



## **LODGE OFFICERS:**

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**4 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Laura Jones  
**5 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Shelagh Gombarcik, PER

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Friday 4:00pm - 12:00am

Saturday 4:00pm - 11:00pm

Sunday 4:00am - 9:00pm

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## **A Message From your Exalted Ruler, Tracy Horrell**



It is a great honor to be Tampa Lodge #708 Exalted Ruler! I am very proud of our Lodge and its members. I want to send out a special thanks to our Ladies Auxiliary for their monetary contribution to help with the cost of food and decorations that made Installation night an awesome event! We could not do without our Ladies! Also, a huge thanks goes out to Shelagh Gombarcik, and the team of Officers for making the hall look so beautiful for such a special night. Great team-work! Thanks go out to Paul DeLand for all his hard work in putting together the programs and all the other thousands of tasks I had him do. You are amazing! And we can't forget to send out kudos to Georgia and her team for the fabulous meal we had - it was delicious! A huge thanks goes out to Marty Quire for all his hard work on the website, and for being there to take the pictures of our Installation! You are truly a special person and a fine Elk! To my wonderful husband Addison, I could not do this without your love and support. Thanks for being there! To those working hard on projects or events for our Lodge keep up the good work and know that it is greatly appreciated.

It takes time and energy to make our Lodge run smoothly and be successful, but I know if we all work together we will achieve great things! If you would like to get involved or volunteer for a project or event please contact me by phone or email, or see any Lodge officer. Any suggestions are always welcome. Help is always needed and appreciated. I will end this month's news article with my motto for the year:

**ELKS, STEP UP, and STAND PROUD!**

**In your service, Tracy Horrell, ER**

## Your 2024-25 Committee Chairs

**708 Board of Directors** - Tracy Horrell, PER, Edie Hanley, Wendy Hall, PER, April Holtzman, Paul DeLand, PER, Laura Jones, Shelagha Gombarcik, PER, Tristan Reiber, and Norman Benzing

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## CALLING ALL 708 MEMBERS TO THE **2024 Florida State Convention** **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!**

TO MAN OUR FAMOUS HOSPITALITY SUITE BY  
 RUNNING THE GAMES-SELLING ITEMS-KEEPING THE FOOD  
 SERVICE FILLED-BARTENDING AND MORE

**IT'S A FUN WAY TO SERVE YOUR LODGE!**

LIQUOR DONATIONS ARE ALSO NEEDED.  
 BEER, WINE, LIQUOR, WE NEED IT ALL!  
 PLEASE CONTACT

**KIM VANWALKER AT 813-352-7880**

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# A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Members



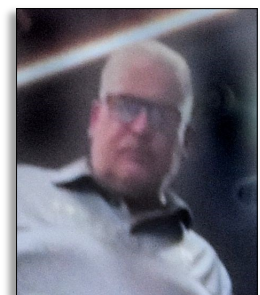
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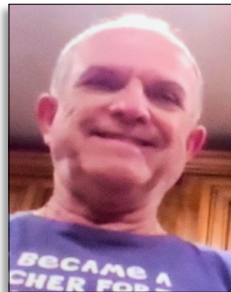
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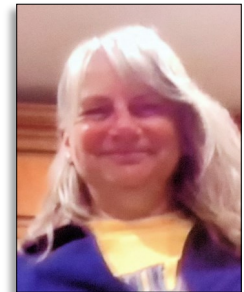
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## APRIL ELK RECOGNITIONS

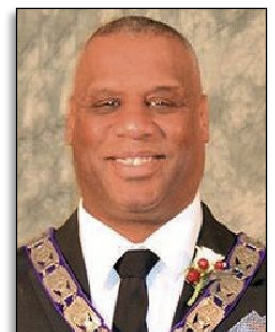
### ELK OF THE MONTH...JAN BERTOCH

Elk of the Month: Jan Bertoch- She is an amazing woman who has volunteered in our lodge and community for years! She has stepped up this year to volunteer wherever she is needed. You will find her helping with the bingo machines, helping serve food for events, and being on the auditing committee. Please help me celebrate this fine woman!



### OFFICERS OF THE MONTH...DEE CISNEROS, PER

Officer of the Month: Dee Cisneros, PER - He is a jack of all trades and I am grateful for his time and energy! Besides working as our bartender you can find him in the kitchen creating some tasty bites. He is always helpful in setting up for lodge events and lodge meeting nights. This officer goes above and beyond when no one is there to see him! I am thankful for his efforts, please help congratulate him!



## Supporting Reports



### Chaplain's Corner by our chaplain, Crystal Johnson:

"Feelings are much like waves; we can't stop them from coming, but we can choose which ones to surf." - Martensson - *Go ahead. Feel it. Just don't drown in it.*

"Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered." *Proverbs 28:26*



## Ladies of the Elks:

Spring is in the air and a new year is on the horizon. As we begin our journey into our 2024/2025 year, I look forward to working with our board and members to keep our LOE viable and relevant to the lodge.

The Ladies will be busy this year, starting off with their annual Kentucky Derby Horse Race on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. This is a great event! Dinner starts at 6pm. Betting windows open at 6:30pm, with the first race at 7pm. Horses are only \$10, see any LOE board member or your bartender. Look for more information on the LOE board.

Interested in what the Ladies (men are welcomed) do and how we do it? Join us for a meeting. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month. We have dinner at 6:15pm and the meeting starts at 7pm. All are welcome. Already a Lady, don't forget our dues are due, \$20.

I'd like to end my article with thanking the LOE for allowing me to be your President. I am honored and humbled by your faith in me. I look forward to a wonderful, fun filled and productive year with the LOE.

Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day."

## April Birthdays

Jacque LoCicero 4/6 Carolyn Williams 4/7 Carolyn Breit 4/19 Barbara Miller 4/25

### Executive Board

Jacque LoCicero, PLP - President  
Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, PLP - Vice President  
April Holtzman - Secretary  
Laura Jones - Treasurer  
Suzanne Moore, PLP - Chaplain  
Ruth Levin - Parliamentarian



Greetings from the Florida Ladies of Elks.

We are happy to announce that the Smith Conference Center for the Ladies Weekend, being held April 12-14<sup>th</sup> 2024, is sold out. It is going to be a great time and for those who missed registering, there is always next year, and we hope you join us then.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual FLOE RV Rally "Camping for the Kids" benefiting the Florida Elks Youth Camp will be May 31-June 2, 2024. The weekend promises to be full of fun, food and friendship. This is a family friendly event with activities planned for the kids as well as for adults. Visit [floridaelks.org](http://floridaelks.org) for more information and to register. The RV Rally is open to everyone (not just Elks families). It is a weekend you won't want to miss. We hope to see you at the Ocala North RV Resort.

The FLOE Angel Reverse Draw tickets benefiting the Florida Elks Childrens Therapy Services are now on sale. There will be 300 tickets sold at a donation of \$20 each. We are pleased to say we have sold over 100 tickets as of the time of this article. If you would like tickets, they will be available at the FSEA State Convention or please email us at [floeinformation@gmail.com](mailto:floeinformation@gmail.com)

Our next meeting will be held at the FSEA State Convention on Saturday morning 5/25/2024. Election of Officers for the 2024/2025 term will be held at this meeting. Stop by our hospitality room and say "Hi". We will have adult slushies and other goodies for you to enjoy. We are looking forward to seeing everyone.

Please check <https://floridaelks.org/floe> for more information relating to FLOE or email [floeinformation@gmail.com](mailto:floeinformation@gmail.com) with any questions or ideas. Together we can make a difference in the lives of children throughout Florida.

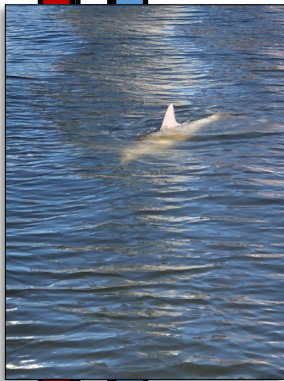
Just a reminder, **EVERY** lady Elk, wife of an Elk and widow of an Elk are members of FLOE. There are no applications to complete nor dues to pay.

We would like to say "Thank You" for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you.



# Grant Reports and Information

## 708 - FUN BOAT, FUN DAY FOR OUR VETS



On February 24th, 2024, the Tampa Elks Veteran's Committee hosted 28 Veterans for a trip on the Hillsborough River. At 10:00am, twenty-eight Veterans and four Elks met up in the parking lot at Rick's on the River. The veterans were from Liberty Manor for Veterans, The Salvation Army, and New Beginnings of Tampa. This was the final event for the Freedom Grant. Tampa Elks had received special permission from the manager at Rick's to Board the Tampa Fun Boat from their riverside dock instead of downtown. That eliminates parking issues. The Fun Boat is owned by seven-year member Shannon Wheatley, who was able to give us a great deal. The boat arrived at 10:00 sharp, and we were soon on board and on our way down river. We passed Blake HS and Jullian Lane Riverfront Park, but by the time we got to the University of Tampa and passed the Straz Center for the performing arts, we found out it was an extra exciting day on the riverfront. The Gasparilla 5K or 10K Run had just been completed. There were a lot of runners and spectators that waved to us as we went under the bridges and along the riverwalk. After clearing downtown and Harbor Island, we veered east and did a complete circle of Davis Island, all the while learning some great historical facts from the crew. The top attractions were the dolphins that ran around and under the boat as we hit the delta, but a close second was the huge mansion that Derek Jeter had built for his family then leased to Tom Brady! It is hard to imagine that it is now being torn down and replaced, but from our vantage point we could see there was not any privacy at all. After circling the island, we headed back upriver and docked at Rick's at about 11:45 – just in time for lunch.

We had let everybody choose their meal while they were still on the boat, using a special menu with plenty of variety but a price point that fit our budget. That system made things very easy for the waitress at Ricks on the River, and we were soon eating in small groups of 4-6 per table. After lunch, as the Veterans were leaving, we held Salvation Army back and presented them with a \$500 check from the Gratitude Grant.



## Club Chivalry Report

In February our meeting fell on President's Day. Past Exalted Ruler Shelagh Gombarcik held a rousing game of President's Day Trivia – and the rest of the volunteers rewarded correct answers with candy. The questions were hard, but there weren't that many that nobody could guess. Of course, we started with refreshments. Since we didn't get a chance to pull the raffles at the January Club meeting due to yearbook photos, we had 2 extra tickets to raffle off at this meeting. I didn't get a lot of pictures, as the game was fast paced and we struggled keeping up with the candy. Thank you to the great volunteers – Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, Betty Orcutt, Tommy Moore, and Carolyn Miller.

# Grant Reports and Information



## American Legion 138 Unserviceable Flag Ceremony



On Saturday, March 2nd there was a ceremony held at American Legion Post 138 in South Tampa to dispose of over a dozen unserviceable American Flags.



The Ceremony for the Disposal of Unserviceable US Flags was passed by the 19<sup>th</sup> National Convention of the American Legion in New York In 1937 and has been an integral part of the American Legion ritual Since that date.

The purpose of The American Legion in adopting this Ceremony was to encourage proper respect for the Flag of the United States and to provide the disposal of unserviceable flags in a dignified manner.

Although this day was sponsored by the American Legion Posts 138 & 139 and Boy Scout Troop 53, Tampa Elks 708 had about a dozen or so members that either participated or attended the dignified service.



## Elks National Foundation "The Great Heart of Elkdome"

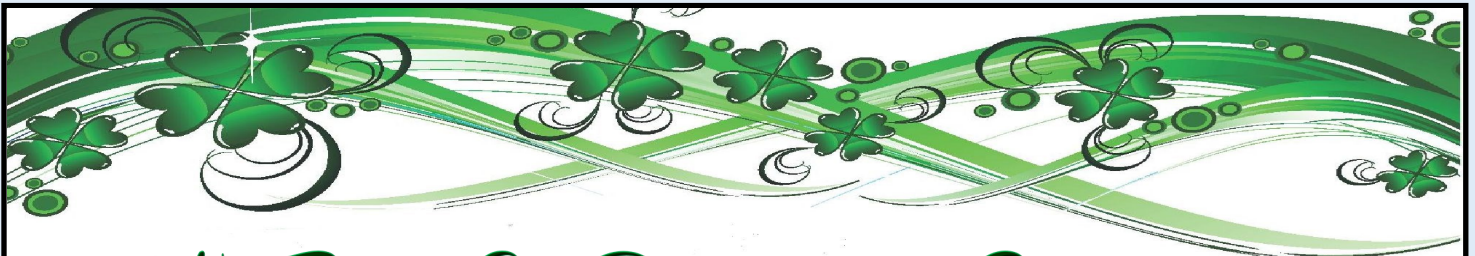
On February 23rd our Lodge hosted an ENF fundraising dinner that was very well attended. I'd like to thank, Georgia Hilficker for cooking the meal and Debbie Brennan along with Ismeny Rodriguez for serving. Last but not least Rita Smith, PER for gathering member donations.

Our Elk year has ended and with great thanks to you our members we have been able to procure many grants that help to improve our south Tampa community. From the student program "Club Chivalry" at Robinson High School, the transitional Veteran's Program, Southeastern Guide Dogs, to the Gandy Community Garden and many more. Without donations from to the Elks National Foundation from members like you, these programs would not be possible.

We look forward to the new Lodge year and the continued generosity of our members to this outstanding organization as well as helping our South Tampa Community, our nations veteran's and our youth.

Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, ENF Chairman

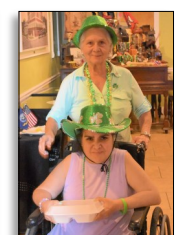
# Past Events and Projects



## A True St Patrick's Celebration

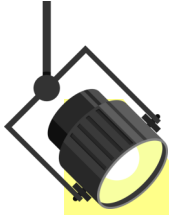
On March 15th Tampa Lodge 708 hosted an authentic St. Patrick's Day celebration complete with Irish Dancers ages 7years to 17years of age. The event included a great band, "The Saddle Tramp" as well as the traditional dinner of corned beef and cabbage and Tracy Horrell's famous Bread Pudding of which many had seconds and thirds.

I'd like to thank Shelagh Gombarcik, Wendy Hall, Debbie Brennen, Jan Bertoch, Dee Cisernos, and Addison Horrell for making sure it all went smoothly. Tracy Horrell, ER



# Past Events and Projects

## 2023-2024 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS NIGHT



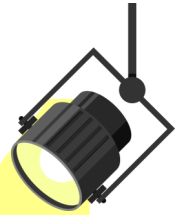
**PAUL DeLAND, PER**  
OFFICER OF THE YEAR



**JACQUIE LOCICERO, LP**  
ELK OF THE YEAR



**RITA SMITH, PER**  
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



## HONORABLE MENTION—FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE



**FRANK PALLADINI, GLESO**



**GEORGIA HILFICKER**



**SUSIE HARLOW**



**BONNIE ATTWOOD**



**DEE CICNEROS, PER**



**DEBBIE BRENNAN**

This has been a wonderful year, and I had so many individuals to thank for making it such a success. On March 9th I recognized many of our members for their outstanding service. However, I could not recognize all the wonderful people that stepped up in times of need. I'd like to thank everyone that donated their time and financial assistance in support of our Lodge.

Elks truly are the best people on earth!



**BINGO COMMITTEE**



**SOME OF OUR ELKS AND OFFICERS OF THE MONTH FOR YEAR 2023/2024**



**RITA SMITH, PER AND HER CLUB CHIVALRY CREW**



**THANKS TO OUR BARTENDERS**

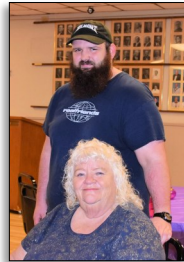


**CHRISTIAN ELKINS/BINGO**



# Past Events and Festivities

## Membership Awards Night Continued



## Ladies of the Elks Awards Night



It took many hands for our group to be as successful as it was this year. From April meticulously taking notes of our meetings, even when we went off course to Sue leading us in thoughtful prayer every month, often hitting the mark of something we may not have known we needed to hear. This made choosing only a few of our Ladies for recognition difficult. Our LOE member of the year was Edie Hanley. Edie has been instrumental in the success of the LOE for many years. Ruth Levin was recognized for her excellent baking skills, our secret weapon to a successful event. Tracy Horrell and Shelagh Gombarcik were given a shout out for the many times they stepped up and cooked dinner for the Ladies monthly meeting. Last, but not least, our LOE Officer of the year was Laura Jones. Laura has been keeping the Ladies' books in tip top order, a job that is not always easy. Thank you to all who took the time to lend a hand, we are truly grateful.



Member of the Year  
Edie Hanley



Officer of the Year  
Laura Jones



Shelagh Gombarcik PER  
& Tracy Horrell PER  
Thanks for Cooking Dinners



Ruth Levin  
Thanks for her Great  
Baking Skills



# Upcoming Events and Projects

**CHECK OUT  
OUR NEW  
FRIDAY NIGHT  
HOURS**



## All American Diner

### LET'S DO DINNER AT THE LODGE WITH COURTNEY

**APR 5TH**



Friday Dinner  
April 5th  
**Shelagh and  
Tommy**  
are in the kitchen

**Fish and Chips  
Coleslaw, Hush Puppies,  
and Dessert  
\$11.00**

Serving 6:00pm to 8pm  
Sign up by emailing [708meals@gmail.com](mailto:708meals@gmail.com)  
or on the Lodge Bulletin Board

**APR 12TH**



Friday Dinner  
April 12th  
**Beef  
Stroganoff**

with Baked Potato Soup,  
Pasta, and Roll  
**\$14.00**  
Appetizer: Fried Zucchini - \$3.50  
Dessert:  
Pineapple Upside Down Cake - \$4.00  
Serving 6:00 to 8:00

Sign up by emailing [708meals@gmail.com](mailto:708meals@gmail.com)  
or on the Lodge Bulletin Board by Thurs night.  
If you'd like to receive a reminder email each  
Wednesday, please send you email address to  
[georgiahillficker@gmail.com](mailto:georgiahillficker@gmail.com)

**APR 19TH**



Friday Dinner  
April 19th  
**Filet  
Medallions**

with, Caesar Salad, Roasted Red  
Potatoes, Roasted Veggies,  
w/Dinner Roll  
**\$20.00**  
Appetizer: Onion Rings - \$3.50  
Dessert:  
Brownie Ala Mode - \$4.00  
Serving 6:00 to 8:00

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**APR 26TH**



Friday Dinner  
April 26th  
**Chicken  
Marsala**

with Italian Salad, Pasta, and  
Roasted Broccoli,  
with Garlic Bread  
**\$16.00**  
Appetizer: Fried Ravioli - \$3.50  
Dessert:  
Strawberry Short Cake - \$4.00  
Serving 6:00 to 8:00

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**PLEASE SIGN UP AT 708MEALS.COM OR ON THE LODGE BULLETIN BOARD TO ASSURE YOUR MEAL!  
ONLY A FEW EXTRA MEALS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR WALK-INS.**

**WANT TO GET ON THE REMINDER EMAIL LIST? SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO [GEORGIAHILFICKER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GEORGIAHILFICKER@GMAIL.COM)**

**DINNER SERVED FROM 6:00PM TO 8:00PM**



**Served Mondays 6pm to 7:30pm  
All Menus \$8.50 including tax**

- April 1st** – Meatloaf Sandwich w/side or Chef Salad, both come with a sweet treat
- April 8th** – Cuban Sandwich w/side or 1/2 Cuban & Cup of Spanish Bean Soup & both come w/a sweet treat
- April 15th** – Chili Dog, chips or Chili Stuffed Baked Potato both with a sweet treat
- April 22nd** – Fish Sandwich, Coleslaw or Cobb Salad, both come with a sweet treat
- April 29th** – Pressed Mojo Pork Sandwich, or 1/2 Mojo Sandwich w/Black Bean Soup both come with a Sweet Treat

Sides are subject to change depending upon availability.



## QUEEN OF HEARTS

**Donation by 6:45pm  
Drawing at 7pm**

**Thursday Nights  
Served 6pm to 7:30**

**\*April 4th –  
Spaghetti Dinner, w/Salad &  
Bread \$7**

- \*April 11th – Grill Night**
- \*April 18th – Grill Night**
- \*April 25th – Grill Night**

# Upcoming Events and Projects



## 2024 FLORIDA ELKS STATE CONVENTION

"Together we're doing **great things**"



# May 23-26, 2024

I hope you are planning to attend the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Florida State Elks Association. The convention is being held at the *Rosen Centre*, 9840 International Drive, Orlando, Florida, 32819, May 23-26, 2024. Individual reservations are now being accepted through the Rosen Centre reservations link on our website at [www.floridaelks.org](http://www.floridaelks.org).

A one-night deposit or credit card guarantee will be required for each room you are reserving. Rooms sleep a maximum of four people and the standard room rate for a **double or single** is \$139.00 plus 13.63% tax, or \$157.95 per night. Our group rate for rooms may be used May 18<sup>th</sup> through May 29<sup>th</sup> subject to availability.

Reservations may also be made by phoning (866) 996-6338. Please request the Group rate for the Florida State Elks Association, Inc. You must request it to obtain our group rate.

**The cutoff date for reservations is 5:00 p.m. April 22, 2024, or when sold out. Please do not wait as we WILL sell out before April 22, 2024!**

On our website you will find the following:

The link to the Rosen Centre Online Reservations Website – *Preferred way to make your reservation!*

- The Preliminary 2024 State Convention Agenda
- The link to Preregister for the Convention & Order Your Required “Free” Convention ID Badge
- The link to Purchase Tickets (\$25) for the Friday Luncheon hosted by the FL Ladies of Elks (Men & Women Invited)
- The link to Purchase Tickets (\$10) for the Saturday Awards/Major Projects Luncheon (Elks & Guests)
- The link to the Silent Auction Donation Form (needed when dropping off an item for the silent auction)

The Rosen Centre Resort Map & Driving Directions

Please be advised, neither the Lodges nor the Florida State Elks Association is exempt from paying the 13.63% tax on rooms. Please do not waste the Rosen Centre’s time trying to convince them otherwise at check-in or check-out.

I am pleased to inform you that the Rosen Centre provides complimentary basic Wi-Fi in guest rooms and public areas excluding the meetings/convention area.

Hospitality Rooms will operate on the following schedule:

*Thursday Night 5/23 – 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.*

*Friday Night 5/24 – 5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.*

*Saturday Night 5/25 – 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.*

All hospitality rooms are located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Rosen Centre. There is also access from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to an outdoor patio area.

# Upcoming Events and Projects



**SAVE THE DATE  
FOR THE 2024 LOE  
Kentucky Derby  
MAY 4, 2024  
SILENT AUCTION  
LIVE AUCTION  
FOOD  
SPECIALTY DRINKS**



**SUNDAY DINNER  
with Georgia**

SERVED AT 5PM TO 6PM  
SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH

HOUSE SALAD  
SAVORY POT ROAST WITH  
MASHED POTATOES AND  
GRAVY, GLAZED CARROTS AND  
YEAST ROLLS  
PEACH COBBLER ALA MODE  
**\$18.00**

Please secure your meal by making your reservations  
and Menu Choices by Friday, September 8th

EMAIL [georgiahilficker@gmail.com](mailto:georgiahilficker@gmail.com)  
TEXT: GEORGIA AT 813-294-6200 OR SIGN UP ON THE LODGE BULLETIN BOARD



## 2023-2024 GOURMET CLUB

THIS MONTH'S HOSTESS IS GEORGIA HILFICKER

APRIL 28TH – 5PM

**SO MANY SAUCES  
TO CHOOSE FROM  
SO GET CREATIVE!**

**BRING YOUR  
FAVORITE  
DISH**



**OR A  
DONATION AND  
AN APPETITE**

*Trivia... Trivia... Trivia... Trivia*

## Upcoming Events and Projects

### BIRTHDAY PARTY Bash

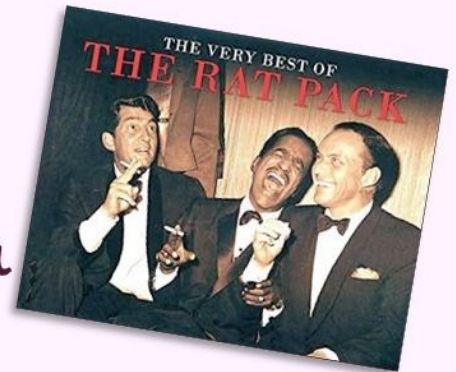
Saturday  
April 20th

Bring a Dish and Share in the  
Potluck Dinner at 7pm

Karaoke begins at  
8:00pm with KJs

Norm and Kim Benzing

This month the Karaoke theme is a  
The Rat Pack & Swinging 60s



Join us for prizes, trivia, fun, and fellowship!

### BAR BINGO

Join us on  
**MONDAY NIGHTS**  
**FOR**  
**FUN...FUN..FUN**  
**AND MONEY!**

DEE CISNEROS IS  
YOUR MC SO COME ENJOY  
HIS DULCIT TONES!

**6:30 PM**

### TRIVIA NIGHT

Join Jason & Crystal  
The 2nd Tuesday of the  
Month at 7pm  
for a rousing game of

**TRIVIA**

April 9th  
Prizes to winners  
No cell phone

## Lodge Business and Projects

### YOUR HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

The House Committee is in place and ready to get to work. We would like to welcome Courtney Weil, PER, to the kitchen. She will use her skills and talents to keep our kitchen moving in a positive direction. Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, will lead the effort as our bar manager. Shelagh has an extensive background in the hospitality arena. Our kitchen and bar are a vital part of your lodge and member support is essential to our ongoing success.

See you around the lodge, Jacquie LoCicero, PLP, Chair, House Committee



### CALLING ALL HANDS

**Please, Please, Please...**if you have a little time you can spare, your Lodge sure could use your help. At the beginning of each Lodge year we try to put things in tip top shape.

At this time we are looking for members that could help with the cleaning of our kitchen which will happen May 14th through May 16th. A man or two that can do some light lifting and latter work would be greatly appreciated. Not yet scheduled is the organization of our outdoor shed, the utility room, and the tools closet as well as the cleaning of the breezeway, back hall and storage areas.

On a regular basis we need of people who are handy and can change lightbulbs, A/C filters and other monthly chores needed around the Lodge. It isn't necessary that one person does this work. We will be putting together a list of folks willing and able to help so no one is overworked.

If you are interested in lending a helping hand, please text Tracy Horrell, ER at 813-453-2268

#### APRIL LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

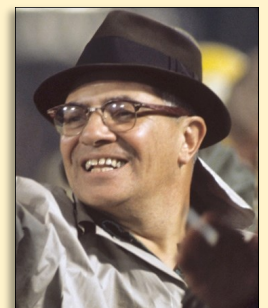
- 3rd - LOE General Meeting 7pm Dinner 6:15
- 8th - Veteran's Meeting - 6:30
- 9th - BOD Meeting - 6:30
- 10th - Membership Meeting - 6:00
- 10th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30
- 16th - House Committee Meeting - 6:30
- 24th - New Member Orientation - 6:30
- 24th - Elks General Meeting & Installation - 7:30

#### Honoring Departed Elks

**Vince Lombardi**

















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Lodge #159**



# Tampa Elks Lodge #708

## APRIL 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><b>1</b>  <b>LOE BOD MEETING 6:30 PM</b> MEAT LOAF, SANDWICH &amp; SIDE OR CHIEF SALAD BOTH W/A SWEET</p> <p><b>BAR BINGO!</b> 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL</p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>LOE GENERAL MEETING 7PM</b> <b>LOE DINNER 6:15PM</b></p> <p></p>	<p><b>4</b> SPAGHETTI NIGHT 6PM-7:30</p> <p> <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b> DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM</p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>SHELAGH &amp; TOMMY FISH FRY NIGHT</b></p> <p>FISH AND CHIPS OR GRITS WITH COLESLAW, HUSH PUPPIES &amp; LEMON BAR \$11.00</p>	<p><b>6</b> HALL RENTAL 3PM TO 7PM Jesuit Father's Fishing Tournament</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b>  <b>6:30PM VETERAN'S COMMITTEE MEETING</b> CUBAN SANDWICH &amp; SIDE OR 1/2 CUBAN W/SOUP, BOTH W/A SWEET</p> <p><b>BAR BINGO!</b> 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>	<p><b>9</b>  <b>7:30PM BOD MEETING</b></p> <p> <b>TRIVIA NIGHT</b> At 7pm with Jason &amp; Crystal</p> <p>7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL</p>	<p><b>10</b> <b>MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM</b></p> <p> <b>7:30PM GENERAL MEETING</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> GRILL NIGHT BURGERS &amp; MORE 6PM-7:30</p> <p> <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b> DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM</p>	<p><b>12</b> BEEF STROGANOFF BAKED POTATO SOUP PASTA &amp; YEAST ROLL \$12.00 APPETIZER: FRIED ZUCCHINI \$3.50 DESSERT: PINEAPPLE UPSIDE DOWN CAKE \$4</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>
<p><b>14</b> Georgia's <b>Sunday Dinner At the Lodge</b> Serving 5 to 6pm See pg 8</p> <p> <b>Pot Roast Mashed Potatoes</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> CHILI DOG W/CHIPS OR CHILI STUFFED BAKED POTATO BOTH W/A SWEET</p> <p><b>BAR BINGO!</b> 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>	<p><b>16</b>  <b>HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM</b></p> <p>7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> GRILL NIGHT BURGERS &amp; MORE 6PM-7:30</p> <p> <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b> DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM</p>	<p><b>19</b> FILET MEDALLIONS, HERB ROASTED POTATOES, &amp; ROASTED VEGGIES &amp; ROLL \$20.00 APPETIZER: ONION RINGS 3.50 DESSERT: BROWNIE ALA MODE \$4</p>	<p><b>20</b>  <b>APRIL Birthday Party</b> Karaoke, Potluck Dinner, and Cake Bring a Covered Dish 7pm SEE PAGE 13</p>
<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> FISH SANDWICH W/ COLESLAW OR COBB SALAD, BOTH W/A SWEET TREAT</p> <p><b>BAR BINGO!</b> 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL</p>	<p><b>24</b>  <b>6:30PM NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION INITIATION TO FOLLOW THE MEETING.</b></p> <p> <b>7:30PM GENERAL MEETING</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> GRILL NIGHT BURGERS &amp; MORE 6PM-7:30</p> <p> <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b> DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM</p>	<p><b>26</b> CHICKEN MARSALA W/PASTA, ROASTED BROCCOLI, ITALIAN SALAD &amp; ROLL \$16.00 APPETIZER: FRIED RAVIOLI \$3.50 DESSERT: STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE \$4</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>
<p><b>28</b> <b>GOURMET CLUB 5PM</b></p> <p></p>	<p><b>29</b> MOJO PORK SANDWICH W/SIDE OR 1/2 MOJO PORK SANDWICH &amp; SOUP BOTH W/A SWEET</p> <p><b>BAR BINGO!</b> 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL</p>				

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\$10.00 a year defers some of the publication cost, allowing us to direct more of our income to the charities & organizations we support.

William Deen - Richard Florance, PER, - Bob Norton - Sandra Brantley  
Vera Wright - In Memory of Harold Wright - Pat Fennell



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*Marty Quire - In Memory of Bonnie Quire - Bonnie Atwood - Thomas Boyle  
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This local program focuses solely on improving our lodge through generous member donations.  
All members are encouraged to sign up for the "Eleventh Hour Pledge".  
Your recurring pledge of \$11 a month will help maintain our lodge.