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My Fellow Elks,

As you can see I haven't croaked yet!

Last month I embarked on a new voyage. For the next year I will set sail on a new adventure. The adventure of being the next Exalted Ruler of Tampa Elks Lodge 708. An adventure I get to go on with all of my fellow Elks.

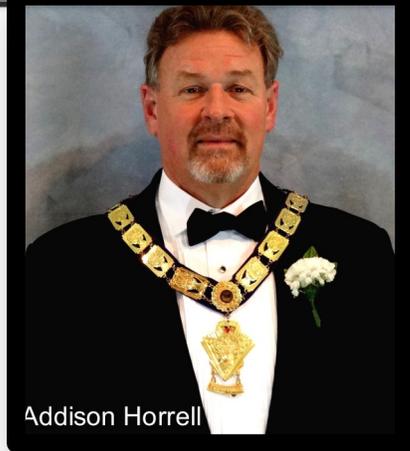
Every one of us Elks has a purpose in this lodge. Whether it be big or small, it's a purpose. We all contribute in our own way. We became Elks for that reason. (And the cheap drinks) We contribute within our community; with our veteran's and with our youth. Let's keep up the good work while finding ways to do more. Stop and ask yourselves, "Am I doing all I can for our community, our veterans, our youth, our lodge? Or could I do more?"

There are a lot of charitable organizations that could benefit from the help of us Elks. Elks care, Elks share. Do you have a charity in mind that could use some help from the Elks? Come to a meeting and tell us more, we'd love to know how we can help. Get out there and get involved.

BPOE as you know stands for Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks but what else could those letters stand for? BE PROUD OF ELKDOM. What better way to be proud of Elkdom than by bringing in a friend to join. I would like to challenge all members to do their absolute best to keep "What it means to be an Elk" alive in our lodge on a daily basis. If we let everyone in our community know just how wonderful it is to be an Elk, and present yourself in a manner worthy of an Elk, membership will follow.

I want to thank all of you for coming tonight. I want to especially thank my beautiful wife, Tracy. Our children Melissa, Lauren, Mark and Stacy and our grandchildren Chief and Stinky...I mean Nicholas and Mikaela. I love you all very much.

May we stay focused on our Vets, Children, and our Community. I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge.



Addison Horrell

Addison Horrell
 Exalted Ruler

Friday Night Menus

Please note the kitchen is closed on May 24th for State Convention.

May 2

NY Strip \$12
 Mojo Chicken \$10

Served with;
 Salad, Veggie,
 Baked Potato and a
 Roll w/ Butter

May 9

Stuffed Chick \$9
 Meatloaf \$9

Served with:
 Hand Mashed
 Potatoes, Veggie,
 Roll w/Butter

May 16

Burger Basket
 or
 Chicken Nugget Basket
 - \$5.95
 NEW

Chicken Wing Basket
 \$8.95

May 30

Parmesan Tilapia \$10.
 or
 Balsamic Sweetened
 Chicken \$9.
 Served with Salad,
 Italian Shallot Rice,
 Italian Green beans

ALSO OFFERING:

May 3 - Kentucky Derby Fried Chicken Dinner

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo Taco Bar

May 11—Mother's Day Roast Beef Dinner

May 17-Low Country Seafood Boil Feast

May 18- Gourmet Club

WELCOME OUR NEWEST ELKS!



Mark Waldbart



Peggi Tuttle



Todd Whitney

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

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

We look forward to hearing from you!

Like us on FB

Tampa Elks Lodge #708

To post items on FB contact Mark McDonough at mark@ioholistics.com or 813-410-4763

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Piano and Martini Bar
May 31st



45-50 Elks at the first offering. on April 19
Don't miss the next chance to enjoy this fabulous event!



LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler
Addison Horrell

Leading Knight
Albert Schnut

Loyal Knight
Cindy Green

Lecturing Knight
Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP

Tiler
Rob Bryja

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Vic Thomas, PER

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Tracy Horrell, PER, PLP

Treasurer
Bonnie Atwood

Inner Guard
Richard Florance, PER

Chaplain
Melissa Bertoch

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

5-Year
Courtney Taylor-Weil

4-Year
Bobby Green

3-Year
Brian Brantley, PER

2-Year
Paul Deland

1-Year
Jackie Appel

LADIES OF THE ELKS

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Theresa Matthews, PLP

Vice President
Suzanne Moore, PLP

Secretary
Susie Harlow, PLP

Treasurer
Robert Bordonaro

Chaplain
Donna Morris-Halsey

Parliamentarian
Lisa Snyder

LODGE COMMITTEES

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Richard Florance

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Rita Smith

Auditing and Accounting
Volunteers needed

Community Activities
Courtney Weil

Convention
Bobby Green

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Melissa Helfer

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Cindy Green

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Cindy Green

Music
Mark McDonough

Youth Camp
John Wayne, PER

Website/Email Notices
Marty Quire



HOUSE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Cindy Green, Chairman	Glenn Harris
Jackie Appel	Chris Miles
Jan Bertoch	Debbie Osterbrock
Bobby Green	Bob Suhrheinrich

Carl Williamson, PER
Bar Manager

Well, we made it through the first month! The installation of officers was held on Saturday night, March 29, in conjunction with the Elks installation. The ceremony was beautiful, as always. I would like to thank Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP, for conducting a lovely ceremony. I received many comments on how nice the ceremony was. I would also like to thank Rita Smith, PLP, for filling in and helping to install our Vice President, Suzanne Moore. We also had our first joint fundraising venture with the Elks that evening by doing a 50/50 to help with "Raise the Roof" funds. We raised a total of \$190. Thank you to everyone who donated.

We then had the Children's Easter party on Saturday, April 12. We had 25 children participate and some of the Boy Scouts. The children participated in various crafts. They made wash cloth Easter Bunnies, decorated Easter Eggs, and decorated a flower pot and planted seeds to grow their own flowers. This will make a great Mother's Day gift for them to give to a special loved one. After enjoying pizza, cupcakes, drinks and chips the children were surprised by the Easter Bunny. Along with getting their picture taken with the Easter Bunny, they received a large plastic egg full of treats and their choice of a Beanie Baby. Our Easter Bunny (AKA Nancy Keesler, PER) did a fabulous job. Not sure I have ever seen the Easter Bunny wag his tail like that before! Also, first time I have seen him do "Gangnam Style".

We are now preparing for the Florida Elks State Convention. We will be going over to support the Elks, participate in the FLOE meeting, and raise funds for our organization. We will be selling chances for a Lot-to Board (\$100 worth of lotto tickets) and a Wine Basket here at the lodge and then at convention on Friday, May 23 and Saturday, May 24. We are currently accepting any donations for the wine basket (cheese, crackers, wine, chocolate, etc.). We are also selling flashing Blinky lights as well. You can purchase a light up cup, light up Devil horns, Glow in the dark laces, flashing disco ball necklaces, or Red, white, and Blue crazy light up noodle hair. You will rival Linda and Robert Summers for the flashiest Friday night dancer!

Please join us at the next monthly meeting on May 7 at 7:30. Dinner will be served at 6:45. Sue Moore, PLP, will be providing the dinner this month. We welcome one and all as well as any great ideas!



In your Service,
Theresa Matthews, LOE President



Alex
←
Mikaela
→



Hailey
→



Jackie
←

Corrine
→





LOE Special Service Awards
 Elma Kelly
 Susie Harlow
 Bonnie Atwood

**LOE
 2013-2014
 AWARDS
 NIGHT**

**FOOD CATERED BY
 EATS!
 AMERICAN
 GRILL**

**HOSTED
 BY
 SUZANNE
 MOORE
 PLP**



LOE Officer of the Year
 Donna Halsey
 LOE Member of the Year
 Lisa Snyder

LOE MAY BIRTHDAYS
From Donna Morris-Halsey

- 5-5 Bob Orcutt
 - 5-12 Rita Smith, PLP
 - 5-12 Brenda Stocking
 - 5-17 Denice Schnut
 - 5-19 Bill Edwards, PLP, PER3
 - 5-24 Lesley Nikkinen
 - 5-28 James Harlow
 - 5-28 Datha Sirmans
 - 5-29 Ed McCaffery
 - 5-31 Janette Bennett
- Happy Birthday to All!



**365 Club
 Berni Turpin, Chair**

Hi Ladies and Elks,
 I want you to know that I'm proud to take over the 365 CLUB. I was told we were way below our expectations for the year. We want to send at least \$1000.00 to our beloved charity. So please ask friends and family to take a house home and fill it up so we can meet our quota. We will also take a cash (or check) donation.

My name is Bernie Turpin so you can leave your houses at the bar with your name on it, so I can acknowledge to everyone your donation. Also, I was in charge of doing the Easter egg coloring at the Easter party for children, I was so proud that at the Ladies' meeting when I asked, we immediately had all the eggs we needed. I personally want to thank all the ladies who stepped up within five minutes to donate my eggs Their names are Sue, Brenda, Janette, donna, Candy, & Rita. So far at this point (halfway through my first month) there has been no boxes turned in but I collected a little from the bar and the Ladies' meeting. I hope to make this a great year for Children's Therapy!
 Love, Bernie Turpin

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

*LaChance, Roger and Rosemary
3/2014*
Wayne, John and Flo 3/2014

SILVER INVESTORS \$21 - \$50

Elma Kelly 3/2014
Jan Simpson & Charles Rice 5/2014
Shelagh Gombarcik 1/2015
Debbie Osterbrock 11/2015

BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20

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

PLATINUM INVESTORS - \$100

Appel, Jackie 3/2014
DeLand, Paul & Vans Evers, Sandra 3/2014
Florance, Richard 3/2014
Nikkinen, Leslie 3/2014
Marino, Anthony 3/2014
In Memory Ina Moore 3/2014
Quire, Bonnie (In memory, Larry Quire) 3/2014
Reinhardt. Jeannie 3/2014
In Memory of Thomas McHugh 8/2014
Jack Johnson 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
Pickenpough, Vernon and Betty, PLSP 3/2015
Schneider, PER, Rick and Jan, 3/2015
Wright, Vera 3/2015
Horrell, Addison, ER and Tracy PER 4/2015
Smith, Rita 4/2015
Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean 6/2015
Palladini, Debbie & Durant, Rose 3/2016

Elks Care—Elks Share

On April 1st Tracy Horrell, PER and Tammy Manley delivered a Tampa Elks donation of \$500.00 to the Pregnancy Care Center of Zephyrhills. This donation was voted on by the Lodge at the meeting on March 26, 2014.

Pictures and a full article appear in the Zephyrhills Community News and in ourtownfl.com, an online community newspaper.

Excerpt rom the Web:

Foundation and friends donated desperately needed cash and supplies to Zephyrhills Pregnancy Care Center. In addition o the generous time, talents and resources donated by the incredible FMC staff, the staff of Centennial Bank held their own fundraiser and baby drive in order to contribute to this great cause, and the members of Tampa Elks #708 also came alongside the foundation to support this effort. We are grateful for both their care for this community and the Caring they have helped make possible



GL Newsletter, May 2014 Activities Committee: Let's tell the real story of Elkdom
by **GEORGE E. OLSON** Committee Member on www.BPOE.ORG

I usually talk about the Dictionary or Backpack program, both of which are outstanding and can be a big boost to your public relations effort. But I came across a story in 1978 that bears repeating. It was told by an aging Elk, who was prominent and successful.

Many years ago, he was an orphan in a Midwestern town. Just before Christmas, some men came to his orphanage. They took him and his fellow orphans downtown. It was late, and the stores had closed. The merry shoppers, loaded and weary, had hastened home.

But the men took these boys to a clothing store. It was opened for them, and inside, among the many wonderful things, each boy was fitted personally with needed clothes and new shoes. They were the first new shoes some of the boys had ever had. The boy who later became an Elk never knew who these men were. He didn't learn their names, which would have meant nothing to him anyway. There was nothing in the newspapers, and few people in this town even knew this charitable act happened, or perhaps even cared. All the orphan knew was that he heard the men were Members of the Elks.

The boy moved away and went out on his own. But when he told this story, this Elk broke down and cried.

As I write this narrative, I, too, am moved to tears by these Elks ... and thousands of other obscure, faceless Elks who will never be known for their great, good hearts. It tells the story of the real business of Elkdom best of all, demonstrating that human hearts will never be replaced by statistics or computers.

These acts of charity and human service happen many times every day in our Lodges. Elks are engaged in so many projects that any one Elk cannot know or understand them all. But we need to make sure our Members and communities know and understand that each community would be lacking a great deal if we Elks weren't there doing the things we do. If they really understood, they'd be knocking at the door.

May 11th 4:00

Elk's Celebrate Moms

Moms eat free!

\$3.00 Kids
under 12



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\$6.00 All
others

Ceremony by Officers

Followed by

Roast Beef Dinner

Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans , Roll
And Cake, of course.



State Convention May 22– 25, 2015 Disney Coronado Springs Resort



Bobby Green is the Tampa Elks Lodge Chairman for the State Convention. He and his committee are already hard at work making plans to entertain and delight both the Pirates from Tampa and the Elks from all over the State who will stop by our Hospitality room.

It is the committee's responsibility to raise money to offset the expense of having the hospitality room open evenings at the convention. This is a long Tampa Elks Lodge Tradition. Please help by supporting the various Fundraisers still going on at the Lodge.

These will include:

Share the wealth—most Fridays and during special events.
Low Country Boil—May 17th Dinner and Dancing Event
Lottery Board Raffle—details on following page
Cash Box Raffle—to be drawn at the convention
Donate—Beer, Wine, Liquor, and Gasparilla Beads!
(We do go through them.)



If you are going to the convention, even for one night, please check with Bobby to see what to expect and how you can be a part of the excitement. Please volunteer to help in the hospitality room for a couple of hours on Friday or Saturday night; there are sign up sheets at the lodge.



If you have never been to an Elk's convention—you should consider making the trip. You will see why many Elks go every year, officer or not. It is an amazing experience to be surrounded by so many Elks.

Visit these web links for ELK information and events!

Grand Lodge

www.elks.org

Florida State Elks Association www.floridaelks.org

Tampa Elks Lodge #708

www.tampaelks.com

Tampa Elks Facebook

www.facebook.com/#!/ElksLodge708



\$100 in LOTTO TICKETS

CHANCES 1 FOR 1 DOLLAR 6 FOR 5 DOLLARS

DRAWING TO BE HELD SAT. MAY 17 @ LOW COUNTRY BOIL

GET YOURS NOW!!



Bring a dish

Whether showing off a family favorite or trying a new recipe, You can count on the cooks for the gourmet club to give it their all.



OR

Gourmet Club
Sunday May 18
5:00

Bring a donation

Come down to enjoy A "Fruit"-themed meal and some fun food trivia by our host, Candy Venerable



If they couldn't resist.....



....How can you?



Motorcycle Vets Bunny Run

On April 13th more than 70 bikers, led by the Motorcycle Vets of Tampa, joined together at Tampa Elks Lodge to begin the 16th Annual Bunny Run. The run is a annual event on Palm Sunday with the bikers riding off to St. Joseph’s Children’s Hospital where they deliver a supply of Bunnies. The kids eyes light up as the men and women arrive amid much noise and fanfare. The sight and sound of 70 plus bikers leaving the grassy area between the fire station and Tampa Lodge was something for all to remember.

Tampa Elks provided the back hall for the Veteran’s organization, and sold food and drink to the participants. Many new friendships developed as the two groups met for the first time. At the end of their run to the hospital a number of the riders returned to relax and talk with Elks. On departing the Vets said to mark the Lodge calendar for their return next Palm Sunday, 2015.



Thanks to the many Elks who made this possible; Wendy Hall, Rental Chairman; Paul DeLand; Mike and Tammy Manley; Bob and Candy Surheinrich; John Wayne; Lynn Brown; Brian Brantley; Tommy Miller; ER Addison Horrell and his wife, our Secretary, Tracy Horrell.



WOW! Line Dancing Moves To Monday..... starting May 5th!

Self Serve
Taco Bar
Spicy or not
A little or a lot

Let’s Celebrate!

Margaritas
Pina Coladas
Coronas
Tequila



Come to Our...708...

LOW COUNTRY FISH BOIL



MAY 17TH

4:00pm til ?????

Oysters on
The Half-Shell...



Seafood
Gumbo!

**Don't
Miss
This!**

\$20ea
Kids Meal \$5



Shrimp!

Tickets at Bar! Get Em Early!!!

Sausage — Potatoes—Corn on the Cob—Fried Catfish + More

Dance Music By:

Bump in the Road

Kentucky Derby



Tampa 708 Elks Lodge
May 3rd 5pm-7pm



Mint Julep special \$3.00
&



Mike's famous fried chicken dinner \$6.75



**Gallop in wearing your derby attire and enjoy
good food, fun and maybe even a prize!**

Elks, Vets, and Animals



The Athena Committee kicked off the 2014-2015 Lodge year with a premier event, treating 10 Ladies from The Athena House transitional home for female Vets to a day at Lowery Park Zoo. Committee administrators Paul Deland and Rita Smith and committee members Courtney Weil, Sandra Vans Evers, and Wendy Hall accompanied the Vets. It was a fun day with a lot of interaction between the two groups.
Elks Care—Elks Share



AMERICANISM REPORT



Celebrating Homes & Heroes



Does the month of May - stir your memories of play - when you were young & your life was easier & "oh so much more carefree". Think back to the time - when your nearness to your Mom - always seemed closer at hand - then it is now! Why now do we bring forth these ideas & thoughts of Mom - You ask? Because Mothers Day comes on Sunday, May 12th, 2014 - a special day to celebrate & rekindle the thoughts of home - your Mom - & the love & strength you received, So send a card, or make a call or at least say prayer, if your Mom is still with you - even if only in spirit.

Notable heroes from America's proud history comes Armed Services Day observed on Saturday, May 17th to celebrate & remember those who served honorably over the years from our nation's beginnings. Fittingly our Lodge will celebrate with our E.R.'s Low Country Boiled Dinner at the Lodge that evening.

Closely following this observance comes America's Memorial Day on Monday, May 26th, 2014. This day is set aside for Americans to pause & reflect back to more recent events that involved the past & yet still bring serious threats to our homeland & feelings of security & proudness to be American's in our beloved American social scene.

Memorial Day should always remember memorable events that show the world that America is the land of the free because as Elks we know -

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

Richard H. Florance, PER, Americanism Chairman
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and add Marty Quire as a contact.

Tampa Elks Lodge #708 Calendar of Activities



May 2014

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p style="text-align: center;">*</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Indicates there is more information elsewhere in the bulletin!</p>				<p>1 <i>Orientation</i> 6:30 <i>Initiation</i> 7:30</p>	<p>2 * <i>Hall in Use</i> <i>Dinner & Dancing</i> <i>Live Band</i></p>	<p>3 * <i>Kentucky Derby</i> 5:00 PM</p>
<p>4 <i>Full Menu Breakfast</i> 8:30-12:00</p>	<p>5 * Cinco De Mayo \$2 Line <i>Dancing</i></p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 * <i>LOE Meeting</i> 7:30</p>	<p>8 <i>Bingo Sponsor @ VA Hosp.</i></p>	<p>9 * <i>Dinner & Dancing</i> <i>Live Band</i></p>	<p>10 <i>Hall in Use</i> 2:00</p>
<p>11 * <i>Breakfast</i> 8:30-12:00 <i>Mother's Day</i></p>	<p>12 \$2 Line <i>Dancing</i> 6:30</p>	<p>13 <i>House Committee</i> 6:30</p>	<p>14 <i>Lodge Meeting</i> 7:30</p>	<p>15 \$2 Trivia <i>Night</i> 7PM</p>	<p>16 * <i>Dinner & Dancing</i></p>	<p>17 * Low <i>Country Boil</i> <i>Bump in the Road</i></p>
<p>18 * <i>Full Menu Breakfast</i> 8:30-12:00 <i>Gourmet Club</i></p>	<p>19 \$2 Line <i>Dancing</i> 6:30 <i>Movie Night</i> 8:00 "HER"</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22*</p>	<p>23*</p>	<p>24* <i>Hall in Use</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Fl Elks State Convention</p>						
<p>25* <i>Full Menu Breakfast</i> 8:30-12:00 <i>Convention</i></p>	<p>26 <i>Memorial Day</i></p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 <i>Loud N Proud</i> 7-11</p>	<p>30 * <i>Dinner & Dancing</i> <i>Live Band</i></p>	<p>31* <i>Piano and Martini Bar</i></p>

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

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In Memory of Charlie Fiveash 5/2015
James, Howard 3/2016
Debbie Osterbrock 11/2016
In Memory of Harold Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018
Wright, Vera 3/2018

Elksize Deadline: May 16th Submit articles or photos apwurita@hotmail.com