



LODGE OFFICERS:

EXALTED RULER - Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP
LEADING KNIGHT - Dee Cisneros
LOYAL KNIGHT - Tommy Moore
LECTURING KNIGHT - Bert Newbill
SECRETARY - Rick Schneider, PER
TREASURER - Rita Smith, PLP
ESQUIRE - George Hilficker
INNER GUARD - TBD
TILER - Brian Brantley, PER
CHAPLAIN - Becky Sullins
5 YEAR TRUSTEE - Laura Jones
4 YEAR TRUSTEE - Theresa Matthews, PER
3 YEAR TRUSTEE - Robert Suhrheinrich
2 YEAR TRUSTEE - Christopher Miles
1 YEAR TRUSTEE - Richard Florance, PER

DISTRICT LEADER - Frank Palladini, PSP, PDDGER
LODGE ADVISORS - Steve Harmon, PDDGER
Mike Pierson, PDDGER
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Exalted Ruler

Shelagh Gombarcik, Exalted Ruler

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Mon - Thursday 4:00pm - 11:00pm

Friday 4:00pm - 12:00am

Saturday 4:00pm - 11:00pm

Sunday 11:00am - 9:00pm



This Year in Review

My Final Message

A year ago this message seemed a light year away, but as I reflect it has gone by quickly. I am very thankful to you all for having the faith in me to be the ER of our lodge this year. I consider it a privilege to have been able to serve an organization that has been of service to our nations communities for 150 years and that stands for all the principles that have influenced my life in so many ways...Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

We have been able to continue supporting our Nation's Veterans with James Haley Monthly Bingo Program and dinners. The V.A. Domiciliary has benefited from a Freedom Grant. The Welcome Home kits have assisted at least 6 vets get into independent living. The Black Dagger Veterans have been helped with a grant. We sent our own member Jack Johnson to the Parade of Heroes in Washington DC. We have sustained our relationship with Athena House for Women and we hosted a wonderful Red White and Blue Event featuring a Bluegrass fundraiser for the Veterans.

Community Children have enjoyed a wonderful "Back to School" party and a Christmas party. We sent 60+local children to our Youth Camp and the lodge had four (4) of our own young people working at the camp this summer as counselors. Club Chivalry at RHS continues to flourish with the help of the Impact Grant and it's making a difference in the kid's graduation success rate. Westshore Elementary will be the recipient of a grant to provide food for the Kids to take home for Spring Break (feeding little tummies). The "Just Say No" program continues to promote drug awareness and helps the area kids stay away from drugs.

Our relationship with the Open Arms Ministry for the Homeless benefits from the monthly meals, a special Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner along with the clothing we are able to supply.

We were able to join in the WCD partnership with Walgreens for a toy drive that helped benefit some of the local children's charities with Christmas presents and we hope this will be an ongoing program.

We started informative programs for our members to enjoy: Social Media, Linked In, Social Security Benefits, YMCA Activities to help keep you healthy. Painting with a Twist, Breast Cancer Awareness, and now the new Crafting group, to educate and entertain. We hoped that you have been able to benefit from these programs.

We celebrated our 150th Anniversary of the BPOE with a memorable tribute to our organization and to 708. We were given proclamations from the Mayor of Tampa and the Board of County Commissioners that recognize our Order for all of the good works that we do for our Nation and Community.

The lodge has been busy thanks to you, the members who have helped to make all of this happen. Congratulations to our new ER Elect Dee Cisneros and the new slate of Officers- they will serve you and the lodge well. I hope you will support them in their endeavors as they manage our lodge.

We are a community of likeminded people who have benevolence in our hearts and minds and enjoy sharing communion with each other.

So, THANK YOU to all, Peace, Love and Happiness

Shelagh Gombarcik, ER

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
Elksize Editor

Jacque LoCicero

LOE Liaison

John Wayne, PER

Youth Camp

Marty Quire

Web and Online Communications

Patty Jankiewicz

Lodge Veteran's Committee

Patty Volpe

Youth Activities

Rick Schneider, PER

Government Relations

Rita Smith

Grants
Athena House
Army of Hope

Shelagh Gombarcik, ER

Orientation/Membership

Steve Harmon, PDDGER

Ritual Coach

Susie Harlow

Bingo Chairperson

Theresa Matthews, PER

State Major Projects
FSEA Hospitality Room
Gasparilla Chairman

Tommy Moore

ENF Chairman
Drug Awareness



House Committee:

Laura Jones

Chairman &
Bar Manager

Jacque LoCicero

Ed Mulder

George Hilficker

Logan Matthews

Bert Newbill

Dee Cisneros

You and your guests are invited to attend the
Tampa Lodge 708

2017 - 2018

APPRECIATION & AWARDS DINNER

Saturday, March 10, 2018

6:00pm

Members are Free, Guests \$10.00
Presentation to follow dinner.

**Menu: Bourbon Glazed Ribs, or Bourbon Glazed Shrimp, Twice
Baked Potatoes, Prosciutto Wrapped Asparagus, Salad, Rolls. and
Peach Cobbler Ala Mode**

RSVP by signing up in Lodge or by texting Laura Jones at 262-496-7342
RSVP must be received by March 7th

A Warm Welcome To Our New Elks



**NO NEW MEMBERS
WERE INSTALLED THIS MONTH.
LET'S START THE NEW YEAR
WITH A BANG!**

**BE SURE TO READ THE NEW
MEMBERSHIP BYLAWS ON PAGE 13**

February Elk Recognition

OFFICER OF THE MONTH: REBECCA SULLINS

In my Last month I want to recognize Chaplain Rebecca Sullins who has taken care of our spiritual needs through this year. As you know one of the requirements for becoming a member is that you believe in God and Rebecca is such a good example of one who believes and does his work amongst us members. Rebecca has prayed for us when needed and for our loved ones when we need a little help from the divine. Rebecca plays a big role with the "Relay for Life" Walk for the American Cancer Society - the same one that our Club Chivalry participates in to raise awareness for cancer and it's survivors. Rebecca also acts as our Facebook administrator helping to establish our presence on social media, which is the future. She has done well getting our organization's message out in the community. Our chaplain does all this with wonderful humor as she posts a column in the Elksize every month with an inspirational message along with a joke. Thank you, Rebecca we are blessed to have you as our Chaplain.



ELK OF THE MONTH: JACQUIE LOCICERO, LP

Our LOE Lady President Jacquie LoCicero has been an involved Elk since she joined our order. With her many talents she has helped in many areas and committees. She is currently serving as the LOE President a job that she has taken on and is a breath of fresh air. Jacquie has had great ideas and with the ladies gotten right behind them to make things happen. She represented the lodge at the conference this year and presented a check for \$2000 that the LOE had earned from fundraising to the Florida Elks Charities. Jacquie is a very talented crafter and she has started a new group that meets once a month to craft and this has been very well received and we expect this to grow. Not only does Jackie serve the LOE, but she has also been an active member of the House Committee for the past year and again lending her time and talent to help where she can with the Lodge events and the generally helping with the Social Quarters. Thank you, Jacquie, for all the special things that you do for the members of our lodge and the LOE.



VOLUN "ELK" GROUPS:

VOLUN-GROUP #1 of the Month; Evelyn Yates, Candi Suhreinrich and the Grover's. Evelyn sold 90 tickets with the help of Candi to this group of fun loving people to join us on our Gasparilla Pirate Invasion and Piratefest 2018. Selling 90 tickets is no easy task and then to keep a track of them. We were able to send 2 full buses of Grover's to the Island and then bring them back for Piratefest 2018. The Grover's all had a great time and we look forward to seeing them again at next years Gasparilla. Thank you, Evelyn, and along with Candi you are indeed a couple of "Pirate Princesses".

VOLUN-GROUP #2 of the Month, PDDGER Jeannie Reinhardt and the Largo Elks. Jeannie sold 97 tickets to the members of her Lodge, we will refer to them as the Jolly Krewe of Largo Pirates for our Gasparilla Invasion Party and Piratefest 2018. Jeannie spent many hours talking up this event at her lodge - very successfully I might add. Jeannie has always been a great supporter of Tampa Lodge 708 and this isn't the first time she has organized a bus load for us. Our Brothers and Sisters from across the bridge had a fantastic time at the party with all the food, fun, music, dancing and games,. A good time was had by all. Jeannie you are a great friend of Tampa 708 and a true "Pirate Princess".

Supporting Reports



Another month has passed and the LOE is still going strong! We had another successful Craft Day with our ladies making an awesome decorated and lighted wine bottle. Thank you to all who attended. Our next Craft Day will be March 11th at 2pm. On the agenda will be a Spring wreath, \$15 to join us and for each additional wreath \$10. We welcome all members and their guests (Elks you can stop by also, it's not just a LOE party).

Executive Board

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

On February 11th, the LOE had their annual Walk A Thon to benefit Children's Therapy Services. The morning walk on Bayshore Drive was perfect, we couldn't have asked for a better day. Lisa Snyder, Sue Moore, Shelagh Gombarcik and I had a great time chatting while we walked and took in the sights. Thank you to all who sponsored us in our quest to hit our goal of \$2000. Next year consider walking with us, the more the merrier!

As our year comes to an end, I reflect on what the LOE has accomplished this year. Starting with our Kentucky Derby Horse Race, a \$2000 donation to Children's Therapy Services, our annual Walk A Thon and all the fun in between. We laughed, we cried (ok, that was mostly me) and we had fun. I'd like to thank the LOE board, without you I do not think we would have been as successful as we were, at least I know I could not have done it without you. A nod to our Ladies who over the course of this year I often sought guidance and support, thank you! Our group may be small but we are mighty, I strive to keep us relevant in a time where many of our Lady auxiliaries are setting into the sunset. For me, having the opportunity to get to know each of you better was the best part of my year and for that I am a better person. It has been an honor to be the LOE President this year.

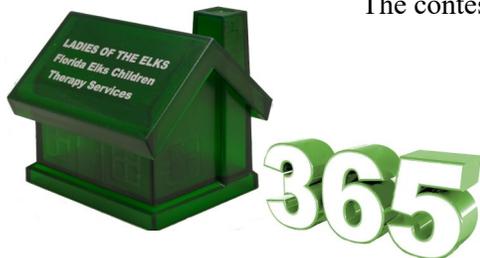
March Birthdays from Carolyn Breit:



3/6 Tommy Moore, 3/8 Sandra Brantley, 3/12 Sue Mason, 3/13 Debbie Osterbrock, 3/13 Ziggy Ziegler, 3/16 Steve Harmon, 3/26 Frances Salter, 3/26 Cynthia Allen



We have had a great response to our 365 contest. Thanks to all who have donated and let's keep it going. The contest has one more month to go so there's time to win it!



Thank you so much,
Berni Turpin

Here is our list of participants so far:

Robert Sommers.....	6	Rita Smith.....	1
Donna Halsey.....	4	Bonnie Quire.....	1
Patty Jankiewicz.....	4	Berni Turpin.....	1
Laura Jones.....	2	Carolyn Miller.....	1
Marsha Smith.....	2	Rebecca Sullins.....	1
Carolyn Breit.....	1	Bill Edwards.....	1
Candi Suhrheinrich.....	1	Doris Ellis.....	1
Bob Suhrheinrich.....	1		

Committee Communications



Hello everyone. It has been a busy and fast fiscal year. We are a little behind in per member donations so far this year, but we still have time to reach our goal with your help. If you have not donated this year, please do. It means a lot to our Lodge and our community donations need to be made prior to the end of March.

Thank You for your help with this worthwhile cause.

Tommy Moore, Chairman

Drug Awareness:

The fiscal year is about to come to a close. A new slate of Officers to be sworn in. We wish them the best and look forward to working with them on our Drug awareness Program throughout the coming year. Remember: Be a Hero!" Just Say No"

Fraternally yours, Tommy Moore, Chairman





Just a friendly reminder that all camp applications for 2018 are online at www.FlaElks.com. From there go to the Youth Camp pages where you will find the application. This is important because there are no longer any paper applications either with me or at the Lodge. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to call me at 813-837-4252. Do this as soon as possible to assure your child has a spot at this extraordinary camp. You nor they will regret the decision...this is a wonderful experience!

John Wayne, PER, Chairman



Good day from the Chaplain's Corner; where together we celebrate faith and fill our spirits with hope. As always, it is my privilege to pray for you or with you. Please send prayer requests, favorite scripture passages, beloved prayers, or reasons &/or needs for lifting up our brothers and sisters to: Chaplain, Rebecca Sullins at rsullins1@yahoo.com or 813.546.1562.

Please pray with me.

Heavenly Father, the virtue for the month of March is faith; which can be complicated as we are expected to believe in something or someone that we have not seen. Faith means we must trust that our God is loving and caring even when our world is plagued by troubling times and devastating news. Lord, we pray for those who suffer and ask that you help us to find peace in our hearts and with humanity. Help us to lift our eyes from the torment on earth and allow our faith to strengthen us, restore us, and inspire us. You are our source of life, love, and hope; let us to grow in Your grace so that we may pour out Your love on others. We ask this in Your precious name, Lord. Amen.

Chaplain's Chuckles!

For a pastor's 50th birthday celebration, the congregation decided to give him a new suit. He was so touched by the gift that the following Sunday he stood before everyone, with tears in his eyes, and announced, "Today, I am preaching to you in my birthday suit."

Rebecca Sullins, Chaplain

Grant Reports



Meet Jackie!

Jackie was in our Lodge for Thanksgiving but moved out of the Athena House for Female Veterans just before our Christmas visit. She has a part time job, doing redelivery for the Tampa Bay Times. Though she does a lot of her own car repairs, keeping her old car on the road eats up a lot of her resources.

She has furnished her bedroom and found a dining room set and has almost everything she can fit into her tiny kitchen except a broiler pan and a microwave. Jackie is great at repurposing things found along the side of the road; she just acquired a file cabinet that will double as a microwave stand and just needs some legal-size file hangers.

Small at just 125 pounds, Jackie has a weekday wardrobe but needs some nicer clothes for church. (Size Large or 10, shoe size 7 or 7.5. Because she is too smart to bring home anything upholstered from the side of the road, Jackie's biggest need is for a sofa and chair or loveseat for her living room. She also needs lampshades for the lamps pictured. She has no TV and would like one if you have a spare. Jackie also hopes for a radio alarm clock and anything to nourish her green thumb. She has a lot of plants that need bigger pots and soil, and she would like small outdoor tables or stands to put them on.

If you happen to be moving or remodeling, or just have extras and can donate any of these larger items, I can try to plan for pick up and delivery. Let's help make Jackie feel at home! After all, "So long as there are Veterans, the Elks will never forget them."

Rita Smith, Grant Coordinator



Grant Reports Continued



MERLY SAYS "THANK YOU SO MUCH" TO EVERYONE!

In January we featured an Athena alumna, Veteran Merly Moore, who had requested a little help to finish setting up her new apartment. She had all the very basic stuff but wanted to be able to entertain her new neighbors. Tampa Elks really came through for this Veteran in need!



Thanks to the extreme generosity of some of our Elks and their friends, Merly was gifted with brand new small appliances, cutlery set, Pyrex, purses and totes, platters and coffee sets, dishes, flat ware, pots and pans, corning ware, and tons of Rubbermaid containers. She received a dinette set with tablecloths and new glass inserts for her coffee table. Nice wall decorations. Elks gave her new clothes, plenty of towels, tools, pots and pans, and so many other items I can't even remember them all. These items were donated by Victoria Bihorel, Jackie Appel, Dianne Curry, Patty Volpe, Kristina Chowning, Susie Harlow, Tracy Affleck, Clint Wright, Bill Dean, Debbie Cassells, and Connie Lindsey. Jack Johnson and Jeremy Elkins each donated 3-4 hours to make the round trip out there and delivery all the items. Georgia Hilficker and Marty Quire handled the communication and made sure our members were aware of the need.

On February 2, Bonnie Atwood and I made the final trip to Merly's Temple Terrace Apartment to take her shopping. She had been overwhelmed by the generosity of the Tampa Elks Lodge, but still knew she needed shelving for her closet. There was not much else she needed, and she did not even manage to spend the whole \$200.00 allotted. When pressed, she said, "I just don't need anything else. Please tell everybody thank you so much!"

Rita Smith, Grant Coordinator



Club Chivalry News

Elma Kelly, Caroline Miller and yours truly were instructed to sit with Club chivalry during their yearbook pictures last month. Hard to believe we will be in the 2018 Robinson yearbook, on sale now!

Club Chivalry spend a good amount of energy in the spring on the Relay for Life of Tampa. This major fundraiser for the American Cancer Society takes place on the track and football field at Robinson High School. This year, three different Relay locations are being combined – At Robinson! This means we will potentially have triple the exposure. Lodge members that are cancer survivors should log on to Relay for Life, find Club Chivalry, and register as a survivor so they can participate in a free dinner and the opening victory lap. For our students there are multiple benefits. The hours spent on Relay for Life count as volunteer hours for the Bright Futures Scholarships. Students that raise \$100.00 get a Relay T-shirt and the chance to stay past the 11:00 curfew. And this year's Seniors that raise \$150.00 get a purple honor cord to wear with their graduation gown. Fundraising is going on now, and you can log on to Relay for Life-Search for Club Chivalry, look at the list of participants, and donate a few dollars to one of the students registered. An alternate and more personal method of donating is to purchase a luminaire bag from me and decorate it to commemorate somebody you know that has had cancer. It will be on display during the Relay and lit at sunset for the remembrance lap. We are prohibited from using any of the Impact Grant funds to donate to other charities, so we are counting on the members of Tampa Elks Lodge 708 to help us meet our goals again this year.



Rita Smith, Grant Coordinator

Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events

TAMPA ELKS
GASPARILLA
2018



THANK YOU TO THE 2018 GASPARILLA CREW

My sincere thanks to all who extended typical Tampa #708 hospitality in making a very fun day for the guests who attended our 19th Annual Gasparilla Boat Parade Party. Bottom line, this was the most profitable year since the inception as a fundraiser eighteen years ago.

A special thanks to the 51 volunteers of this year's Gasparilla event which included six Past Exalted Rulers of Tampa #708:

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| Brian Brantley, PER | Bill Edwards, PER | Rick Schneider, PER |
| Theresa Matthews, PER, PLP | Steve Harmon, PER, PDD | Richard Florance, PER |
| Courtney Weil, PER | | |

Those other members and non-Elks who graciously volunteered their time and efforts before, during, and after the event are deeply appreciated and include:

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Carolyn Breit | Devoney Bedami | Dee Cisneros |
| Jacque LoCicero, LP | Logan Matthews | Chris Miles |
| Debbie Palladini | Sue Moore, PLP | Candi Suhrheinrich |
| Jeanne Reinhart, PER, PDD | Bonnie Quire | Taylor X. Taylor |
| Bob Green | Robert Bordonaro | Sharon Ford |
| Doris Edwards | Tommy Moore | Bob Snyder |
| Sandra Brantley | Rose DuRant | Rita Smith, PLP |
| Laura Jones | Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP, ER | Blair Whitehurst |
| Patricia Jankiewicz | Sandra Lake | Antonio Cruz |
| Georgia Hilfflicker | George Hilfflicker | Jerry Reid |
| Susie Harlow, PLP | Lisa Snyder | Louisa Light |
| Linda Reid | James Harlow | Barbara Connors |
| Bob Orcutt | Betty Orcutt | Gwen Burke |
| Bonnie Atwood | Elma Kelly | Carl Seibert, PDD |
| Cindy Green, PER | Bob Suhrheinrich | |

Again, my very sincere thanks to all for a job well done!!

Frank J. Palladini, LM, PER, PSC, PVP, PDD, PSP, PGLC

Gasparilla Co-Chairman

Theresa Matthews, PER, PSC, PLP, WCD VP

Gasparilla Co-Chairman

Steve Harmon, PER, PSC, PVP, PDD

Gasparilla Co-Chairman



Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events



A Night to Remember!



What a great tribute to the BPOE we presented to our member and guests. We honored the history of our order and Tampa Lodge 708 with participation from our Lodge PERs Frank Palladini, Rick Schneider, Steve Harmon, Nancy Keesler, Carl Williamson, Bill Edwards, Richard Florence and Courtney Weil. They all gave us reports of what we have been able to achieve over the years. Marty Quire made a wonderful video of the history of order and of our lodge. THANK YOU Marty for the visuals and we hope to archive them for the next 100 years. We received proclamations from the Mayor and Country Commissioner for our service.



Guests came from the following organizations to congratulate the Elks for our 150th anniversary and to thank us for all that we as a lodge do for them. Robinson High Principle: Robert Bhoelai. Westshore Elementary Principle: Linda Drawdy, RHS Success Coach Kristina Chowning, Liberty Manor Vets Home: Connie Lindsay, Black Dagger Vets Program: Dave Winters, Ryan Nitzsche : James Haley Domiciliary, Linda Aiken: Open Arms Ministry and the MGM group that we partner with. It was so nice to have the community groups come and show their support for our special anniversary.



Thank you to my helpers: Suzanne and Tommy Moore, Patty Jankiewicz, Elma Kelly, Jacquie LoCicero, Devony Bedami, Rita Smith, Laura Jones, Sharon Ford, Bill Dean, Debbie Cassells, and George Hilficker for getting the event set up. Bonnie Atwood for the help you gave with all the research along with Frank Palladini. Georgia Hilficker for making the awesome programs. Bill Edwards for bringing the PER pictures up to date. Courtney and Courtney's Kitchen and Staff for the fabulous meal and to you the Members because with out you we would not have made it this far.



HAPPY 150th ANNIVERSARY!



Upcoming Events and Projects



IMPROV-O-HOLICS

**STAND-UP
COMEDY**

**Saturday
March 3rd**

**JOIN US IN THE SOCIAL QUARTERS
FOR A NIGHT OF
COCKTAILS AND LAUGHTER
STARTING AT 6PM
\$ 10.00**



Elk Training

Understanding our Grand Lodge and Local Lodge Rules,
By Laws and Guidelines is important for all of us,
but imperative for our Lodge Leaders.
Please plan to participate in the

**2018 Training Session
March 8th at 7:30pm
Conducted by: Pat Boyd**

**The next LOE
Craft Event will be:**

**SPRING
WREATHS**



Sunday, March 11th - 2pm

\$15.00 for the 1st wreath

\$10.00 for each additional

**Many Flowers and Accessories to make
each wreath colorful and fun!**

**RSVP is important, please sign up
at the LOE bulletin board**



*Calling All
Epicurean Elks...*

2018 Gourmet Club

STICK IT 
OR
STUFF IT 

Sunday, March 25th at 5:00 p.m.
Bring us your impressive dishes, or just come with an
appetite and a donation



**THE 2018-19
OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND THE LOE OFFICERS
WILL BE INSTALLED ON
March 31st**



Cocktail Hour and Hors d'Oeuvres begin at 6pm
Installation begins at 7pm
immediately followed by the Installation of LOE Officers.
A dinner will be served upon the completion of Installations.
All are welcome.

Please be kind enough to sign up at the lodge if you plan to attend.

Upcoming Events and Projects

Tampa Elks Almost Famous Annual **St. Patrick's Day** CELEBRATION FUNDRAISER

Featuring "Gotta Groove" Band



- Green Beer & Drink Specials**
- Corned Beef & Cabbage**
- Live Irish Folklore Music**
- Live 6-Piece Dance Band**
- Luck o' the Irish Prizes**
- Shamrock Auction**
- Pot o'Gold 50/50**



Featherstone performs Irish Folklore Music During Cocktail Hour!

Cocktails
(Cash Bar)
5:30-6:45

Dinner
6:00-7:00

Dancing
7:00-10:30

\$20

March 17th, 2018

Tampa Elks Lodge, 3616 W. Gandy Blvd.

Tickets sold in the Lounge 813-839-8928 • for additional info 813-503-3204

A portion of the proceeds to benefit the Veterans Support Programs

Upcoming Events and Projects

It's Time for the 2018 West Central District Golf Classic

PURPOSE: To provide a fun social event for the WCD family, friends, & guests.

DATE & TIME: **Sunday, May 6th** - 7:00 A.M. Check in.
8:00A.M. Tee-Off, SHARP. Shotgun Start.

COURSE: The Tides Golf Club
11832 66th Avenue North
Seminole, FL 33772



GAME FORMAT: Four Person Scramble

TEAM FORMAT: Choose your own teammates if you wish. Although I reserve the right to some of you Aces or scratch golfers. (no complaining allowed). Just Kidding

SCORING FORMAT: Based on the honor system (yeah right). Pre-filled score cards, erasers, white out, memory lapses are not allowed. Your handicap will be to overcome the adversity of the round (lost balls, getting hit by errant shots, broken clubs, rain, sunburn or heatstroke, etc.). Ties will be broken by a match of cards beginning on the #1 handicap hole of your eighteen.

PRIZES & AWARDS: Trophies and/or prizes will be awarded to the top teams. In addition, there will be individual prizes for closest to the pin and the longest drive. Enjoy door prizes and a great lunch with us after the round. You must be present to win.

FOOD & BEVERAGES Beer, soft drinks and water will be available on the golf course. Lunch will be served at **Holiday Isles Elks Lodge – 14111 E. Parsley Dr. Madeira Beach** after your round is completed.

ENTRY FEE: \$65.00 per person. Free for those who help sponsor the event. Title sponsor (\$1,000.00) 4 players with signage on every hole. A Gold sponsorship (\$500) is allowed 4 players and a sign on the course. A Silver sponsorship (\$250) is allowed 2 players. \$150.00 for hole sponsor. Please make checks payable to **WCD VP Fund**, making reference to the golf tournament and send to my attention, Theresa Matthews, 4002 W. Corona St. Tampa, FL. 33629.



Players Name:

- 1. _____ Handicap _____
- 2. _____ Handicap _____
- 3. _____ Handicap _____
- 4. _____ Handicap _____

NOTE: The deadline for submitting the line-ups is Thursday May 3rd , 2018.

On Going Calendar

<p><i>Courtney's Table at 708</i> <i>Sunday Brunch or Lunch</i></p> <p>Omelets Eggs Benedict Breakfast Sandwiches Breakfast Classics Country Fried Steak & Eggs French Dip Sandwich And so much More</p> <p>9:30am to 2pm</p>	 <p>4th Sunday GOURMET CLUB</p> <p>Mar 25th- 5pm Join this fun group of Elks and cook up a storm, or enjoy their fabulous creations and lots of fun trivia!</p>	<p>MOVIE NIGHT</p> <p>Tuesday Night Movie 7:30 pm With Free Popcorn</p>	<p>MEETING NIGHT WEDNESDAY DINNER</p> <p><i>Courtney's Table AT 708</i> 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.</p> <p>Dinner - 5PM TO ?</p>
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<p>Courtney's Table AT 708 THURSDAY DINNER</p> <p>DINNER 5PM TO 9PM—Menu on page 14</p>  <p>QUEEN OF HEARTS</p> <p>Ticket sales till 6:45pm Drawing at 7pm</p>	<p>Triv?a NIGHT</p> <p>Thursday Mar. 15th \$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: Lisa Snyder & Sandra Lake</p>	<p><i>Friday Night Dinner at Courtney's Table AT 708</i></p> <p>Early Bird 5pm to 6pm Dinner 6pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm MENU ON PAGE 14</p>	<p>MONTHLY BIRTHDAY PARTY</p> <p>One Saturday a month we honor members that celebrate their birthday that month. They enjoy a free drink, cake, prizes, karaoke & more. Watch Calendar for Date</p>
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Lodge Business and Programs



Partners in Progress or PIP

Platinum Investors \$100+

- Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 6/18
- In Memory of Jerrye & Patrick Fennell 6/18
- Osterbrock, Debbie 4/18
- Johnson, Jack 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
- Drew, Toby 8/18
- In Memory of Tom Stanton from Mrs. Helen M. Stanton 9/18
- Atwood, Bonnie 9/18
- Florance, Richard 11/2018
- Deen, William 11/2018
- Smith, Rita 11/2018
- Edwards, Bill 2/19
- Walbart, Mark 6/19

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
Easterly, Mr. & Mrs. James 10/18

Bronze Investors \$10 - \$20
Bertoch, Mellissa 2/2019

Lodge Business and Projects

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are. **-Theodore Roosevelt**

That is what your House Committee has done for you this year.

From deep cleaning the bar area and storage closets, to organizing a luau, to ensuring the bar is always staffed and stocked, it has been a busy, but productive, year. Please find the time to say thank you to George Hilficker, Jacquie LoCicero, Ed Mulder, Logan Matthews, Bert Newbill, and Dee Cisneros.

But, who can't relate to the idea of leaving one chapter behind and moving on to the next? It is time to pass the torch. Just as Dee is moving on to become our Exalted Ruler, I'm sure the others named above are looking forward to their next chapters also. I know that I am.

Blessings to all & I hope we have met your needs thru the 2017-18 Lodge year.

Fraternally,
Laura

Big Bylaw change affects Membership Recruitment!

The new bylaws were approved, and new books are available from the Secretary.

The following change is in effect for Article X Section 1:

- The Lodge shall have a reduced initiation fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for the months of October and March.
- Members joining in March under a reduced initiation fee must pay their annual dues for the next lodge year prior to initiation.
- Initiation fees are waived for Active Duty members of any Branch of the Military. Dues must be paid prior to initiation through the following March when initiation fees are waived.

We like you – We'll like your friends – They will like saving money!



WE HAVE A WINNER!
Candi Suhrheinrich
Won the big Pot over \$2600
Congratulations Candi



To the Membership,

I am retiring as your Elksize Editor and this will be my last edition. It has been my pleasure to produce these monthly publications for you over the past 2 years. I hope you have found them to be useful and entertaining. I'm sure my replacement will continue on in the high standard that has always been Lodge 708's tradition.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Georgia Hilficker

MARCH LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 1ST - House Committee Meeting 7:30pm**
- 6th - LOE Board Meeting 7:30pm**
- 7th - LOE Dinner 6:45pm - Meeting 7:30pm**
- 13th - Board of Directors Meeting 7:30pm**
- 14th - Officer's Meeting 7:00pm**
- 14th - General Elks Meeting 7:30pm**
- 20th - VA Committee Meeting 6:30pm**
- 28th - Orientation 6:00pm**
- 28th - Elk General Meeting & Installation 7:30pm**
- 31st - Installation of New Officers**

**PLEASE
NOTE!**

Easter Sunday Brunch will be the last day Courtney's Table will operate at Tampa Elks Lodge 708 due to loss of lease. Stay tuned for new details of *Courtney's Table/Catering* Hope to see you for dinner or brunch before we go!

Courtney's Table at Elks 708

Easter Brunch Buffet

Sunday, April 1st - from 10am to 2pm
3616 W. Gandy Blvd.

\$15.95 per adult, \$7.95 per child under 12

Menu Includes:

Carving Station: Honey Baked Spiral Cut Ham
Slow Roasted Turkey Breast
Grilled Pork Tenderloin

Breakfast Favorites:

Scrambled Eggs	Mini Quiche
Sausage Links	Bacon
Buttered Grits	Cheese Grits
Biscuits and Gravy	French Toast
Potato Casserole	

Luncheon Selections:

Seafood Paella	Corn Fritters
Fruit Selection	Spinach Salad
Caesar Salad	Krab Salad
Glazed Carrots	Yeast Rolls
Herb Roasted Potatoes	
And More	

Dessert Table

***Sorry, no to go containers**



TAMPA ELKS LODGE #708

MARCH 2018

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<p>1 <i>DINNER</i> <i>5PM TO 9PM</i></p> <p>House Committee <u>7:30</u></p>  Queen of Hearts 7pm	<p>2 <i>Dinner</i></p> <p>Early Bird 5pm to 6pm Dinner 6pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm</p> <p>KATHY & PAUL</p>	<p>3 IMPROV STAND UP COMEDY Performance</p> <p>Hall Rental Birthday Party In back hall</p>
<p>4 Sunday Brunch 9:30AM TO 2PM</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 </p> <p>LOE Board Meeting 7:30</p> <p>Movie Night <u>7:30pm</u></p> <p>Improve 7:00pm</p>	<p>7 </p> <p>LOE Dinner 6:45 Meeting 7:30pm</p>	<p>8 <i>DINNER</i> <i>5PM TO 9PM</i></p> <p> JAMES A HALEY VETERAN'S HOSPITAL</p>  Queen of Hearts Drawing	<p>9 <i>Dinner</i></p> <p>Early Bird 5pm to 6pm Dinner 6pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm</p> <p>PAUL NEEDLES</p>	<p>10 </p> <p>Appreciation & Awards Dinner 6pm Cocktails 6:30pm Ceremony Dinner to follow</p>
<p>11 Sunday Brunch 9:30AM TO 2PM</p> <p>LOE Crafting 2PM to 4PM</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Improv Class <u>7:00</u></p> <p>Movie Night <u>7:30pm</u></p> <p>BOD MEETING 7:30PM</p>	<p>14 Officer Meeting 7pm</p> <p>Elks General Meeting 7:30pm</p> <p><i>Meeting Night Grill</i> <i>5PM TO 7PM</i></p>	<p>15 <i>DINNER</i> <i>5PM TO 9PM</i></p> <p>TRIVIA 7:15PM</p>  Queen of Hearts 7PM	<p>16 <i>Dinner</i></p> <p>Early Bird 5pm to 6pm Dinner 6pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm</p> <p>KARAOKE</p> <p>Domiciliary Vets Join us for dinner</p>	<p>17 </p> <p>St Patrick's Day Party & Dinner 6pm \$20.00 Info on pg 10</p>
<p>18 Open Arms Feed the Homeless 7:30</p> <p>Sunday Brunch 9:30AM TO 2PM</p>	<p>19 </p> <p>Club Chivalry Meeting 1PM</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Improv Class <u>7:00</u></p> <p>Movie Night <u>7:30pm</u></p> <p>VA Committee Meeting 6:30</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 <i>DINNER</i> <i>5PM TO 9PM</i></p>  Queen of Hearts 7PM	<p>23 <i>Dinner</i></p> <p>Dinner 5pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm</p> <p>RETRO VIBES</p> <p>James A Haley Vets Join us for dinner</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 Sunday Brunch 9:30AM TO 2PM</p> <p>GOURMET CLUB APPETIZERS 5PM</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Improv Class <u>7:00</u></p> <p>Movie Night <u>7:30pm</u></p>	<p>28 Orientation 6pm</p> <p>Officer Meeting 7pm</p> <p>Elks General Meeting and Installation 7:30pm</p> <p><i>Meeting Night Grill</i> <i>5PM TO 7PM</i></p>	<p>29 <i>DINNER</i> <i>5PM TO 9PM</i></p>  Queen of Hearts 7PM	<p>30 <i>Dinner</i></p> <p>Dinner 5pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm</p> <p>RETRO VIBES</p>	<p>31 </p> <p>Installation of New Officers</p> <p>Watch for more information</p>

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Ted Bass - 2/2018
Melissa Bertoch - 2/2018
In Memory of
Harold Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018
Vera Wright 3/2018
Rosie & Roger LaChance - 4/2018
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In Memory of Hilda DeGiacomo - 4/2018
Bud Cash - 4/2018
In Memory of
William (Bill) Atwood - 5/2018
Berni Turpin In Memory of
Robert Connor - 5/2018
Bill Deen - 6/2018

Deborah Cassels 6/2018
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Pat & Marilyn Fennel 6/2018
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Jerrye & Patrick Fennell 6/2018
Mrs. Helen Stanton,
In Memory of Tom Stanton - 9/2018
Debbie Osterbrock - 04/2019
Rebecca Sullins - 02/2019
Bonnie Atwood - 9/2019
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12/2021



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