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A Message from your Exalted Ruler

*8 New Members last Month!
Let's keep it going!*

*We've got so much to offer
Businesses, Families, and Charities*

We all know that with so many wonderful opportunities for companionship, community involvement and networking, as well as a variety of affordable entertainment, we are the best deal in town! Now we need everyone else to know.

With each new member we recruit, we have another cheerleader for our Lodge. With each new cheerleader we reinforce our name and our reputation. Can you think of a better gift than membership to a fraternity that supports so many worthwhile charities and organizations while offering its members a welcoming environment to enjoy and to grow within?

Connections is our word...puzzle pieces are our goal. Remember, membership doesn't only mean dollars, it means new ideas, volunteers, and participants. I would love to hear from anyone with an idea that would further our reach into the community and glean us more members. In the month of April, we renewed our South Tampa Chamber membership, set up a Chamber meeting to be held at the Lodge, incorporated a professionals networking group to our weekly calendar, participated with both our area high schools in events and programs, hosted a celebration for the Open Arms Ministry, secured a partnership with the "Meet and Greet Mixers" to hold a monthly breakfast networking meeting, as well as a community networking happy hour in June, and a 70's Party fundraising event in October. I think you will agree that we are in a revitalization period, and I'm sure you share my delight in seeing such a renewed interest in our Lodge.

In conclusion, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the members that stepped up to fill the many offices, committee chairs and committee positions needed this year. I must admit I was a little nervous about finding the perfect people willing to fill these important posts and was so very grateful to find such enthusiastic and qualified volunteers.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Courtney Weil, Exalted Ruler

Your 2016 Committee Chairs

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**Theresa Matthews, PER
& Shelagh Gombarcik**

Inter-lodge Visitation

Tommy Moore

Memorial Day
Drug Awareness
Hoop Shoot
Soccer Shoot

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Bar Manager



2016-17 Installation Ceremony

This year's installation ceremony was very special to me, as I'm sure it must be for all incoming ERs. It was amazing to hear that, though we hadn't conferred with one another, all of our speakers were of one accord. Unity, enthusiasm and excitement were laced throughout our individual messages and I believe this demonstrates that our Lodge is ready to grow in ways it hasn't in many years. Much of which is thanks to our past ER Theresa Matthew, and to the many new members that have jumped on board to help with some of our more demanding tasks, providing much needed assistance to our most dedicated and hardworking members.

It was also exciting to see so much community attendance and support at our event this year, and I sincerely hope that this is the beginning of a stronger relationship with our area organizations. Good food, good company and a welcoming environment is a great way to achieve that goal, and we had all of that!

I hope you're feeling the new enthusiasm as I am, and that you're compelled to recommit yourself to supporting our Lodge. I know I am, and I know this will be a great year for Elks Lodge #708.

Courtney Weil, Exalted Ruler.

A Warm Welcome To Our New Elks



Dr. Gene DeLucia



Jacquie LoCicero



Joseph LoCicero



Kristie Mathews



Logan Matthews



Graham Ramos



Dee Wilson



Marsha Smith



April Elk Recognition

OFFICER OF THE MONTH: MELISSA BERTOCH

Last year Melissa was our chaplain, this year she takes on the formidable job of Treasurer. She has already proven herself to be an asset in this position. In her first month she helped Chris Miles uncover a computer glitch that had been confusing our manpower numbers. She not only accepted this challenging office, but she's always willing to help no matter what the task. She is one of the sweetest people you will ever meet, and has a smile for everyone. In her considerate way, Melissa did an outstanding job of passing her position as Chaplain on to Christine Harris by providing all her well organized notes and guide materials. We are blessed to have such a congenial and uplifting member helping to put a welcoming face on our Lodge.



ELK OF THE MONTH: NANCY KEESLER, PER

Nancy has been a stable influence on our Lodge for many years. As the first female ER for the WCD, past Secretary and Lady Elk she has seen her share of changes. However, she's still willing to take on the big tasks like; Easter Brunch and New Year's Eve. Nancy is one of our most involved members with her commitment to being Bar Manager and sitting as a non-voting member of the House Committee, she hasn't slowed down a minute. Every organization needs this kind of loyalty and dedication, and don't we wish we could clone her enthusiasm. From cooking with Rick, to selling raffle tickets, "this girl is on fire". Thank you Nancy for all the strength you lend to our Lodge and please don't stop...you are truly appreciated.



VOLUN"ELK" OF THE MONTH: JEREMY ELKINS

You've seen this young man around the Lodge for several years. He is the grandson of member Rita Smith and son of Patty Smith Elkins, and has been waiting tables on Friday nights for the past few months. Jeremy has participated in Youth Activities at the Lodge since he was 3 and attended Elks Youth Camp 3 times. He has graciously agreed to serve dinner on our One Dish Thursdays. Jeremy is always there in a pinch; he comes in when we have an emergency and never complains. He has a very good heart and a sweet disposition. Loyal to his grandmother, he worked his Friday shift and then went to support her with her table at Relay for Life. Shy and well mannered, he is an asset to our Lodge and our service staff.



Supporting Reports

LADIES OF THE ELK

Lady President's Message

Here it is May and April came in like a storm and out with the wind. Well, Elk's Convention is a few weeks away and the Lotto Board is ready and selling tickets. The Wine Party Bucket is ready but still needing your donations of Wine. Please drop them off any time at the Bar with my name on them.

The world is full of good people. These are the important people who keep our Lodge running and good things happening. Take a moment and ask what you can do.

Happy Mother's Day

I leave you with this: God calls us to be people of balance.

Your President,
Suzanne Moore



Happy Birthday to our April born members!

5th - Robert Orcott	28th - James Harlow
12th - Rita Smith	28th - Datha Sirmans
12th - Brenda Stokking	31st - Janette Bennett



Dear 365's

Thanks to all who donated their loose change to the little green houses at the bar and on the dinner tables, and to those that brought back the ones they took home to fill. I'm sorry to say we are way behind in our goal for collections, so please take one home and give one to a friend. Remember, it's all for a great cause.

Last month I forgot Susie Harlow on my donation list. So sorry, Susie!
So far this month I have received houses from:

Rita Smith, Bonnie Atwood and Berni Turpin.

Hope everyone stays happy and healthy. With Love, Berni Turpin

Committee Communications



MAY 2016

Members, as we start to consider our charitable contributions for the upcoming year, let me share with you some facts regarding your ENF donations: 95% of the monies you donate goes directly toward the issues that you care most about; Robinson High School Club Chivalry, The Open Arms Homeless Ministry, The VA Domiciliary, and The Centre for Girls, are just a few of the

organizations that are making our community stronger through ENF Grants. That means that only 7.3% goes to administrative services and when you compare that to most charities that spend as much as 35% on administration that is great value for your donated \$. Thank you for supporting this great charity. See you at the Lodge.



Shelagh Gombarcik, Leading Knight, ENF Chair

Committee Communications Continued

West Central District Finishes 1st in Net Membership Gain for 2016

Final 2016 results are in. The WCD finished first in net membership gain, and we were the only district in the state to have all lodges finish with a net membership gain. The WCD will receive \$4,000 under the State Membership Incentive Program, and New Port Richey will receive two \$1,500 awards for finishing third in both the number of new members and the percentage gain in membership. As a result of the WCD Cruise Award program, the total gain from dues, fees and awards net of the cost of the cruises and postage is \$23,663 for all eight lodges combined. Thank you to all that helped in making this a highly successful and lucrative program.

At \$21.81, the WCD placed second within the State in ENF per capita donations, and Tampa Lodge at \$53.75 placed second in the state and fifteenth in the nation. As a result of everyone's good work, Florida's \$12.21 ranked fifth in the national per capita ranking, a significant jump versus prior years.

F.J. Palladini, PSP, WCD Sponsor

Another first for Tampa Lodge #708

We are very honored to have 2 of our young leaders of tomorrow going to the best camp in the USA as counselors for the summer of 2016. They are Mallory Benzing, granddaughter of member Laura Jones, and Taylor X. Taylor son of our ER, Courtney Taylor Weil. Best of luck and good fortune to both of you from your lodge members.



Remember it's not too late to get your camp applications for your children, nieces, nephews and friends. You can get these on line and drop them off at the lodge office. Do not delay, do this today...give your children something to remember in years to come. Call John Wayne, PER 813-837-4252 for any assistance.

Fraternally, John Wayne, PER, Lodge Youth Camp Coordinator



Happy Spring Everyone!

My name is Patty Elkins, you may know me better as Rita's daughter or Chris & Jeremy's Mom. Most of you don't realize that I was a member of the Elk's Drug Awareness Club and participated in many Elks activities when I was a young girl, and would like to help create lasting memories for another generation of future Elks. I have worked with John Wayne and Tommy Moore at many children's events, and feel ready to take on the job of Youth Activities Chair. I hope that I can count on your support in this transition and look forward to working closer with each one of you. So far, I have reserved a couple of dates on the Lodge Calendar. I hope to hold a Back to School party on Saturday, July 31, 2016 and a Children's Christmas party on Sunday, December 17, 2016.

You will get more information as soon as we do, but in the meantime, rest assured that my mind is already at work, planning for a successful year.

Patty Elkins, Youth Activities Chairman

Hello Everyone...

Not a lot to report this month. I have submitted a budget for the different events we will be sponsoring throughout the year so we will know what we have to work with to accomplish our goals. Watch for the flyers I'll be putting up around the Lodge to keep everyone informed.

Tommy Moore, Events Chairman
Drug Awareness, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot and Memorial Day



**Youth
Events**

Committee Communications Continued



Fellow Elks,

As a new member I am honored to be a part of this organization and proud to be the Americanism Chair for 2016-17. Orientation taught me that the Elks morals and values are of the highest caliber. It is rare to find, not just a person, but a **WHOLE** organization that is entirely selfless.

Helping out our Veterans holds a special place in my heart. Being raised in Tampa and playing ball at UT and with the Yankees, I have felt close to Mac Dill Air Force Base. It's unbelievable what our Veterans go through, day-in and day-out, to keep us safe. They deserve so much more and I'm excited to be part of an organization that is dedicated to help them. Some of our heroes have paid the ultimate price to protect our freedom. It's **OUR** turn to help them.

-Graham Ramos
Americanism Chairman



Did you know you could make a donation to the **HARRY ANNA TRUST FUND** on-line at the Florida Elks website? Of course, you can still do what **BONNIE ATWOOD** did and write a check for your donation and turn it over to your Esteemed Loyal Knight, Nan Quire, who is the chairperson for the Harry Anna Trust Fund at Tampa 708. Thanks Bonnie Atwood.



To the LOE, Lisa Snyder and Sandra Lake for bringing us the Improv group
"The Improv-a-holics"
A Great time was had by all!

Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events



"APRIL FOOL" ... WITH A VERY SHINY TWIST!

Now here's a girl that takes her April Fool jokes very seriously! For those of you that weren't present for the wrapping of the bar and all its accoutrements, this was a labor of love. Katrina, our lovely bartender, came up with the idea and brought in a massive amount of aluminum foil to achieve the goal. However, her patrons weren't having it done half way and chipped in to purchase more foil and help make this an April 1st that Jeff, her partner in crime behind the bar, won't soon forget.

Sharon Ford decided there must be a way to profit from the endeavor and sold raffle tickets to those that wanted to guess how big the ball of foil would be when everything was unwrapped. Consequently \$36 was raised for the Harry Anna Foundation, and Lisa Snyder received a few dollars as the winner.

Georgia Hillicker, Elksize Editor

Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events



Club Chivalry made an Impact on Relay for Life

One of the basic principles behind our Club Chivalry is to prove the concept that students that feel more connected to their school have better attendance, behavior and grades. With that in mind, we wrote participating in the April 1 South Tampa Relay for Life, which is held at the Robinson High School Stadium, as one of our main grant activities. I would call this adventure a limited success, as we had 9 Elks make generous financial contributions and/or doing some prep work, 17 Elks participated by setting up and working the fondue sales while just 10 students signed in and walked the laps around the track that are a required part of the Relay. Our canopy and banner looked great and was definitely noticed by the approximately 1000 participants on the field that night. I learned some hard lessons this year, and am sure we can build on this experience to have more student participation for next year. The Club can continue fundraising through August. Right now we are at \$623.25 in funds raised, and our goal is \$1000.00. If you would like to show your support of this club by making a contribution, you can web search Relay for Life, then use their "Find a Team" search engine to find Club Chivalry. Online donations can be as small as \$5.00 and provide you with an instant tax deductible receipt. Special appreciation and a shout out to our Elks that chaired this whole South Tampa Relay event, Kristina Chowning and Rebecca Sullins, Lecturing Knight. Elks Debbie Palladini and Rosemarie Durant also walked the survivor lap. And a very special Thank You to Brian Brantley, PER and Michael, who did the heavy lifting and transporting, and stayed with me the entire time to bring it all home.

Submitted by Rita Smith



Warm Bodies Needed!

We will be having a Club Chivalry for Successful Students mentor training session on Tuesday, May 3rd at 6:30. If we can start promptly, it will last less than an hour. Please attend this no obligation training session to see if mentoring a high school student is the right job for you. We need a minimum of eleven more trained mentors to fulfill our obligation to the Impact Grant. Mentoring will not start until August and will take only an hour every other week. While I realize this is not the right fit for everybody, spending an hour to find out more about it is something most Tampa Elks can do.

Please mark your calendar and come check this out. These kids are worth our time!



Club Chivalry on a field trip
To Hillsborough Community College
Technology Department
Lunch and a Tour of USF
Submitted by Rita Smith



Celebrating the People that Count!



On Thursday April 14th the Lodge was proud to host a party celebrating our 4 year partnership with the **Open Arms Ministry** at Hyde Park United Methodist Church. The many volunteers that support this worthwhile charity ate, drank and made merry to the tunes of "Facilities." A great time was had by all, and the goodwill and kind spirit was felt by everyone.

Feeding the homeless each Sunday morning is an experience that everyone can benefit from. Not only do you have the satisfaction of helping others, but you enjoy the company of good people making a difference.

Thanks to all of you that support this worthwhile organization and keep up the good work! If you would like to participate in Open Arms, please contact Courtney Weil at solidfuture@ymail.com, or Rita Smith at apwurita@hotmail.com

Georgia Fullicker, Elksize Editor

OMG "Legally Blonde" Cast Party

The Plant High Drama Department celebrated their "Blonde" at our Lodge on Sunday, April 17th and it was a party to remember. This talented group of teens have had a fantastic year with two very successful productions including the Broadway show and movie, "You Can't Take it With You."

Our own Taylor Taylor, Courtney Taylor Weil's son, had terrific parts in each of the shows. As love interest in "You Can't Take it With You," and the hunky UPS man in "Legally Blonde," Taylor owned the stage every time he walked on. This member attended both productions and enjoyed them immensely. The acting, the music, and the scenery were of college quality and surprisingly professional. Mr. Frankie, the drama teacher, is obviously top notch.



PLANT HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA

Not only did the students enjoy their time with us, but it gave our Lodge the opportunity to serve another facet of our community and earn a welcome profit for our charities in the doing. It is always our privilege to serve, and I know the parents and faculty of Plant High were pleased with our efforts.

Georgia Fullicker, Elksize Editor

Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events Cont.



*Inquiring Minds want to know
how did the Easter Buffet Go...*

The main question seems to be "Did we make any Money?"

The 2016 Easter Brunch Buffet was the brainchild of Nancy Keesler who took her idea to Theresa Matthews. Together they established the bare bones of the function; the price, and the time, and then put a rudimentary flyer in the Elksize to advertise the information.

Knowing that she didn't want to take the event on by herself, Nancy asked me to help her organize it. After several meetings, we pulled Courtney into the mix and it was agreed that if we were to do a proper "Easter Brunch", we would have to pull out all the stops...even if it meant just breaking even financially. I think those who attended will attest...We did Pull Out All the Stops! The intent was to create such a sumptuous and welcoming experience that it would cause our guests to consider membership, and to tell others of our hospitality. We believe we accomplished our goal and then some!

As a relatively new member, I was elated to find so many generous souls willing to give up their Easter Sunday to work the event. Nancy, Courtney and I would like to thank; Melissa Bertoch, Tommy Moore, Bob Snyder, Theresa Matthews, Carl Seibert, Lynn Brown, Sharon Ford, Susie Harlow and Nelson Grahn, as well as the members of our serving staff that participated. Their hard work helped to make this event the success that it was.

Financial report for the Easter Brunch:

- Expenses: \$1,145.00
- Product returned to Inventory or Purchased: \$293.65
- Product Donated to Membership,
Relay for Life (Club Chivalry) & Open Arms Ministry: \$155.67
- Revised Expenses: \$695.68
- Income: \$1509.15
- Adjusted Income:..... \$812.47

And yes...should we do this next year, the price will be higher!

Georgia Hillpickett, Elksize Editor



ARE YOU
READY FOR OUR
SHIPWRECKED
CONVENTION?



DON'T MISS THE FUN!
RESERVE YOUR ROOM NOW...

AND IF YOU REALLY WANT TO ENJOY THE EVENT,
WHY NOT PARTICIPATE IN OUR HOSPITALITY ROOM!

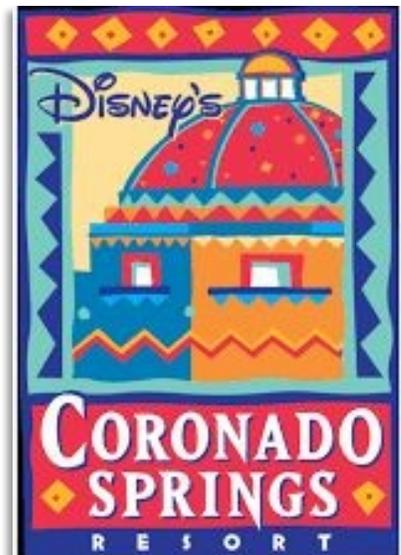
WE'RE LOOKING FOR
"A FEW GOOD ELKS"
TO BE GREETERS, PIRATES, BARTENDERS
AND FOOD HOSTS.

**REMEMBER...PACK YOUR PIRATE COSTUME AND BE PART OF
THE BIG INVASION FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS!**

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, CONTACT
THERESA MATTHEWS AT 813-424-3093

OR EMAIL HER AT: theresalmatthews@yahoo.com

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS
NOW
BY SIGNING ON TO
FLORIDAELKS.ORG
CONVENTION DATES ARE:
MAY 27TH THRU MAY 29TH



Upcoming Events and Projects

LET'S CELEBRATE



THURSDAY, MAY 5TH

5:30 TO 7:30PM

CHIPS + SALSA,

2 TACOS WITH RICE + BEANS

PLUS A TOPPING BAR!

HAVE IT YOUR WAY!

\$8.00

CHIPS + SALSA ONLY \$3.00

QUESO DIP \$1.00



SATURDAY, MAY 7TH
6PM TILL ?

COME FEAST ON THIS TRADITIONAL SOUTHERN TREAT!

BEGIN BY WRAPPING YOUR MOUTH AROUND

GEORGIA'S SEAFOOD GUMBO

THEN ENJOY A BUNDLE OF

SHRIMP, SAUSAGE,

CORN, AND POTATOES

AND KICK UP YOUR HEELS TO THE TUNES OF

JERRY "HAMBONE" BEID

\$20.00

PIRATE COSTUME CONTEST

A 2016 CONVENTION FUNDRAISER



Join us as we
Celebrate and Honor
Our Mothers

with our Annual Elks Ceremony
Sunday, May 8th at 3:00pm

Afternoon Tea to follow
Mothers Free

Guests \$6.00 Donation

All proceeds to benefit
The Elks National Foundation

Do you have the sort of Mum that is always giving?
Then what better gift than to donate to the
Elks National Foundation Charity in her name.
The Gift that continues to give to our
Local Community, Children and Veterans.



Calling All
Epicurean Elks

2016 Gourmet Club

May 15, 2016, 5:00 pm

T'is the Season... for fresh ingredients

Let's Celebrate Spring

Check out what's in Season and

make it the Star of your dish or

a Supporting Player.

Bring a dish or a donation

Trivia...trivia...trivia...trivia

Watercress Apricots Artichokes Arugula Asparagus

Spring Baby Lettuce Strawberries Sugar Snap Peas

Summer Squash Tomatoes Turnips Valencia Oranges

Raspberries Spinach

Mushrooms Honeydew Melon Kohlrabi

Kumquats Lettuce Mango

Onions Passion Fruit Peaches & Nectarines Peas

Pears Potatoes Radishes

Apples Cucumber Dates Medjool

Eggplant Fiddlehead Figs Grapefruits Kale

Apples

Apricots

Artichokes

Arugula

Asparagus

Upcoming Events and Projects Continued



MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

On May 30th at 11am
 Frank Palladini, PSP, PDDGER and Tommy Moore
 will participate in the
 laying of a wreath in honor of our Heroes.
 Ceremony to take place at American Legion #5
 Kennedy and Dale Mabry Highway
 All Welcome

Lodge Visitations

Please remember our
 First Visitation will be at the
New Port Richey Lodge #2284
On June 11th
 Courtney will attend and would love
 to have a group with her.
 Please let her know if you plan to attend.
 813-484-0123



The South Tampa Chamber will hold their "Military
 Affairs" group meeting the first Tuesday of the
 month at 3pm in our facility. This is the perfect
 marriage of organizations and content.
 All Elks are welcome to attend.
 This month's speaker will be
 Col. Bright, Commander of the 927 ARW.

On Going Monthly Activities



SUNDAY - FUNDAY!
 Wii Bowling
 4pm Most Sundays
 Bragging rights and
 your name on the
 winners bowling pin!



Third Sunday GOURMET CLUB

April 17th, 5pm
 Join this fun group of
 Elks and cook up a
 storm, or enjoy their
 fabulous creations and
 lots of fun trivia!



SHORT ORDER GRILL Every Monday Night 5:30 To 7:30

Burgers, Patty Melts, Reubens,
 Grilled Cheese, BLT's
 French Fries, Tater Tots, or
 Onion Rings included with all
 sandwiches or as appetizers.



Tuesday Night Movie
 7:30 pm
 Everyone bring your
 favorite movie and we'll
 vote on which to watch!



WIENIE WEDNESDAY 2nd & 3rd Wednesdays Lodge Meeting Nights \$1.00

Hot Dogs Served from
 6:15pm - 7:15pm and
 1Hr after the meeting



Third Thursday \$2.00 TRIVIA NIGHT

May 19th - 7pm
 Hosted by:
 Sandra Lake & Lisa Snyder
 All questions, multiple choice



**Every Friday Night
 Dinner & Dancing**
 See Menus in this
 Publication

Lodge Business and Programs

CONVENTION BUSINESS

Convention 2016 is upon us and as usual we need assistance in preparing for the event as well as donations to sustain our hospitality suite.

If you would like to help prepare food, gather needed items, donate liquor, food, or paper goods, or just help wherever needed, please contact :

Theresa Matthews PER,
at theresalmatthews@yahoo.com

May Lodge Meeting Schedule

2nd - LOE Board Meeting 7:00pm
4th - Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm
4th - LOE Meeting 7:30pm
9th - House Committee Meeting 7:30pm
11th - General Meeting - 7:30pm
15th - Orientation - 11:00am
18th - Board of Directors & Officers 7:00pm
23rd - House Committee Meeting 7:30pm
27th to 29th - CONVENTION



Our Kitchen Can Be A Family Affair

As everyone knows by now we continue to look for cooks willing to take a Friday night or two a year, but did you know what a wonderful experience it can be when you make it a family affair?

Do you love to grill, or have a couple of favorite dishes your family flips over...bring it on!

Our usual evening serves 45 to 50 meals, making the two entrees about 25 servings per dish.

No more than a good dinner party menu.

We do the shopping, an experienced cook will be at your disposal, there's a dishwasher so no dishes! Think about it...Friday Nights are very important to our Lodge and we sure could use your help!

Georgia Halpicken, Elksize Editor

Community Corner

- **Please note:** Taylor Taylor's Graduation celebration date in the April Elksize has been changed. His party will be **June 4th from 4pm to 7pm** at the Lodge. Please mark your calendar as he sincerely hopes all Lodge 708 members will attend.
- The Network Professionals Inc., Group will be holding their meetings **each Thursday morning at 8am** at the Lodge. This is a worthwhile networking group that produces an opportunity to grow your business through an ever multiplying number of business contacts. All Elks are welcome to attend.
- Did you know that the **South Tampa Chamber of Commerce** was voted the #1 Chamber of the Year in the Tampa Bay Area! Our proud affiliation with them can only enhance our outreach into the community.
- **The You're Worth It! Women's Conference** is a fun-filled power-packed 2-day Conference dedicated to empowering women; it will be held **May 13th and 14th at the Westshore Double Tree**. Partake in Education and Experience Workshops that can help propel you forward in your professional and personal life. We take time for everyone; it's time for us. Learn, Laugh, and grow for yourself, your life, your work, your body, and your mind.

Friday Night Menus at a Glance

Sweet Chicken in Tuscany



May 6th 6:30 to 8:30

Dinner Choices

Served with Salad

Chicken and Waffles
with Butter and Warm
Maple Syrup \$ 9.50

Tuscan Cheese Ravioli
in a Tomato Basil Cream
Sauce & Crunchy Bread..... \$ 8.95

KIDS' MENU

Chicken & Chips..... \$ 2.50

DESSERT

Fresh Baked Chocolate Chunk
Cookie ala mode..... \$ 2.50

Georgia Cooking
Melissa and Nelson Serving



Your ER's
Specialties Night
May 13th - 6:30 to 8:30

Appetizer

Fried Mushroom Caps
with a dipping sauce..... \$3.95

Dinner Choices

Served with Salad & Rolls

Hand Stuffed Chicken Breasts
w/Mashed Potatoes & Veggie.. \$ 9.95

Stuffed Pork Chops
W/Mashed Potatoes & Veggie . \$10.95

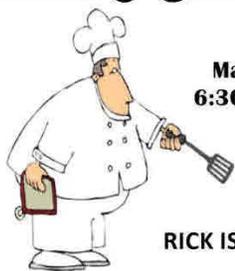
Kids' Menu

Hot Dog and Chips..... \$ 1.50

Dessert

Pineapple Upside
Down Cake \$2.95
Ala Mode..... \$3.95

Spectacular Steak & Salmon



May 20th
6:30 to 8:30

RICK IS COOKING

Dinner Choices

Choice of Soup or Salad, and Choice of
French Fries, Baked Potato or Sweet,
Elks Green Beans, and Rolls

Soz Bacon
Wrapped Filet \$16.95

Pan Seared Salmon..... \$13.95

1/2 Roasted Chicken \$ 9.95

Soup Bean

Cup \$ 1.50
Bowl..... \$ 3.50
Soup, Salad & Roll..... \$ 5.50

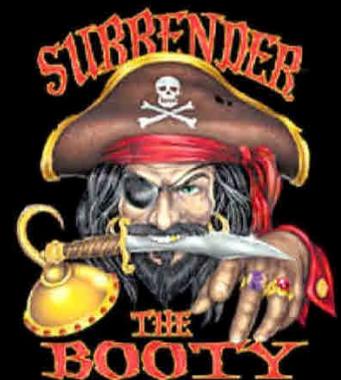
Kids' Menu

Chicken Nuggets w/French Fries
And Corn \$ 5.50

Dessert

Rum Cake with Vanilla Ice
Cream.....\$4.50

**KITCHEN CLOSED
WHILE WE INVADE ORLANDO
JOIN THE CREW OF 708 AT THE
2016 CONVENTION AND
DON'T FORGET YOUR PIRATE GEAR**





TAMPA ELKS LODGE #708

MAY 2016

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

SUN MON TUE WED THUR FRI SAT

<p>1 8:30 to 12:00 Breakfast Centre 4 Girls "Potluck and Paints" 4pm to 8pm with Rita</p>	<p>2 LOE Board Meeting 7:00pm Short Order Grill 5:30-7:30</p>	<p>3 So. Tpa. Chamber Military Affairs Meeting 3pm 7:30 Movie Night</p>	<p>4 LOE Meeting 7:30 LOE DINNER 6:30 BOD Meeting</p>	<p>5 CINCO DE MAYO DINNER \$8.00 5:30 - 7:30</p>	<p>6 Dinner 6:30-8:30 Music By Ms T Karaoke</p>	<p>7 Shipwrecked Low County Boil Dinner & Music 6pm Convention Fundraiser</p>
<p>8 8:30 to 12:00 Breakfast ENF Mother's Day Ceremony and Tea By Shelagh</p>	<p>9 Short Order Grill 5:30-7:30 House Committee 7:30</p>	<p>10 7:30 Movie Night</p>	<p>11 7:30 Lodge Meeting Weinie Wednesday</p>	<p>12 5:30 Dinner VA Bingo</p>	<p>13 Dinner 6:30-8:30 Music By Kathy & Paul</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 8:30 to 12:00 Breakfast Open Arms 7:30 - 9:30am Orientation 11am Initiation 12pm Wii bowling 2:00 Gourmet Club 5pm</p>	<p>16 Short Order Grill 5:30-7:30</p>	<p>17 7:30 Movie Night</p>	<p>18 Officer & BOD Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>19 5:30 Dinner Trivia Night</p>	<p>20 Dinner 6:30-8:30 Music By 20th Voices</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 8:30 to 12:00 Breakfast Wii Bowling 4:00</p>	<p>23 Short Order Grill 5:30-7:30 House Committee 7:30</p>	<p>24 7:30 Movie Night</p>	<p>25 No Meeting Due to Convention </p>	<p>26 Kitchen Closed Due to Convention </p>	<p>27 Kitchen Closed Due to Convention </p>	<p>28 Convention </p>
<p>29 Convention </p>	<p>30 MEMORIAL DAY 11am Athena Vets St. Pete Pool 11am Wreath Laying American Legion #5 Officers to attend Short Order Grill 5:30-7:30</p>	<p>31 7:30 Movie Night</p>	<p>LOE Meeting 7:30 LOE DINNER 6:30 BOD Meeting</p>			

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Robert Norton 6/20/16
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Bob & Candi Suhrheinrich 9/20/16
Debbie Osterbrock 11/16
Shelagh Gombarcik 3/2017

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