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My Fellow Elks,

What a busy time, and how many positive things for Tampa Elks!

Thanks one and all for a great Hoop Shoot! Two of our kids are moving on to the next level, and many volunteers helped make this happen. This is indeed an example of what Elks can do...

December 14th we held our 1st Annual Bike Toy Run to Tampa Children's Home, and 100 bikers met at the Lodge and followed Santa on a bike to the home. There nearly \$1,000 in gift certificates and cash were given to the kids of the home. See the story on Page 3.

New Years by now has been held, and thanks to Courtney Weil and her crew for what I am sure was a great evening.....(I write this in mid-December!)

Now the rush to the end of our Elks Year begins, and it is busy!

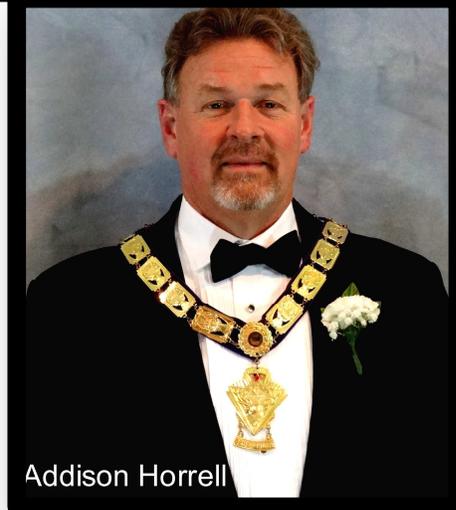
January 31st.....GASPARILLA! Our Lodge holds the 16th annual Gasparilla Boat Invasion event with Elks busing in from Winter Haven, Lakeland, Venice-Nokomis, Lakewood Ranch, Aripeka and other places for Breakfast. The on-the-water invasion, and Dinner/Music/Games at the Lodge before they head home. Come help your Lodge with its biggest fund-raiser of the year!

February marks the nomination and election of the officers who will lead Tampa Lodge for the coming 2015-16 year. Be sure to participate in the process.

A new Lodge year begins soon, and you are a great part of the Elks efforts. Keep your commitment to the Lodge by helping where and when you can!

Fraternally,

Addison Horrell, ER



Addison Horrell

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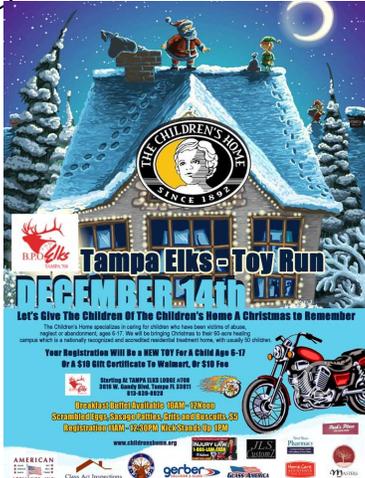
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**John Wayne, PER**

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# 1ST ANNUAL CHILDREN'S HOME TOY RUN A SUCCESS!!!



Santa led the way, followed closely by a red convertible with a 5ft. Tall penguin....100 Cycles followed them....as the 1st Annual Elks Toy Run to the Tampa Children's Home proceeded to their goal of providing presents and gift certificates to the residents and those who visit the home....The many smiling faces as each child got to choose a gift, and then received a gift certificate, showed the success of the event! NO child left without a present....plus!!!!

More than \$570.00 cash, plus \$410 in gift certificates were provided by riders in the 1st Annual Toy Run from Tampa Elks Lodge to The Children's Home.....with an estimated \$1,000 additional to come from Lodge profits from their spaghetti dinner and breakfast sales to the riders!

The talk turned early to planning the event for a 2nd year.

Santa surveys his line of bikers at The Children's Home...



The residents await their gifts



as bikers smile and watch!

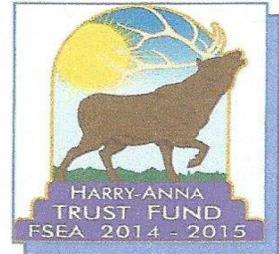
**THANK YOU STORY ON PAGE 12!**

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**

### Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler, JOHN D. AMEN

It is the start of a new calendar year, and now is the time to make a personal resolution regarding your Lodge Membership situation. Resolve to call upon all Members to help improve Lodge membership numbers because membership is our number one issue. Resolve to work these final months of the Lodge year for a plus membership year in your Lodge. Resolve to act now!

Lodge Secretaries and Exalted Rulers: Do not go it alone – ask for help from your key Members. Enlist the help of your Past Exalted Rulers Association. Additionally, you should engage the Proposers of delinquent Members to call on their initiates.

All local delinquent Members should receive a personal visit from a key Lodge Member. This will enable Lodge officials to determine if the delinquent Member is sick or in distress and should be the subject of a review by the Lodge Standing Relief Committee. The pride of distressed Members will often prevent them from talking about their situation on the phone. You know the Grand Lodge and State Association dues and per-capitas have already been paid by the Lodge, and if you allow the Member to be dropped from the rolls then you will have gained nothing this year.

Special consideration should be given to delinquent Members who have attained Life Member status. These Members have paid at least 30 years of dues and may be in a situation where family members are making financial decisions for the Member. It is a shame to coldly drop these long-standing Members who may well be incapable of making their own financial decisions. Again, face-to-face visits with a delinquent Member is imperative.

Form a committee to call upon Members who have been dropped from the rolls the past five years, and remind them of the good works your Lodge does in your community. Let's all pull together to get the Plus 1 status for the Lodge and for the Order.

That's all for now. See you on the road...

**R**  
**S**  
**V**  
**P**  
**!**



*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**

## Bar Talk!



Sitting at the Lodge bar and visiting with friends/fellow Elks/Visiting Elks and others can be very interesting.....

**HOWEVER.....**

When you are at the Lodge bar be aware that any form of talk about Lodge business.....and, any talk derogatory or disparaging to others is against the rules! & That includes any childish behavior such as hand salutes which are most likely offensive to others and expressions of any form that disparage an employee or member of the Lodge.

ENJOY The Lodge.....do not:

Show you are not an Elk in action by virtue of your words of actions!

**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  
Thomas, PER, Victor & Berniece 11/15  
Palladini, Debbie & Durant, Rose 3/2016

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Needed!  
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get started and  
you'll find it  
very rewarding!**

**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

Get Your Groove On, Get Moving!

Instructor Donna Morris Halsey

Dinner and a Movie Night!

## Taco Tuesday

5:30 - 7:30pm

Taco & Nacho Bar

(Donations accepted)

\$4 Margaritas

\$3 Coronas



### January Movies

7:30 PM each Tuesday

Jan 6 - Caddy Shack

Jan 13- Westside Story

Jan 20- Ferris Bueller's Day Off

Jan 27-The Sound of Music



Cindy Green - Loyal Knight

Thurs - Jan 15  
**\$2.00 Trivia Night**  
7:00pm

By Cindy Green

**Prizes!!!**

(Multiple Choice)

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

# Lodge of Sorrow

For

Tom Erich  
&  
Vernon Stephens

### January 2015 – LOE President's Message

Happy New Year to our wonderful LOE and Elk Members,

I hope you and your loved ones had a happy holiday season. It is hard to believe  $\frac{3}{4}$  of my term of office is over already! I can't help but wonder how many times I will write 2014 in the coming months (I guess I should say type 2014 since that is how we do most things now a days). The LOE still have so much to do, so much money to raise, so many people and charities to support, and so much fun to be had while doing it! We have spent the past 9 months focusing on the things that matter; our veterans, Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services, and of course "all things of Elkdom". We have continued to support Tampa lodge #708 in all activities, fundraising, and lodge beautification.



Theresa

Please mark your calendars for our January "Fun"raiser. We will be holding a Tacky Party on Saturday, January 24. Please visit LOE bulletin board for details or the flyer in this month's Elksize. Lisa Snyder, Parliamentarian, is the chair of this wacky tacky event. There is no admission fee to come. All Elks, LOE members, and guests are welcome to attend, so please come in your "Tackiest Best". There will be a Tacky Costume Contest and a Tacky Food Contest.

February, we are hoping to host a USO show to support our Veterans Committee as well as the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital. We will be reaching out to Dolly Masi, PER, PLP at St. Pete lodge to see if she can bring her USO show on the road. This is a great show! If you haven't been able to commute to St. Pete to see the show, we hope to bring it right here to you. We will be looking for veterans to participate as well. So dust off that old uniform (I'm sure it still fits!) and come down and represent your branch of service.

We will pull out our walking/jogging/running/crawling shoes and hold our Annual Walk-a-thon for FECTS in March. Your LOE members will be taking a long stroll up Bayshore Boulevard in an effort to surpass last year's donation to FECTS of over \$1200. We will hit you up for sponsorships or cheerleaders or both! Anyone is welcome to walk with us, or provide water, moral support, or oxygen!

I hope to see you all at our next regular business meeting on January 7, at 7:30. Dinner will be served at 6:45. We will have some of our out of town LOE members cook for us this month – Bob Orcutt and Betty Gnadt. Thank you Bob and Betty for stepping up to fill this important opening for us.

In your service,

Theresa Matthews, LOE President

### LOE BIRTHDAYS—JANUARY



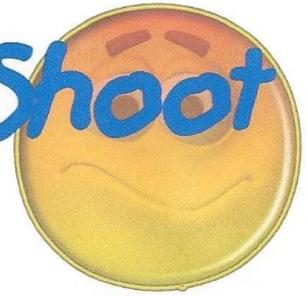
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 1-3 Robert Bordonero  
 1-18 Thomas Hagan  
 1-20 Shirley Adams



Submitted by Donna Morris Halsey, LOE Chaplain



# Hoop Shoot



Say "CONGRATULATIONS" to Tampa 708's BEST PERFORMERS in the recent Hoop Shoot competition.....Nicholas Brown and Mikaela Helfer now move on to the next level of competition this month (January 2015) in Dunedin! When you see our winners around Tampa Lodge, give them encouragement, and wish them good luck in their next competition!

Most of the others who competed were from the Tampa Children's Home.

Many thanks to the Elks who worked tirelessly to make this event a success; as well as a BIG thanks to those from Holiday Isles Lodge who joined to help run the event. The cooperation truly shows our motto, Elks Care—Elks Share!

John Wayne, PER, Chairman

## Exalted Ruler's Awards Night!

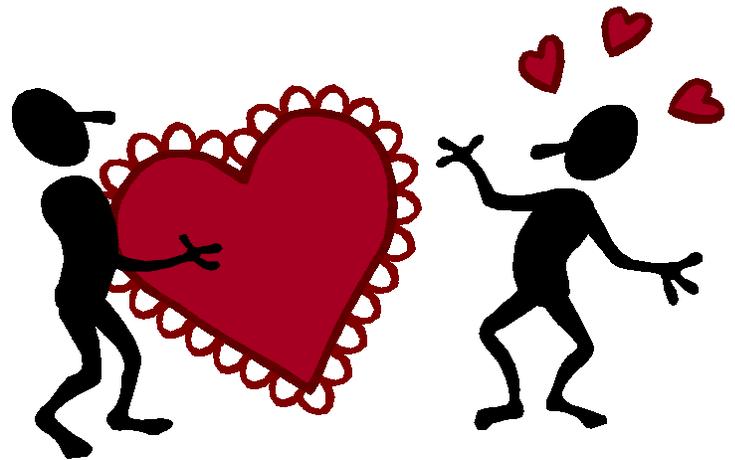
February 21st, 2015



**Cocktails @ 6pm.....1st drink on our Exalted Ruler, Addison Horrell and Awards to follow!....**

# St. Valentine's Dance

February  
14th



Check flyers in the Lodge  
For Details  
Or  
See February Elksize!

**Addison Horrell | Exalted Ruler**  
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**Tracy Horrell | Secretary**  
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The holidays are wonderful for getting together with friends and family over a nice meal. But after the stress and the rush of the holidays are over . . .

Come join Tampa Lodge 708 Ladies of the Elks for the

# Tacky Party!



**The LOE is having this “FUN” raiser for one reason: to have FUN!**

When: Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00

Where: Elks Lodge 708

Who: You and all your tackiest friends. Warning! This party IS geared for open-minded, tacky adults!

What: Fun and Games!

We will have some special tacky drink concoctions and there will be a costume contest for the tackiest dressed (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.) We also will be playing some games for marvelous prizes. There's even a chance for you to buy a few items that someone got for Christmas and donated to the LOE because they were too tacky to keep!



Cost: It's free to all, but please bring your most creative and tackiest dish to pass. (This is a contest too!) If you come dish-less, we would welcome a small donation to the LOE.



## ELK OF THE MONTH

### [Melissa Helfer Elk of The Month!](#)

Melissa has truly been an asset from the beginning of her becoming an Elk. She serves on the House Committee, handles & train the wait staff, she also volunteers as a waitress herself. She has also filled in when we were shorthanded behind the bar. You will often find her helping with events happening at the lodge. She does all of this while working a full time job and raising Mikaela. I am proud she is part of my family! Please let her know how grateful we are to have her as an Elk!



## OFFICER OF THE MONTH

### [Officer of the Month: Melissa Bertoch](#)

This young lady has been an Elk for the past 8 years. You will often find her helping with a children's event or hall events! She is always willing to lend a helping hand. She does this while holding down a full time job and raising a daughter who recently just graduated from the Air Force boot camp. Tampa Lodge is so very fortunate to have her! And I am thankful for her service as the Chaplain this year! Please congratulate her when you see her.



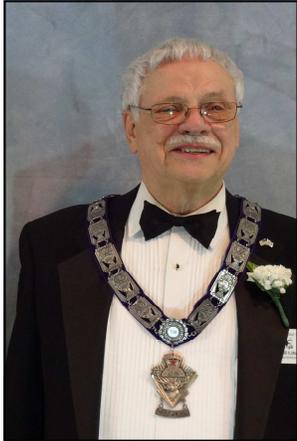
## 1st Annual Toy Run Successful!

Paul DeLand & John Wayne,  
Co-Chairmen

Tampa Elks Lodge #708 hosted nearly 100 bikers December 14th for the 1st-ever biker toy run to Tampa Children's Home. After registration, and a buffet breakfast, The run left the Lodge and journeyed to the home led by Santa on his own Harley-Davidson, followed by a red convertible with a back seat stuffed with toys, including a 5ft. tall stuffed penguin! The children at the home lined the streets of their village waving to Santa and the nearly-100 cycles roaring behind....Every child got a present and a gift card as nearly \$600 in cash and more than \$400 in cards were left by the bikers. In addition the Lodge will be presenting gift cards to the home from their events. The smiles were on both bikers and children! Our Thanks to the following volunteers....Frank Palladini, PSP, Addison Horrell, ER, Wendy Hall, Tracy Horrell, Debbie Osterbrock, Katrina Campanello, Pat Boyd, Tommy Miller, Lynn Brown, Al Schnut, Tommy Moore, Suzanne Moore, Flo Wayne, Bonnie Atwood, Bill Mason, Sue Mason, Mike Manley, John Wiegold, Melissa Bertoch, Richard Florence and Gwen Burks. (Note: If I missed anyone please accept my apology!)



## AMERICANISM REPORT



Richard Florence  
Americanism Chairman

**AMERICA'S REPUBLIC CONTINUES** A dictionary definition of "republic" is "1. A government having a chief of state who is not a monarch and is usually a president" 2. A government in which supreme is held by the citizens entitled to vote and is exercised by elected officers and representatives governing according to the law."

As American Elks we join, work together to support our Elks Lodge in charitable events that actively assist and benefit our American military veterans, and many local community organizations that provide aid and assistance to children in need.

As the "laws of our American Republic" have previously given us - American citizens have rights and privileges unequalled in any other country or state in the world! As American Elks we must continue to know, exercise, and defend these precious "givens" throughout our lives.

On Monday, January 18, 2015 we will join America to remember and honor the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Your Lodge's Americanism Committee wishes you all a happy and prosperous New Year for 2015. Please remember to "Rock-On" as Elks

to continue to practice and work hard - have fun doing so - Elks Live and Elks Give because Elks Care and Elks Share!!

Richard Florance, P.E.R. Lodge Americanism Chairman  
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## Your House Committee!

Serving mostly behind the scenes, and their efforts mostly unseen, the Lodge House Committee operates quietly, but accomplishes a lot in keeping your Lodge operational. The 7 members, listed on page 2, meet at least monthly, and each member has duties to perform. The Committee is responsible for the operation of the Kitchen and Bar areas, and the hiring of all employees. In addition the committee is responsible for safety inspections each month, and is currently handling the inventory performed monthly for the Kitchen and Bar as well as the liquor room of the Lodge.

These volunteers are just completing a survey to help the Lodge in providing the activities and music YOU, as members, are telling us you like and want.

Thanks these volunteers for tirelessly working to insure a smooth Lodge operation, and a fresh look at our future needs.

Joy Comanche of **Macy's**



For Christmas, the Tampa Elk's Athena committee teamed up with the Westshore Plaza Macys personal shopper service to provide each of the Vets living at the Athena House with an outfit suitable for a job interview, funeral, meeting with their congressman, or similar occasion where they would need to "dress for success." Elks Care ~Elks Share!

Darlene



Stacey



Jennifer



Kathleen



Melinda



Pamela



Paulette



Annie



Tammy



Shannon



Ana



Debra



Carol



# Tampa Elks Lodge #708 Calendar of Activities

January  
2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 A HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 Burger & Chicken Sandwich Baskets	3 HALL EVENT
4 Breakfast 8:30-12	5 Line Dancing	6 House Committee 6:30pm	7 LOE Mtg. 7:30pm	8 VA Bingo	9 Dinner 6:30-8:30p	10 HALL EVENT
11 HALL EVENT Breakfast 8:30-12	12 Line Dancing	13	14 Lodge Mtg. 7:30pm	15 TRIVIA 7:30pm	16 Dinner 6:30-8:30p	17 HALL EVENT
18 Breakfast 8:30-12	19	20	21 Officers & BOD Mtg. 6:30pm	22	23 Vets Dinner Dinner 6:30-8:30p	24 LOE TACKY PARTY
25 Breakfast 8:30-12	26 Line Dancing	27	28 Lodge Mtg. 7:30pm	29	30 Dinner 6:30-8:30p	31 GASPA- RILLA!

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## Friday Night Menus & Bands

Tampa Elks Lodge #708



Jan. 2nd

Burger &  
Breaded Chicken  
Sandwich  
Baskets

Dinner by:  
Paul

Music by:  
Satin Laze

Jan. 9th

Stuffed Pork Chops  
&  
Chicken Marsala

Dinner by:  
Courtney Weil

Music by:

Double Shot  
Country Band

Jan. 16th

Fried Swai Fish, French  
Fries and Cole Slaw  
Or  
Rib Eye Steak,  
Salad, Baked Potato and  
veggies

Dinner by:  
Addison Horrell &  
Bob Green

Music by:  
Anthony Barcelo

Jan. 23

TBA

Music by:

TBA

Jan. 30th

TBA

Music by Bert & Sassy