODGE #708
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Breakfast Buffet Available 10AM - 12Noon
Scrambled Eggs, Sasage Patties, Grits and Biscuits. \$5
Registration 11AM - 12:30PM Kick Stands Up 1PM

www.childrenshome.org



Tampa Elks Lodge #708 Calendar of Activities

December
2014



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 \$2 Line Dancing lessons 6:30	2	3 LOE Meeting 7:30 LOE Dinner 6:45	4	5 Dinner & Dancing (Reserve your Steak) Kathy N Paul	6 Hall in Use
7 Breakfast 8:30-12:00 Bucs @ Lons 1:00 4:00 Elks Memorial	8 \$2 Line Dancing lessons 6:30	9 6:30 House Committee	10 Lodge Meeting 7:30	11	12 LOE Christmas Bazaar Dinner & Dancing Burt N Sassy	13 Children's Christmas Party 12-2 PM
14 Breakfast 8:30-12:00 Bucs @ Panthers 1:00 Wii 4:30 Hall in Use	15 \$2 Line Dancing lessons 6:30	16	17 BOD & Officers Meetings 6-8	18 \$2 Trivia 7:00	19 Dinner & Dancing (Reserve your steak)	20 Adult Christmas Party 6-12
21 Breakfast 8:30-12:00 Packers @ Bucs 1:00 Wii 4:30	22	23	24 Lodge Closes as early as 6PM	25 Lodge closed	26 Kitchen closed	27 Hall in Use
28 Breakfast 8:30-12:00 Saints @ Bucs 1:00 Wii 4:30	29	30	31 Lodge closes 6PM Except ticket holders	1 Lodge Open 1:00	There is no Lodge Meeting Wednesday, Dec.24, per dispensation by the DDGER.	

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Friday Night Menus & Bands

Tampa Elks Lodge #708

Dec. 5

NY Strip Steak \$13
Salad, Baked Potato,
Veggie & Roll

OR

Chicken Parmesan \$8.
Over Pasta, Salad & Roll

Dinner by;
Paul & Wendy

Music by:
Kathy & Paul

Dec. 12

Seafood Alfredo Pasta
Salad, Garlic Bread
\$10.95

OR

Classic Lasagna
Salad, Garlic Bread
\$9.95

Dinner by:
Cortney Weils

Music By;
Bert N Sassy

Dec. 19

Fried Swai Fish, French
Fries and Cole Slaw \$8.

Or

Rib Eye Steak,
Salad, Baked Potato and
veggies \$12

By Addison & Bob Green

Music
TBD

Dec 26

Lodge Open
But Kitchen closed