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HAPPY ELK NEW YEAR!

After 12 months of writing a monthly article for the LOE, I thought I was going to finally get a break, and yet here I am once again back at it, albeit, in a different capacity. First, I want to thank everyone who has put your faith and trust in me to be your Exalted Ruler. I know it is going to be a long and challenging road ahead of us. However, surrounded by great Elks such as all of you, one can't help but be successful. I would like to thank our outgoing officers who worked very hard this year to help manage the lodge and all their accomplishments. I appreciate the officers that stayed on and the new ones that are coming aboard. This is a team effort, no one person can effectively run this lodge alone. This reminds me of a quote by Mother Teresa "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples". I suspect we will encounter many ripples across the lodge as the year progresses and I see this as a good thing.



Theresa Matthews, ER

A number of people were quite surprised when they heard I was being nominated for ER, none more so than I was. I observed much this year, I listened more than I spoke, I asked questions, and I learned a lot. Then I thought to myself, "I can make a difference". More importantly, I want to make a difference. This is my 19th year as an Elk at Tampa Lodge #708. I am very proud of that fact. I can thank my Dad, James Harlow, for bringing me into Elksdom. My kids were practically raised here. In fact, Hailey knows the Eleven O' Clock Toast better than most. The one thing I find disappointing is that our Tampa Elks Lodge is 113 years old, but most people in South Tampa don't even know where it is.

That, my Brothers, is what we need to change! Our current membership is less than 300. I spoke with one PER last night who had 850 members here when he was ER. I know the population isn't dwindling so there has to be another reason we are losing members and not attracting new ones. Another Elk I was speaking with said "If every member brought in one new member, we would double our membership." That is correct and sounds very easy, however maybe we should say every "active" member. I won't get too much into numbers in my first article, but think about it, if every active member brought in only ONE person – WOW!

I have already met with the incoming officers. We discussed some of our goals this year and reviewed their roles and responsibilities. I am excited about this group of people. I see enthusiasm, leadership, willingness to serve, and a strong desire to be successful. I am pretty sure we will all agree that success is what we are striving for. Success in many different areas, but success! First, we will need to define what success is. Once we have done that, we can measure it. That will be the only way we will know if we achieved it.

Again, I want to thank all of you for putting this lodge into my hands to lead and guide you this year. I will not take this responsibility lightly. I will always be available to members to hear what is on your mind. If you don't know me very well, please reach out to me as I will try to get to know each and every one of you.. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please do. You make a difference!

Fraternally Yours,

Theresa Matthews, Exalted Ruler

LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler
Theresa Matthews, PLP
Leading Knight
Albert Schnut
Loyal Knight
Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP
Lecturing Knight
Nannette Quire, PLP
Secretary
Bonnie Atwood
Treasurer
Robert Bordonaro
Esquire
Vic Thomas, PER
Inner Guard
Tommy Moore
Tiler
Vacant
Chaplain
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Bob Suhrheinrich
4-Year Trustee
Courtney Taylor-Weil
3-Year Trustee
Sharon Ford
2-Year Trustee
Brian Brantley, PER
1-Year Trustee
Paul Deland
Grand Lodge Officers:
District Advisor
Frank Palladini, PSP, PDDGER
Lodge Advisor:
Steve Harmon, PDDGER

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Suzanne Moore, PLP
Vice President
Susie Harlow, PLP
Secretary
Elma Kelly
Treasurer
Robert Bordonaro
Chaplain
Janette Bennett
Parliamentarian
Lisa Snyder

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John Flowers
Christine Harris
Debbie Osterbrock
Rick Schneider, PER
Lisa Snyder
John Weigold



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Americanism
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Athena House
Rita Smith
Auditing and Accounting
Ben Venable
Calendar Girl
Bonnie Quire
Chamber of Commerce
Courtney Taylor-Weil
Community Activities
Courtney Weil
Dining Room Staffing
Georgia Hilficker
Elks National Foundation
Shelagh Gombarcik
Elksize Editor
Rita Smith
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Albert Schnut
Marquee Manager
Jim Shimp
Music
Robert Summers
Orientation
Shelagh Gombarcik
Veteran's Committee
Brian Brantley, PER
Youth Activities
Tommy Moore
Youth Camp
John Wayne, PER
Website
Marty Quire

LOUNGE MANAGER
James Harlow

BARTENDERS
Jeffrey
Miranda

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Georgia Hilficker



Helena Celeste Herrington



Alexis McGovern

Please introduce yourself when you see our newest members in the Lodge. Friends return more often!

Vic Thomas, PER, Was presented with his 40 year pin

at the March 11th meeting. Vic served as the Exalted Ruler in 1985, and has been a favorite officer of the Lodge for many years.

If you have a question about protocol or rituals just ask Vic! Vic and his wife, Berniece, have definitely been there before!

This year Vic served as Lodge Esquire under Exalted Ruler Addison Horrell, and he has agreed to remain the Lodge Esquire for incoming Exalted Ruler Theresa Matthews.

Next time you come into the Lodge, stop and look for his name on the plaque at the left of the entry.

Congratulations, Vic!



Exalted Ruler Addison Horrell
Esquire Vic Thomas, PER



2015 State Convention May 21-24

Every Member of this Lodge or LOE is invited to attend the convention. It is a blast!

This year's Florida Elks State convention will again be held at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort at 1000 w Buena Vista Drive Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830. There is a link on the FLELKS.org webpage to register for the convention and another link to book a room. Make sure you do both! Registration is free, and rooms are \$139.50 single or double. It is possible to call for a reservation if you prefer - 1-407-939- 4686. You must use the discount code FLORIDA ELKS 2015. It is a large resort so be sure to ask for the Casitas Area to be near all the action. The special pricing on room rates is available for 3 days on either side of the convention This is a Disney Hotel with shuttles to all the parks - bring the family.

The deadline to reserve a room is April 22 - or when sold out. They expect to sell out, so please book early!

Tampa Lodge # 708 will again be hosting a hospitality room, still keeping the pirate theme. However, we will be changing the decorations this year, so if you have *tasteful* Gasparilla items to loan us, please let somebody on the committee know.

If you are even thinking about going to the convention, please join us for our kickoff meeting on Monday April 13th.

OLD ELK TALES

(MYTH BUSTERS)

"If you are dropped from the Elks membership, you will have to pay all those years of back dues in order to rejoin."

FALSE!

If you have been dropped and wish to rejoin the Elks Lodge, you must pay a reinstatement fee - \$15.00 in Tampa. Then you must be voted on by the membership in the same manner as a new member. After the vote, you pay only the dues for the current year, which will be pro-rated to cover the remainder of that year.

Please reach out to friends who may wish to rejoin!



Did you renew your membership yet? You will need the

2015-2016 Yellow membership card to enter the Lodge effective April 1st.

Don't miss out on a single day of fun! If you haven't done so - see the Lodge Secretary to renew today!



Budget a financial road map to successful Lodge year
 A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler JOHN D. AMEN

April brings with it the start of a new Lodge year. In this month our Trustees or Board of Directors is charged with one of its most important duties: to present to the Lodge a segregated budget for the year. This important task must be approved and accepted by the Lodge at either the meeting in which it is presented or at the next meeting if revision to the budget is necessary. This budget will be the financial road map for the Lodge for the ensuing year and must be repeatedly referred to for assessing your progress.

Additionally, the Lodge Officers must “buy in” to the Lodge plan for achieving a plus-one gain in membership for the year ending March 31, 2016. The earlier you start, the better your results will be. Do not rely solely on the Lodge Secretary to handle all recruitment, reinstatement and delinquency duties. These are not his or her exclusive statutory duties. In recent years many other mandatory requirements have been placed under the Secretary; so, Exalted Ruler, please appoint an active membership committee.

If your Lodge has achieved my goal of \$4.60 per Member in donations to Elks National Foundation, you are eligible for a Gratitude Grant, and there is still time to secure the grant. Do not let community members in need miss out on your important service! Applications are due May 1. Visit <http://www.elks.org/enf/community> for details.

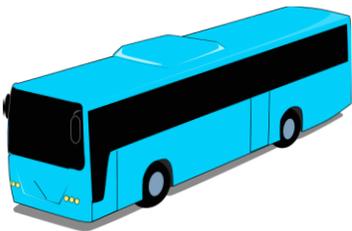
Another duty of the Exalted Ruler and Lodge Officers is to set goals and then periodically measure your progress to ensure a successful year.

Last, remember that it is imperative that you follow the Elks Statutes in your Lodge. It is of utmost importance in achieving fidelity to your sworn Obligation. If you are confused with the requirements of the Statutes then first check with your Exalted Ruler who may need to touch base with the District Deputy, who may need to consult with a District Leader, District Advisor, Special Deputy or the Area Committee on Judiciary Law. All troubles can be avoided by adherence to the Statutes.

Shhhh! A Mystery Tour Keep the Secret!

Tampa Elks will be hosting a Tour Group for lunch on April 12th. Come on down and enjoy a bargain priced lunch with this group of about 50 while watching the TB Rays play the Marlins on our 135” screen.

April 12
12:00 Lounge open
12:30 - Lunch
1:05 - BASEBALL



Youth Camp News

Do not let the golden opportunity for your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or neighbor slip by without sending these beautiful children (and maybe their best friend) to the #1 camp in the USA, the Florida Elks Youth Camp! The camp is a week long repeating session open to children aged 9-13. The camp typically has 320 children a week; the boys and girls air conditioned cabins are in separate areas. You take your child to camp on Sunday afternoon and pick them up on the following Saturday morning. You will be very impressed!



There are six weeks of camp open to all Elk sponsored children, from June 14, 2015 to July 25, 2015, and a seventh week July 26 to August 1st is open to military dependents only. Tampa Lodge picks up the fee for our children’s first week. This camp sells out quickly! The children spend most of the day outdoors, and *no electronics are allowed!*

Applications online at FloridaElks.org, or you can get one from our Lodge office.

The time to apply is NOW!

For more information, contact **John Wayne** at 813-837-4252



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, PERS, Addison & Tracy
6/2015
James, Howard 3/2016

SILVER INVESTORS \$21 - \$50

Osterbrock, Debbie 11/2015

BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20

YOUR NAME HERE?

PLATINUM INVESTORS - \$100+

Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 3/2015
Green, Cindy and Bob 3/2015
In Memory of Fennell, Jerrye and Patrick 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
Thomas, PER, Victor & Berniece 11/15
Palladini, Debbie & Durant, Rose 3/2016
In Memory of Ebba Jean Palladini

From the Editor:

SEND YOUR ARTICLES TO:

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Please send your great pics,
too!

The deadline is the 15th of each
month.

Event Flyers for the current
month receive top priority.

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
Vera Wright 3/2018



Line Dancing moves to Thursdays!

Get Your Groove On, Get Moving!

Instructor Donna Morris Halsey makes it look so easy, but you can sure work up a sweat!

A minimum \$2.00 donation helps offset the AC bill.

Every Thursday in April except the 16th

6:30 PM

Sunday Funday

Wii Bowling

New Tournament each Sunday

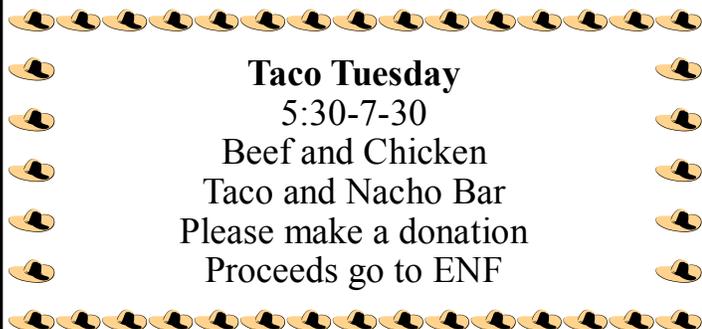
Play until you lose.

4:00 most Sundays

2:00 Third Sunday each month



Tuesday Dinner and a Movie



Taco Tuesday

5:30-7-30

Beef and Chicken

Taco and Nacho Bar

Please make a donation

Proceeds go to ENF

April Movies

4/7 - Dumb and Dumber To - Rita Smith

4/14 - Crazy Stupid Love - Rebecca Sullins

4/21 - Chuck & Larry - Theresa Matthews, ER

4/20 - Mona Lisa Smile - Sue Moore

\$2.00 Trivia

Thursday, April 16th

7:00 PM



Hosted by
Lisa Snyder and Sandra Lake

All questions are multiple choice.
 Small prizes are awarded for each round.
 Come early for the best seats.

My Loe Family, Friends and Elks,

As I begin my new year as your president, I would like to thank our past president, Theresa Matthews and her Executive Board members for their time and hard work.

As the new board begins the start of our calendar we start with the planning for the Children’s Easter Party. It will be held on April 4th from 1-3PM.

We are also in the midst of the Walk a Thon for Children’s Therapy Services. It is not too late to sign up as a sponsor!

The Elk’s convention is in May and we are preparing items to take and sell. The convention is in Lake Bueno Vista, and I hope many of our LOE members plan to attend and support our efforts. The convention is lots of fun and a pirate invasion in the courtyard tops the weekend off. If you are coming - bring your Gasparilla beads to hand out. If you can’t make it but have beads to donate we would appreciate them. So for now I close with this:

Dear Lord, make me appreciative of the dignity of my high vocation, and its many responsibilities. Never permit me to disgrace it by giving way to coldness, unkindness, or impatience; but help me show love to all those who cross my path,

God’s Love,
Suzanne Moore



Suzanne Moore, PLP



365 Club
Berni Turpin, Chair

The Florida Elks Children’s Therapy Services was started on March 1, 1999. The Elks have 23 mobile units serving the 67 counties in Florida, offering both occupational and physical therapy services to eligible children in their homes.

Each therapist travels thousands of miles a month and these vans must be maintained and replaced as necessary. It is the goal of the Florida Ladies of the Elks to replace at least one van each year.

The theory is that if each Elk family gave a penny a day, **365** days a year, we could meet that goal! Please empty your pocket or purse of change, or toss in a dollar bill when you see those little green houses in the Lodge.

Belated thank you to Jack Johnson for his most generous gift of the new green houses. Sue Mason was the first to fill one up and return it. Donna Halsey always donates cash at every meeting. Bill Edwards, PER, PLP and his fiancée Doris Ellis are regular contributors. I also received house or donations from Sharon Ford, Lorraine Leung, Debbie Osterbrock, Carolyn Miller, PLP, Bob Hales and myself.

April LOE Member Birthdays

- 4-1 Melissa Bertoch
- 4-5 Jim Shimp
- 4-7 Carolyn Williams
- 4-9 John Wayne
- 4-12 Justine “Tina” Kameron
- 4-20 Richy Palmer
- 4-25 Barbara Miller



New Bylaw for LOE

Lifetime Members

- Carolyn Miller, PLP
- LaVelle Sheppard
- Vera Wright
- Frances Salter
- Barbara Miller, PLP
- Betty Pickenpaugh, PLP
- Bonnie Quire
- Lucille Schoonmaker
- Berni Turpin, PLP

Honorary Lifetime Members

- Alice Ferrari
- Tina Kameron
- Datha Sirmons
- Elma Kelly
- Vernon Pickenpaugh



Outgoing Lady President Theresa Matthews presented Lifetime Certificates to Janette Bennet, Barbara Miller, Carolyn Miller, Elma Kelly, & Berni Turpin.

Congratulations to the 2015-2016 Officers of the Ladies of the Elks !

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| Suzanne Moore, President | Susie Harlow, Vice President |
| Elma Kelly, Secretary | Robert Bordonaro, Treasurer |
| Janette Bennett, Chaplain | Lisa Snyder, Parliamentarian |



Robert Bordonaro, 2014-2015 LOE Officer of the Year,
Debbie Osterbrock, 2014-2015 LOE Member of the Year.



Please Don't forget about the

Children's Easter Party

Saturday, April 4

1:00 - 3:00



Please bring your food donations in Friday night or on Saturday by 12:30.
Volunteers Welcome!

Elks Care, Elks Share

ELKS ARE CONSUMERS, TOO!**Parents and Guardians are Urged to Protect Children from Identity Theft**

Did you know that more than 50,000 children in Florida are victims of identity theft every year? To make matters worse, more than \$100 million is stolen from compromised children's identities.

Children are targeted by identity thieves because they generally have clean credit histories, and many years may pass before the crime is detected. For these reasons, children are targeted 35 times more often than adults. A new law in Florida hopes to change that and keep your child safe from this growing threat.

Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Adam H. Putnam worked with state legislators in 2014 to pass the Keeping I.D. Safe (KIDS) Act, which allows parents to set up credit reports and freeze them, effectively blocking thieves from using a child's personal information to open a credit card, mortgage or other financial account. To create a credit report for your child and freeze it, contact the following credit reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. The fee to freeze a child's credit is \$10. If your child has already been the victim of identity theft, the fee is waived.

A website provides information on the law and gives parents and guardians tips on how to protect their child's personal identification. It also explains what to do if your child's identity has been compromised. For detailed information on how to stop identity theft before it starts, go to www.FreshFromFlorida.com/ProtectYourChild or call Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at 1-800-435-7352, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. EST.

**Questions or Concerns? Contact Debbie Osterbrock
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Robert Bordonaro

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Feeling left out?

Get email updates and event reminders from our webmaster and information distributor,

Marty Quire.

Send an email to mquire@tampabay.rr.com and add Marty as a contact.



Calling All Epicurean Elks: What a great turnout we had at the March Gourmet Club meeting! Side dishes was our theme, and from Rita's Green Beans to Jeff's (the Bartender) Macaroni and Cheese (3 ways) to Potatoes (mashed, hashed, roasted and scalloped), we all had more than enough to eat and more great material for our Tampa Elks Cookbook.

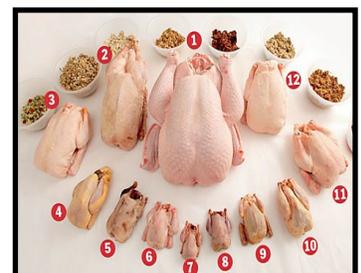
Remember - I need your written recipes, both February's and March's. You can send them to Candy at chodson2@verizon.net or give them to me when you see me.

April's theme will be Poultry: chicken, turkey, duck, goose, quail, pheasant, or game hen...we all love our poultry. Your dish doesn't necessarily have to be an entrée, just so poultry is the main component.

The April meeting will be on Sunday, April 19th at 5:00 pm.

Bring your food, your recipes, your appetite and your **trivia** thinking cap!

Candy Venable



Tampa Lodge #708
Ladies of the Elks
is having a

Parking Lot Rummage Sale!

Saturday, April 11, 2015
Starting at 8 AM



We are accepting house wares, books, clean clothing, toys, and anything else that you'd like to donate. (Sorry, but no old TV's, computers, or large pieces of furniture.) Thank you! Please drop off donations beginning Sunday, April 5.

We will have a small presale of select items on Friday night, April 10 for all Elks and LOE members. Come get the good stuff early!

Oh So French - April 10th

Prepared by: Courtney Weil, Georgia Hilficker and Laura Jones



Lobster Bisque

A Taste of Paris



Brie with Praline



Chicken Divan



Tilapia Florentine



Mocha Pot De Creme

Appetizer

- Brie with Praline Sauce.....\$4.50
- Lobster Bisque.....\$3.50

Entrée

All entrees served with bread and salad

- Chicken Divan.....\$8.95
A delicious Casserole created in the 1950s by The famous French Chef Lesel

- Tilapia Florentine
Served with Rice Pilaf.....\$9.95

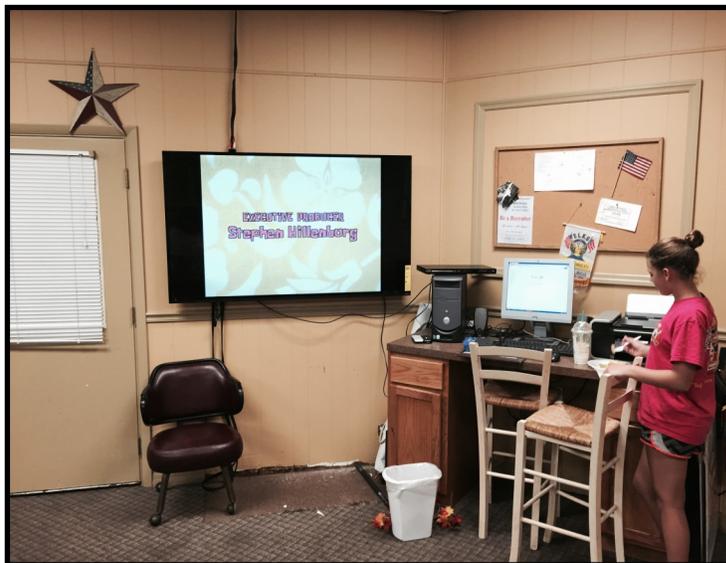
Dessert

- Mocha Pot De Creme.....\$2.95
A delectable pot of coffee/chocolate mousse

Ask the bartender for a FRENCH KISS...COCKTAIL.



What's the Buzz?



Chris Miles

recently purchased a new large screen TV and mounted it the Antler room. He has also providing Netflix streaming service to this TV. Some of our "tween" kids have mastered it already!

Chris purchased the TV after receiving about half of the funds in donations. It is not too late to add your donation to the cause to offset his out of pocket expenses.



AMERICANISM REPORT



Richard Florance
Americanism Chairman

THE SPIRIT of BENEVOLENCE

The beginnings of an Elks New Year brings new & continuing membership's & Lodge Leaders good cheer. In your minds & thoughts emerges a subject all Elks should ponder - just how do you see yourself "fitting in" with " Benevolence" as a word - a thought - & finally as an action!

Benevolence or being benevolent entails being an Elk of a charitable nature who seeks & finds ways to perform acts of kindnesses -acts or deeds that help to enrich the loves & improves the lives of many others all around them.

As an Elk, what positive acts or ideas, or even simple things have you done lately?

An old adage tells us "Charity begins at home!"

Now place yourself as though the Elks Lodge is like your home & other members are ALL part of your Elk family. There is always something to do in the Lodge - for the Lodge - or for other members - or for recognizable Elks Lodge functions that become bigger & better acts of benevolence both inside the Lodge & outside in the Community.

Benevolence requires service as a willing volunteer who will properly project "The Spirit of Benevolence" for all others to see & be the B.P.O.E. " Best People On Earth."

Where are you in the scheme of the Lodge's "Spirit of Benevolence?"

Always remember "Elks Live & Elks Give because Elks Care & Elks Share."

Richard Florance, PER



Members,

I am happy to announce that I will be the ENF Fundraising Chairperson for the Elk Year 2015-16. I am looking forward to all the fundraising efforts that I hope Tampa Lodge will be able to participate in. I will have a list of different opportunities for you to give and enjoy some fun and fellowship while doing so (stay tuned). When we donate to this wonderful program, we are helping build and make OUR community stronger, from participating in a STANDOWN FOR HOMELESS VETS, to PROVIDING CHILDREN'S SCHOOL SUPPLIES to FEEDING THE HOMLESS each Sunday morning. You are making a difference and being a part of something bigger....now doesn't that make you feel good!

The love you give is equal to the love you get.

Fraternally yours,
Shelagh Gombarcik
Loyal Knight
Elks National Foundation Chairman



Shelagh Gombarcik



OFFICER OF THE MONTH

Bonnie Atwood

This lady was chosen as Officer of the month not only because of the many great qualities she exhibits, but her wonderful work ethic and commitment to the virtues of the Order. Bonnie has been working tirelessly in the office for a few years now. She doesn't shy away from learning new things or hard work. Bonnie has been such a joy to work with over the years in both the Elks and the LOE. She has helped with Veterans Services for a long time, served as Chaplain for the ladies, stepped in as Treasurer when needed. She will now assume the role as the lodge Secretary on April 1. Bonnie has also been a huge support system to me as I prepare to transition into my new role.

We are very excited to have Bonnie in the Secretary role. We know she will be a tremendous asset to Tampa #708 and the entire Elks organization. Not only is Bonnie efficient and talented, she is such a nice, warm person who welcomes one and all. I never see Bonnie without a smile on her face and that is the face we want to greet our new members and represent Tampa Lodge #708! I sincerely thank Bonnie and congratulate her on her achievement as the first Officer of the Month for the 2015-16 Elk year.

Lynn Brown

Lynn Brown has been a fixture around Tampa lodge for many, many years. Her mother, Ina, was an Elk, a great lady, and from whom Lynn learned her work ethic. Lynn is another one who is not afraid of hard work. She will take on any task no matter how big or small or how dirty. She doesn't wait to be told what to do. If Lynn sees a need, she will jump in and help. Lynn's normal place is in the kitchen. She has cooked many a meal on a Friday night and usually cooks every Sunday morning. Lynn has always been someone that can be depended on. She is willing to help out in a pinch and won't shy away from things that aren't normally in her wheelhouse. Recently Lynn has joined the Veteran's committee for the monthly Trip to James A Haley hospital.

Lynn has been one of the first people to step up and offer her services for the new administration. She has provided some great suggestions on food and appetizers for installation as well as the proper presentation. She has also stepped up to assist wherever we may have a need. Being a volunteer organization can be tough at times trying to not use and abuse the same volunteers over and over. Lynn is not fazed by this at all; Lynn., Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the Elks. We appreciate all you do and plan to keep you busy.



ELK OF THE MONTH

Taylor X Taylor

I would like to call out our very first Volun"Elk" of the month; Taylor X Taylor. Taylor is the son of our Trustee, Courtney Weil. Between studying hard as a great student at Plant High School and playing on the Past State Champion Plant Panther Football team, you will find Taylor down here working hard every weekend as a volunteer. Taylor exemplifies the qualities and behaviors we would like to see in all young people (not to mention a few older people). Taylor is always very polite and friendly. He treats everyone with kindness and respect. He started as a "bar back" helping his mother but quickly moved up to server. I have heard nothing but praise from people he has served on a Sunday morning. Taylor is a very smart and personable young man. He recently received the American Legion invitation to attend Boys State at FSU. This is the type of young man we would like to see grow up and become an Elk and most likely a leader in the organization.

Congratulations, Taylor, on an honor well deserved. You are a huge asset to Tampa #708 and I hope we continue to see you down here volunteering whenever you can.



VOLUN "ELK" OF THE MONTH

Do you have a background in Food and Beverage?

The "Kitchen Council" would like to meet with you and get your ideas to make the kitchen more successful - menus, atmosphere, prices, hours, service - all are open for discussion. We need the kitchen to be profitable if we are to keep it open. Please come share your knowledge. April 6th at 7:00 will be a no obligation advisory

Tampa Elks Lodge #708 Calendar of Activities

April 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>March 30</i> <i>LOE Board Meeting</i>		<i>1 LOE</i> <i>Dinner 6:45 Meeting 7:30</i>	<i>2 Line Dancing</i> <i>6:30</i>	<i>3</i> <i>Dinner & Dance</i> <i>Anthony Barcelo</i>	<i>4 LOE</i> <i>Children's Easter Party</i> <i>1-3</i>
<i>5 Breakfast</i> <i>8:30-12:00</i> <i>Happy Easter</i>	<i>6 7:00</i> <i>House Committee & "Kitchen Kouncil"</i>	<i>7 Taco Tuesday</i> <i>5:30-7:30</i> <i>7:30 Movie</i>	<i>8</i> <i>Lodge Meeting 7:30</i>	<i>9 Line Dancing</i> <i>6:30</i> <i>Bingo @ VA</i>	<i>10</i> <i>French Dinner & Dance</i> <i>Bert N Sassy</i>	<i>11</i> <i>LOE</i> <i>Yard Sale 8 - ?</i>
<i>12 Breakfast</i> <i>8:30-12:00</i> <i>Mystery Bus 12:00-1:30</i> <i>Wii Bowling 4:00</i>	<i>13</i> <i>Convention Meeting 7:00</i>	<i>14</i> <i>Taco Tuesday 5:30-7:30</i> <i>7:30 Movie</i>	<i>15 6:30</i> <i>Officer and Board Of Director's Meeting</i>	<i>16 5:30</i> <i>"Annie" Hall Rental</i> <i>\$2 Trivia</i>	<i>17</i> <i>Steak Dinner & Dance</i> <i>Russ Funk Motown/70's</i>	<i>18 DD</i> <i>Clinic and VP Meeting 9:00</i> <i>St Pete Elks' Lodge</i>
<i>19 Breakfast</i> <i>8:30-12:00</i> <i>Wii bowling 2:00</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> <i>Taco Tuesday 5:30-7:30</i> <i>7:30 Movie</i>	<i>22</i> <i>Lodge Meeting 7:30</i>	<i>23 Line Dancing</i> <i>6:30</i>	<i>24</i> <i>Dinner & Dance</i> <i>VET's Dinner</i> <i>Kathy & Paul</i>	Florida Elks Softball Tournament 2 days Deland, FL
<i>26 Breakfast</i> <i>8:30-12:00</i> <i>Wii Bowling 4:00</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> <i>Taco Tuesday 5:30-7:30</i> <i>7:30 Movie</i>	<i>29</i> <i>6:30</i> <i>Orientation & Initiation</i>	<i>30 Line Dancing</i> <i>6:30</i>		

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Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
Easter Sunday April 4th

8:30AM - 10:30AM



Bring the kids
and the camera!
Happy Easter!

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Friday Night Menus & Bands

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April 3

Fried Fish \$8

OR

Fried Shrimp \$9

OR

Roast Pork Medallions
\$10

With all the fixings

Anthony Barcelo

April 10

A Taste of Paris!



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Burt N Sassy

April 17

14 oz. Ribeye \$15.95

OR

Pan Seared Salmon
W/ Dill Sauce \$13.95

Served with
Salad, Potatoes, Veggie,
and Roll

Rum Cake

Russ Funk

April 24

Shrimp Pasta \$12.95

Or

1/2 Roasted Chicken,
W/ veggie, potato \$9.95

Served with
Salad
and Bread

Vet's Night

Kathy & Paul