

Tampa 708 Elksize

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A Message from your Exalted Ruler

What does Elk Pride Mean to you!

Over the past month I have done quite a bit of traveling. I've attended our area lodge visitations and I drove to Dallas with a group of friends stopping at Elks Lodges along the way. I visited a lodge in Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and the lodge in Tallahassee, Florida. At each location I was treated as a friend and a special guest. They not only embraced me, but my friends as well, and as you can imagine this reinforced the pride I hold in being an Elk!

Each day we all experience our share of stress and misunderstandings. Isn't it wonderful to know that we have a place to go where brotherly love and friendship is ours to enjoy. Add to this the fact that a portion of each dollar we spend in our pursuit of relaxation supports a worthwhile program or organization and you have a truly winning combination.

As I traveled from Lodge to Lodge I began thinking about the oath we take when becoming an Elk; our promise to support and defend these United States, to commit ourselves to God and to protect and support our members and our Order. I realized that no matter what our differences or disagreements, this is exactly what we do! We are a diverse group of individuals all over the United States, standing up to be counted as caring and sharing people. People that wish to direct their efforts to the good of those who so desperately deserve our help and support. I cannot tell you how proud this makes me!

Sometimes, as we become bogged down in our day to day lives we forget to stop and think about what we are accomplishing. We listen to the statistics recited in our meetings and written in our brochures, but we don't really see the amount of good we are doing as a Lodge, and as a united benevolent organization. I'd like to ask all of you to become a champion for our cause of brotherly love and giving. Let everyone you know hear about our successes and our needs, and tell them how...

Proud you are to be an Elk!

Courtney Weil, Exalted Ruler

Your 2016 Committee Chairs

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Theresa Matthews, PER & Shelagh Gombarcik

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Assistant

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Advisory

Nancy Keesler, PER
Bar Manager

RECRUITING, RECRUITING, RECRUITING!

You may have read the notice in last month's Elksize announcing a recruiting challenge. As of July 15th we began a program to reward the person that brings in the most new members in a month. That person will receive a reserved parking spot and their name in the following month's newsletter. This is in addition to the customary lodge incentive of a new watch with 12 new members in a fiscal year. *Please note...an applicant must be initiated before they can be considered to have been recruited. A completed application is only the beginning of the recruitment process.*

Our winner this month is:

Courtney Weil with a total of 6 New members!

We hope you enjoy your reserved parking spot!

In 2nd place Bert Newbill with a total of 3 New members.

It cannot be said too often...

**We don't grow membership by Chance
We grow it by Change.**

That is the dictate of our Grand Lodge and the pledge of Tampa Lodge 708 for 2016-2017!

A Warm Welcome To Our New Elk



Michael Speach
Sponsored by
Rick Schnieder, PER



Melanie Wheeler
Sponsored by
Courtney Weil, ER



Anthony Mellon
Sponsored by
Courtney Weil, ER



Melvin Santos
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Courtney Weil, ER



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Pat Fennell



Linda Disler
Sponsored by
Lisa Mixon



RECRUITER OF THE MONTH IS COURTNEY WEIL, ER



Melanie
Wheeler



Anthony
Mellon



Robert
Bradshaw



Adreian
Ortega



Capriana
Sanchez



Chris
Hall

Last 3 announced on page 13

August Elk Recognition

OFFICER OF THE MONTH: RICK SCHNEIDER, PER

Rick has been a loyal Elk for 46 years. He's held many positions, organized many events, contributed much of his time and talent to the good of Tampa Lodge 708. Currently, he is our lodge secretary. I'm not sure everyone is aware of how hard Rick works for us, or how strongly he supports our endeavors. In good times and bad, Rick keeps a positive attitude and muddles through. He cooks every 3rd Friday, no matter how hot or inconvenient that may be. He and his lovely wife, Jan, contribute desserts and soups to help defer the cost of our meals. I'm not sure much else needs to be said...I am sure we can all agree this is an amazing Elk that shows his commitment to Elksdom daily.

We are so very glad you're with us Rick!



ELK OF THE MONTH: ANTHONY TASKER

As a new kid on the block with loads of energy and determination, Anthony took on several large tasks from the moment he raised his right hand. From painting the antler room and becoming part of the House Committee, to taking on the responsibility of setting up our POS system to generate gift cards, this guy is an Elk to the bone. There doesn't seem to be much he's not willing to jump into...kitchen duty, handyman jobs, bartending when needed and the list goes on. Plus he's recruiting his heart out. He has sponsored 7 applicants from fellow military personnel in the past 2 months and is determined to insure that everyone he knows is aware of what Elks do and what they offer their members. You go Anthony...we are impressed!



VOLUN "ELK" OF THE MONTH: ALBERT WEIL

Many of you may know my brother-in-law, Albert Weil. Albert is a licensed electrician and a master on the grill. Over the years, he's volunteered to help with major events where grilled meat was on the menu. Most recently, he helped Chris Miles put out the delicious steaks we enjoyed at the appreciation dinner, and worked with his mother-in-law, Georgia Hilficker, to produce the grilled pork loin at the PER Dinner. Additionally, he brings his electrical training to bear when we have the need. Albert's entire family volunteers on a regular basis. His wife has helped in the kitchen, his son Ayden has waited tables, and his daughter Raegan has helped with several special events, even his 9yr old has bused tables. All in all he's a handy guy to have around and we appreciate his time and expertise!



Supporting Reports

LADIES OF THE ELK

Hope everyone had a nice Labor Day!

As those that had the opportunity to attend the Improv-a-holics show know, it was a lot of fun. They did a great job and the food was good too.

Well, FLOE conference is coming up on the 15th-17th of this month. It will be held at the Sheraton Key Resort at 1160 Gulf Blvd., Clearwater Beach. So be sure to come out and have some fun and visit the different tables with lots of raffles and gifts.

Vp visits are over! Thanks to everyone that could come out and share meals, messages and friendship with other lodges. Its nice to see friends from the lodges sharing the same interest in Elkdom. Being partial...I think our lodge outshined this years VP visits! Great Job!

Ok ladies, we have our Horse Race Event coming on October the 22nd, so save the date and your energy. We will be discussing the particulars at our next meeting and will need lots of help to make it one of our greatest.

Happy Birthday to all those members celebrating this month, and may you have a year of good health and happiness. As I close, I remind everyone to brush off the negativity of others, show what positive looks like and continue to make our lodge a happy and fun place to be.

"Movement in a new direction brings joy to the soul"



THE CONTEST IS OVER

This was a terrific contest and we were overwhelmed by the support that, along with the donations gathered from the bar and the tables, helped us move closer to our goal. The winner of the contest will be announced at the LOE meeting on September 7th at 6:30pm, so please mark your calendar. We hope everyone will come out to applaud the winner. Remember, the proceeds gathered from these green houses are used to support the Children's Therapy Vans and they are a year round effort. Your continued donations are critical to the program and children it serves.

This month we received filled boxes from:
Rita Smith and Robert Summers

Thank you to all who helped and I hope more will join.
As always, hope everyone stays happy and healthy. With Love, Berni Turpin

Committee Communications



YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS NEEDED!



Members, we are at the six month mark in the Elks year and although we have had some very nice donations we are behind in our contributions from this time last year. As we report each month on all the wonderful programs that we are able share with our South Tampa community, which by the way make such a difference to students, veterans and our homeless population...please remember that we as a lodge would not be able to afford to support these efforts without our ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION GRANTS. Please consider contributing to this worthwhile Charity, and remember your donations are tax deductible.

Thank you to the Ladies of the Elks Auxiliary who donated \$300 to ENF. Frank Palladini, Bonnie Quire and Pat Fennel who each donated \$100 and we received a nice donation from Brenda Stokking and Frank Smith. These Elks know how important it is to support ENF.

Remember the love you give is equal to the love you get!

Shelagh Gombareik, Leading Knight, ENF Chair

Committee Communications Continued



This year's #1 camp is over for the children. However, next year is waiting for your children, your friends, nieces, and nephews. All the children I met that went this year asked me, "Can I go next year?" What a feeling you get when a child says this to you. When I visited the camp on the last week, a counselor said hello to me and said my name. I didn't know him...what a reputation I have! ;)

Next year, in January, we will hold a pre-camp event to let the children who went this year explain the camp to the children wanting to attend. More details to follow.

John Wayne, PER

THIS YEAR THE CAMP HOSTED 2418 HAPPY CAMPERS!

Drug Awareness Program

From September 1st, 2016 to January 19th 2017, the Drug Awareness Program at our Lodge will sponsor a Poster and Essay Contest. The theme of both will be:

"Just Say No"

The poster contest is open to school children grades 3rd, 4th and 5th. It should be consistent with the theme and be original, neat, and appropriate. It should be drawn on an 8 1/2 x 11 inch sheet of paper, and should contain an anti-drug message.

The essay contest will be open to school children grades 6th, 7th and 8th. It should be no longer than 250 words also on an 8 1/2 x 11 inch sheet of paper.

Each poster and essay should have the child's name, age, grade, and school name on the back of the paper as well as a complete home address, phone number, and our Lodge number 708.

Winners will be selected and sent to the next level. Watch for fliers at your school and lodge for updates.

Get your kids, grandkids, and friends to participate.

You may contact me at 831-1017 with any questions or concerns.

Tommy Moore, Chairman for Drug Awareness



**YOUTH
EVENTS**



Robinson High School's Club Chivalry ...

is back in action this month! We've gone back to school!

Robinson High School has released the Club days for this calendar year. We will again be in the sixth period time slot. Our first Club meeting is Monday, September 26th. We will be distributing T-shirts, school supplies and refreshments – so we need triple the usual meeting staff. There are only 6 club days this year. The other five dates are October 24, December 5, January 30, February 27, and April 24. Club pictures will be taken at the January meeting.

We are about to start the mentoring part of our program. The mentor matchup event will be a luncheon, held on Friday, the 30th of September. I will ask the approved mentors to check their schedules, so we can match their schedule with the perfect student. If you are not yet approved but would like to participate, please talk to Rita Smith, Kristina Chowning, or Theresa Matthews about how to get started. I especially need some more men to sign up.

Additionally, Friday, October 7th will be Club night at the Knight football game. (Robinson VS Alonso.) Any student wearing their Club Chivalry T-shirt will be admitted free. Please contact me if you are willing to staff that game.

And finally, we have a tentative date of November 16th for the on campus field trip. Please mark your calendars and save the date, for that will be an "all hands on deck" type of day. We will be providing chaperones, lunch, and refreshments throughout the day. That is also the date of the Great American Teach in, so it should be an inspiring adventure.

Rita Smith, Club Chivalry Chairman



Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events

Back to School Party



This year's Youth Activities Committee pulled out all the stops to create an incredible event! Our amazing members: Rita Smith, Tommy Moore, Sean Black and our Leading Knight, Shelagh Gombarcik helped to plan a "Mock School Day" for the students. Cathy Aubin, the principal of Westshore Elementary supported the event and advertised it on their school website. In attendance were Westshore Elementary students and invited youth from years past. We were proud to host 103 students and their parents, serve 200 lunches, and have the support of 40 volunteers, both Elk and non-Elk.

Though planning a Mock School Day for 100 seemed workable at the conception...that certainly changed when putting it together. I witnessed teamwork like I've never seen! The support of our lodge was simply amazing. I want to thank each person who had a part in the day's success. From beginning to end your support and helpfulness was thrilling to watch.

The Elk monetary donations were astounding as well; Bonnie Atwood, Shelagh Gombarcik, George Hilficker, Betty Faulkner, Laura Jones, Jack Johnson and Brenda Stokking all contributed. A 50/50 raffle was done on Friday to support the event...again our members are walking the walk. Donations of supplies were plentiful too and my living room became the temporary storage unit. They filled every inch of wall space and began crawling up the walls. CCS Medical in Clearwater, where I work, put out bins and the response was overwhelming! I filled my car 3 times.

We invited some of our neighboring businesses to join us and were amazed at the response: Chick-fil-a, 23 ice cream coupons, Pinarama-25 games (donated to the children from Westshore Elementary), Slice Pizza-3 gift cert., Kojaks-\$25 gift cert., Elks House Committee-2 breakfast gift cert., Gandy Publix-\$25.00 gift cert. Gift certificates were raffled as door prizes. Winn Dixie donated 200 ice cream sandwiches, and Happy's Home Center brought in school supplies in a bright green drawstring backpack, enough for every child, plus they raffled off 2 AMC gift cards and a brand new Kindle Fire.

Nicole Harrel of Shine of Photobooth Entertainment was a hit with kids! This unique idea was fun for all, and they loved taking whacky photos with her funny props. Nicole generously provided her services at cost which made it affordable, and it was fun watching kids, parents and our own Elks posing.

You know what we planned and what we did, do you know how it was possible! Volunteers! They showed up starting a 8am with Elk Glynnis Butler setting up tables and chairs. In fact, so many people came in to help we ran out of jobs, but only for a minute. We had Elks in full force...John Wayne was honorary principal, Shelagh Gombarcik was the elegant PA announcer, Becky & Brian Sullins were registrars, Devon Bain, Zaida Mauricio, & Melissa Evener made sure the kids had their report card and the adults had their registration forms, Elks Patty Jankiewicz & Devoney were math teachers, Elks Laura Jones & Candi Suhrheinrich were science teachers, Mike Volpe & Paul Simone were PE coaches, student volunteer Destiny Bain & her mom, Heidi Ray were our art teachers, non Elk and student volunteers served as hall monitors, Reagan Weil, Kim Rhodes, Jennifer Osberg and Donte LaCicero led their group from class to class, and Sean Black & Glynnis Butler worked the bookstore. The bookstore volunteers assured that each child received a bag packed full of supplies appropriate for their grade. We packed 130 bags and almost nothing was left.

Elks, Tommy Moore, Rita Smith & Lynn Brown were in the kitchen cooking lunch and Patty Jankiewicz, Elma Kelly, Laura Jones, Susie Harlow, Ted Vazquez, Paul Simone, & Mike Volpe served food and poured lemonade. Flo Wayne & Richard Florance manned the parent lounge where they served coffee, courtesy of the Lodge, and cookies donated by Sandra Lessard. Sergeant Brown of the Tampa Police Department joined us at lunch to discuss the importance of staying in school and opened the floor to questions from the kids.

With this event in the books, and another party coming in December, I look forward to the rest of the year and the opportunity to work with each of you again. But first, a drink.

Patty Elkins, Youth Activities Chairman



Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events

WSD VICE PRESIDENT TOM SHRIVER'S VISIT

This year's VP visit was an over the top success thanks to some very committed volunteers and a few good cooks. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the many people that donated their time and talent so that our Lodge could make this important evening the memorable event it was. That's putting it mildly!

Set up & decorations: Shelagh Gombarcik, Susie Harlow, John Weigold, Nelson Grahn, Anthony Tasker, Suzanne Moore, Tommy Moore, Melanie Wheeler, Katrina Campanella, and the boys from Mac Dill.

Dinner: Georgia Hilficker, Laura Jones, George Hilficker, Chris Miles, Logan Matthews, Nancy Keesler, Melanie Wheeler, Cole Miles, and John Weingold. Parking: Nelson Grahn, Anthony Mellon, and John Wayne. Wait Staff: Tim ???, Ayden Weil, Aden ???, Leigha Boyd, Jeremy Elkins, Chris Elkins.

Great food, perfect decorations, costumes, and fantastic beer can sculptures made our visitation everything we hoped it would be and more! THANK YOU EVERYONE!



**THIS YEAR THE WCD BOASTED AN ATTENDANCE OF 1,484 MEMBERS & GUESTS AT THE VP VISITATIONS!
THAT'S AN AVERAGE OF 181 MEMBERS PER LODGE! JUST SHOWS THAT THE WCD ROCKS!**

Dear Courtney,

On behalf of State President John Harris, the Florida State Elks Association Officers, and myself, I wish to thank you for the warm welcome extended me on my visit to your Lodge. The Lodge decorations were beautiful and made the evening more enjoyable.

The posting of the Colors by the Scout Troop, and the singing of The National Anthem was very impressive.

The warm hospitality that was experienced at your Lodge makes our district stronger than ever.

Please extend my compliments and appreciation to the kitchen crew who worked so hard to prepare the pork chop dinner, with the mashed potatoes, corn, and the peach cobbler for dessert. The food was outstanding!

The young children of the members, did a great job of serving the dinner.

The "Redneck" theme was terrific. And all the table decorations, the snacks (especially the peanuts), and the costumes were awesome.

Please thank the LOE, for the wonderful basket, the money the card, they gave my wife Cathy. They were very much appreciated!

You did a great job with the introduction of the head table, the roll call of Lodges, and the introduction of your Lodge Officers.

Please thank the members, your Officers, and their spouses, of Tampa Lodge # 708 for an evening that was enjoyed, and will long be remembered.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Harold "Tom" Shriver, PER
Vice President West Central District



Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events



The Improv-a-holics ACT OUT AGAIN!

On August 11th, the Improv-a-holics group graced us with another enjoyable evening of fun and frivolity. If you're not familiar with this funny ensemble of men and women, you are missing a delightful opportunity to view standup comedians in training. We are pleased to have them use our facility for their practice sessions on Tuesday evenings where everyone is welcome to step in and watch their routines. I'm sure we all hope they continue to entertain us as they progress in their talent.

There were over 40 people in attendance for this Ladies of the Elks presentation, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves completely. The appetizers were great and the entertainers were better. Please watch the calendar for their next offering.

Georgia Hilficker, Elksize Editor

PER 114th ANNIVERSARY AND AWARDS DINNER

Thank you to everyone that attended and/or supported the, now annual, Tampa Past Exalted Rulers (PER) Anniversary & Award Night event. The evening was a tremendous success as we recognized fifty-five milestone anniversaries (1, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 & 50 years) for membership. Tampa is now 114 years old and we have plenty of members to show for it. Please take the time to look on the walls in the meeting room and look at the men and women who came before us. You will recognize a lot of names up there!!

We would like to thank the many volunteers who took the time to help execute this wonderful evening. As always, the list is too plentiful to name everyone. Please remember your Tampa PER Association is always here to offer support and guidance to our junior officers and any members that would like some assistance. Feel free to reach out to us at any time. A full report will be given at the next Lodge meeting. Hope to see you there!

Fraternally,
Tampa 708 PER Association



Upcoming Events and Projects



TAMPA LODGE 708 PLAYS

"QUEEN OF HEARTS"

A Donation of \$1.00 per Ticket is Suggested.

Drawings will be held once a week.

Ticket Sales begin Fri. August 26th & close Thurs. Sept. 8th at 6:45pm

First Drawing will be held at Thur. Sept. 8th at 7pm

Only card carrying Elks in good standing, their spouse, widow or widower may participate.

Tickets can be purchased from the bartender or a member of the Queen of Hearts Committee.

VERY IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ THE RULES OF THE GAME

AVAILABLE IN THE BAR BINDERS, POSTED ON THE

BULLETIN BOARD IN THE LODGE OR ON-LINE!

YOU MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES TO PLAY!

STAGE 1 POT AMOUNT \$0 TO \$5,000

Ticket Winner.....	\$25
Other Queens.....	\$30
Jokers.....	\$50
Any Ace.....	\$25
Any King.....	\$20
Any Jack.....	\$10

STAGE 2 POT AMOUNT \$5,001 TO \$10,000

Ticket Winner.....	\$50
Other Queens.....	\$50
Jokers.....	\$100
Any Ace.....	\$25
Any King.....	\$20
Any Jack.....	\$10

STAGE 3 POT AMOUNT \$10,001 TO \$15,000

Ticket Winner.....	\$75
Other Queens.....	\$100
Jokers.....	\$200
Any Ace.....	\$25
Any King.....	\$20
Any Jack.....	\$10

STAGE 4 POT AMOUNT \$15,001 TO \$20,000

Ticket Winner.....	\$100
Other Queens.....	\$200
Jokers.....	\$300
Any Ace.....	\$25
Any King.....	\$20
Any Jack.....	\$10

STAGE 5 POT AMOUNT \$20,001 TO \$40,000

Ticket Winner.....	\$200
Other Queens.....	\$250
Jokers.....	\$500
Any Ace.....	\$25
Any King.....	\$20
Any Jack.....	\$10

STAGE 6 POT AMOUNT \$40,001 AND UP

Ticket Winner.....	\$500
Other Queens.....	\$500
Jokers.....	\$1,000
Any Ace.....	\$25
Any King.....	\$20
Any Jack.....	\$10

REMEMBER... "ONE DISH DINNER NITE" IS ON THURSDAY TOO!

See list of dinners to be served on page 12.



BUS TRIP TO THE ELKS YOUTH CAMP IN UMATILLA, FLORIDA

Join us September 10th

8am to 4pm

and tour our fabulous Youth Camp!

Meet and Greet Mixers,
the charitable networking group
will be with us on this tour so
be sure to sign up soon.

RSVP: Text only 813-484-0123

There will also be a sign-up sheet
in the social room of the Lodge.

Bus will load in the Lodge parking lot.



Happy Hour



**4PM to 6PM
Wed. Sept. 21st**

Come join this fun group!



Keep Calm

And

Join

The Premier Charitable & Patriotic
Organization in the Nation

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**B.P.O.E Best People on Earth**  
We like you and we will like your friends too  
**Join Us!**

# Upcoming Events and Projects



## September PRESIDENT JOHN HARRIS VISITS THE WSD

September 23rd

Holiday Isles  
Lodge 1912

Dinner \$12.00

Fish & Chips  
Chicken Marsala  
Sausage Bake

All reservation  
requests made directly  
through Exalted Ruler  
Amanda Baldwin  
727-209-7722  
houshld7@yahoo.com

September 24th

St. Petersburg  
Lodge 1224

Dinner Dance Tickets \$20  
6pm Cocktail Hour

7pm Dinner  
Music by  
The Dazzlers

Reservation made through  
lodge secretary.

Toni Goodrich  
727-344-6551

tgood9@tampabay.rr.com  
Red, White & Blue  
No shorts, tanks or flip flops.

September 25th



**DAY AT THE**

**RAYS**

Rays vs.

Boston Red Sox

Tropicana Field, St. Pete  
Pres. Harris will  
throw out the first ball  
12:30pm

Gates Open at 11:25  
Lower Level Tickets  
\$28.00

A portion of each ticket  
will benefit Harry Anna  
Deadline to purchase  
Sept. 12th

## *silent* **AUCTION**

**Sept. 30th**

**6pm to 9pm**

**In the Antler Room**

**Interesting items**

**Unusual Finds**

**Not too Early for Christmas!**

**You won't want to miss  
this fun & exciting auction.**

**Proceeds will help cover the cost of our  
New Year's Eve Celebration**

*I still do*



**Mr. *And* Mrs.**

**Tommy and Suzanne Moore  
invite you to join them as  
they celebrate their**

**50th Wedding Anniversary**

**October 1, 2016 at the Lodge  
Elks Welcome**

**Cocktail Hour begins at 5pm**

**Ceremony begins at 6pm**

**buffet dinner immediately following.**

**Please RSVP Suzanne by September 26th  
text or call to 813-390-2930  
or sign-up on the bulletin board at the lodge.**

# Upcoming Events and Projects



A CHARITABLE NETWORKING GROUP

WILL HOLD THEIR

## **2016 INAUGURAL FUNDRAISER**

IN OUR LODGE

**OCTOBER 8TH AT  
5:30 PM**

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT 3 CHARITIES

THE ELKS YOUTH CAMP  
IN UMATILLA, FLORIDA

STARTING RIGHT, NOW  
SUPPORTING HOMELESS YOUTHS

VAREP

ECONOMIC EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR THE MILITARY AND VETERANS

**EXTRA!**

LATE BREAKING NEWS! ONE OF OUR CHILD THERAPISTS AND HER VAN WILL BE IN ATTENDENCE!

The Theme  
Will Be ...



## **Peace, Love & Charity**

VIP Reception @5:30pm

Celebrity Look-Alikes & Costume Contest

Bell Bottoms & Tie-Dye - Groovy!

Auction & Raffle - Cool Beans!

Dinner will be served

\$35.00 for a single ticket

\$50.00 per couple

Table Sponsorship \$1,000

LET'S JOIN THE FUN AND  
SHOW OUR SUPPORT AND THANKS TO THIS  
OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION!

**Join us at the  
Tampa Elks  
Lodge for**



**Halloween  
in Outer Space!**



*the Sci-Fi Adventure*

**Saturday, October 29, 2016**

Cocktails at 6:00 / Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

\$15.00 per ticket

Costume Prizes, Door Prizes, 50/50,  
Music, Dancing & More

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](http://www.tampaelks.com)

Click on the MurderMystery Link  
These shows sell out, so buy your tickets early!

Welcome aboard as the Murders She Wrote troupe turns Tampa Elks Lodge into Budget Cruise Lines. You'll be taken on a trip of lively entertainment, interactive fun, plenty of food and... murder!

Be prepared for an evening of thrills and chills!

Cruise or casual wear is the suggested attire for the affair.

At the Tampa Elks Lodge • 3616 Gandy Blvd. • Tampa 33611  
This Fundraiser will help support Tampa Elk's Community Charities!

For more information call 813-503-3204

MurderS She Wrote is a professional theatre group performing shows throughout the Tampa Bay area.

# On Going Monthly Activities

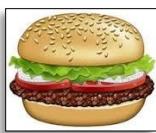


**SUNDAY - FUNDAY!**  
Wii Bowling  
4pm Most Sundays  
Bragging rights and  
your name on the  
winners bowling pin!



**BUCS  
FOOTBALL**  
ON OUR 144" SCREEN!

**SEPTEMBER  
BUCS SCHEDULE**  
Sun 9/11 - Falcons - 1pm  
Sun 9/19 - Cardinals - 4:05pm  
Sun 9/25 - Rams - 4:05pm



**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 & 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  
All dinners served with a salad & a roll  
1st - Italian Sausage Spaghetti Bake  
8th - Homemade Beef Stew  
15th - Chicken Alfredo Pasta  
22nd - Shepard's Pie  
29th - Bacon Mac & Cheese  
**While They Last!**  
Each prepared by Courtney & Georgia



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

## Lodge Business and Programs



# Partners in Progress or PIP

## Platinum Investors 100+

Johnson, Jack 6/16

Norton, Robert 6/16

Smith, Rita 6/16

In Memory of Vern Pickenpaugh  
from the Reids 3/17

Also from the Plckenpaugh Family 4/17

Osterbrock, Debbie 5/17

Walbart, Mark 6/17

Suhrheinrich, Robert & Candice 6/17

Fennell, Patrick & 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

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

Your Name Here?

# Lodge Business and Programs Cont.



## Showing Our Appreciation

Thanks to our partnership with the South Tampa Chamber of Commerce and their military affairs program we have been privileged to welcome several new members from MacDill AFB. One of those new members is Anthony Mellon, pictured here.

On several occasions our lodge, with Anthony's help, has delivered food leftover from one event or another to the guard gates of MacDill. The men and women manning these gates work 12 hour shifts and our contributions have

been warmly received to say the least. It's wonderful to offer such dedicated young people our support and well wishes, and just another way we are increasing our presence throughout our community.

*Georgia Hilficker, Elksize Editor*

## 3 New Tampa 708 Elks Were Installed in Gainesville, FL This Month



Adrien Ortega



Capi Sanchez



Chris Hall

On August 23rd, Courtney Weil, our Exalted Ruler went to the Gainesville Lodge 999 to be with her youngest daughter Capriana, her stepson and student at UF Adrien Ortega, and Capi's friend Chris Hall, as they were inducted into our lodge. The group was welcomed with open arms and made to feel comfortable in what would be their temporary Elk home away from home.

This Gainesville Lodge won the competition for Ritual at state last year and competed at Grand Lodge. Courtney tells me the ceremony was beautiful and moving and their ER, Dayna Miller was elegant in her delivery. All in all it was a wonderful experience for everyone. Welcome New Elks. Come home soon.

*Georgia Hilficker, Elksize Editor*

## HELP DESPERATELY NEEDED !



The number of generous Elks willing to help feed the Homeless on our 3rd Sunday of the month has drastically declined. Please consider joining Courtney to keep this important grant alive - 813-484-0123

### Buy an Elk Polo or Tee Shirts

Polo Shirts \$25.00

Tee Shirts \$15.00

Show

Your Elkdom!



Ask your bartender.

### SEPTEMBER LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

7th - LOE Meeting 7:30

13th - House Committee Meeting 7:30pm

14th - Elks General Meeting 7:30pm

18th - New Member Orientation 1pm

21st - BOD Meeting 7:30pm

27th - House Committee Meeting 7:30pm

28th - Elks General Meeting 7:30pm

# Friday Night Menus at a Glance



## NIGHT AT THE LODGE

Georgia Cooking  
Melissa and Nelson Serving  
September 2nd 6:30 to 8:30



Your ER's  
Specialties Night  
Sept. 9th - 6:30 to 8:30

## Spectacular Steak and Salmon



Sept. 16th  
6:30pm to 8:30pm

| <b>Dinner Choices</b>                                               |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Served with Butter Parsley Potatoes, Coleslaw and Mini Corn Muffins |         |
| 1/2 Barbeque Chicken .....                                          | \$ 8.50 |
| Barbeque Ribs .....                                                 | \$ 9.50 |
| <b>KID'S MENU.....</b>                                              |         |
| Hot dog & Chips.....                                                | \$ 1.50 |
| <b>DESSERT.....</b>                                                 |         |
| Sweet Potato Pie .....                                              | \$ 2.85 |

## Appetizer

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Spinach, Artichoke Dip..... | \$ 3.50 |
|-----------------------------|---------|

## Dinner Choices

Served with Mashed Potatoes, Veggie and Salad

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Stuffed Pork Chops.....     | \$ 9.95 |
| Stuffed Chicken Breast..... | \$ 8.95 |

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|--------------------------------------------------|---------|
| KID'S MENU - Chicken Nuggets & French Fries..... | \$ 4.95 |
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| DESSERT - Cookie ala mode ..... | \$ 3.25 |
|---------------------------------|---------|

## Spectacular

## Steak and Salmon

| Dinner Choices                                                                             | Soup                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| All dinners served with veggie and roll                                                    | Split Pea                                   |
| 14oz Ribeye Steak .....                                                                    | Cup..... \$1.50                             |
| 10oz Ribeye Steak.....                                                                     | Bowl..... \$3.00                            |
| Pan Seared Salmon.....                                                                     | Bowl, Salad & Roll or Crackers ..... \$5.50 |
| <i>Steak and Salmon served with choice of soup or salad, baked, mashed or French Fries</i> |                                             |
| 1/2 Chicken, soup or salad,<br>mashed potatoes and gravy.....                              | Kids Menu                                   |
| \$ 9.95                                                                                    | Chicken Nuggets, FF and veggie ..... \$5.95 |
|                                                                                            | Dessert                                     |
|                                                                                            | Rum Cake with Ice Cream..... \$5.50         |



Courtney  
Cooks Mexican  
Sept. 23rd - 6:30 to 8:30

## APPETIZER

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| Guacamole ..... | \$ 3.95 |
| Queso.....      | \$ 3.50 |

## DINNER CHOICES

Served with Chips & Salsa, Rice & Beans

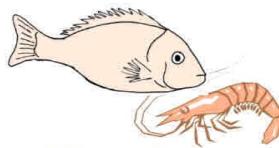
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| Shrimp Tacos .....       | \$ 9.95 |
| Chicken Enchiladas ..... | \$ 8.95 |
| Beef Taco Salad .....    | \$ 8.95 |

## KIDS MENU

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| 2 Chicken or Beef Tacos ..... | \$ 3.00 |
|-------------------------------|---------|

## DESSERT

|                |         |
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| Sopapilla..... | \$ 3.50 |
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## Seafood Friday

Anthony Mellon & Anthony Tasker  
Cooking  
Sept. 30th - 6:30pm to 8:30pm

## Appetizer

|                                        |         |
|----------------------------------------|---------|
| Smoked Fish Spread<br>& Crackers ..... | \$ 2.85 |
|----------------------------------------|---------|

## Dinner Choices

Served w/Coleslaw, French Fries, Hushpuppies

|                                |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Fried Fish .....               | \$ 8.95 |
| Fried Shrimp .....             | \$ 9.95 |
| Fried Shrimp & Fish Combo..... | \$10.95 |

## Kid's Menu

|                                |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Hot dog with Chips.....        | \$ 1.50 |
| Hot dog with French Fries..... | \$2.75  |

## Dessert

|                    |        |
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| Key Lime Pie ..... | \$3.95 |
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| Key Lime Pie ..... | \$3.95 |
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# TAMPA ELKS LODGE #708

## SEPTEMBER 2016 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

SUN MON TUE WED THUR FRI SAT

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|                                                                                                                          |                                                                     |                                                                                            |                                                                    | <b>1</b> One Dish Meal<br>6pm to 7:30pm<br>Italian Sausage<br>Spaghetti Bake<br>Salad & Roll \$8<br>Bucs V Redskins<br>7:30<br>Pre-Season                         | <b>2</b> Stand Down For Vets<br>8am - 2pm<br>Am Legion Post 111<br>Dinner<br>6:30 to 8:30<br>Kendahl                                                | <b>3</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>4</b> Breakfast<br>8:30 to 12 pm<br><br>LuLaRoe<br>Clothing Show<br>Open to all<br>members                            | <b>5</b> Patriotism Week<br><br>Short Order Grill<br>5:30 to 7:30pm | <b>6</b> Patriotism Week<br>Chamber Meeting Social Quarters 3:00<br><br>Movie Night 7:30pm | <b>7</b> Patriotism Week<br>BOD Meeting 6:30<br>LOE Meeting 7:30pm | <b>8</b> VA BINGO JAMES A HALEY<br><br>One Dish Meal<br>6pm to 7:30pm<br>Beef Stew<br>Salad & Roll \$8<br><br>Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm                         | <b>9</b> Patriotism Week<br><br>Dinner<br>6:30 to 8:30<br>Carole & Paul                                                                             | <b>10</b> Bus Trip to The Elks Youth Camp in Umatilla, FL<br>Leaving the Lodge at 8am                                                              |
| <b>11</b> Breakfast<br>8:30 to 12 pm<br>Bucs Game 1pm<br>Bucs v Falcons                                                  | <b>12</b> Short Order Grill<br>5:30 to 7:30pm                       | <b>13</b> Movie Night 7:30pm House Committee Meeting 7:30pm                                | <b>14</b> Elk Lodge General Meeting 7:30 Weenie Wednesday          | <b>15</b> FLOE CONFERENCE Business Expo 4pm to 7pm<br>One Dish Meal 6pm to 7:30pm<br>Chicken Alfredo Pasta \$8<br>Trivia Night 7pm<br>Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm | <b>16</b> FLOE CONFERENCE Dinner 6:30 to 8:30 Ms T Karaoke                                                                                          | <b>17</b> FLOE CONFERENCE                                                                                                                          |
| <b>18</b> Open Arms Breakfast<br>8:30 to 12 pm<br>New Member Orientation & Initiation 11am<br>Bucs Game 4:05pm<br>Bucs v | <b>19</b> Short Order Grill 5:30 to 7:30pm<br><br>BINGO 6:30PM      | <b>20</b> Improv Class 6:30<br>Movie Night 7:30pm                                          | <b>21</b> MGM Mingle 4pm to 6pm<br><br>Officer/BOD Meeting 7:00pm  | <b>22</b> Red Ribbon Days One Dish Meal 6pm to 7:30pm<br>Shepard's Pie<br>Salad & Roll \$8<br>Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm                                         | <b>23</b> Red Ribbon Days Drug Awareness WC District President Dinner Holiday Isles 1912<br><br>Dinner 6:30 to 8:30<br>Kathy & Paul<br>Vets with Us | <b>24</b> Red Ribbon Days President's Dinner Dance St. Pete Lodge 1224 6pm<br>Tickets \$20                                                         |
| <b>25</b> Breakfast<br>8:30 to 12 pm<br>DAY AT THE RAYS 1pm<br>Bucs Game 4:05pm<br>Bucs v Rams                           | <b>26</b> Club Chivalry Meeting<br>Short Order Grill 5:30 to 7:30pm | <b>27</b> Improv Class 6:30<br>Movie Night 7:30pm House Committee Meeting 7:30pm           | <b>28</b> Elk Lodge General Meeting 7:30 Weenie Wednesday          | <b>29</b> One Dish Meal 6pm to 7:30pm<br>Bacon Mac & Cheese<br>Salad & Roll \$8<br>Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm                                                    | <b>30</b> Dinner 6:30 to 8:30 Music Dazzlers Chivalry Mentor Meeting<br><br>Silent Auction 6pm to 9pm Antler Room                                   | <br><i>Tommy &amp; Suzanne Moore's 50th Anniversary Party</i> |



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**John & Kathy Deese 4/16**

Pat & Marilyn Fennell 5/16

Vernon & PSP Betty Pickenpaugh 5/16

Robert Norton 6/16

Donna Morris Halsey 7/16

Bob & Candi Suhrheinrich 9/16

Shelagh Gombarcik 3/2017

Rosie & Roger LaChance - 4/2017

Leopold Wiesler - 4/2017

Robert Bordonaro - 5/2017

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

Robert B. Connor Berni - 5/2018

Bill Dean - 6/18

Deborah Cassels 6/18

Debbie Osterbrock - 04/19

John F. Morris - 3/2021



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