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A.J. Matthews  
Exalted Ruler  
2011—2012

## EXALTED RULER ADDRESS

### Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

I am not afraid to say Merry Christmas! Now, I understand that there are people out there who may not think wishing someone a Merry Christmas is a politically correct thing to do. Well, I don't care. And I will not apologize for wishing someone good tidings during this time of year either. If you disagree with me, Baaaaaaah Humbug!

Regardless of the source you seek to find the beginning of Christmas, there is no doubt that it is indeed a Christian holiday intended to celebrate the birth of Jesus. However, the exact date is not generally known, but historians believe Jesus was born somewhere between 7 and 2 BC. According to Wikipedia, that period is based upon narratives of Jesus' birth in the New Testament's Canonical gospels. There are a number of theories, beliefs, and justifications for naming or designating December 25<sup>th</sup> as Christmas Day, which include: a date nine-months following the date of the conception of Jesus, the date of the Roman Winter Solstice, and the beginning the season of "Christmastide," which is larger and lasts for twelve days. In the United States, Christmas became a federal holiday on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1870 with an act of Congress. In fact, during our country's first Christmas following the Revolutionary War in 1789, Congress didn't even take a break. They just worked through the day. It wasn't until the

1800s that Christmas became more main-stream. In the early 1800s, Christmas took on the nature of a rowdy carnival and did not become a main-stream family oriented celebration until the mid to late 1800s. But enough with the theory and the history of Christmas. All real Elks know that Christmas is about Santa Claus, presents for kids, and sharing food, drink, and good times with each other. The wide eyes of children when they are handed a gift they never expected to receive, the grateful smile of a parent who couldn't otherwise provide for their family, and the calm hush that envelopes our community in the wee hours of Christmas morning. Let's never forget what that feels like. **Merry Christmas.**

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> is designated Elks Memorial Day.** On this day we will remember the members who departed us during 2011. We will hold our **Memorial Ritual in the Lodge Room at 5:30 PM** followed by a meal. The families of our absent members, members, and guests are encouraged to attend. To assist us in planning, please **R.S.V.P to the Lodge at (813) 831-4280.**

We will hold our **Children's Christmas Party on December 11<sup>th</sup>.** I understand that Linda Reid has once again agreed to kick-start and organize that effort. The **adult party and "Chinese Gift Exchange"** will *(Continued on Page 4)*

## December 8th and 9th



**LOE Christmas Bazaar**  
Enjoy delicious homemade baked goodies, browse gift items and other homemade treasures!

Starts at 7PM!

## Saturday, December 31st

### New Year's Eve!

Hors D'oeuvres and Dinner  
Music by Street Life Gang  
Champagne Toast



Tickets available at the bar for only \$25

Cocktails start at 6:00PM!



Theresa Matthews  
L.O.E. President  
2011—2012

### THE LOE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! Whether you ate at home with family and friends or enjoyed the day with your Brother Elks, I hope it was a great day and hope you didn't boost the economy too much on Black Friday. The holiday season keeps us all busy at home, at work, at school, in the community, and of course, at Tampa Elks Lodge #708.

We are hosting the Christmas Bazaar on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Come and do some early Christmas shopping. There are still some chances left on the "Lollipop Tree." A \$5 donation gives you the chance to win \$100 and a free Dum Dum® lollipop. We will be donating the proceeds to the Elks Children's Christmas party. The Parking Lot Sale on November 12<sup>th</sup>, (Happy Anniversary Mom and Dad on that day as well), was a big success. We appreciate all the wonderful donations as well as the many, many helpers who came out to lend a hand. Way to lead another successful event, Lisa!

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual LOE Country Hoe Down will be held on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Barbara and Raymond Huffman will be leading this event as they have so successfully done in years past. The 708 line dancers will be back for your entertainment. A great band will be here as well. You will be able to purchase your tickets from any LOE officer or at the bar. Advance tickets are \$16. Hope to see everyone there - Yeehaw!

Don't forget to come out for the LOE Dinner on the third Thursday of every month. We have guest "chefs" each month. December will bring us the wonderful "cookings" of our own Chaplain, Beth "Gordon Ramsey" Boyd, and PLP/Leading Knight, Tracy Horrell. These dinners sell out quickly. Reservations accepted! Wonderful desserts will be available as well.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to **Brian, Sandra, and Michael Brantley** in their time of sickness. We hope Brian continues to get stronger and healthier every day. If anyone can prepare a meal to take to them please let me know and we will get it delivered. I am sure they will appreciate any kindness we can provide. Brian is an avid reader so feel free to donate any reading material to keep him busy.

The LOE would like to thank the many Elks who continue to support us in our endeavors. I know every time you see Susie coming you know she is selling something! Of course, everything we do is for "The Good of the Order." We will continue to offer our support to all things of Elksdom. Happy holidays to everyone! Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year!

In Your Service, Theresa Matthews | LOE President

### LOE DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Rosemary Hodge	12/5
Katherine Jacobs	12/7
Jack Johnson	12/8
Betty Pickenpaugh	12/13
Carolyn Miller	12/22
Shelagh Gombarcik	12/24
Michael Scharneck	12/24
Ebba Jean Palladini	12/27

### "365 Report"

*Thank you everyone for your generous donations!*

*We are off to a slow start but confident that everyone will bring in their "full" houses to continue supporting the Elks Children Therapy Services.*

*Vera Almstedt | "365" Chairperson*

### HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

As you may know the House Committee has undergone some changes in the last couple of months. Chris Miles has returned to his legal roots and got a job! Way to go Chris. Now come spend some of that lawyer money here at the bar. Nancy assumed the position of House Committee Chair, but then a week later became Lodge Secretary. So, now, yours truly, is the newest House Committee Chairwoman.

The House Committee is working on a lot of different projects at the present time. Most importantly, we are reviewing how we can improve the profitability of the kitchen. Year to date the kitchen has operated at a loss of \$15,000. The bar has helped cover that loss with a net profit of \$10,000. However, doing the math, we are still at a deficit of \$5,000. Exponentially, we will end up in the hole almost \$10,000 by the end of the year. We are working on better efficiencies in the kitchen, to include: proper ordering/receiving, better management of inventory, waste, and meals, and reducing shrink. We are putting together some guidelines and checklists for everyone working in the kitchen to help us meet our goal of having a profitable kitchen. More information and training to come.

We are also working on better controls at the bar to include ordering and receiving, inventory, appropriate drink specials, and reducing shrink. We welcome and value any input you may have to help us improve controls in all aspects of the Lodge.

The House Committee will be working collaboratively with the Trustees to ensure that all structural needs are addressed in a timely manner. Friday night dinners, cleaning service, and the exterior of the Lodge are all current areas of opportunity.

Please help support your Lodge by coming down for dinner on Friday night and breakfast on Sunday morning (until Noon for you night owls, Mom.) The bartenders hate being bored as well. Help keep them busy pouring drinks. Come down and try some Bar Trivia sometime. We look forward to introducing some new fun incentives to attract our members to the Lodge on a more frequent basis.

Theresa Matthews | House Committee Chairperson

**Lodge Officers**

- EXALTED RULER**  
A.J. Matthews, PER
- LEADING KNIGHT**  
Tracy Horrell
- LOYAL KNIGHT**  
Pat Boyd
- LECTURING KNIGHT**  
Vic Thomas, PER
- TILER**  
Robert Summers
- SECRETARY**  
Nancy Keesler
- TREASURER**  
David Partlow
- ESQUIRE**  
Albert Schnut
- INNER GUARD**  
Richard Florance
- CHAPLAIN**  
Dianne Cuccinello

**Grand Lodge & State**

- Elks National Veterans Commission Veterans Representative**  
Brian Brantley, PER
- V.A.V.S. Deputy**  
Vernon Pickenpaugh
- FSEA Past President W.C.D. Sponsor**  
Frank Palladini  
PER, PVP, PDD, PSP, PGLC
- FSEA Lodge Liaison Membership Lodge #708**  
Pat Boyd, Loyal Knight
- W.C.D. Vice President**  
Steve Harmon, PER

**Board of Trustees**

- 5-Year**  
Addison Horrell
- 4-Year**  
Robert Snyder
- 3-Year**  
Jerry Reid, Chairman
- 2-Year**  
William Edwards, PER
- 1-Year**  
Brian Brantley, PER



**Ladies of the Elks**

- President**  
Theresa Matthews
- Vice President**  
Susie Harlow
- Secretary**  
Shelagh Gombarcik
- Treasurer**  
Cindy Linville
- Parliamentarian**  
Lisa Snyder
- Chaplain**  
Beth Boyd

**Committees**

- Accident Prevention**  
Addison Horrell
- Americanism**  
Richard Florance
- Athena House**  
Tracy Horrell
- Auditing**  
Shelagh Gombarcik
- Bell Ringers**  
Pat Fennell
- Bingo**  
Brian Brantley, PER
- Blood Mobile**  
Vic Thomas, PER
- Bulletin (Elksize)**  
Michelle Przywara
- By Laws**  
Chris Miles
- Community Activities**  
Vic Thomas, PER
- Convention**  
Addison Horrell
- Hall Activities**  
Linda Reid
- Drug Awareness**  
John Wayne
- Elks National Foundation**  
Vic Thomas, PER
- Elks Training**  
Pat Boyd
- Entertainment**  
Robert Summers
- Flag Day**  
Richard Florance
- Government Relations**  
Pat Boyd
- Harry Anna Foundation**  
Tracy Horrell
- Hoop Shoot**  
John Wayne
- House Committee**  
Theresa Matthews
- Indoctrination**  
Pat Boyd
- LOE Liaison**  
Theresa Matthews
- Lodge Activities**  
Addison Horrell
- Maintenance**  
Jay Lleras
- Membership / Lapsation**  
Courtney Taylor
- Memorial Day**  
Richard Florance
- Mother's Day**  
A.J. Matthews, ER, PER
- Officer Attendance**  
A.J. Matthews, ER, PER
- Parliamentarian**  
Lisa Snyder
- Presiding Justice**  
John Redding
- Public Relations**  
Kim Van Walker
- Sickness**  
Tracy Horrell
- Soccer Shoot**  
John Wayne
- Sports Activities**  
John Wayne
- Veterans Services**  
Pat Fennell
- Visitation**  
Vacant
- Website**  
Marty Quire
- Youth Activities**  
John Wayne, PER

*Tampa Lodge 708 List of Officers  
2011 - 2012*

## HEAR YE HEAR YE

**CALLING ALL BELL RINGERS!** On December 17<sup>th</sup> and December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Tampa Lodge #708 will be hosting our annual "Ring of the Bells" at Publix Supermarket across the street from our Lodge for the Salvation Army. Bell ringing will be from **9AM until 8PM** in two-hour shifts. We will have a red kettle bell ringer at each entrance.

The money collected will go to help those who are less fortunate than us through the Salvation Army in the name of BPOE Lodge #708. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to volunteer to help us out. Thank you in advance for your participation in this worthwhile event. Please wear something "Elkish" if possible so that the public will know what we, as Elks, know: **Elks Care, Elks Share!**



Fraternally, Pat Fennell

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!**  
From Pat and Marilyn Fennell

## DECEMBER ELKS BIRTHDAYS!

Roger Lachance	12/4	Rich Mahlum	12/17
Edward Lessard	12/4	John Hester	12/20
Robert Briggs	12/5	Michael Manley	12/20
Kimberly Quire	12/5	Stephen McEwen	12/20
Darlene Powell	12/6	Donald Carstens	12/21
Jack Johnson	12/8	Vernon Stephens	12/21
John Burks	12/9	William Brown	12/22
Charles Madsen	12/9	Robert Green	12/23
Robert Simmons	12/9	Jack Caplinger	12/24
Jeremy Hall	12/11	Shelagh Gombarcik	12/24
Chris Miles	12/11	Rosemary Lachance	12/24
Donna Craig	12/13	Bonnie Atwood	12/25
Edward Daniels	12/14	Gustave Adams	12/26
Sharon Green	12/14	Glenn Cook	12/27
David Brown	12/16	Robert Stellges	12/28
Richard Edwards	12/16	Sarah Ferguson	12/29
John Mihelich	12/16	Gail Greene	12/30

### TAMPA ELKS 708 LOE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Thursday, December 8th - Friday, December 9th

HOMEMADE BAKED GOODIES  
GIFT ITEMS  
HOMEMADE TREASURES



**Do your Christmas shopping now!**



If you would like to donate please call Susie Harlow at  
**(813) 205-1762**

### 11th Annual LOE—Country Hoe Down of the Lights SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2012

**Musical Guests**  
*The Sweetwater Junction Band*  
*The Great Buddy Lane of Classic Country*

**Dinner from 6-7PM - Band from 7-11PM**

Dinner brought to you by Bill Edwards, PER, PLP and his crew:

Baked Chicken, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans with Pearl Onions and Mushrooms

Desserts by Rita Smith

Come one!!! Come all!!! Jell-o shots!!! Tampa Elks #708 Line Dancers!!! Jail w/Matt Dillon and his deputies!!!



Tickets on sale New Years Eve!!!

**Costume Contest:**  
Best Dressed Western Female  
Best Dressed Western Male  
Best Dressed Western Couple



**Share of the Wealth with the Great Tina and Bonnie!**  
Enjoy our famous Hee Haw Auction!!!

DONATIONS: \$16.00 ADULTS / \$8.00 CHILDREN (under 10 years)  
After January 14, 2012: \$21.00 ADULTS / \$11.00 CHILDREN  
More info to come in the January Elksize  
**Barbara Huffman, PLP and Hoe Down Chairperson**

### EXALTED RULER ADDRESS (Continued from Page 1)

on **Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**, and you don't want to miss that. There will be a number of private parties in the Lodge hall, so if you have the giving spirit in you, why don't you volunteer to set-up or take down following the events?

At the end of the month we will again host our **New Year's Eve Party!** It looks like the A-Team of Al, Addison, Bob Snyder, and yours truly will again enter the kitchen and don our aprons to deliver a meal fit for the **Best People on Earth!** I will buy extra filet mignon so we won't run out. (Last year, Bob, Addison, and I had to eat chicken.) Tickets are on sale at the bar and like last year, remain **only \$25**. You will need a ticket to stay in the Lodge after 6:00PM, but that ticket will get you hors d'oeuvres, dinner, music by "Street Life" band, and a champagne toast at midnight followed by breakfast so you can start the New Year off just right. Last year was a sell-out. What is new this year is that Nancy Keesler has promised us a Roaring 20s theme which should go over big, REAL BIG!

Before I sign-off, I thank all of our members and all of our Veterans who attended last month's **Veterans Appreciation Ball**. We raised nearly \$700 for our Veterans and had a great time. For those who missed it, you missed a good one; one that many of our members believe we should host again. I am always in the mood for a party, especially when it means we can also honor and support Veterans.

**And remember, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy December and Happy New Year!**

**A.J. | Exalted Ruler**

Linda Reid | Banquet Hall/Events



I would like to thank everyone who has jumped in to help with the **Banquet Hall** usage this year. We have made much needed income to help sustain the Lodge, and the referrals of happy clients are starting to pay off. It is very rewarding to receive each heartfelt "thank you" from our guests because we made their event so special. The average profit margin on most events is 58%, making it the biggest income generator within the Lodge. We are always looking for extra help, so if you would like to directly impact your Lodge in a very positive way, why not give a few hours a month? If you would like your name added to the list of volunteers to be informed about an upcoming event, send me an email: [lindamom@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:lindamom@tampabay.rr.com)

Happy Holidays!



LODGE LIASON REPORT

Pat Boyd, Loyal Knight

"Vision with Action," is the motto of our current President Frank D. Hayes. Both principles are coming into Elks Lodges near you! This is how the Florida Elks, in typical leadership fashion, are preparing the membership for the future of Elkdom. At the mid-year meeting of Florida Elks, the Lodge Liaison Committee met for the third of five State sponsored gatherings. There was a quick review of the team building skills, specific Lodge issues, and discussions over previous meetings before we went to work with a "can do" attitude!

Elks everywhere have similar issues; however, the Lodge Liaison Committee has begun circling the wagons for a stand on the future of Elkdom. We, as a group, are committed to visiting other Lodges, and through discussion and example, are learning and bringing back to our respective Lodges those things that are working. Times change; the "Vision with Action" plans you will be hearing about in the near future will benefit all Elks.

Personally, I find the Lodge Liaison meetings a great beginning due to the leadership of our Florida Secretary, Carl T. Seibert, and PER, Don Moon. They are truly an inspiration to all who want to see the Elks expand beyond the current "standard." Many of our group discussions, as you might well expect, are focused on NEW members; however, at the leadership's urging, we are incorporating the knowledge and experience of our existing membership through retention and activation of existing members.

"Keep what works and modify what doesn't" is the singular suggestion from members of the Liaison Committee. Our own Tampa Lodge 708 has already reached some of the milestones necessary to grow and prosper in the community. We have already reached some membership goals and minimized some of our retention issues. We have a tough road ahead if Tampa Elks are to reach our true potential. Our structure needs some improvements and our methods of activating existing members require open discussion and exchange of ideas. While we have initiated many new members already, I am sure we can and will

do even better over the next few months. We have time to improve on our myriad of accomplishments. This said, I want to ask each member to ponder the following:

**Do I encourage Elks participation in open dialogue with our membership?**

**Do I limit our relations to just a few members or do I excitedly open the doors by 'calling on' our whole membership?**

**Do I show members appreciation?**

**Do I make our Elk space and interaction FUN for our members?**

**Can I make it better???**

Our Leaders, Carl Seibert and Don Moon, reiterate at each meeting and to each Lodge Liaison Committee member, **"This is not the most fun job nor is it the easiest job. It is however a necessary job that will carry the Florida Elks and the Elk movement in the next millennium."** I believe, nevertheless, the rewards to Tampa #708, through involvement and subsequent transition to the next level, cannot be understated. We, as active Elks, are open to **"Vision with Action"** by all our members. If you wish to discuss the current activities and/or future plans of the Lodge Liaison Committee.

**Call, email, or visit me at "OUR" Lodge.**

Don't cling to what was. Don't be satisfied with what is. Reach for and grasp what could be!!!

Yours in Elkdom  
Pat Boyd

YOUTH ACTIVITIES NEWS

First of all, the Youth Activities Committee, Flo, and I wish all of you a very happy, healthy, and joyous season and a great 2012 New Year! As you know, the **Hoop Shoot event was held at the YMCA on November 26<sup>th</sup>**. This event was spearheaded by 5-Year Trustee, Addison Horrell, and his fabulous wife, Tracy. The Horrells and their helpers did a great job! The Committee could not have performed without all of them! Thanks again for the fantastic effort in showing everyone that **"Elks Care, Elks Share."** Youth Activities will assist the Lodge with the **Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**. Our next outing, (or meeting), will be in 2012. One idea is to host a car wash, however, any suggestions from you fine Elks are greatly appreciated, thank you! Also, the Committee wants to deliver a **heartfelt message to PER, Brian Brantley:** Get well soon! We need you, want you, and we care! Thank you, Brian, for all of your help and advice. God bless you and your family!



John Wayne, PER | Youth Activities Coordinator

## Partners in Progress



### 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.*

#### PLATINUM INVESTORS - \$100

DuRant, Rosemarie 1/2010  
 Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 4/2012  
 Florance, Richard 7/2012  
 Hauf, Dick & Gerry 6/2010  
 In Memory of Harry Reoderer 6/2010  
 In Memory of Ina Moore 12/2010  
 In Memory of Larry Quire 6/2010  
 In Memory of Richard A Palmer 8/2012  
 Lucas, Vernon 6/2010  
 Marino, Anthony /2010  
 Palladini, Deborah 1/2010  
 Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean 6/2015  
 Pickenpough Vernon and Betty FLOE PSP 10/2012  
 Quire, Bonnie 6/2010  
 Quire, Martin & Kimberly 8/2010  
 Ramsey, Richard PER 7/2009  
 Reid, Linda & Jerry 6/2010  
 Schneider, PER, Rick & Jan 10/2011  
 Sellers, Jr., Frank, PER 6/2010  
 Smith, Rita 3/2 009  
 Snyder, Robert & Lisa 5/2013  
 Norton, Bob and Stokking, Brenda 6/2010  
 Thomas, PER, Guy & Ruth 1/2009  
 Thomas, PER, Vic & Bernice 6/2010  
 Woodburn, John, 11/2011  
 Wright, Vera 6/2011  
 In Memory of James Wilder 5/2010

#### GOLD INVESTORS \$51 - \$99

Alley, Sonia & Bill 6/2010  
 Baranofski, Ron & Fran 7/2010  
 Bertoch, Jan 6/2010  
 DeLand, Paul & Sandra VansEvers 3/2008  
 Harmon, Steve, PER 6/2010  
 Heider, Ted PER & Sally PER, 7/2010  
 Huffman, Raymond & Barbara 6/2010  
 Jorgensen, Sherral 6/2011  
 Keller, Maureen & Matt 10/2009  
 Kennedy, Brenda & Brown, David 3/2009  
 LaChance, Rosemary & Roger 6/2010  
 Nikkinen, Lesley 3/2009

#### SILVER INVESTORS \$21 - \$50

Cuccinello, Diane 6/2010  
 Edwards, PER, William 6/2011  
 Gukeisen, SGM USA RET, James L. 4/2010  
 Huffman, Barbara (In Memory of Hilda DeGiacomo) 6/2010  
 Kelly, George & Elma 6/2010  
 LaChance, Rosemary and Roger 6/2010  
 Kelly, George & Elma 5/2010  
 McHugh, Thomas 6/2010

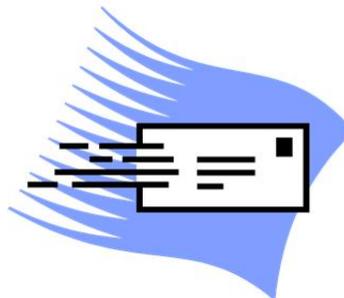
#### BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20

In Memory of #7, Patrick 11/2007  
 Wayne, John & Flo 3/2009

**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!**



**A.J. Matthews | Exalted Ruler**  
 ExaltedRuler708@gmail.com

**Nancy Keesler | Secretary**  
 Secretary708@gmail.com

**David Partlow | Treasurer**  
 Treasurer708@gmail.com

### TAMPA ELKS KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> | 2PM - 5PM

FREE for kids up to age 14

Kids must be on sign up sheet by December 9<sup>th</sup> at the front desk to receive a present!




### Adults Christmas Party

Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM

**6:00PM –7:30PM: Electronic Trivia**  
Think you know everything? Prove it!

**7:30PM: Pot Luck Buffet**  
Use the sign up sheet at the Lodge to let us know what covered dish or dessert you will bring!

**8:00PM: “Chinese Gift Exchange”**  
Bring a gift valued at \$15-\$20 to participate!

**Karaoke by Mardonix!**

Contact Susie Harlow or Bonnie Quire for details and additional information!




### TAMPA LODGE #708 PRESENTS:

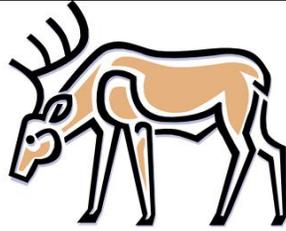
## A Roaring 20s New Year’s Eve & Costume Contest!

- Date:** Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011
- Time:** Cocktails start at 6:00PM. Dinner and fun to follow until 1:00AM!!
- Where:** Tampa Lodge #708
- Tickets:** \$25.00 – Available at the bar!  
(Ticket required to remain in the Lodge after 6:00PM)
- Includes:** Filet Mignon, Potato, Vegetable, Salad  
Champagne toast at midnight, breakfast after midnight  
Cash bar
- Music:** “Street Life” Band



## AN ELKS TALE | RICHARD FLORANCE

There strode three men in regal garb across vast reaches of desert, in pursuit of a shining star that guided them into the town of Bethlehem. A host of angels showed them into a stable, and once there to a manger, where a newborn baby lay sleeping peacefully. These three kings brought with them gifts to celebrate the birth of a savior, for word had it that this child's family was poor, and these three men had more. So the gift of Charity was born by these wise men of the Magi. As much time and many tides passed, this baby became a man hailed as a savior of many but feared and scorned by others. This man, it seemed, had a mission: to help save others from worldly plights, not of their own choosing. His fame grew all across many regions of these fabled lands, until at last an uneasy ruler sent out his Legions to seek out this Savior's reasons for becoming a man for all seasons, for so many people. This ruler, Pontius Pilate was his name, questioned this "Savior" of a man, and what came next was the birth of Justice with all its misguided, man-made, flaws and frailties; yet, nevertheless Justice for that time. A table for twelve men is set with this Savior at its head. Our Savior knew it would be his last meal prepared before he'd be dead, for his disciples were all with him and so Brotherly Love was born for all the ages of men. As our savior died for us, as a symbol of how to save mankind's souls: we give our savior our trust, our beliefs, and our true **Fidelity** to him. So to all Elks wherever you are in Elkdom, or whatever you do, always remember from where our Elks tenets of **Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity** originated.



## HAVE SOME FUN - VISIT ANOTHER ELKS LODGE Pat Boyd Loyal Knight

One of the "Privileges" of being an Elk is having the ability to visit Lodges throughout the country. While I am not a big traveler, there are plenty of options within a few miles of our home Lodge. The possibilities for adventure, learning, and camaraderie are endless.

Mike and Tammy Manley, along with Beth and I, recently visited Holiday Isles Lodge #1912 for a relaxing afternoon by the water. We had a great time sitting on the docks, listening to a solo performer, and of course navigating between our seats and the Tiki bar. While there, we met another group and soon began sharing Elk experiences. I was looking for an officer to sign my "Elk Passport" (more on that later). One of our new found friends was Jim Lamb, the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Florida Southwest #2040. Once Jim verified our visit and after a few tequila shots, the group invited us to visit Sarasota South Lodge #2495 on October 23<sup>rd</sup> for a talent show. After a few more stories and sharing, we headed back home thinking, "what a fun and relaxing afternoon."

This past Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, we, (the original group plus Kim VanWalker and Morris Lunn), went to Sarasota. There we met a group of dedicated, motivated, and happy people. They were serving up BBQ chicken and ribs that had been slowly smoked overnight as a prelude to the talent show and auction. Their motive was to raise funds for a "Toys for Tots" Christmas program. The show was entertaining. There are some talented Elks in the Southwest District. The food was very good. They had been cooking all night. What impressed me the most was the hospitality we received. We were expecting a good time; though, in typical Elk fashion, were treated like part of their family. It should not have been a surprise; after all, we are all part of the Elk Family.



I want to thank Jim Lamb and the others from his Holiday Isles group who invited us. We were seated in front of the stage, and joined intermittently by many of the workers, performers, and Elks from across the Southwest District contingent. It was a memorable experience. Mike and I even learned about a long term fundraising project they run and were offered their assistance in starting it at our Lodge. Fellow Elks are always willing to share their ideas!!

As I visit more Lodges, I find it is well worth the drive time in both the knowledge we gain about Elkdom and friendships that will last a lifetime. Also, I also got another signature in my Elk Passport. It was signed by my counterpart, the Loyal Knight of Sarasota Lodge # 2495, "Spike." I wholly endorse visiting Sarasota South for an afternoon with friendly, helpful, and smiling Elks!!!! Thanks again, Jim! See you soon.

**FYI: For more information on the "ELK Passport" ask your Lodge officers. To order your own, (it is only \$5.00), go to <https://www.floridaelks.org/> and click on "Passport" button on the left side of the screen. Whether you have a passport or not, make plans to visit other Elk Lodges. It is rewarding beyond belief and truly one of the "Privileges" of your Elk membership.**



## LOE PARKING LOT SALE UPDATE



On Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, not only was the weather incredibly beautiful, but the **LOE Parking Lot Sale** was also a great success! We raised nearly \$600 that will go into the Ladies' general fund to support OUR Lodge and LOE charities. Thanks to all of you who came out to

help set up tables, price and organize merchandise, and pack up the leftovers and haul them away. I especially want to thank Brenda Stoking who helped with pricing on Thursday and stayed the whole day Saturday (starting at 6:30AM!) Big thanks also go out to Barbara and Raymond Huffman, and Sue Moore who also set up tables and put in a long day, as well as Theresa Matthews, Susie Harlow, James Harlow, Bonnie Quire, Nancy Dudney, Nan Quire, Linda Reid, Jerry Reid, Tina Kamerer, Flo Wayne, Bob Snyder, and Elma Kelly who is bringing our leftover books to the vets. A huge thank you goes out to Sue Mason who brought over a truck to haul away our leftovers to be donated to other charities. We'd also like to thank all of you who stopped by to purchase items, and especially to those of you who donated items. We not only raised funds, but we also cleaned out some unused items from the shed and antler room, helped the environment by recycling and reusing items (some are now being used in the Lodge), and had a super fun day with other members. Start stockpiling junk ---oops! I mean, quality merchandise, now for our sale next year! Thanks again to all you LOE and Elks who helped make this event a great success!

Lisa Snyder | LOE Parliamentarian

# YOUTH CAMP NEWS



First of all, Flo and I, along with our Committee, want to wish all members, guests, and children a very joyous, happy, and healthy holiday season and a fabulous 2012!

You know applications will be arriving online and at our Lodge after February. Do not forget your child! This is the best camp in the USA and the cost to you is so nominal. Also, we need your support for our Thursday night dinners. Only \$7.00 for a great chicken meal! Come on down and support your Lodge and help us grow. Remember my Elk slogan: **“The Youth of today are the Elks of tomorrow!” Happy Holidays to all!**

**John Wayne, PER | Youth Camp Coordinator**

## OFFICER OF THE MONTH

**Robert Summers, Lodge Tiler**

Few can deny the impact that our Lodge Tiler, Robert Summers, has on our Lodge. Part of it is because of his dedication to what our Lodge stands for (our charitable work, our camaraderie, and our brotherhood). However, equal credit goes to his desire and energy to make sure all members and guests have the opportunity to enjoy our “home away from home.” On any given Friday, Robert opens our doors to his family and his friends, many of whom have since joined our organization. At the same time, Robert volunteers to do nearly anything and everything to help make our Lodge successful. That includes cooking in our kitchen on Sunday morning, assisting in preparing tables and decorations for our banquet hall, and making sure that we have great entertainment performing on Friday evenings. But one of his greatest impacts is realized on meeting nights where it is his responsibility to guard us during our Lodge sessions. **We are glad to call you Brother, Brother.**

## ELK OF THE MONTH

**James Harlow**

Never say never. At least if your name is James Harlow. In the many years that James has provided dedicated and selfless service to our Lodge, James seems to have a problem with either saying NO, or staying away too long. And that is a BIG gain for our Lodge. With his daughter, Theresa Matthews, taking the helm as our third House Committee Chairman in three months, James has once again agreed to accept duties our Bar Manager. And we are all to glad to have him. You cannot argue with experience, and you should never argue with James because nobody knows our lounge better than he does (of course we are talking about the “working” side of the bar). We are grateful to have James back and look forward to the continued success on the “play” side of the lounge as well as what it means for a positive bottom line. **Welcome back, James!**



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**DECEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE**

**OFFICERS MEETING**  
 Wednesday 12/7 6:00PM

**LOE MEETING**  
 Wednesday 12/7 7:30PM

**TRUSTEES MEETING**  
 Tuesday 12/13 7:00PM

**House Committee**  
 Tuesday 12/13 6:30PM

Tuesday 12/27 6:30PM

**PER MEETING**  
 Wednesday 12/14 6:30PM

**LODGE MEETING**  
 Wednesday 12/14 7:30PM

Wednesday 12/28 7:30PM

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**  
 Contact Courtney Taylor

**ATHENA HOUSE**  
 Contact Tracy Horrell



**"As long as there is an Elk, Veterans will never be forgotten."**  
 Veterans Day 2011

**BARTENDER'S CORNER**



And now December. What a year this has been. Yard sales, Halloween parties, Military dinner dances, and **TAILGATE PARTIES!** The ladies rocked it with Halloween, the Military dinner dance was a big success, Thanksgiving was full of blessings, and the lounge has

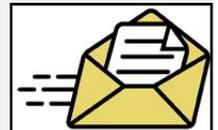
been having an awesome time with the tailgate parties. The end result of these parties is going to be some kind of bar improvement. The proceeds from the food contributions will make that happen and we appreciate all of you who have attended and enjoyed great food and some super football. All Elks are encouraged to come down, bring friends, cheer on your favorite teams, and enjoy camaraderie and fantastic food. The **tailgate parties will run through the end of the Buccaneers season (January 1<sup>st</sup>)**. They are held during all away games so we are guaranteed to have them on the big screen TVs! And remember, this is all going to benefit **YOUR LODGE!** Jessica and I look forward to seeing you all!

**Peggi Tuttle | Bartender**

If you would like to receive e-mail reminders of Tampa Elks events and general announcements, please send your e-mail address to the webmaster:

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**AMERICANISM REPORT | "FOOD FOR THE BROOD"**

As winter's season comes relentlessly again, our years ago are in mind and thought - but suddenly then - we are brought back to face the lack - that looms large today - to bring out our Elks Spirit of giving for Christmas Day - for as we know that Christmas time is a time for **"Food for the Brood"**! This "Food for the Brood" comes in many ways, and brings with it the happiness and joys of Christmas stockings and food baskets for all-walks of needy girls and boys - all across America. A different variety of "Food for the Brood" exists which always at Christmas consists of Elks supporting our military veterans who develop wartime's disabling bouts of mental anguish and/or physical injuries while serving and protecting America's freedoms - but we know - Elks Care and Elks Share - the veterans know we are there for them, even in fleeting moments of pain and despair. Another way proud American Elks provide this so-called "Food for the Brood" is through searching and seeking out new members to our Elks Lodges all across America's heartlands. New members and old, modern technologies will continue to reinvigorate our in-place Elks with new members to develop our Elks founding tenets of **Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity**, and by so-doing continue the benevolence and devotion to charity that has and will continue to make B.P.O. Elks of America a successful and honorable - yet humble part of the social fabric of the United States of America. So for the upcoming year-end Christmas and New Year's holidays - be of good faith to your families, to yourselves, to your work, and also to your peers - with the passage of time and often with a few tears; America's times will be better as you - our proudly patriotic Elks - old and new alike - will become a contributor to the "Food for the Brood"; each and everyone in their own way. Be safe and continue all your good works with holiday wishes and cheers into next year - 2012 will soon be here!

**Richard Florance | (813) 831-0518 | rhflorance@yahoo.com**

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 Connor, Bob 9/2014  
 Dayes, PDDGER, Dick & Eleanore 9/2012  
 Rose Durant 10/2011  
 Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 4/2012  
 Ferrari, Alice 11/2010  
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 Gaffney, Charles 6/2011  
 Gukeisen, SGM USA RET James L. 11/2010

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 Hauf, Richard & Geraldine 8/2010  
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 Woodburn, John 11/2011



**BINGO!**

*Every Monday Night*

6:30PM Early Bird  
 7:00PM Jackpot, Hot Snack Bar

**LOUNGE HOLIDAY HOURS**

12/24 Christmas Eve: 3PM-6PM  
 12/25 Christmas Day: Closed  
 12/31 New Year's Eve: 3PM-6PM  
 (Tickets required after 6pm)  
 1/1 New Year's Day: Closed



**SALSA / LATIN DANCE LESSONS!**

Every Tuesday from  
 6:30PM-7:30PM

Free for Elks  
 \$5 for Military  
 All others \$10

Contact Gus Adams at (813) 374-4988  
 RSVP at <http://www.meetup.com/Learn-to-dance-salsa>

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## Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

<b>LOE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR</b>	Thurs / Fri	12/8 -12/9
<b>BUCS TAILGATE PARTY</b>	Sunday	12/4
<b>ELKS MEMORIAL DAY</b>	Sunday	12/4
<b>CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY</b>	Sunday	12/11
<b>BELL RINGERS AT PUBLIX</b>	Saturday	12/17
<b>CHRISTMAS PARTY (ADULTS ONLY)</b>	Saturday	12/17
<b>BELL RINGERS AT PUBLIX</b>	Saturday	12/24
<b>\$5 ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT-DINNER</b>	Thursday	12/29
<b>NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY</b>	Saturday	12/31
<b>LOE COUNTRY HOE DOWN</b>	Saturday	1/21/2012

### ELKS MEMORIAL DAY

Join us **Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** for a **Memorial Ritual in the Lodge Room at 5:30 PM** in remembrance of the members who departed us in 2011. Members, family, and guests are invited to attend. Meal will follow. To assist us in planning, **R.S.V.P to the Lodge at (813) 831-4280**



### TRUSTEES MESSAGE

The Trustees, along with all Tampa Elks, are wishing Trustee, Brian Brantley, a speedy recovery! We are working toward getting maintenance issues under control. We hope you can see a difference in the very near future. It's not easy, and it's not cheap, but we are getting things done. Look for a suggestion box to be placed in the social quarters. We invite all Elks to let us know how you would solve problems or issues that you see around the Lodge. We appreciate all comments, signed or anonymous. Thank you for trusting your Trustees. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Yours in Elkdom,**

**Jerry Reid | Trustee Chairman**

### Brian's Bingo Blast!

We are continuing to make money at Bingo. This is very important to continue to support our charities. However, we still need help. We are open every Monday from 5PM until 10:30PM. If you can help at least one night a month it would be appreciated. Many thanks go out to Scott

Miller who came in from his vacation to assist. Thank you, Clyde, for being there even when you are not feeling well.

**In Brother Love, Brian Brantley**

### ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER!

**Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

5:30PM—7:30PM

Join us at Tampa Lodge #708

**PER Thursday Night Dinner Holiday Special!**

- \$5.00 includes • All-You-Can-Eat Pancakes •
  - Choice of Sausage or Bacon •
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## CHEF MICHAEL'S CORNER

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### December 2, 2011

<b>DINNER HOUSE OR CAESAR SALAD</b>	<b>\$2.95</b>
<b>NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER</b>	<b>\$3.95 Bowl   \$1.95 Cup</b>
<b>FLAT BREAD PIZZA</b>	<b>\$6.95</b>
<b>WHITE - GARLIC, SPINACH, ARTICHOKE, ONION, FETA CHEESE</b>	
<b>RED - MARINARA, ONIONS, GARLIC, MUSHROOM, MOZZARELLA CHEESE</b>	
<b>PRIX FIXE MENU ACCOMPANIMENT</b>	<b>SORBET</b>
<b>CHICKEN PARMESAN</b>	<b>\$13.95</b>
<b>TENDER BREAST DUSTED AND SAUTÉED IN OLIVE OIL, GARLIC, FRESH HERBS AND SEASONINGS, TOPPED WITH CHEF'S MARINARA AND MOZZARELLA CHEESE, SERVED WITH A SIDE OF PASTA PRIMAVERA</b>	
<b>SHERRY'S DESSERT COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$2.95</b>

### December 9, 2011

<b>DINNER HOUSE OR CAESAR SALAD</b>	<b>\$2.95</b>
<b>ITALIAN WEDDING SOUP</b>	<b>\$3.95 Bowl   \$1.95 Cup</b>
<b>CANNELLONI</b>	<b>\$6.95</b>
<b>RICOTTA CHEESE, SPINACH, AND ITALIAN SAUSAGE WITH BÉCHAMEL SAUCE</b>	
<b>PRIX FIXE MENU ACCOMPANIMENT</b>	<b>ITALIAN ICE</b>
<b>BALSAMIC AND FIG GLAZED SNAPPER</b>	<b>\$13.95</b>
<b>WITH CREAMY RISOTTO AND ITALIAN GREENS</b>	
<b>SHERRY'S DESSERT COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$2.95</b>

### December 16, 2011

<b>DINNER HOUSE OR CAESAR SALAD</b>	<b>\$2.95</b>
<b>CHICKEN GUMBO</b>	<b>\$3.95 Bowl   \$1.95 Cup</b>
<b>TENDER CHICKEN, HOLY TRINITY RICE, VEGGIES, AND CREAM</b>	
<b>GREEK SALMON BITES</b>	<b>\$6.95</b>
<b>FRESH GREEK SALSA TOP BITE SIZE PORTIONS OF GRILLED SALMON</b>	
<b>SERVED WITH LEMON VINAIGRETTE ON THE SIDE FOR DIPPING</b>	
<b>PRIX FIXE MENU ACCOMPANIMENT</b>	<b>CITRUS SORBET</b>
<b>BEEF TIPS IN MUSTRHOOM DEMI-GLACE</b>	<b>\$13.95</b>
<b>TENDER CHOICE BEEF TIPS WITH GARLIC, MUSHROOM, AND ONION IN A VELVET BEEF GRAVY OVER RICE PILAF SERVED WITH VEGETABLE OF THE DAY</b>	
<b>SHERRY'S DESSERT COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$2.95</b>

### December 23, 2011

<b>DINNER HOUSE OR CAESAR SALAD</b>	<b>\$2.95</b>
<b>BRUNSWICK STEW</b>	<b>\$3.95 Bowl   \$1.95 Cup</b>
<b>BASKET OF HANDMADE POTATO CHIPS</b>	<b>\$6.95</b>
<b>SERVED WITH CRUMBLÉ BLEU CHEESE AND CHEF'S DIPPING SAUCE</b>	
<b>PRIX FIXE MENU ACCOMPANIMENT</b>	<b>ITALIAN ICE</b>
<b>1/2 SLAB RIBS</b>	<b>\$13.95</b>
<b>SERVED WITH FRIES, SLAW, AND BEANS</b>	
<b>SHERRY'S DESSERT COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$2.95</b>

## DECEMBER FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER MENU

### THE STANDARDS

#### CHICKEN FINGERS & FRIES

**\$6.95**

A full pound plate featuring crispy, crunchy-tender chicken strips and golden brown French fries, served with choice of sauce



#### SHRIMP N'CHIPS

**\$7.95**

A twist on a UK favorite with five-piece fried shrimp and crispy-tender French fries, served with cocktail sauce and lemon wedge, malt vinegar upon request



#### CHEF'S SOUP DU JOUR

**\$3.95 Bowl | \$1.95 Cup**

Made from scratch and prepared fresh, classic and inventive soups, ask server for today's selection



**HAMBURGER \$4.95**

**\$5.49 WITH CHEESE**

**\$6.29 WITH BACON & CHEESE**

4oz. of lean beef, grilled to perfection, topped with lettuce, tomato, onion and pickle on toasted bun and served with 1/2lb. of golden fries

**THE BIG ELK BURGER \$7.95**

**\$8.49 WITH CHEESE**

**\$8.95 WITH BACON & CHEESE**



8oz. of USDA lean beef hand pattied and grilled to your perfection topped with lettuce, tomato, onion, and pickle, served with a heapin' pile of golden fries



#### WINGS

**\$7.95**

10 large wings tender and crispy choice of hot, medium, or mild buffalo sauce and served with Ranch or Blue Cheese, and celery

#### THE CALF CLUB (KIDS 11 AND UNDER)

**INCLUDES SODA & FRIES**

**\$3.95**

Hot Dog Basket | Corn Dog Basket | Grilled Cheese Basket  
Chicken Strip Basket | Burger Basket



### SIDES

HOUSE SALAD

**\$2.29**

CAESAR SALAD

**\$3.29**

SOUP DU JOUR

**\$3.95 Bowl | \$1.95 Cup**

VEGETABLE DU JOUR

**\$1.95**

COLE SLAW

**\$1.95**



ONION RINGS

**\$3.49**

FRENCH FRIES

**\$1.95 Small | \$2.95 Large**

SWEET POTATO FRIES

**\$2.95 Small | \$4.95**

BAKED POTATO

**\$1.95**

MASHED POTATOES

**\$1.29**



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#### CATCH OF THE DAY

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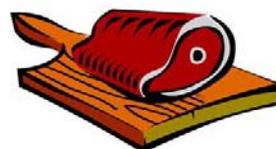
Grilled, fried, or blackened fresh fish, made to order your way, accompanied by choice of starch, soup or salad, and vegetable of the day



#### RIB-EYE STEAK

**\$13.95**

10 oz. - 12 oz. cut of USDA choice rib-eye tender and juicy, grilled to perfection, served with baked or mashed potato, soup or salad, and vegetable of the day



#### CHICKEN YOUR WAY

**\$9.95**

Boneless, skinless chicken breast, grilled, fried, or blackened to perfection, served with choice of starch, soup or salad, and vegetable of the day

## December Band Schedule

LIVE MUSIC EVERY FRIDAY!



Cathy and Paul	12/2
Three Amigos	12/9
Street Life Band	12/16
Keith and Ruby Show	12/23

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# DECEMBER

## 2011 Lodge 708

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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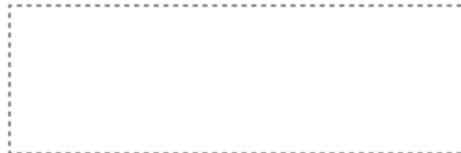
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