

# Elks Tampa 708 Elksize



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## No Whining Before Wine

As I entered the Lodge the other night and walked around the bar and dining room trying to greet everyone, someone told me "I really appreciate that you walk around and greet everyone. It really makes a difference in the atmosphere". I thanked him and said I try to get by to greet everyone but sometimes I get snagged right when I walk in the door and then get tied up in conversation. I then told him I want to tell these people "please let me walk around and say hi to everyone ,maybe even get a glass of wine first and then we can chat". Hence, "No whining before wine". It was all in jest that I said this and joked "Hey, that will be the title of my next article". This joking did get me thinking about how nice, friendly and fun Tampa Lodge is. In fact, we had a visiting Elk from NJ here with her S. Tampa sons and their wives. They said they had the best time ever! We gave them applications for membership. I went to another table to talk to someone and they went to introduce me to a friend they brought with them and I looked at him and asked "Hey, what are you doing here, neighbor?" Yes, my neighbor was here so we gave him an application too! I sat there looking around at how everyone was getting along, enjoying the evening, and enjoying each other. Now, this is how a fraternal organization should be, I thought! It was a great evening overall and I realized, we have had a lot of those lately. The food, cooked by Courtney, Georgia, and Laura, was delicious, the Dazzler Duo was entertaining in their usual fabulous form, and people were having a great time.



Exalted Ruler Theresa Matthews

We announced, much to my chagrin at first, our other beer cooler had died right after we replaced the first one. Then guess what happened? We raised over \$600 towards a new cooler that evening. We have now purchased the second cooler. Both coolers were purchased due to the donations of members. Our members step up when they are needed. Our members know they are appreciated and all are treated with respect. Treating people with dignity and respect goes a long way! I honestly sit back and look at our membership and act like a proud Mother Hen. That's because I am! Leading this group of people has been one of the most rewarding endeavors I have ever taken on.

Yes, I guess at my mid-year mark I am feeling a little melancholy. I do enjoy walking around and talking to everyone and more importantly, getting feedback. Over the past six months I received some great ideas from a lot of different members. Listening has probably been the single most important attribute I could exhibit this year. One person, a Lodge does not make! Without the support and hard work of the members, we could not have been successful as we have been these past six months. And yes my friends, we have been and are successful! Don't let anyone tell you differently. We made it through the tough summer months and it is only going to get better. So please. when you see me, provide feedback. It will always be welcome. Ideas are needed, and I know you have them!

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## LODGE OFFICERS

### Exalted Ruler

Theresa Matthews, PLP

### Leading Knight

Courtney Taylor - Weil

### Loyal Knight

Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP

### Lecturing Knight

Nan Quire, PLP

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### 2-Year Trustee

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### Convention

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### Investigations

Michelle Przywara

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Geogia Hillficker

### LOE Liaison

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### Marquee Manager

Jim Shimp

### Mediator

David Partlow

### Membership

Theresa Matthews, PLP, ER

### Music

Robert Summers

### Orientation

Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP

### Presiding Justice

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### Lodge Veteran's Committee

Brian Brantley, PER

### Youth Activities

Tommy Moore

### Youth Camp

John Wayne, PER

### Website / Online Communications

Marty Quire

## HOUSE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### Chris Miles, Chairman

John Flowers

Jack Johnson

Michelle Przywara

Debbie Osterbrock

Rick Schneider, PER

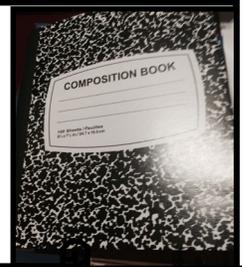
John Weigold

## LOUNGE MANAGER

James Harlow

**If you are reading this online,**

Please stop by the table between the entrance and the Antler Room to sign up to “Opt Out” of a paper copy of the newsletter. It will save the Lodge printing costs, postage and volunteer hours if you prefer to access your newsletter online by email or through our website at [www.tampaelks.com](http://www.tampaelks.com).



## Welcome New Members



Glynnis Butler



Patricia (PK) Kocher



Mary Alice Edgar



Jennifer Wonder



Richard Whizenhunt



Edmund Wonder



George Hillficker



Robert A Maloney



John E. Mulder

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This reminds me of another quote I recently saw “We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors..... But they all exist very nicely in the same box”. I don’t know who to credit for that quote, but it kind of reminds me of Elks.

Fraternally,

Theresa Matthews, Exalted Ruler



The new Carol Kennedy Aquatic Center at the South Tampa YMCA has a 66x75 ft. family water park, a 60x70 ft. lap pool, and a 25x50 warm water therapy pool. There are 150 lounge chairs and picnic tables also.

Last year every one of the 105 International Baccalaureate students at Robinson High School graduated with an IB diploma. Besides completing all their IB courses, the students must pass a special IB exam at the end of their senior year. That IB diploma grants them a full scholarship to any of Florida’s State Universities, through the Florida Bright Futures Program. Most IB students arrive with at least one year of college credits on the books, some start college as a Junior.

Do you realize that through your membership at Tampa Elks Lodge #708 you are a member of the South Tampa Chamber of Commerce? Did you attend the South Tampa Business Expo on Sept. 30th? View their website for upcoming events. <http://www.southtampachamber.org/>.

The District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Toni Goodrich, a PER from St. Petersburg Lodge, will be in attendance at our Lodge meeting on Wednesday, October 28. Her entourage includes Addison Horrell, PER from Tampa, serving as the District Deputy Grand Esquire and Dolly Masi, PER from St Petersburg., serving as the District Deputy Grand Auditor.



DDGER Toni Goodrich

All Officers are requested to be present for the DD Book inspection report at 5:00.

All Members attending the meeting are invited to break bread with us at 6:30.



Rick, Courtney, Rita , Laura , Steve, and Theresa sponsored new members last month.

Now it’s your turn!

We like you -  
We will like your friends!

Invite your friends, family and neighbors to join the premier service organization in S. Tampa.

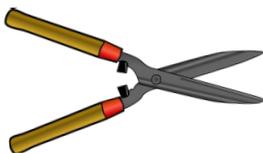


Oct 10th

Clean up the Exterior day!

Help needed!

We need to improve our appearance from the street. On October 10th we need help to trim trees, Sand and paint our pole sign, Spread mulch, Plant flowers or plants, Fix or remove parking bumpers, Repair pot holes, Paint stripes, and just pick up trash. No special skills needed.



Can’t be there? How about donating some paint, mulch, flowers, tools, tree trimmers, or a gift card for home depot so we can get this job done?





PER Report

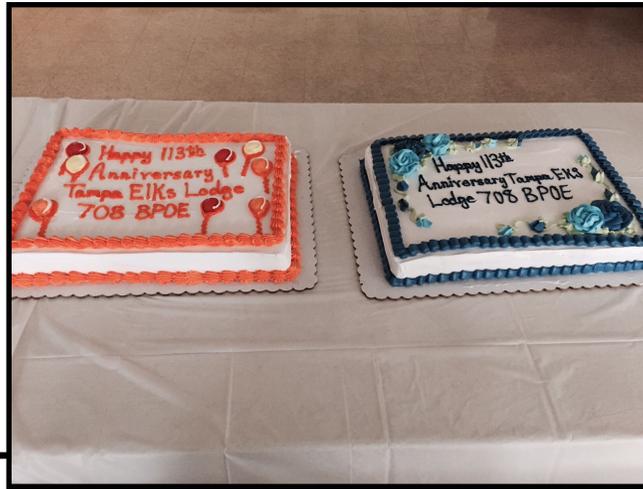
On August 22, 2015; We, the "Best People On Earth" held a very successful 113th Anniversary Party. We sold 66 tickets in all making a profit for the Lodge of \$628.11 - after all expenses. The Past Exalted Rulers of Lodge 708 want to thank everyone who helped make this a success.

" We could not have done this without your continued support," your Donations & Contributions. Thanks go out to the L.O.E.; Elks friends; Mr. Frank Sellers our Past Exalted Ruler 2003/04 - a visitor from Pompano Beach Lodge 1898; our Band (Kathy & Paul Express); the excellent Kitchen Staff & Servers; Flo & John Wayne's Caregivers & our loyal membership.

Again, many, many thanks to all who came to share the camaraderie.

Fraternally,

John M. Wayne, Lodge PER Chairman, 2015 -16



**OLD ELK TALES**

**(MYTH BUSTERS)**

If I wish to be reinstated as an elk, but there are no records at my former Lodge, then I cannot ever become an Elk again.



*False:* If a Lodge had no proof of your membership, the burden of proof falls on you. Proof of prior membership can be:

- \*An old membership card.
- \*A cancelled check
- \* An affidavit signed by two members attesting to your prior membership.

If you cannot provide proof of prior membership, it will be necessary to apply for membership as a new member.

**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**

James, Howard 3/2016

**SILVER INVESTORS \$21 - \$50**

Osterbrock, Debbie 11/2015  
Gombarcik, Shelagh 6/2016

**BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20**

*YOUR NAME HERE?*

**PLATINUM INVESTORS - \$100+**

***Suhrheinrich, Bob 9/2015***  
***Suhrheinrich, Candi 9/2015***  
Thomas, PER, Victor & Berniece 11/2015  
Palladini, Debbie & Durant, Rose 3/2016  
Deese, John & Kathy 4/2016  
Fennell, Pat and Marilyn 5/2016  
In Memory of Jerrye and Patrick Fennell 5/2016  
Pickenpaugh, Vernon and Betty, PSP 5/2016  
Schneider, PER, Rick and Jan 5/2016  
Appel, Jackie 6/2016  
Johnson, Jack 6/2016  
Norton, Robert 6/2016  
Smith, Rita 6/2016  
Walbart, Mark 6/2016  
In Memory of Ebba Jean Palladini

From the Editor:  
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Articles, flyers and pictures should be received by the 15th of the month.

First Priority will be for advertising the current month's activities and/ or events.

Save the Date flyers for more than 2 months out should be shrinkable to a quarter page.

**Be an SOB!**

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



Christopher Miles 11/2015  
Howard James 3/2016  
Bob and Candi Suhrheinrich 9/2016  
John and Kathy Deese 4/2016  
Pat and Marilyn Fennell 5/2016  
Vernon and PSP Betty Pickenpaugh 5/2016  
Robert Norton 6/2016  
Donna Morris Halsey 7/2016  
Debbie Osterbrock 11/2016  
In Memory of Harold Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018  
Vera Wright 3/2018

# Hot Dog!

Wienie Wednesday

\$1.00 Hot Dogs on Meeting Nights



6:15-  
7:15

&  
1 hour  
after  
the  
Meeting

Add chips for fifty cents!

**\$2.00 Trivia**  
**Thursday, October 8th**  
**7:00 PM**



**Hosted by**  
**Sandra Lake**  
**And Betty Gnad**  
**Second Thursday!**

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

## Sunday Funday

### Wii Bowling

New Tournament each Sunday

Everyone Welcome!

4:00 most Sundays



## Line Dancing Lessons are Back!

Instructor Donna Morris Halsey makes it look so easy, but you can sure work up a sweat. Come learn the moves, from the classics like the Hully Gully to the hip hit the Wobble, Donna can keep you in the dance line for the entire set.

6:30 every Thursday

\$2.00 donation is requested to offset the A/C bill.



Because of the Elksize deadline, I have to write my October Article when it is time for our Florida Ladies of the Elks (FLOE) conference in Melbourne Beach. The theme is "Be a Hero in the Eyes of a Child." FLOE really does make a difference to our two major state projects, The Florida Elk's Youth Camp and the Florida Elk's Therapy Services. Next month I can report on some amazing numbers.



Suzanne Moore

The Tampa LOE is getting ready for our annual Sock Hop, which will be held October 17th. Be sure to sell those tickets to your friends. In addition to the traditional 50's diner menu, there will be lots of contests and prizes. We will also raffle off our traditional Halloween basket again this year.



Please check the LOE bulletin board and sign up to donate an item or two for the Sock hop. Your contributions, though small individually, make a big difference to our bottom line for the event. Donna Halsey is working really hard on updating the decorations for this year, and if you ever attended the Dale Mabry Drive-in, you will be impressed. We will be getting things finalized at the October LOE meeting, so come and hear all the good news.

As I close, I leave you with this, "Keep a grateful heart in everything you do; and it will open the way for direction in other things."

God's Blessings,

Sue Moore

LADIES OF THE ELKS

**President**

Suzanne Moore, PLP

**Vice President**

Susie Harlow, PLP

**Secretary**

Elma Kelly

**Treasurer**

Robert Bordonaro

**Chaplain**

Janette Bennett

**Parliamentarian**

Bonnie Quire



365 CLUB

**365 Club**      *A penny a day...*

The coins in the Houses in the Lounge have started picking up, I hear Sharon Ford has been collecting from her office and dropping the coins in the boxes when she comes in. I have received a house from Jackie Appel and she said her whole office contributes. It was a very heavy house and I want to thank them both from the heart.

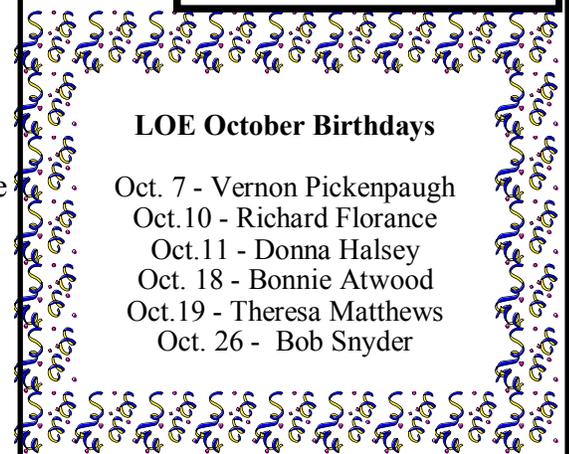
That's what I want to ask everyone.

Please take a house and give it to a friend or take it to work. It may take a few months to fill up, but we will eventually have a full house. It all goes to the children so please help. You can take an empty house from a dining room table; I will replace it. Donna Halsey also made another cash donation to the 365 Club. Thanks to everyone who donates to our Florida Elks Therapy Services Fund.

Berni Turpin  
365 Chair

**LOE October Birthdays**

- Oct. 7 - Vernon Pickenpaugh
- Oct.10 - Richard Florance
- Oct.11 - Donna Halsey
- Oct. 18 - Bonnie Atwood
- Oct.19 - Theresa Matthews
- Oct. 26 - Bob Snyder



4th ANNUAL 50'S / 60'S SOCK HOP  
 WITH THE LOE AT TAMPA ELKS #708  
 3616 GANDY BLVD TAMPA, FL 33611  
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015 6:00 TO 11:00PM

JITTERBUG, TWIST, HULA HOOP,  
 AND BEST 50'S & OR 60'S  
 COSTUME CONTESTS

TICKETS \$12.00 INCLUDES:  
 HAMBURGER and  
 HOT DOG BASKET  
 SERVED 7pm TO 8pm

50/50



CASH BAR

FOR INFO & TICKETS CALL:  
 SUE (813) 831-1017  
 DONNA (813) 837-3335

50's & 60's MUSIC  
 BY DJ  
 "BeBop Baby"

"BE THERE OR BE SQUARE"

DJ Rob's New Year's Eve Rocking Pajama Party

Dinner, Dancing, Games, Prizes and More  
 Watch for the flyer in Next Month's Elksize.

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**Steve Harmon | Secretary**

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**Robert Bordonaro**

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*Feeling left out? Missing all the fun?*  
**Get email updates and event reminders** from  
 our webmaster and information distributor,  
**Marty Quire.**  
 Send an email to [mquire@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mquire@tampabay.rr.com)  
 and add Marty as a contact.

**House Committee Report**

Football Season is in full swing and we are **TAILGATTING AGAIN!** Bring your friends, family and other Elks to **Enjoy College and Professional Games on the 135" High Def Screen, three 50" Flat Screens and the 65" Flat Screen** in the Antler Room.

Jack Johnson and Debbie Osterbrock are coordinating groups who want to show how to **Tailgate Tampa #708 Style**. Anyone is welcome to put on a Tailgate Party. If you want to put on a Tailgate then ask the bartender for the signup list and pick your game; home or away doesn't matter as long as you're going to Show Up and Tailgate like the Bucs are going to WIN! We will also have games and prizes.



The Monday Kitchen is going great and comments on the food have been great too. We are serving Burgers, Lynn's Famous Rueben and the always popular Patty Melt. Meals come with your choice of Fries, Tater Tots or Onion Rings, which can also be ordered individually. So make sure to stop by on Mondays between 4pm and 7pm and pick up something to eat. Thank you Lynn, Georgia, Laura and all our volunteers for running the kitchen. We couldn't do it without you. As always Volunteer Cooks are always welcome.

By the time you read this we will have already replaced the 2<sup>nd</sup> Beer Cooler which died last month. I don't know how many people have donated by now, but I would like to thank everyone who did. Without those donations we would have been unable to replace the cooler which would have meant dipping into our savings for over \$1,500 to replace it. Thank you to those who donated!

As always, House Committee Meetings are open to our members. However, I do ask that if you have something to present that you please let me know in advance so we can fit it into the meeting in an orderly fashion. House Committee Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month and start at 7:30 pm.

Finally, Jack Johnson has recently agreed to accept a position on the House Committee. I'd like to thank Jack for jumping in and helping out. Don't let all that power go to your head!

Miles

**Take Out Tuesday**

Rita is on vacation the first two weeks of October. Instead of Taco Tuesday, we will be having Take-Out Tuesday.

At 6:30 we will pitch in to order food to be delivered. Bring in your favorite menus for consideration.

Taco Tuesday will resume on October 20th.

**October Movie Schedule**

- October 6 - Pirates of the Caribbean (Nelson)
- October 13 - Classic : Tough Guys (Ben)
- October 20 - The Age of Adeline (Redbox)
- October 27 - The Witches of Eastwick (?)  
Anybody own this DVD?

**Courtney's  
Oh,  
Just  
Stuff it!  
Dinner**

October 2, 2015  
6:30 to 8:30

**DINNER CHOICES**

All dinners served with  
Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Baby Carrots, Rolls & Salad

- PORK CHOPS STUFFED WITH SAUSAGE & SPINACH .....\$10.95
- CHICKEN BREASTS STUFFED WITH BACON & CREAM CHEESE .....\$ 9.95

**DESSERT**

- Chocolate Éclairs (Pastry Stuffed with Cream) ..... \$ 2.95



OCTOBER 9TH  
6:30 TO 8:30

**APPETIZER**  
CABBAGE ROLL.....\$3.25

- DINNER**  
INCLUDE POTATO SOUP & ROLLS
- SLOW ROASTED PORK OVER SAUERKRAUT WITH POTATO PANCAKES.....\$9.95
  - BRATWURST OVER SAUERKRAUT WITH GERMAN POTATO SALAD..\$9.95

SIDES SOLD WITH DINNERS ONLY  
SIDE OF POTATO PANCAKES..... \$2.75  
SIDE OF GERMAN POTATO SALAD ..... \$2.75

**LAURA'S DELECTABLE DESSERTS**

HOMEMADE GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE \$3.50

**KIDS UNDER 12**  
HOT DOGS & CHIPS..... \$1.50  
POTATO PANCAKES.... \$3.00

COOKING TONIGHT  
GEORGIA AND LAURA

PLUS RICKS POTATO SOUP!



*Spectacular  
Steak & Salmon*



October 16th  
6:30 to 8:30

Dinners served with  
Choice of Baked Potatoes or Fries,  
Veggie, Soup or Salad & Roll

- 14oz Ribeye Steak.....\$16.95
- 10oz Ribeye Steak .....\$12.95
- Pan Seared Salmon .....\$13.95

- Soup - Navy Bean  
Cup.....\$1.50  
Bowl.....\$3.00

Bowl of Soup with a Salad  
crackers and roll ..... \$ 5.50

**Dessert**

Rum Cake  
w/Vanilla Ice Cream .....\$ 5.50

**Kids under 12**  
Chicken Nuggets with veggie  
And French Fries .....\$ 5.95

**RICK IS COOKING TONIGHT!**

*Bob & Betty's  
Prime Rib*



*Dinner Night*

October 23, 2015  
6:30 to 8:30

**Dinner Choices**

Dinners served with choice of baked or mashed potatoes,  
green beans, salad and garlic bread.

- 12oz Prime Rib .....\$15.95
- 1/4 Roasted Chicken .....\$ 7.95

**Dessert**

New York Cheese Cake ..... \$3.50

**Kids Under 12**

- Hot Dog with Chips.....\$1.50
- Chicken Drumstick & French Fries.....\$3.50

**RICK'S  
5TH FRIDAY  
DINNER SURPRISE**



OCTOBER 30, 2015  
6:30 TO 8:30

**DINNER CHOICES**

**SHRIMP PASTA**  
SERVED WITH VEGGIE, SALAD OR SOUP,  
ROLL AND BUTTER.....\$12.95

**HAM AND  
SCALLOPED POTATOES**  
SERVED WITH VEGGIE, SALAD OR SOUP,  
ROLL AND BUTTER ..... \$ 8.95

**80% CHOPPED STEAK**  
W/ONIONS, MUSHROOMS, MASHED POTATOES,  
VEGGIE, SOUP OR SALAD, & ROLLS.....\$ 7.95

**SOUP**

**CHICKEN NOODLE**  
CUP..... \$1.50  
BOWL.....\$3.00  
BOWL OF SOUP & SALAD .....\$5.50

**DESSERT**

POUND CAKE, STRAWBERRIES AND  
VANILLA ICE CREAM.....\$5.50

**KIDS UNDER 12**

CHICKEN NUGGETS WITH VEGGIE  
AND FRENCH FRIES ..... \$5.95

**Tampa ELKS #708**  
**HALLOWEEN** at the  
**DISCO**



**OCTOBER 31, 2015**

**COCKTAIL HOUR STARTS @ 6:30 P.M.**

**DINNER 7:00 – 8:00 P.M. - \$13**

Dinner includes: Salad, Fried Chicken Breast Tenderloins, Fresh Vegetable Medley,  
Dinner Rolls, Twice Baked Potatoes and Dessert

**ENJOY BOTH  
HALLOWEEN & DISCO MUSIC**

**PRIZES for**

**Best Halloween Costumes**

**Best Disco Costumes**

**Best Combo (Halloween & Disco) Costumes**

**50/50 & AUCTION TABLE**



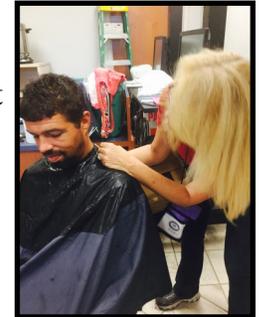
Tampa Elks Lodge #708 and Elks National Foundation



These Volunteers ( and more) were at the Open Arms Ministry feeding the homeless on a recent Sunday Morning. In addition to volunteer labor, we have contributed over \$8000. to this program over the last three years, through grants from ENF and matching funds from Florida Elks State Association. Each Sunday 150 to 250 hungry men, women and children are fed a nutritious brunch, then offered any leftovers to take with them for a second meal. Please join us, at least once, to see this impressive operation for yourself. You will be glad you did,.



In addition to the weekly meal, the homeless are also offered an address to receive mail, clothing and accessories on the first Sunday of each month, and haircuts on the third Sunday of the month. We collect gently used adult clothing, empty plastic containers, books, magazines, and plastic shopping bags for this program,



We meet in the NW parking lot at Magnolia and Azeele at 7:30, and we are finished by 9:30. Then most come to the Lodge for their own Breakfast. Come Join Us!



Richard Florance, PER

"LEGACIES" -- PAST - PRESENT - YOUR FUTURE?

As Elks and American citizens we learn traditionally that Christopher Columbus "discovered America" & we honor his memory - October 12, 2015 -as a National holiday every year. Columbus's legacy to us was the achievement of "finding & founding" of a new world. Legacies are "special gifts" that come to us through Time - & create Successes & Failures for our future generations to bear. "Past gifts" to America include the Declaration of Independence; the Constitution; & the Articles of Confederation.

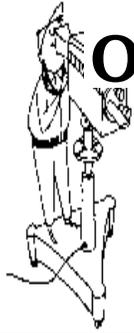
A necessary & "special level of understanding" comes from our family's legacies - meaning what "special gifts" did you as an American receive from your parents; your grandparents; or your relatives from past generations. Maybe your family's legacy to you & your immediate family . Was a home passed down to you; or a sum of money; or financial aid for a college education; or even a famous relative's name? All possibilities, ways & means exist & all are special legacies to be cherished.

In this 238th year as America, & our 148th year of American Elks - changes in living have occurred, but one constant has never changed!

Our American families; whatever their makeup; still come first in our hearts & minds. The next question we all should ask ourselves is -- What will MY legacy be & will it ultimately be a benefit to "my family"; "my church"; "my community"; or in some "special way" be connected to my Elks Lodge membership & participation as an Elk? Only you will know & act to put "your own life" in order! Keep in mind & heart that your personal legacy might include -- the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks -- because Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love & Fidelity says it all.

Why? All Elks Live & Elks Give because Elks Care & Elks Share.

Americanism Chairman  
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## OFFICER OF THE MONTH

### Officer of the Month: Steve Harmon

Our officer of the month has been a fixture around Tampa Lodge for many, many years. As a matter of fact, he initiated me as an Elk 19 years ago!

Steve has been ER twice, District VP and District DD. He is very knowledgeable about the Elks and about Tampa 708. Steve took on the role of Secretary this year at the last minute when we had an unexpected opening. Steve has done a fabulous job jumping in and managing our Lodge office. Steve helped to get the office organized. He works with the treasurer on a regular basis and helps to guide him in Quick Books. Steve also is training a new secretary, Rick Schneider, PER. Steve wants to make sure there is someone else that understands the role of the Secretary. Steve has been instrumental in helping to initiate new members into the Lodge. He is also working on reinstatements and delinquent members. Steve has been a wonderful mentor and partner to me as I navigate my role as Exalted Ruler this year. Steve is very organized which is a tremendous help! Please join me in congratulating Steve.



## ELK OF THE MONTH

### Elk of the Month: John Weigold

Do you know what is better than find one pair of legs hanging out of the ceiling when walking into the Elks Lodge? Finding two pair of course! The second pair of legs belongs to our Elk of the Month, John Weigold. John is frequently up a ladder along side Chris Miles. John is always there to help Chris with maintenance projects around the Lodge as well as enhancements for our members. John helped wire the security system, set up T.V.'s and the projector screen, install computer equipment, and not only got the new drip pan donated but installed it on Labor Day with help from Chris, Franco, and Sami. John frequently works in the kitchen, helps with serving, walks ladies to their cars, and generally does anything that needs to be done. John always does it with a smile and never complains. John has been an Elk a fairly short time, but has jumped in full force offering whatever help and support he can in any area he can. John is also a member of the House Committee and gets to sit through two long (very long) Chris Miles meetings a month! Please congratulate John on being the Elk of the Month for October and for everything he does for Tampa Lodge 708 and Elkdom..



## VOLUN "ELK" ELK OF THE MONTH

### Volun"Elk" of the Month: Carolyn Williams

Last month we had a tall, handsome, very quiet Volun"Elk" of the month, this month we have a very sweet, beautiful, quiet lady as our Volun"Elk" of the month. Carolyn Williams is one of the nicest, sweetest ladies you will ever meet. She has been a member of the Ladies of the Elks (LOE) for a very long time. In fact, when I was Lady President we celebrated a mile stone birthday for her. I won't mention which one because you would never believe me! Carolyn is active in the Veteran's committee with the Elks. She accompanies the committee out to James A. Haley Veteran's hospital monthly to help with bingo, visiting with the Vet's and giving away stuffed animals and coupon books. Carolyn attends the LOE meeting monthly and helps the Ladies with all the activities she can as they help support the Elks. When I was Lady President, I used to always judge how well the LOE meetings were going by Carolyn. She would giggle at my jokes and just be a true inspiration for everyone else. Make sure you congratulate Carolyn when you see her quietly walk into the Lodge as she offers a smile and kind words to everyone.

# Tampa Elks Lodge #708 Calendar of Activities

# October 2015



**Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat**

				<b>1</b>  <i>Line Dancing</i> 6:30	<b>2</b> 6:30-8:30 <i>Dinner</i> Music by : Paul & Kathy	<b>3</b> <i>Hall Rental</i> College Football
<b>4</b> 8:30-12:00 <i>Breakfast</i> Panthers @ Bucs 1PM  Wii 4:00	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <i>Take out</i> Tuesday 6:30  8:00 Movie:	<b>7</b> <i>LOE</i> Dinner 6:45 Meeting 7:30	<b>8</b> \$2.00 Trivia 7:00 <i>Line Dancing</i> 6:30	<b>9</b> 6:30-8:30 <i>Dinner</i> Music by : Dazzler	<b>10</b> <i>Hall Rental</i> College Football
<b>11</b> 8:30-12:00 <i>Breakfast</i> Jaguars @ Bucs 1PM	<b>12</b> <i>House</i> Committee Meeting 7:30	<b>13</b> <i>Take out</i> Tuesday 6:30  8:00 Movie	<b>14</b> <i>Lodge</i> Meeting 7:30 Weinie Wednesday 6:15	<b>15</b> VA Bingo  <i>Line Dancing</i> 6:30	<b>16</b> 6:30-8:30 <i>Dinner</i> Music by : Ms T's Karaoke	<b>17</b> <i>Sock Hop</i> \$12.00 College Football
<b>18</b> 8:30-12:00 <i>Breakfast</i> Wii 4:00	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6 - 8PM Taco Tuesday  8:00 Movie	<b>21</b> <i>Officer &amp;</i> <i>BOD Meeting</i> 7 :00	<b>22</b>  <i>Line Dancing</i> 6:30	<b>23</b> 6:30-8:30 <i>Veteran's</i> <i>Dinner</i> Music by : Keith & Ruby	<b>24</b> <i>Hall Rental</i> College Football
<b>25</b> 8:30-12:00 <i>Breakfast</i> Initiation 12 Bucs @ Red- skins 1PM Wii 4:00	<b>26</b> <i>House</i> Committee Meeting 7:30	<b>27</b> 6 - 8PM Taco Tuesday  8:00 Movie	<b>28</b> <i>Lodge</i> Meeting 7:30  <i>DD Visit</i> <i>Dinner</i>	<b>29</b>  <i>Line Dancing</i> 6:30	<b>30</b> 6:30-8:30 <i>Dinner</i> Music by : Linda & Paul	<b>31</b> <i>Halloween at</i> <i>the Disco</i> \$13.00



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**NEW**

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<b>Friday Night Menus &amp; Bands</b> Tampa Elks Lodge #708 October See page 11 for more details.				
Reservations for meal items available at 813-831-4280				
<b>October 2</b> Stuff it!  Pork Chops stuffed with sausage & spinach \$10.95  Chicken Breast stuffed with cream cheese & bacon \$9.95  Both served with salad, mashed potatoes, roll  Chocolate Eclairs \$2.95  Music by: Paul & Kathy	<b>October 9</b> Oktoberfest!  Roast Pork over sauerkraut & potato pancakes \$9.95  Bratwurst over sauerkraut with German potato salad \$9.95  Cabbage Roll - \$3.25  German Chocolate Cake \$3.50 Kid's Menu  Music by: Dazzler	<b>October 16</b> Steak Night  14 OZ Ribeye \$16.95 10 OZ Ribeye \$12.95 Pan Seared Salmon \$13.95 Served with soup or salad, potato, veggie & roll.  Navy Bean Soup \$1.50 - \$3.00  Rum Cake & ice cream \$5..50 Kid's Menu  Music by: Miss T's Karaoke	<b>October 23</b> Vet's Night  12 OZ Prime Rib \$15.95  1/4 roasted chicken \$7.95  Served with salad, potato. Green beans, garlic bread.  NY Cheesecake \$3.50  Kid's Menu  Music by: Keith & Ruby	<b>October 30</b> Rick's PER Night  Shrimp Pasta \$12.95  Ham & Scalloped potatoes \$8.95  8 OZ Chopped Steak smothered, mashed potatoes \$7.95  Served with soup or salad, veggie & roll  Pound cake with strawberries & ice cream \$5.50 Kid's Menu  Music by: Linda & Paul