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Shelagh Gombarcik, Exalted Ruler

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Saturday 4:00pm - 11:00pm

Sunday 11:00am - 9:00pm



ELKS NATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT

All Roads Lead to Reno for the 2017 Grand Lodge Convention, and it was an honor to be representing our lodge for this amazing gathering of members all there to share the success of our Order. And so it began: first the impressive Opening Ceremonies presided over by Millard C Pickering, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, and the presentation of each of our great nation's state flags. What patriotic pride was displayed in this ceremony! It portrayed to all present the destiny of our order, linked with the destiny of our country, especially now as we approach our 150 year anniversary of the Elks.

Much business had to be addressed during the sessions, starting with the reports of Committees:

-The ENF Top Scholarship recipients presented inspiring speeches and we can all be proud of this group of young people. In all the Elks National Foundation gave out \$2,440,000 in scholarships to deserving young people this year. We can all be proud that we are investing in the future of our country's youth.

-ENF Grants (Community Investment Program). This lodge year grants totaling \$33.1 million will be donated to our local communities to include Beacon, Freedom, Promise, Impact, and Gratitude Grants and a new \$1500 Anniversary grant in honor of our organizations 150th anniversary will be awarded. What organization in our local areas would benefit from this money? Who in this nation contributes to strengthening our communities like ENF!

-Elks Veterans Services reporting on Ending Homelessness for your Nations Veterans with the new "Welcome Home Program". I am proud to say that this program is already in action here at Tampa Lodge #708 helping our vets transition into permanent housing.

-Our Drug Awareness Program (DAP) continues to help fight the epidemic of heroin addiction and the increasing dependency of opioids. Each year more than 59,000 die of overdoses and the number continues to grow.

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Your 2017-18 Committee Chairs

Bert Newbill

Hoop Shoot & Soccer Shoot
Marquee Manager

**Bonnie Atwood, Jackie Appel
and Melissa Bertoch**

Auditing Committee

Brian Brantley, PER

VAVS Rep to James A. Haley
Inter-lodge Visitation

Courtney Weil, PER

Community Projects & Activities

Dee Cisneros

Americanism
Flag Day

Georgia Hilficker

This Week
Monitor
Web Calendar

Jacque LoCicero

LOE Liaison

John Wayne, PER

Youth Camp

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Web and Online Communications

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Lodge Veteran's Committee

Patty Elkins

Youth Activities

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State Major Projects

Tommy Moore

ENF Chairman
Drug Awareness

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Chairman &
Bar Manager

Jacque LoCicero

Ed Mulder

George Hilficker

Logan Matthews

Bert Newbill

Madison Benzing

Assistant Bar Manager

UPCOMING DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT VISITATIONS

**AUGUST 5TH - SEMINOLE LODGE 2519
6PM COCKTAILS - 7PM VP ADDRESS**

**AUGUST 12TH - HOLIDAY ISLES LODGE 1912
6PM COCKTAILS - 7PM VP ADDRESS**

**AUGUST 19TH - DUNEDIN/CLEARWATER LODGE 1512
6PM COCKTAILS - 7PM VP ADDRESS**

**SEPTEMBER 9TH - TAMPA LODGE 708
HOMECOMING!!!
6PM COCKTAILS - 7PM VP ADDRESS**

Dinner will follow each VP address.

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Acting Drug Enforcement Administrator, Chuck Rosenberg enlisted the Elks to help with the fight. He asks that each lodge's DAP take it upon themselves to educate our Nation's children and that our state DAP develop a "take back program" to help with prescription drugs. The DEA asked for our help and support and we answered "YES WE CAN". Our Nation is depending on us!

-150 years anniversary will be celebrated in February of next year and Grand Lodge is encouraging our local lodges to celebrate with all the pomp and pageantry that Elks are very capable of doing. We will be gathering the history of our Lodge in Tampa and successes that go with it to send to our FSEA and Grand Lodge. We should all be LOUD AND PROUD about the accomplishments of our Order and doing the work to increase membership thus ensuring our future in the years to come. You will be seeing more on our Anniversary in the months to come....So be proud of this great organization that has endured for over a century and continues to answer the call of our Nation!

Along with these committee reports were also GL activities, Auditing and Accounting, Government Relations and the Ritual Committee. (Our very own Tallahassee Florida Lodge won first place in Ritual competition.) Please take some time to sign into the GL website to review these last committee reports.

Resolutions: there were a total of 19 resolutions that were put before the membership for approval by the members with voting credentials. There is a list of the resolutions that passed and failed included in this edition of the Elksize on page 13. Please take the time to review them, they will be read at the next meeting as a matter of information.

There were many workshops and seminars available for the members to attend and we took advantage of them gaining new information on ENF fundraising along with a seminar on Grant Writing, Veterans Services and how we can help our Vets in the VA hospitals. There was a Membership seminar with suggestions on how to grow our members and enhance their membership experience.....it's going to take you, my Brothers and Sisters, to help us as we are very close to a plus one nationwide which would end the membership bleed. Auditing and Accounting had some new procedures to share that will help to streamline our Treasure's position.

Our new Grand Lodge Exalted Ruler was installed with much of the pomp and pageantry that is fitting of this position. Malcom J. McPherson from Lyndhurst, New Jersey Lodge was nominated by his oldest daughter Mallory and seconded by his youngest daughter ER Megan along with his wife Patricia. This was very appropriate for such a Family, although not the custom. Malcom has been an Elk since 1981 when he joined the lodge and quickly became involved, working his way through the chairs to the position of ER and then continuing up through the local district up to the NJ state Association as President. Once Malcom had made an impression upon the State with the "Peer Leadership pathway to Youth Leadership Program" he was elected to the judiciary since he is a practicing attorney. The rest is his to make history and I believe he will. Malcom is accommodating to all, and truly interested to your ideas. His motto for the year is "STRENGTHENING ELKDOM THROUGH COMMUNITY AWARENESS" and moving forward we can all do our bit to help him achieve this vision. After all, we have a great start already here at our Tampa Lodge, we just have to make everyone else aware...so can we help him? YES WE CAN.

Members, these are the cliff notes from the convention and I encourage you to sign into our Grand Lodge website for further information. I am so proud to be an Elk and to have attended the GL National Convention. It has reinforced in me all virtues of this GRAND ORDER OF ELKS!

At your service
Shelagh Gombarcik
Exalted Ruler Tampa Lodge 708



A Warm Welcome To Our New Elk



Tammy Tyson
Sponsored By:
Kristina Chowning



Buzz Bruno
Sponsored By:
Jose M. Remon



Sharon Washington
Sponsored By:
Bert Newbill



Mike Stanley
Sponsored By:
Bob Suhrheinrich

These new members were initiated in June. Please take a moment to say hello should you see them in the Lodge!



August Elk Recognition

OFFICER OF THE MONTH: GEORGE HILFICKER

George Hilficker has been a member of our lodge since 2015 and is currently serving as our Esquire. This is a vital position in our organization as he is responsible for instructing the new incoming members on the protocols of our order and what to expect as they go through the ritual of initiation. George performs his part with dignity and is accommodating to all the candidates, putting them at ease as he explains the procedures. George held the position of Outer Guard last year and demonstrated the leadership qualities needed to be an Officer. We sincerely hope that he will continue his commitment and travels through the chairs in the coming years. George also serves on the House Committee, another big commitment, as this group of members IS responsible for the smooth running of our Social Quarters. George is constantly looking for ways to maintain or improve our house (lodge building). If we had to pay a vendor to do all the jobs George has taken on, we would be broke. Thanks to his commitment to lodge and its membership we have a nice, well kept house (lodge) we can all be proud of.



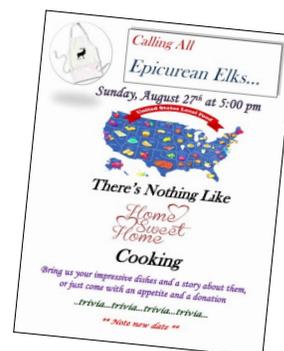
ELK OF THE MONTH: SUSIE HARLOW, PLP

Susie Harlow, PLP is an ever-present member of our Lodge helping to make 708 great. Susie is a Past Lady President of the LOE and has worked tirelessly fundraising, assisting the President and representing the LOE whenever needed. I am pleased to announce that she will be moving into the State Leadership for the FLOE as their Parliamentarian. Susie has been involved with the Bingo operation for many years and now chairs the committee, a big responsibility that is always in need of volunteer help. The proceeds from Bingo helps our various lodge charities. Susie is a salesperson extraordinaire! In fact she has an award for selling. Whether it's for the Lodge or the LOE she always has tickets for raffles, hats, baskets, baubles, 50/50, anything that blinks and flashes, along with chances on anything that will provide funds for our organization. Susie has been instrumental in organizing the rental of our back hall, another position that brings vital funds into our Lodge and helps with our ever-increasing overhead expenses. Thank you for the things you do for both organizations.



VOLUN "ELK" GROUP OF THE MONTH: COOKING CLUB

The Cooking Club, headed up by the talented Candy Venable, meets at the lodge 8 times a year and is near and dear to my heart. This group provides the most amazing dishes to be shared with the members and has a different theme every month; this season we have been around the world serving specialty dishes from various countries. Candy Venable, Rita Smith, Suzie Harlow, Patty Jankiewicz, Shelagh Gombarcik and Candy's mother appear regularly with their culinary offerings along with many guest appearances from Candi Suhrheinrich, Sue Moore, Lisa Snyder and other members that, when possible, bring in a dish to share. This club has been providing us with fun, fellowship, good eats and of course the very popular Food Trivia, for 5 years. They have been collecting recipes from its participating members and will eventually publish Tampa Lodge 708 cookbook to benefit our lodge and its programs. All the food is donated by the participating members and you don't have to cook to enjoy the food. Many members will come and donate so they can enjoy the delicious food and enjoy camaraderie. Bon Appetite!



Supporting Reports



LOE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The dog days of Summer are upon us and we are all looking for a way to stay cool, but keep the Summer party going. The LOE has just the thing for you and a friend, Painting with a Twist. Come join the LOE on Sunday, August 13th at 2pm for some painting and more. There will be a Sangria Bar with light appetizers, this will be sure to keep the party going. The cost is \$35 per person. Please make sure to sign up for this afternoon of fun, sign-up sheet is located on the LOE bulletin board. Hope to see you there.

The LOE is hosting this year's Halloween Party, keep your calendar open for October 28th as we are looking to have a spectacular evening. The theme this year is Saturday Night Fever, so dust off those platform shoes and brush up on your disco dance moves. If anyone (LOE member or Elk member) would like to assist with planning this event, we would gladly welcome the help. Our next meeting is August 16th at 6:30pm or you can contact Jacquie at LOETampa708@yahoo.com.

We are still looking for water balloon donations for your summer campers, you may place your water balloons in the basket by the LOE bulletin board, Sue and I would like to be able to make a large donation of water balloons at the FLOE conference in September.

On the LOE horizon, so be on the lookout: WCD Past Lady President meeting in November, Christmas Bazaar on December 8th and more. Like us on Facebook: LOE Tampa Lodge 708 Jacquie LoCicero, Ladies of the Elks President

Executive Board

Jacquie LoCicero - President
Suzanne Moore - Vice President
Devoney Bedami - Secretary
Robert Bordonaro - Treasurer
Carolynn Breit - Chaplin
Bonnie Atwood - Parliamentarian



LOE August Birthdays submitted by Carolyn Breit



8/5 Nan Quire, 8/6 Vera Wright, 8/7 Lisa Snyder, 8/14 David Partlow, 8/31 Candy Venable



We have so many dedicated 365 members and I am proud to announce their names each month in the Elksize. There are several members that regularly contribute, Robert Sommers, Donna Halsey, Bonnie Atwood, Tony Moreno, and Patty Jankewicz to name a few. We also have a member who wishes to remain anonymous that contributes month after month.

As you may have noticed, we post the same names pretty much each month...why not let us see your name here soon. This is such a worthwhile organization and 708 has consistently met its yearly fundraising goals. Let's not loose our reputation for one of the most generous lodges in Florida.

Lots of Love, Bernie 813-831-4270 or 813-244-9867

Please bring in any houses you may have by August 15th...all monies must be turned in by Sept. 1st.

Committee Communications



The Elks National Foundation strives for annual donors to sustain them year after year. The results that we get at our Lodge for our donations is great. The Grants we get speak for themselves. The ENF has created a new recognition program to our donors. It is the "Road to Renewal Pin" The pin is a "Great Heart" pin. It was my pleasure, at our first meeting in July, to presented the pins to the following members for their renewal donations year after year.

Robert Bordonaro, Patricia Jankewicz, Jack Johnson, Anthony Marino,
 Bonnie Atwood, Brenda Stokking, Robert Suhrheinrich.

Thanks to all. Get yourself a Great Heart Pin.

Fraternally, Tommy Moore, Chairman

Committee Communications

It's that time of year again. Back to School. Hope everyone had a good summer. It was a hot one for sure and wet also with rain just about every day. The Lodge back to School Party was a great event put on by Patty Elkins and her crew. Elroy the Elk was present and enjoyed his visit to the party. Elroy The Elk is a sponsor for the Elk's 'Just say no' to drugs. The Drug Awareness program tries to reach out to everyone about the dangers of drugs. Stay tuned for our next Drug Awareness Event.

Fraternally, Tommy Moore, DAP Chairman



Elks Youth Camp in Umatilla, Florida 2017:

During the first two weeks of camp, I received several cards from the children we sent to camp. These were first timers that had just heard about us this year. Their comments were; a) this camp is great, b) had a great time, c) can I go next year? As you can see, we are making a positive impact on our community's youth. I'd like to thank all who assisted me in sending a record 75 lucky children and 4 counselors this season.

John Wayne, Youth Camp Chairman

We had our first PER meeting on June 19th. Officers were elected:

President, Courtney Weil, Secretary/Treasurer, John Wayne.

Dues were collected and we discussed awards night to be held August 26th, Gasparilla, Fundraisers for the State Presidents visit and Youth Camp assistance.

Watch future Elksize for further PER news and activities.

John Wayne, Secretary/Treasurer



New Addition to Our Elksize



Welcome to the **Chaplain's Corner** where you can share your faith and fill your spirit alongside your fellow Elks. It would be my privilege to pray for you or with you. Please feel free to send prayer requests, favorite scriptures, beloved prayers, or reasons/needs for lifting up our brothers and sisters to me, Rebecca Sullins at rsullins1@yahoo.com or [813.546.1562](tel:813.546.1562).

Please pray with me.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, we thank You for the summer. Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank you for the opportunities to be outside and enjoy Your creation while helping those in need in our community. Please bless our teachers, students, friends, and relatives as they make their way back into their classrooms for another school year. Help them to feel the excitement and joy in the promise of a new start. Please support our members, our hands and our hearts, as we work to glorify Thy holy name in all our works this August. Amen.

Chaplain's Chuckles!

How does Moses make his coffee?

Hebrews it. :)

Rebecca Sullins, Chaplain

Grant Communications



Club Chivalry Student Success Program

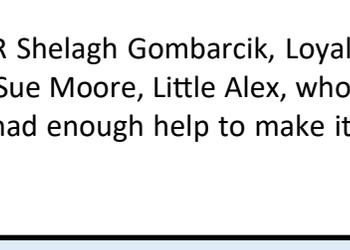
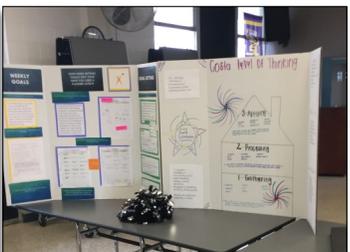
Club Chivalry for Successful Students held its third Midsummer Knight Club meeting on July 14, 2017. Kristina Chowning took charge of the school cafeteria reservation, the invitations for the Club Chivalry Students and their families, and faculty helpers. Kristina also recruited some of the upperclassmen from Student Government or AVID to come help; these kids received credit for community service hours. Kristina has recently changed jobs and is now in a classroom instead of an administrative office, so we decided to use up the school supplies and T-shirts and hold off on placing a new order until closer to the first Club meeting. She doesn't have as much storage available this year.

The Elks oversaw purchasing and organizing everything needed to make dinner available for the unknown number of families that would arrive for dinner. We got a great deal from Courtney's Table, and the food arrived hot and fresh. We all enjoyed a Caesar salad, freshly baked lasagna, and breadsticks for dinner. We had an assortment of beverages to offer, and of course – a full sheet cake with the Club logo drawn on it! The Elks also prepared a list of places that high school kids could find volunteer opportunities that qualify for the Bright Futures Scholarship, and more information on that program.

Principle Robert Bhoolai greeted us all warmly upon our arrival. When he spoke at the beginning of the event, he was very quick to acknowledge and thank the Tampa Elks Lodge for their ongoing support. After He and Kristina spoke just a few minutes, dinner was served! After dinner, we usually go right into a round robin where the kids learn about the different departments, but this year Kristina asked all the student volunteers to speak for a couple of minutes about their school experience. They were all charming and bright speakers, even though put on the spot. Afterwards the Club Chivalry students in the audience had an opportunity to do the round robin, asking about the English, Math and Languages department, the AVID program, picking up a T Shirt and their school supplies. Finally, we cut the cake and drew the door prizes. As part of the clean-up effort, we inventoried the T-shirts and school supplies before sending them back to the classroom.

Due to storage issues, we gave the Club Chivalry families the left-over beverages and left the remaining paper products in the teacher's lounge for their use when they return to their classrooms in just a few weeks. The custodian was the grateful recipient of the last few pieces of cake. Ms. Chowning, who had three growing boys at home, gladly relieved us of the little bit of lasagna that remained.

I am very grateful to all the good Elks and Volun-Elks that came out to help – ER Shelagh Gombarcik, Loyal Knight Tommy Moore, Lecturing Knight Bert Newbill, PER Courtney Weil, LOE VP Sue Moore, Little Alex, who played doorman for us, Bonnie Atwood, Robert Bordonaro and Elma Kelly. We had enough help to make it an enjoyable evening for all.



Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events



HOMELESS VETERAN'S STAND DOWN EVENT

Tampa Elks will be participating in the James A. Haley Stand Down for Homeless Veterans on Saturday, September 9th!

Please donate individually wrapped toilet paper, disposable ponchos, and/ or cloth recyclable grocery bags to help a Veteran in need. In addition to those three items, Tampa Elks also donates the lettuce, tomato and onion for the hamburgers and hotdogs that are served. Cash donations towards purchases will also be accepted. Last year about 400 homeless Veterans received services at the Stand Down. This is the first year they have held the Stand Down on a

Saturday, please consider signing up to work a short shift. This huge event is held at American Legion Post 111 on Florida Avenue just above Sligh. There will be a box in the Lodge for donations and a list on the bulletin board for volunteers.



Welcome Home, Carolyn!

Carolyn is the fourth Athena Veteran that we have been privileged to help set up house as they transition into their own home. We are getting better at this with each Veteran, and Carolyn made it easy by letting us know in advance when and where she would be moving. Extra luck for us, it was a south Tampa address, though the stairs still presented a challenge. The Harlow/Matthews home was a great source of furniture! They donated a very nice dresser and chest of drawers, as well as a dining room table and chairs and a lamp. Robert Bordonaro contributed a nice full-size sofa. Bill Dean not only donated a TV – he went over and installed it. He also donated what Carolyn called “man things” – tools, an extension cord, light bulbs and more. Rick and Jan Schneider donated dishes, silverware, mixing bowls and a trash can. Bonnie Quire donated assorted towels and sheets. Patty Elkins donated a taster and can opener, and some kitchen utensils. There were two other lamps, and assorted supplies like a clock that I had been storing until they were needed. Some nonperishable food items and cleaning items, were also given to Carolyn. Of course, we had to rent a truck to move all this stuff, and I need to thank Michael Volpe, Patty Elkins, Christen Grant, Christien Elkins and Logan Matthews for the manpower to get everything up those stairs! Logan stayed and reassembled the table for her, also.

I can't begin to tell you how much she has expressed her gratitude. Finally, on July 26th, when I felt all the available donations had arrived, Bonnie Atwood and I took her shopping for the final items needed. Luckily it was not too much! She chose some items for her bathroom, a bedding set, a vacuum, and then declared she needed food more than anything else right then, and so she was able to pick up some groceries, too. The Elk's Veterans' Service Commission will reimburse Tampa Elks Lodge for the \$200.00 we spent. Carolyn is not the type to depend on other's charity, so she volunteered at the Children's Back to School party, saying it was “the least I can do after all the Elks have done for me!” Carolyn will be a good South Tampa neighbor, and possibly even a future Elk.



Rita Smith
Athena Chairman

Upcoming Events and Projects



Paint, Sip, Repeat



The Ladies of the Elks invite you to join them for an afternoon of

Painting With A Twist, Sangria Bar & Light Appetizers

Sunday, August
13th at 2pm
Bring a friend
Cost \$35.00
per person



**WHAT IS
LINKED IN
AND
WHY SHOULD
I JOIN?**

What's all the buzz about?
Join your friends and let's see what this
media phenomenon has to offer.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 24TH
7PM**



**What Fun! Bring the nice clothes
you don't wear and exchange
them for some you will!**

**Sunday, September 1st
1pm to 3pm**

Upcoming Events and Projects

PER AND YOUTH CAMP FUNDRAISING EVENT

**AUGUST 26TH
6PM TO 11PM**



**Loads of Fun, Lots to Do, and
Tons to Win for all you
Cool Cats!
Plus a Fabulous Buffet
Featuring
Breakfast for Dinner
and entertainment by
K and P Express
Door Prizes, Chinese Auction, Fun
Awards and More!
\$15.00**

See the bartender for tickets or any PER Officer

DINNER MENU:

**SCRAMBLED EGGS, BACON AND SAUSAGE,
BACON & CHEESE GRITS, PLAIN GRITS, POTATO
CASSEROLE, SAUSAGE GRAVY AND BISCUITS.**

PLUS A BEIGNET AND COFFEE BAR

Upcoming Events and Projects

TAMPA LODGE 708 VP HOMECOMING SEPTEMBER 9TH



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
AND COME SUPPORT

THERESA MATTHEWS

OUR DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT
PIRATE THEME..

6PM COCKTAILS. 7PM VP ADDRESS
DINNER TO FOLLOW



*Calling All
Epicurean Elks...*

Sunday, August 27th at 5:00 pm



There's Nothing Like

*Home
Sweet
Home*

Cooking

*Bring us your impressive dishes and a story about them,
or just come with an appetite and a donation*

...trivia...trivia...trivia...trivia...

*** Note new date ***

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT STATE PRESIDENT VISIT FUNDRAISER
REVERSE DRAW \$20 PER TICKET
GRAND PRIZE \$2,000
ONLY 300 TICKETS BEING SOLD
DRAWING AT VP HOMECOMING AT TAMPA 708 ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2017
PLEASE CONTACT VP, THERESA MATTHEWS AT 813-624-3093 OR
THERESALMATTHEWS@YAHOO.COM

NEED NOT TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

**Buy Soon...we are
Almost Sold Out!**

On Going Calendar

Courtney's Table at 708
Sunday Brunch or Lunch
 Omelets
 Eggs Benedict
 Breakfast Sandwiches
 Breakfast Classics
 Country Fried Steak & Eggs
 French Dip Sandwich
 And so much More
 9:30am to 2pm



Third Sunday GOURMET CLUB

AUGUST 27TH
 Join this fun group of Elks and cook up a storm, or enjoy their fabulous creations and lots of fun trivia!

BINGO
 6:30pm every 1st and 3rd Monday
 Buy-in Packs \$20
 Specials \$1 each or \$5 for 6
 Bonanza \$1 Each or \$5 for 6
 Exchanges Allowed
 Short Order Grill is Open

MONDAY GRILL NIGHT AT Courtney's Table AT 708
 OPEN 5:00PM TO 8PM
 Burgers, Pattie Melts, Italian Sausage Hoagie, Fried Chicken Sandwich, Chicken Salad Plate
 French Fries, Onion Rings
 And more

MOVIE NIGHT
 Tuesday Night Movie
 7:30 pm
 With Popcorn

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS Courtney's Table AT 708
 Burgers, Hot Dogs, BBQ
 Pork Sandwich,
 Mojo Pork on Cuban Bread w/Grilled Onions and Swiss,
 Fries, Onion Rings, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw and More.
 5PM TO ?

Courtney's Table AT 708
THURSDAY LUNCH & DINNER
 Appetizers: Fried Mushrooms, Zucchini, Cheese Sticks, Loaded Fries and Peel & Eat Shrimp
 Lunch - Sandwiches, Wings, Salads, fries, onion rings
 Dinner - One Dish Meal with Salad, Veggie, Roll
 Shrimp Basket with Fries & Cole Slaw
 Chicken Tenders Basket with Fries and Cole Slaw
 Wing Basket with Fries and Cole Slaw
 LUNCH 11AM TO 4PM - DINNER 5PM TO 9PM

Triv?a NIGHT
 3rd Thursdays after Queen of Hearts.
 \$2.00 to play
 All proceeds go to offset the cost of the Veteran's meals. Fabulous prizes & Great Fun!
 Multiple Choice Questions.
 Hosted this month by: Candi Suhrheinrich

Friday Dinner Dinner at Courtney's Table AT 708
 Early Bird 5pm to 6pm
 Dinner 6pm to 9pm
 Dancing from 7pm to 11pm
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Lodge Business and Programs



Partners in Progress or PIP

- Platinum Investors \$100+**
 Walbart, Mark 6/17
 Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 6/17
 In Memory of Jerrye & Patrick Fennell 6/17
 Speech, Michael 6/17
 With sincere thanks for the transportation
 In Memory of Tom Stanton from Mrs. Helen M. Stanton 9/17
 Florance, Richard 9/2017
 Johnson, Jack 6/18
 Osterbrock, Debbie 5/18
 Schneider, Rick & Jan 5/18
 Suhrheinrich, Bob & Candice 6/18
 Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 6/18
 In memory of
 Fennell, Jerrye & Patrick 6/18
 Appel, Jackie 6/18
 Summers, Robert & Linda 7/18

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 7/2018

Silver Investors \$21-\$50
 James, Howard 3/2018

Bronze Investors \$10 - \$20
 Bertoch, Mellissa 3/2018

2017 Resolutions Voting Results

- 1) To remove the option of the shortened initiation from the Grand Lodge Statutes. **Yes-1665 No-1195**
- 2) To allow Lodges the option to amend their By-Laws to provide for only one regularly scheduled Lodge meeting per month. **Yes-1437 No-1428**
- 3) To require all Lodges of the Order to incorporate under the laws of the state or territory where they are located. **Yes-1243 No-1601**
- 4) To allow a Lodge through a By-Law amendment to keep its' Home, Club, Club Rooms and Social Parlors open during Lodge meetings without bar service or sale of liquor. **Yes-1310 No-1544**
- 5) To require the current Officers of the Lodge to perform the long form of the Initiation Ritual during the official visit of the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. **Yes-1343 No-1519**
- 6) To recognize that the Antlers Program is under the jurisdiction of a Lodge's Activities Committee. **Yes -2675 No-180**
- 7) To clarify a Club suspension by a Member's home Lodge shall apply to all Lodges of the Order. **Yes-2593 No-266**
- 8) To clarify the authority of the appointed Trustees to take all necessary actions with regard to the property of a defunct Lodge. **Yes-2649 No-208**
- 9) To allow a Lodge to waive the dues, initiation fees or reinstatement fees of any Applicant or Member who is serving on active duty in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States under any circumstances, or who has separated from active. **Yes-2336 No-507**
- 10) To allow Lodges to vote on those matters covered by Section 16.050 at a properly noticed special Lodge meeting. **Yes-2574 No-271**
- 11) To allow a Lodge to reschedule a regular Lodge meeting upon receiving a dispensation from the Grand Exalted Ruler or the District Deputy, and upon proper notice to all Lodge Members. **Yes-2607 No-255**
- 12) To remove the requirement of a Lodge to keep a visitors' register. A Lodge may still keep a visitors' register if they so choose or if required by law. **Yes-1197 No-1664**
- 13) To codify the requirement that the Lodge Treasurer notify the governing body of the Lodge of an excess of unappropriated cash in his possession. **Yes-2634 No-223**
- 14) To allow the Lodge Treasurer to pay bills via electronic fund transfer or by debit card, and to increase the amount of funds the Treasurer can maintain in a Club checking account. **Yes-2564 No-298**
- 15) To potentially extend the reach of Local Forum subpoenas to Members residing outside the jurisdiction of the Lodge. **Yes-2458 No-386**
- 16) To clarify that the provisions of this Section only apply to organizations defined in paragraph three of Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of the Order. (For reference purposes paragraph three of Article III, Section 18 refers to groups such. **Yes-2578 No-254**
- 17) To require a Lodge to give advance notice to the Grand Secretary of the intent to send an alternate representative to the Grand Lodge Session. **Yes-2365 No-492**
- 18) To prohibit the possession or consumption of alcohol at any Lodge meeting. **Yes-2043 No-812**
- 19) To revise or delete certain sections of the Laws of the Order necessary and required as a result of the sale of the Elks National Home in 2014. **Yes-2754 No-80**

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AUGUST LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 1st - LOE BOD - 6:30pm
- 1st - STCOC Special Event RSVP - 4:00pm
- 2nd - LOE Dinner 6:45 - Meeting - 7:30pm
- 3rd - House Committee Meeting - 7:30pm
- 9th - Officer's Meeting - 7:00pm
- 9th - General Meeting & Initiation - 7:30pm
- 10th - BOD Meeting - 6:30pm
- 15th - VA Meeting - 6:30pm
- 17th - House committee Meeting - 7:30pm
- 23rd - New member orientation - 6:00pm
- 23rd - General Meeting & Initiation - 7:30pm

Courtney's Table AT 708

Friday Night Menu



5PM TO 6PM - \$6.50

- . LASAGNA, SALAD, GARLIC BREAD
- . PECAN CHICKEN SALAD PLATE WITH FRESH FRUIT
- . 1 FRIED FISH FILET WITH FRENCH FRIES, COLESLAW AND A HUSH PUPPY
- . MEATLOAF WITH HOUSE SALAD, MASHED POTATOES, AND ROLL

. PLUS A DAILY SPECIAL

FRIDAY NIGHT MENU 6PM TO 9PM

STARTERS

- . FRIED MUSHROOMS W/RANCH OR AIOLI SAUCE..... \$4.25
- . FRIED ZUCCHINI W/RANCH OR AIOLI SAUCE..... \$3.95
- . FRIED CHEESE STICKS W/MARINARA SAUCE \$3.95
- . LOADED FRIES, FRIES SMOTHERED IN CHEESE SAUCE & BACON \$4.95
- . POTATO SKINS \$4.25
- ADD CHICKEN OR BACON \$1.00 EA
- . 1/2 LB PEEL & EAT SHRIMP W/COCKTAIL SAUCE \$9.95

... .. **ASK YOUR SERVER ABOUT THE SOUP OF THE DAY...**

SALADS

- . WEDGE SALAD W/BALSAMIC GLAZE DRESSING, BLUE CHEESE CRUMBLES & BACON BITS \$4.50
- **REPLACE HOUSE SALAD WITH WEDGE..... \$1.95 EXTRA**
- . CHEF SALAD W/HAM, TURKEY, CHEESE, EGG, TOMATOES, CUCUMBERS, PEPPERS, ONIONS..... \$7.50
- . HOUSE SALAD W/LETTUCE, TOMATO, CUCUMBER, ONION \$2.50

ENTREES

SERVED W/HOUSE SALAD, VEGGIE OF THE DAY AND YOUR CHOICE OF BAKED, MASHED, FRENCH FRIED POTATOES, AND ROLLS. (Loaded Potato, Sour Cream, Bacon & Cheese \$.50)

- . 1/4 CHICKEN \$7.95
- . CAPI'S HOMEMADE MEATLOAF \$8.95
- . COUNTRY FRIED STEAK W/WHITE OR BROWN GRAVY..... \$9.50
- . ROSEMARY GARLIC PORK TENDERLOIN \$9.95
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- . 2 LARGE FRIED FISH FILETS W/FRENCH FRIES, COLESLAW & HUSH PUPPIES \$9.95
- **SIDE OF 5 HUSH PUPPIES..... \$1.99**
- . SHRIMP PASTA W/HOUSE SALAD & GARLIC BREAD..... \$10.50
- . HOMEMADE LASAGNA W/HOUSE SALAD & GARLIC BREAD \$9.95

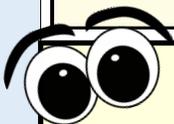
ASK YOUR SERVER ABOUT THE DAILY SPECIAL & STEAK OF THE DAY.

DESSERT

- . COURTNEY'S LARGE HOMEMADE COOKIE A LA MODE \$3.95
- . HOMEMADE BROWNIE A LA MODE \$4.50
- . COLE'S HOMEMADE CHEESECAKE \$4.95
- . VANILLA ICE CREAM W/OR WITHOUT CHOCOLATE SAUCE \$2.50

KIDS MEALS

- ALFREDO PASTA...\$4.50 MEATLOAF W/MASHED & VEGGIE.....\$4.50 HOT DOG W/FRIES.....\$2.50
 DRINKS: SWEET & UNSWEET TEA, COFFEE.....\$1.75 COKE, DIET COKE OR SPRITE.....\$1.75



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AUGUST 2017

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

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| | | <p>1  LOE BOD Meeting 6:30pm STCOC SPECIAL EVENT 4PM - RSVP REQUIRED Improv Class 6:30 Movie Night 7:30pm</p> | <p>2  LOE Dinner 6:45 <u>LOE MEETING 7:30</u> <i>Meeting Night Grill</i> <i>5PM TO 9PM</i></p> | <p>3 OPEN FOR LUNCH <i>11AM TO 4PM</i> DINNER <i>5PM TO 7PM</i> House Committee 7:30  Queen of Hearts Drawing</p> | <p>4 Dinner Early Bird 5pm to 6pm Dinner 6pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm MENU ON PG 14 KATHY & PAUL</p> | <p>5 SEMINOLE LODGE 2519 VP VISITATION 9AM DD CLINIC ST.PETE LODGE</p> |
| <p>6 Sunday Brunch 10AM TO 2PM</p> | <p>7 <i>Open Grill</i> <i>5:00PM TO 8:00PM</i> BINGO 6:30PM</p> | <p>8 Improv Class 6:30 Movie Night 7:30pm</p> | <p>9 Officer Meeting 7pm Elks General Meeting 7:30pm <i>Meeting Night Grill</i> <i>5PM TO ?</i></p> | <p>10 OPEN FOR LUNCH <i>11AM TO 4PM</i> DINNER <i>5PM TO 7PM</i> BOD Meeting 6:30pm VET'S BINGO At James A Haley  Queen of Hearts Drawing</p> | <p>11 Dinner Early Bird 5pm to 6pm Dinner 6pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm MENU ON PG 14 KEITH & RUBY</p> | <p>12 HOLIDAY ISLE LODGE 1912 VP VISITATION</p> |
| <p>13 Sunday Brunch 10AM TO 2PM PAINTING WITH A TWIST 2PM</p> | <p>14 BAR BINGO 7pm <i>Open Grill</i> <i>5:00PM TO 8:00PM</i></p> | <p>15 Improv Class 6:30 Movie Night 7:30pm VA Committee Meeting 6:30</p> | <p>16 <i>Meeting Night Grill</i> <i>5PM TO ?</i></p> | <p>17 OPEN FOR LUNCH <i>11AM TO 4PM</i> DINNER <i>5PM TO 7PM</i> House Committee 7:30 TRIVIA 7:15PM  Queen of Hearts Drawing</p> | <p>18 Dinner Early Bird 5pm to 6pm Dinner 6pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm MENU ON PG 14 KARAOKE</p> | <p>19 DUNEDIN/ CLEARWATER LODGE 1525 VP VISITATION</p> |
| <p>20 Open Arms Feeding the Homeless 7:30am Sunday Brunch 10AM TO 2PM</p> | <p>21 BINGO 6:30PM <i>Open Grill</i> <i>5:00PM TO 8:00PM</i></p> | <p>22 Improv Class 6:30 Movie Night 7:30pm</p> | <p>23 Elks General Meeting 7:30pm  ORIENTATION & INITIATION To follow meeting. <i>Meeting Night Grill</i> <i>5PM TO ?</i></p> | <p>24 OPEN FOR LUNCH <i>11AM TO 4PM</i> DINNER <i>5PM TO 7PM</i> Linkedin Class 7pm  Queen of Hearts Drawing</p> | <p>25 Dinner Early Bird 5pm to 6pm Dinner 6pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm MENU ON PG 14 Vets in the house. DOUBLE SHOT BAND</p> |  |
| <p>27 Sunday Brunch 10AM TO 2PM Last Gourmet Club of the Season 5:30</p> | <p>28 BAR BINGO 7pm <i>Open Grill</i> <i>5:00PM TO 8:00PM</i></p> | <p>29 Improv Class 6:30 Movie Night 7:30pm</p> | <p>30 <i>Meeting Night Grill</i> <i>5PM TO ?</i></p> | <p>31 OPEN FOR LUNCH <i>11AM TO 4PM</i> DINNER <i>5PM TO 7PM</i>  Queen of Hearts Drawing</p> | | |

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Robert Connor - 5/2018
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