



LODGE OFFICERS:

EXALTED RULER - Courtney Weil
LEADING KNIGHT - Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP
LOYAL KNIGHT - Nanette Quire, PLP
LECTURING KNIGHT - Becky Sullins
SECRETARY - Rick Schneider, PER
TREASURER - Melissa Bertoch
ESQUIRE - Tommy Moore
INNER GUARD - Laura Jones
TILER - George Hilficker
CHAPLAIN - Christine Harris
5 YEAR TRUSTEE - Theresa Matthews, PER
4 YEAR TRUSTEE - Robert Suhrheinrich
3 YEAR TRUSTEE - Robert Norton
2 YEAR TRUSTEE - Richard Florance
1 YEAR TRUSTEE - Brian Brantley, PER

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LODGE ADVISORS - Steve Harmon, PDDGER
Mike Pierson, PDDGER
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Exalted Ruler

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Mon - Thursday 4:00pm - 11:00pm
Friday 4:00pm - 12:00am
Saturday 4:00pm - 11:00am
Sunday 12:30pm - 9:00pm



A Message from your Exalted Ruler

*Summer is over...
there's a nip in the air,
and the Holidays are
just around the corner!*

What a wonderful time of year for the Elk Spirit to come alive. We are such a benevolent organization and Tampa 708, though one of the smallest lodges in the west central district, is among the most giving group of Elks in the nation. So pick your event, charity or grant and volunteer to help out this season!

There are so many things to choose from:

- Open Arms can use your help for their Thanksgiving Feast for the homeless. They need cooks on Friday the 18th and servers on November 20th.
- Open Arms can also use donations of food, new undergarments, jackets, blankets and they are also in need of disposable plastic containers.
- Shelagh and Lynn could use help with the Thanksgiving Dinner they host at the lodge. Contact Shelagh if interested.
- Courtney needs help with the November 26th Men in Drag Review.
- Suzanne and Susie would love to have help in decorating the lodge on November 25th.
- Patty Elkins can use volunteers and donations for her Kid's Christmas Party slated for Dec. 17th.
- Courtney and Georgia need help with the adult Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange.
- Nancy is looking for help in the kitchen for New Year's Eve. Proceeds to benefit the lodge.
- Rita has included a list of Grant Volunteer Opportunities on page 17 of this issue. They are many and varied and all need our support.

As we are all aware, there is a core of very committed Elks that tirelessly support our charitable and social endeavors. However, during the Holiday season there is much need for more involvement. If you can see your way clear to pick up one or more of these posts, it would go a long way in making sure we, as a benevolent organization, meet our obligation this year. Thank you so much and Happy Thanksgiving to all 708 Elks and your families!

Fraternally Yours, *Courtney Weil*, Exalted Ruler

Your 2016 Committee Chairs

Bob Suhrheinrich

House Committee Chairman
Accident Preventions

Bonnie Quire

Calendar Girl

Brian Brantley, PER

VAVS Rep to James A. Haley

Flo Wayne

Greeter

Georgia Hilficker

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Nanette Quire

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Youth Activities

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Lodge Veterans Committee
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Shelagh Gombarcik

Elks National Foundation
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Susie Harlow

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LOE Liaison
Bingo Chairperson

Theresa Matthews, PER

PER Association President
State Major Projects
Convention

Theresa Matthews, PER & Shelagh Gombarcik

Inter-lodge Visitation

Tommy Moore

Grand Lodge
Youth Programs

House Committee:

Bob Suhrheinrich
Chairman

Susie Harlow
Secretary

Anthony Tasker
Kitchen Staffing

Ed Mulder
Facilities

Chris Miles
Hall Events

John Weigold
Bar Assistant

Nelson Grahn
Lodge Events
Assistant

Non-Voting Members

John Wayne, PER
Advisory

Nancy Keesler, PER
Bar Manager



75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOMBING OF PEARL HARBOR

Funds are still needed to send our 25 Florida Elk WWII veterans to the 75th Commemoration of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, leaving Tampa on December 5. To help offset some of the expenses, a fundraiser the "All American Celebration" is planned for Sunday, November 20th at the Largo Lodge beginning at 6pm with cocktails. Carlo, a local musician who plays at several Elks' Lodges, is donating his time to play for the evening. Peter Lopez, a member at Largo Lodge and one of the WWII vets who will be going to Hawaii, is making the homemade Italian Sausage. The Seminole VFW Post #9272 will provide the Honor Guard. We will be sending two of

our Tampa WWII veterans, Manny Maldonado and Howard James, to this special memorial event.

If all lodges would please announce this event in your November newsletter, I would certainly appreciate it. Tickets can be purchased through myself or Sonja Lopez at 727-743-5390. Anyone who would like to donate but not necessarily attend the event may do so by mailing a check made payable to:

Florida Elks Charities
c/o Jan Gens
St. Petersburg Lodge #1224
2675 66th St N
St. Petersburg, FL 33710

If anyone would be willing to bake an apple pie or two, please let me know as well
Thank you in advance for your consideration and assistance.

Jeanne Reinhart
WCD Deputy
727-743-1387

A Warm Welcome To Our New Elk



Robert Gilpatrick
Sponsored by:
Nancy Laine



Robert Gilpatrick
With his sponsor
Nancy Laine



Latonya Gilley
Sponsored by:
Tommy Moore



Latonya Gilley
With her sponsor
Tommy Moore

October Elk Recognition

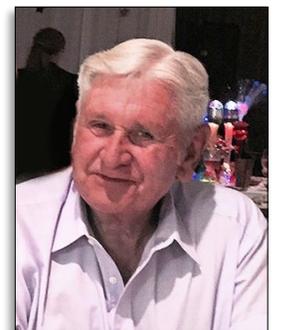
OFFICER OF THE MONTH: LAURA JONES

This 2 year Elk stepped in with both feet in service and financial contributions. In her first year she accepted a job in the kitchen helping to cook a monthly Friday night dinner. This year she joined the LOE and signed on as an officer despite the demanding work schedule she already held. No matter how daunting the task Laura is a "never say no" kind of girl and works to insure all the important activities are funded and manned. Recently retired from her position of 42 years, Laura must be finding some extra time on her hands...not to worry Laura I'm sure we can find a few things to fill those boring hours of baseball, reading and relaxing. 🤔



ELK OF THE MONTH: JAMES HARLOW

This long term member has always been in service to our lodge in one way or another. He is currently utilizing the knowledge he has gleaned from being a House Committee Chair and committee member by acting as assistant bar manager. James is one of the unsung heroes of the lodge, working behind the scenes on a daily basis to assure the deliveries arrive and are checked in, allowing service vendors access to the lodge for repairs, and inspectors the time it takes to do their inspections. He helps to educate new members in the rules and traditions of the lodge and never fails to step in whenever asked. James is a real source of knowledge and experience that every lodge needs to keep it running properly...and he's a really nice guy too! xoxox



VOLUN "ELK" OF THE MONTH: JENA SMITH

This sweet young lady came to us through new member Anthony Mellon, and we will forever be grateful for introducing her to our lodge. When she and her husband Lorenzo, a military policeman at MacDill, were looking for a place to offer their time and service to their new community, Anthony suggested our lodge. Jena and her husband have become Courtney's right hand in the kitchen giving up one or two Friday nights a month and stepping in for special events. At a time when kitchen help is sorely needed Jena was a real blessing. Add to this her peaceful demeanor making a difficult job look stress free and you can see why we are so thrilled to have her with us!



Supporting Reports



LADIES OF THE ELK

Fall is in the air and goblins are everywhere.

I want to thank everyone who attended Tommy and my 50th Anniversary celebration. We loved having our family, friends and Elks there. I would like to recognize Georgia for the great job she and her crew did on the buffet. Hope everyone enjoyed the food and had a great time!

Congratulations to our very own Rita Smith for being named the West Central District's, Elk of the Year. She is always working hard for the lodge on grants, vets and so much more.

The LOE Horse Race was a roaring success with Shelagh Gombarcik as the big winner of the night. If you weren't with us, I hope you have a chance to join us next year. it's a very exciting event with lots of laughs.

With Halloween upon us, I hope everyone enjoys the goodies and stays safe and well during this fall season and the up coming holidays.

In God's Love, *Suzanne Moore*, Ladies of the Elk President



LOE November Birthdays submitted by *Donna Halsey*:



3rd - Sandra Lessard, & Frank Sellers Jr., 5th - Patricia Bellairs, 8th - Suzanne Moore,
17th - Bonnie Quire, 18th - Lucille Schoonmaker, 20th - Betty Gnadit Orcutt,
27th - Bob Suhrheinrich, 30th - Sherral Jorgensen & Robert Norton

Executive Board

Suzanne Moore - President
Susie Harlow - Vice President
Jacquie LoCicero - Secretary
Robert Bordonaro - Treasurer
Donna Halsey - Chaplin
Lisa Snyder - Parliamentarian



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Hi to Members and Friends

I want to thank this month's donors because it's for a great cause. Rita Smith, Bonnie Atwood, Robert Summers, Bob Suhrheinrich, the bar plus Tony and the dining room. I have two houses without a name that I wish I could acknowledge here, but if you'll let me know who you are I

will make sure you are recognized in next month's issue. I'd also like to thank the lodge for donating the bar tabs for some of our prizes in the contest. Thank you, Thank you.

So please keep up the good work and don't forget, give a house to a friend or relative. You can always contact me at 813-831-4270.

Thank you to all who helped and I hope more will join.

As always, hope everyone stays happy and healthy. Love you guys, *Berni Turpin*

Committee Communications

Drug Awareness, Hoop and Soccer Shoot Report



Our annual Soccer Shoot will be completed by the time this article comes out in November so look for updates in the December Elksize. Hoop Shoot is set for Nov. 19th at Hyde Park United Church, 500 W. Platt, 33606. Sign-in at 8:30am with first shot at 9:30am.

We held Red Ribbon Week the last week of October. Plenty of ribbons for everyone and West Shore Elementary School held a Red Ribbon Week at the school. The Tampa Elks Drug Awareness program supplied the school with coloring books, red ribbons, and literature on the dangers of drug. The kids got a kick out their visit with "Elroy the Drug Awareness Elk".

That's about it for now. Have a Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

Tommy Moore, Chairman for Drug Awareness



YOUTH EVENTS

Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events



WEST CENTRAL DISTRICTS' ELK OF THE YEAR!

TAMPA 708'S VERY OWN

★ **RITA SMITH** ★

On Saturday, September 24th our very own Rita Smith was awarded the West Central District's "Elk of the Year" plaque at the President's Dinner held in St. Petersburg Lodge 1224. Rita tells me, "I was completely surprised! I went to enjoy the evening and be with friends and had no idea I was even being considered for the award." Overwhelmed and very humble, Rita was elated with the recognition.

Rita has been a constant source of support and income generation for our lodge. She is the primary grant writer and chairs several important and time consuming committees. She works diligently for veterans and children and most certainly deserves this prestigious award. We are so very proud of her and her achievements.

Rita is chairman of the Veteran's Committee, Grants Committee, Athena House, the Impact Grant recipient group "Club Chivalry" at Robinson High School, the distribution of the Elksize, and also donates her time to Open Arms Homeless Shelter as well as our kitchen.

I think we can all agree that Rita is a committed Elk in every sense of the word. You make us Proud.

Georgia Hilficker, Elksize Editor

2016 BOYS AND GIRLS STATE AWARD WINNERS ARE RECOGNIZED

On the 21st of September, American Legion Post 5 hosted the Boys and Girls State recipients with a dinner and presentation of awards and ribbons. Our Exalted Ruler, Courtney Weil, LOE President, Suzanne Moore, George Hilficker, the grandfather of Mathew Chowning, and his mother Kristina Chowning attended the ceremony.

Mathew Chowning was one of the recipients of this years' Boy State Award and the son and grandson of a Tampa 708 Lodge members. Students considered for this prestigious award must be a junior in high school and nominated by a teacher, guidance councilor, or community member. Customarily the American Legion vets and sponsors the winning nominees, however this year after having vetted Mathew, our Lodge stepped in and sponsored Mathew's trip. Mathew spent 1 week in the dorms at Florida State University participating in a mock government setting in which he wrote a bill that was passed by the mock state senate.

State Representative from District 63, Shawn Harrison, was there to present the ribbons and certificates and the students were asked to speak about their experiences. It was obvious that everyone in attendance was moved and impressed by these young people and that the students derived much knowledge and self confidence from the experience.

Georgia Hilficker, Elksize Editor



Mathew Chowning with Grandfather, George Hilficker, Courtney Weil, ER & LOE President Suzanne Moore

Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events



Florida Elk President John Harris visits the West Central District

In September our state president, John Harris, paid a visit to the West Central District. President Harris spent three days visiting our area lodges and officiating at several events, not the least of which was the West Central District's Elk of the Year award presented to Tampa Lodge 708s' Rita Smith. On his third day in Tampa Bay, President Harris was honored to throw out the first pitch at the Rays versus Red Sox game at Tropicana Field.



President Harris wrote, "There aren't enough words to say "Thank You" for the wonderful visitation you and your District put together for Carl and me. I would like to sincerely thank you, your members, host team, all the volunteers and all that attended your State President's visit to the West Central District." He further expressed his pleasure in presenting the WCD Elk of the District Elk of the District plaque to Ms. Rita Smith, a great Elk from Tampa #708. "This young lady is a true giver in the sense of the word. Congratulations to her for an outstanding job," He said.



Tommy & Suzanne Celebrate!



Tommy and Suzanne Moore, two of the sweetest hearts in our lodge, opened their arms and their hearts to family, friends and 708 Elks as they hosted a incredible evening of dining and dancing in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Melissa Bertoch, our treasurer, officiated in the renewal of their vows and there were few dry eyes in the house as emotions ran high. We were all moved by the obvious love and devotion this couple feels for one another after 50 years of marriage.

Kind, generous and so very committed to our lodge, Tommy and Suzanne are a major part of the backbone of 708, and we appreciate them greatly.

Thank you both so much for including us all in your special evening!

Georgia Hilticker, Elksize Editor

Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events



2016 INAUGURAL FUNDRAISER

70's DISCO

The MGM networking group that has been hosting Happy Hour events in our Lodge of late, held their first large fundraising event with us on October 8th which was a 70s Disco night with a fabulous auction. They welcomed over 75 guests including MGM and Elk members alike.

MGM is a business networking group that includes an arm specifically for finding and supporting Tampa charities that may not get the attention they deserve. They chose three such charities; VAREP, an agency supporting economic education and opportunities for the military and veterans, STARTING RIGHT NOW, an organization committed to supporting homeless youths, and THE ELKS YOUTH CAMP, in Umatilla, FL. The proceeds from this very successful event were divided equally between these chosen charities. The young people being served by the Starting Right Now program were in the kitchen with Rudy Masi, PDDGER from our St. Pete Lodge making sure the guest were well fed and served.

MGM recently took a tour of the Umatilla Youth Camp and were mightily impressed with facility and all Elk charities since their focus is also on children and veterans. This is truly a marriage made in heaven!

Georgia Hülfecker, Elksize Editor



Theresa's Very Happy Birthday



Our 2015-2016 ER, Theresa Mathews was surprised to find that she was about to celebrate her 50th birthday on Saturday the 15th of October. Having already had her birthday dinner with family the night before, she was completely taken by surprise when she entered the lodge, for a quick drink, and found over 100 friends and family members waiting for her.

Theresa's family, along with Carl Seibert put together a memorable birthday celebration complete with an extraordinary cake from a local specialty shop, "Let Them Eat Cake", a delicious dinner catered by Eats, and Karaoke by Dee.

Congratulations Theresa!



Elk Recognizes a New Eagle Scout

On Tuesday evening October 25th Bob Suhrheinrich presented an American Flag on behalf of Tampa 708 and the Grand Lodge to Spencer Sanchez, a newly promoted Eagle Scout. The Court of Honor ceremony was held at Christ the King Church. Thank you Bob for continuing to demonstrate the Elks support of the Boys Scouts of America. We sincerely appreciate your commitment to all our endeavors.



Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events

LOE NIGHT AT THE RACES



This years LOE "Night At The Races" was a stable full of fun and a financial success as well. From the owners to the jockeys a good time was had by all, and the funny money bought some very impressive gifts and baskets just in time for the holidays.

There were six races with the seventh being the combination of the winners of those six. Shelagh Gombarcik our Leading Knight took home the gold having won the seventh race. If you've never attended one of these horsey events you'll want to give it a try next year...it's a hoot!



Upcoming Events and Projects

TAMPA ELKS LODGE and MURDERS SHE WROTE present

MURDER ON BUDGET CRUISELINE!

Saturday
November 5th



COCKTAIL HOUR @ 5:30 PM
1st Act starts 6:30 sharp!
Enjoy a three-course dinner during the show!

Reserved Seating Only.
Buy your tickets online at
www.tampaelks.com
Click on the MurderMystery Link
These shows sells out, so buy your tickets early!





Upcoming Events and Projects

BINGO

**Night at
Elks Lodge #708
November 7th and 21st
6:30pm**

**Buy-in Packs \$20 - Specials \$1 each-or \$5 for 6
Bonanza \$1 Each-or \$5 for 6 - Exchanges Allowed**

Grill Kitchen open from 5:30 to 7:30pm

PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR CHARITIES

**November 10th is
KATRINA'S
Birthday!**



the
IMPROVHOOLICS
Adults only! are back!
Saturday, November 12 ~ 7:00pm
\$10 Admission ~ free hors-d'oeuvres!
Presented by Tampa Elks 708



ALL AMERICAN CELEBRATION

**To help finance our WWII veteran's trip to the
75th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.**

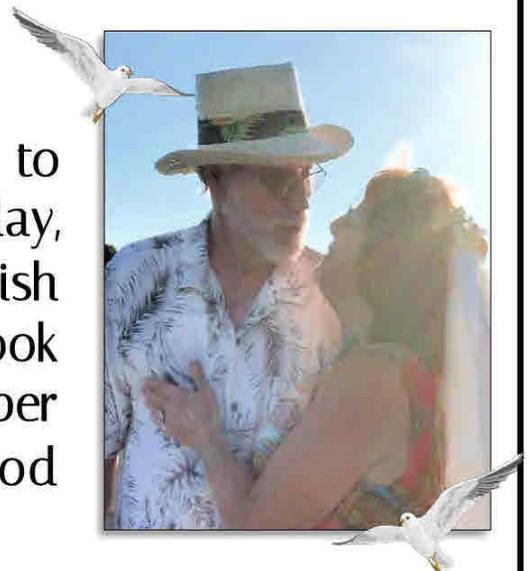
Sunday, November 20th - Largo Lodge #2159

Cocktails at 6pm - Dinner at 7pm - \$15.00

**For tickets contact Sonja Lopez 727-743-5390 or Jeanne
Reinhart DDGER 727-743-1387. For seating contact Aurora
Griesler Jones PER 727-584-0801**

Bob and Betty Orcutt

wish to invite all their family and friends to a get together at the lodge on Saturday, November 19th around 7pm. Come wish them well in their marriage which took place in Holden Beach, NC on September 24th, and enjoy a few snacks and good conversation.



Upcoming Events and Projects



Join us November 24th for a traditional
Thanksgiving Feast
 and let's be thankful together!

\$6.00 per person plus a covered dish
 Sign-up required...sign-up sheet on bulletin board.

Dining Room Opens at 2pm

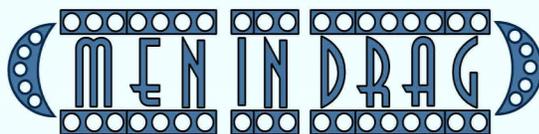
Come enjoy good food and fellowship
 Shelagh Gombarcik, Leading Knight



LET'S DECORATE THE LODGE!
NOVEMBER 25TH
AT 5:00PM
BRING A COVERED DISH
AND ENJOY A POT LUCK DINNER



TAMPA LODGE 708 PRESENTS



Featuring :

Regina G and Kimberly Nicole

with special guest appearance by

Vagina

SATURDAY, NOV. 26TH
COCKTAIL HOUR 6:00PM
SHOW TIME 7:00PM TO 9:00PM

Adults only! **\$10.00 TICKETS**

Cast: Richard G. - Current ER of West Palm Beach Lodge and
 Hector R. - PER and Treasurer of West Palm Beach Lodge

PERFORMED AT 2 LOE STATE CONVENTIONS AND WRITTEN UP IN OUR NATIONAL MAGAZINE

Enjoy the show and this
Special Dinner Menu

- Fried Mozzarella..... \$3.95
- Fried Mushrooms \$3.50
- Fried Ravioli..... \$4.95
- 6 Chicken Wings \$5.95
- Potato Soup
- Cup..... \$2.50
- Bowl..... \$3.95
- Large Spinach Salad
- with Warm Bacon Dressing \$4.95
- Monte Cristo Sandwich..... \$6.95
- Meatball Sub \$5.95
- Cheesecake \$2.95



Upcoming Events and Projects

Boston Globe Special Edition

CELEBRATING 80 YEARS

Please join us for a
 Birthday Celebration
 Honoring

**BOSTON
 BOB**

Saturday, December 3rd
 6pm Cocktails
 7pm Dinner
 - ELKS WELCOME -



Elks Lodge 708
 3616 Gandy Blvd.
 Tampa, FL 33611

Please RSVP by
 November 25th to
 Brenda Stokking
 at 813-226-2126 or
 rnorton3@tampabay.rr.com
 or sign up on the bulletin
 board at the lodge.
 NO PRESENTS PLEASE



What a great idea A Lodge Gift Card For Christmas!

The perfect gift for a friend, a family member, someone you'd like to recruit or another member that's been especially helpful this year. No matter who receives it, they will enjoy the many opportunities the Lodge provides. Load any amount you wish!



LOE

Christmas Bazaar
 Friday Dec. 9th
 6pm

Christmas shop till you drop, grab a few baked goods and enjoy a beverage or two while you do it! Can you think of a better way?

Tampa Lodge 708 Annual Adult Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange

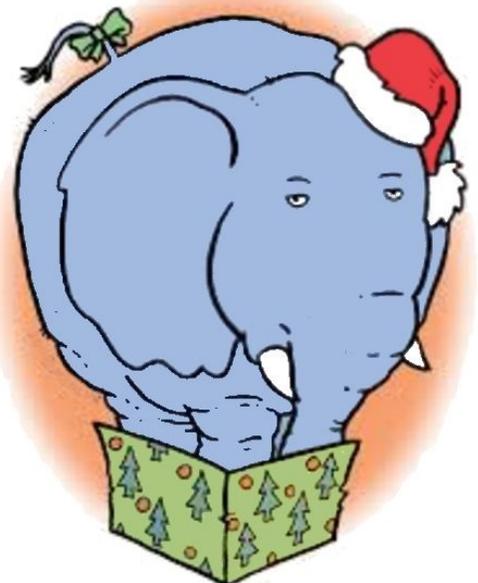
It's that time again...

Time to lift a glass of Christmas Cheer and come up with the perfect classless gift for that oh so hilarious and embarrassing, White Elephant Gift Exchange.

Join us for Heavy Hors d'oeuvres
 and Christmas Karaoke

Saturday, Dec. 17th at 6pm

You and your clever gift exchange
 are all you need to attend!

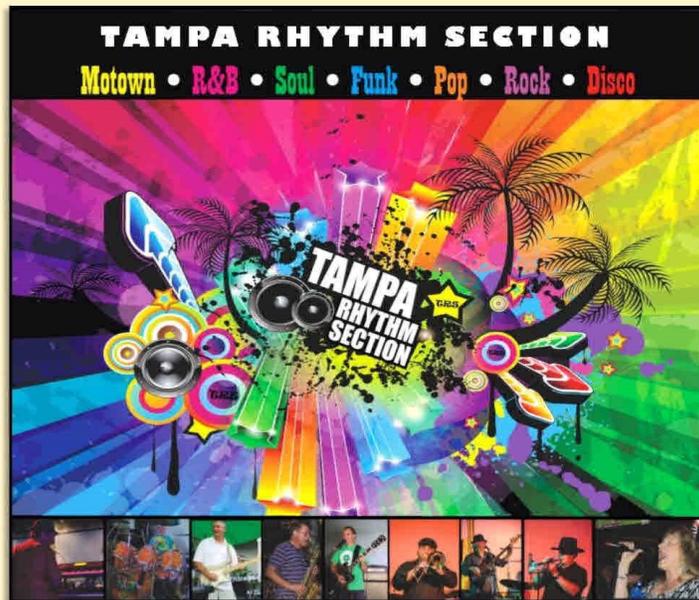


Upcoming Events and Projects

TICKETS ON SALE NOW...

Nancy Kessler will be at the Lodge to take your reservations on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1pm to 7pm

**NEW YEAR'S EVE AT
TAMPA LODGE 708
FANTASTIC DINNER AND
OUTRAGIOUS
ENTERTAINMENT
FROM THE**



DECEMBER 31ST

7:00PM

TICKETS

\$30.00

INCLUDE

DINNER,

DANCING,

FESTIVE HATS,

AND NOISE MAKERS,

CHAMPAGNE TOAST

AND BREAKFAST

Dinner available from 8:00pm to 9:30pm
Menu: Caesar Salad, 8oz Bacon Wrapped Filet,
or Cornish Hen a la Orange, Baked Potato, Broccoli
in Cheese Sauce, and Chocolate Raspberry Surprise

Breakfast Served at 12:30am

Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Sausage Gravy, Grits,
Biscuits and Coffee

Tickets will be available November 1st
LIMITED SEATING

When purchasing you will make your
dinner selection and choose your seat.

NOTE: This is a closed Lodge event...
anyone without a ticket will be asked to leave at 7PM

Upcoming Events and Projects



GASPARILLA INVASION ADVENTURE

SAVE THE DATE - JAN. 28TH

**IT'S TIME TO PARTY LIKE A PIRATE AND JOIN IN THE
FUN AS WE CELEBRATE THE 2017 INVASION**

Busses will pick up from select lodges at 7am

You will enjoy:

- 🚩 All you can eat breakfast**
- 🚩 Lunch and Boat Invasion viewed from
Davis Islands waterfront, bring a lawn chair.**
- 🚩 Pirate Beads**
- 🚩 All you can eat dinner**
- 🚩 Live Music and**
- 🚩 Loads of fun activities**

\$60.00

On Going Monthly Activities



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



**BUCS
FOOTBALL**

ON OUR 144" SCREEN!

**NOVEMBER
BUCS SCHEDULE**

Thurs. 11/3 - 8:25 - Falcons
Sun. 11/13 - 1pm - Bears
Sun. 11/20 - 1pm - Chiefs
Sun. 11/27 - 1pm - Seahawks



**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
Jeff brings in the most
recent Redbox Movie



**WIENIE
WEDNESDAY**

2nd & 4th
Wednesdays
Meeting Nights

\$1.00
\$.50 CHIPS

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



**Thursday Night
ONE DISH MEALS**

6pm to 7:30pm - \$8.00

Dinners served with salad, roll & dessert

November 3rd - Stuffed Peppers

November 10th - Chicken Parmesan Pasta

November 17th - Stuffed Cabbage

November 24th - THANKSGIVING DINNER!

\$6.00 PLUS A COVERED DISH



**Every Friday Night
Dinner & Dancing
See Menus on pg 15**

Lodge Business and Programs



Partners in Progress or PIP

Platinum Investors 100+

In Memory of Vern Pickenpaugh
from the Reids 3/17

Also from the Pickenpaugh Family 4/17

Osterbrock, Debbie 5/17

Walbart, Mark 6/17

Suhrheinrich, Robert & Candice 6/17

Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 6/17

In Memory of Jerrye & Patrick Fennell 6/17

Speach, Michael 6/17

With sincere thanks for the transportation

Schneider, Rick & Jan 6/17

Appel, Jackie 6/17

In Memory of Tom Stanton

From Mrs. Helen M. Stanton 9/2017

Florance, Richard 9/2017

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 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

Bordonaro, Robert 7/2017

Silver Investors \$21-\$50

Shelagh Gombarcik 6/2016

Bronze Investors \$10 - \$20

Howard James 10/2017

Lodge Business and Programs Cont.

Upcoming West Central District Meetings

There will be two District Meetings, the first is at Tampa Lodge # 708 on October 29th , the second meeting will be held at Tarpon Springs Lodge # 1719 on November 5th. Both meetings will start promptly at 9 AM. All State and District Chairman, are encouraged to attend both meetings. Exalted Rulers, you, and your Lodge Chairman, are encouraged to attend at least one of the meetings.

These meetings will give the Lodge, District, and State Chairman, an opportunity to discuss any issues that they may have regarding reporting, communication, contact information, etc.

The following West Central District State and District Chairman, should make every attempt to attend these meetings :

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| • Americanism | • Elks Training | • Ladies Organization | • Ritual |
| • Community Projects/Activities | • Government Relations | • Lodge Activities | • Soccer Shoot |
| • Drug Awareness | • H/A Trust Fund | • Membership | • Sports |
| • ENF Certificates | • Hoop Shoot | • Orientation | • Veterans Service |
| • ENF Scholarships | • Inter Lodge Visitation | • Public Relations | • Youth Activities |

Exalted Rulers, please contact your Lodge Chairman and encourage them to attend one of these meetings.

The meetings should be a learning experience for Lodge Chairman, who may be new to their Committees, and have questions or concerns. They could also be beneficial to those Lodge Chairman, who desire to move on to the District, or State level. They will also be a great opportunity, for Lodge Chairman, to share ideas that may have, with other Lodge Chairman in attendance.

There will be Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers in attendance, in case a District Chairman is unable to make a meeting, to help answer any questions your Lodge Chairman may have.

If all Lodges would share their ideas and strategies that make their programs work for them, it would help to make our West Central District even stronger.

I understand that the October 29th meeting may be in conflict with Halloween parties, that is why we are starting at 9 AM. This should give everyone a chance to get home, and change into their costumes, and go trick or treating (or whatever).

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at least ONE of the meetings.

Fraternally,
H. Tom Shriver PER, WCD VP

MIDYEAR CONVENTION

This year's Midyear convention will be held at the Orlando Marriott Lake Mary beginning November 12th through Saturday November 14th. At this time the cutoff date for reservations has past so rooms and rates are subject to availability. Should you wish to make your reservation by phone you should call the Orlando Marriott Lake Mary at 800-380-7724. Let them know you wish to make a group reservation for the Florida State Elks Association Conference. The room rate is \$105 plus 12% tax or \$117.60 per night. Please be informed that when making your reservation you will be asked to provide a reservation guarantee. Everyone attending, including spouses, guests, FLOE delegates, etc., is asked to preregister with the FSEA so we know who will be attending and so we can have a name badge waiting for you when you sign in at the Elks registration table.

On Friday morning the ladies from FLOE (Florida Ladies of Elks) will be sponsoring a make-and-take floral arrangement class from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Friday evening there will be a dance from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. The theme is the 1970's! Attendees are asked to dress the part! Dinner will not be included.

Rick Gathen, the Grand Lodge Membership and Public Relations Manager from Chicago will be our guest again this year! Rick will be presenting a membership/PR seminar on Friday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. All Elks are encouraged to attend.

The midyear general session complete with reports from all of our committees and programs will be held on Friday from 12:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m .

Lodge Business and Programs Cont.

DISTRICT DEPUTY BOOK INSPECTION



On Wednesday, October 12 Jeanne Reinhart, PER and her crew visited our Lodge and conducted our yearly book inspection.

Jeanne wrote, "It was truly a pleasure to work with you and the lodge officers and committeemen. The Lodge looks great, and it is definitely moving in the right direction on many fronts. The Lodge has the potential to seek the All American Lodge Award. Thank you for the opportunity to swear in Richard Florance PER as Trustee."

QUEEN OF HEARTS

IS UP TO \$500.00

Time to buy those tickets

Drawing Thursdays 7pm

Tickets sold up to 6:45pm



Recruiter of the Month

Nancy Laine

enjoy your parking space for the month of November

Buy an Elk

Tee Shirt

Tee Shirts \$15.00



Show Your Elkdom!



Ask your bartender.

NOVEMBER LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

1st - STCOC Military Affairs 3:00pm

2nd - LOE Meeting 7:30pm

2nd - BOD Meeting 6:30pm

8th - House Committee Meeting 7:30pm

9th - General Elks Meeting 7:30pm

13th - Orientation & Initiation 11am

16th - Ofc & BOD Meeting 7pm

Lodge Business and Programs Cont.

Upcoming Elks National Foundation Grants Activities:

November will be a very busy month, with a lot of volunteer activity and opportunities to serve our community. Please ask to get involved. We need you!

The Beacon Grant - is our ongoing project with the Open Arms ministry at Hyde Park United Methodist Church. We use the \$2000.00 grant to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to the homeless on the Sunday morning prior to the actual holiday, and to buy enough socks and underwear and used pants to get them through the winter months. We also get a matching grant from Florida Elks Charities that we use to help them through the summer months.

What can you do this month?

1. Clothing drive – Winter wear in all sizes is needed. Shoes, belts, and purses can also easily find a new home. You can put them in the antler room, but alert Courtney or me so they don't linger there.
2. Meal Prep – We will be going in on Thursday, November 17th at about 11:00 to prepare some of the side dishes to be stored in the walk-in-refrigerator for heating on Sunday. This 11am start time is a great opportunity for those that can't bear to see the sunrise to get involved. We usually spend about 3-4 hours in the kitchen at Open Arms.
3. Serve – On November 20th Courtney will be managing the kitchen at Open Arms, and we are obligated to have enough Elks to fill the serving line by 7:30 AM. There is plenty of parking in two big lots at Magnolia and Azele. Go in the door marked kitchen entrance –Courtney will be right inside to direct you from there. Please let me know you are coming and I will have a name tag waiting for you. You will be finished by about 9:30.

The Gratitude Grant is the one we earned by meeting our per capita for ENF. Our project takes place in November, when we will be helping BridgePrep Academy overcome some of their discipline issues arising from a lack of cultural awareness. Our Lodge Chaplain, Christine Harris, is the Principal at BridgePrep, so we will have the school's full support.

In addition to hiring a professional to hold two assemblies to cover the students from grades K thru 8, we will be catering a *Modern and Multicultural Holiday Dinner* sometime in December. Students and their parents will be invited, so there may be a really big crowd. What can you do?

1. Ethnic dishes will be the focal point so if you have a great and inexpensive recipe, please let me know. If we include it, come help us prepare it. Food prep will probably be a multi day event starting Sunday.
2. There will be a lot of schlepping involved on the evening of the event. Can you pick up a prepaid order at an area restaurant and deliver it to the school? Can you haul a load of paper supplies from the lodge to the school?
3. Can you put on some Elks logo clothing and help serve the meal?
4. Can you be at the lodge upon our return to help clean up and put things away?

The Promise Grant is the one we use for the extra children's events, like the Back to School and Christmas party. The Christmas party planning is in the works. You can get involved now by:

1. Be an angel, buy an angel. This grant, like last year's, was written to cover three different events. New this year, we had a crowd of almost 200 at our back to school party, so we went over budget. In order to fulfill our obligations, we will have to raise some extra funds.
2. Attend the committee meeting on November 14th at 7:30 to hear the plans and offer your input. We will probably need some shoppers, too. The party is planned for Saturday, December 17th, and will require a lot of volunteers. Put it on your calendar now and watch for the sign up sheet to pick the job you like best.

The Impact Grant is the Robinson High Club Chivalry for Student Success. On November 17th we will be holding an "On Campus" field trip, and need all of our approved volunteers to help. We will have to chaperone and provide them with a special lunch – the day after our Thanksgiving dinner at BridgePrep!

If you have not already done so, please go to the website for the Hillsborough County School Board and hit the green APPLY button to get started. All you need is your driver's license. It takes a while for the approvals to come through, so please get right on it. This grant was reviewed and accepted by Grand Lodge and will be renewed next year.

Rita Smith
Grant Coordinator

Friday Night Menus at a Glance



**Your ER's
Specialties Night**
November 4th - 6:30 to 8:30

Appetizer

- Fried Zucchini.....\$3.50
- Fried Mushrooms.....\$3.50

Dinner Choices

Served with Mac & Cheese, Baby Carrots, Salad and Rolls

- Meat Loaf \$ 9.50
- Kielbasa \$ 8.95

Kid's Menu

- Hot Dog with Chips..... \$ 1.50

Dessert by Laura

- Pineapple Upside Down Cake.....\$3.50



November 11th
6:30pm to 8:30pm
Georgia Cooks
Melissa & Nelson Serve

Appetizer

- Shrimp Spread.....\$3.50

Dinner Choices

Served with Salad and Yeast Rolls

- Smothered Pork Chops with Smashed Potatoes \$ 9.50
- Beef Stroganoff with Buttered Noodles \$ 9.95

KID'S MENU

- Hot dog & Chips \$1.50

DESSERT

- Chocolate, Chocolate Cake.....\$ 3.85

*Spectacular
Steak & Salmon*



November 18th
6:30pm to 8:30pm

DINNER CHOICES

All dinners served with choice of potato, baked, mashed, or fried, Elk Green Beans, Salad or soup, butter and rolls

- 12oz Rib Eye Steak\$13.99
- Pan Seared Salmon.....\$13.99
- Roast Chicken Dinner\$ 9.50

SPLIT PEA SOUP

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

Kids' Menu

- Chicken Nuggets w/French Fries
And Green Beans\$ 5.95

Dessert

- Rum Cake with
Vanilla Ice Cream\$ 4.50



November 25th

Kitchen closed...

*But come join the decorating crew
and bring a covered dish for
a pot luck dinner!*



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NOVEMBER 2016 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

SUN MON TUE WED THUR FRI SAT

		<p>1 STCOC Military Affairs Meeting <u>3:00pm</u></p> <p>Improv Class <u>6:30pm</u></p> <p>Movie Night 7:00</p>	<p>2 LOE Meeting 7:30pm</p> <p>BOD Meeting 6:30pm</p>	<p>3 One Dish Meal 6pm to 7:30pm</p> <p>Stuffed Peppers Salad, Roll & Dessert</p> <p> Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm</p> <p> Bucs vs Falcons 8:25pm</p>	<p>4 Dinner & Dancing 6:30 to 8:30</p> <p>MUSIC BY: Keith and Ruby</p>	<p>5 Murder Mystery Dinner</p> <p>Cocktails 5:30pm</p> <p>Act One and First Course start at 6:30pm</p>
<p>6 Breakfast 8:30am to 12pm</p>	<p>7 Short Order Grill 5:30 to 7:30</p> <p> BINGO</p> <p>6:30pm</p>	<p>8 Improv Class <u>6:30pm</u></p> <p>Movie Night <u>7:30pm</u></p> <p>House Committee Meeting 7:30</p>	<p>9 Elks General Meeting 7:30pm</p> <p>Weenie Wednesday</p>	<p>10 Mid Year Convention One Dish Meal 6pm to 7:30pm</p> <p>Chicken Parmesan Pasta Salad & Roll</p> <p> Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm</p>	<p>11 Mid Year Convention</p> <p>Dinner & Dancing 6:30 to 8:30</p> <p>MUSIC BY: Kathy & Paul</p>	<p>12 Mid Year Convention</p> <p>LOE HOSTS A NIGHT WITH THE IMPROV GROUP 7PM</p> <p>\$10.00</p> <p><i>Adults only!</i></p>
<p>13 Breakfast 8:30am to 12pm</p> <p>New Member Orientation & 11am </p> <p> Bucs vs Bears 1pm</p> <p>On the Big Screen</p>	<p>14 Short Order Grill 5:30 to 7:30</p> <p>Children's Christmas Party Meeting 7:30</p>	<p>15 Improv Class 6:30</p> <p>Movie Night 7:30pm</p>	<p>16 Officers and BOD Meeting 7:00pm</p>	<p>17 One Dish Meal 6 to 7:30pm</p> <p>Stuffed Cabbage Salad & Roll</p> <p>? Trivia Night ?</p> <p>Lisa & Sandra</p> <p> Queen of Hearts Drawing</p>	<p>18 Dinner & Dancing 6:30 to 8:30</p> <p>MUSIC BY: Ms. T Karaoki</p>	<p>19 Bob & Betty's Wedding Reception</p>
<p>20 Our Week to Feed The Homeless</p> <p>Breakfast 8:30am to 12pm</p> <p>ALL AMERICAN CELEBRATION</p> <p>LARGO LODGE</p> <p>SEE PAGE 9 FOR INFO</p> <p>PLP DISTRICT MEETING & TEA W/SHELAGH</p> <p> Bucs vs Chiefs 1:00pm</p> <p>On the Big Screen</p>	<p>21 Short Order Grill 5:30 to 7:30pm</p> <p> BINGO</p> <p>6:30pm</p>	<p>22 Improv Class <u>6:30</u></p> <p>Movie Night <u>7:30pm</u></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</p> <p>Dinner at the Lodge 2pm</p> <p> Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm</p>	<p>25 Decorate the Lodge for Christmas & a Pot Luck Dinner.</p>	<p>26 MEN IN DRAG</p> <p>Cocktails 6pm</p> <p>Show Time 7pm</p> <p>Ticket \$10.00</p> <p><i>Adults only!</i></p>
<p>27 Breakfast 8:30am to 12pm</p> <p> Bucs vs Seahawks 4:05pm</p> <p>On the Big Screen</p>	<p>28 Short Order Grill 5:30 to 7:30pm</p>	<p>29 Improv Class <u>6:30</u></p> <p>Movie Night <u>7:30pm</u></p>	<p>30</p>			

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Rosie & Roger LaChance - 4/2017
Leopold Wiesler - 4/2017
Robert Bordonaro - 5/2017
Mrs. Helen Stanton,
In Memory of Tom Stanton - 9/2017
Donna R. Morris - Halsey - 9/2017
In Memory of
Harold Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018
Vera Wright 3/2018
Bud Cash - 4/2018

In Memory of
William (Bill) Atwood - 5/2018
Berni Turpin In Memory of
Robert O'Connor Berni - 5/2018
Bill Dean - 6/2018
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