

Elksize Tampa 708



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Merry Christmas and God Bless America

Hard to believe December is already here. As always we continue to be busy down at 708. The Youth Activities Committee will be busy planning and holding a Children's Christmas Party, partially supported by funds from the Promise Grant, planning the Lodge Hoop Shoot competition, and participating in the District Soccer Shoot. The Accident Prevention Committee is busy fixing any deficiencies found during our District Deputy Book inspection and audit. The ENF committee is busy selling certificates. The HATF committee is busy planning our Harry-Anna fund raiser for February. The Lodge Activities committee is busy planning the Elk's memorial Service. The Americanism committee is working on the Americanism Essay Contest. The Lodge Donations Committee is trying to encourage more community involvement. (please think about having your event down here instead of somewhere else). The Athena House Committee is planning events for the Female Homeless Vets we support. Our Kitchen Committee is busy planning meals, managing inventory, and training wait staff. Our Marquee Manager now has plenty of letters and lots of fun ideas for the marquee. Pat Boyd has kicked off Elk Training and has already completed over 50 members. The House Committee is busy coming up with great ideas and activities to interest members. Your Orientation Chair is busy welcoming new members and preparing them for initiation. The Veteran's committee stays busy visiting and helping our Veterans. And of course our Elk-size Editor stays busy planning and preparing this newsletter.



Exalted Ruler Theresa Matthews

Why do I recognize all these different committees (I didn't even mention every one of the committees we have)? Number one, to recognize all the hard work that goes into running a fraternal organization like ours and number two, just in case you never heard of them before. These committees are always looking for volunteers to help them, which reminds me of an Author Unknown quote: *"Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success"*. What does that mean? We can get a lot more done with more people and a lot less work for just a few people. We stay busy all year long, but seem to get even busier throughout the holiday season. Leading Knight, Courtney Weil led a group to feed the homeless a Thanksgiving meal at Hyde Park United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 22. Loyal Knight, Shelagh Gombarcik and Lynn Brown led a team in preparing a Thanksgiving dinner for everyone here at the Lodge on Thanksgiving Day. The LOE led efforts to decorate for Christmas and serve Thanksgiving leftovers on Friday, November 27. Now, you are asking yourself "How do I join one (or more) of these great committees?" Please reach out to me (email, text, phone call, snail mail, smoke signals, or mental telepathy) whatever works best for you. I will introduce you to the correct person(s) who I know will be more than ecstatic to have you join the committee.

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Welcome New Member



Larry Thomas Fedders



Pat Boyd sponsored a new member - Did You?

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Now it is time to get through December and all the events associated with it. Not only do we have food and clothing drives, Veteran's activities, and Christmas parties here at the Lodge, we all have personal and professional lives that require just as much attention and devotion. At times it seems very hard to balance all that and be a "Good" Elk, parent, employee, spouse, boyfriend/girlfriend, son/daughter, friend, leader, participant, etc. Now is the time to reflect on what is most important and how you can do what you can without offending anyone or most importantly, stressing yourself out! I'm sure no one is stressed out this time of year. We should all do what Bob & Candi Suhrheinrich and Lisa & Bob Snyder do – Go Cruising! Get away from the technology! Enjoy your loved ones in close quarters! Get away from it all! Well, that sounded good for a minute, but back to reality- Get up and Go to Work!

In this day of political correctness, I say Merry Christmas to everyone and God Bless America. We can still recognize and appreciate beliefs different from our own (Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanza, Joyeux Noel, Mele Kalikimaka, Bara Din Mubarak Ho, etc.) while feeling comfortable saying Merry Christmas to another. (The first person that can tell me what language the last one was gets a drink on me!) How about God Bless America? What is one question we ask all candidates when they want to join the Elks? You got it, "Do you believe in God?". There is nothing wrong with being patriotic and supporting America and the Flag. That doesn't mean we are bigoted, mean spirited, or close minded. The Elks are a uniquely American organization and that is what we believe in and support! So, as we look at 2016 and what our goals and resolutions may be, I think we always believe in helping others and being the best Fraternal Organization we can be. Thank you everyone for all you do. I am looking forward to a great 2016 with each and every one of you!

Fraternally,

Theresa Matthews, Exalted Ruler





Community Corner

Did you know you can attend Wreaths Across America right here in South Tampa? American Legion Post 5 performs the ceremony in their Veteran’s Cemetery at noon on Dec.12th. 3810 W Kennedy Blvd

Congratulations to HB Plant HS Football Team, and their starting center., Taylor X Taylor, on an exceptional year.

Congratulations to our own members Christina Harris and Georgia Hillficker on their production of the BridgePrep Academy Fall Festival. Very Impressive! Many Elk members got involved in making this a fun night for the kids in the school and in the neighborhood.

Congratulations to the Robinson HS Marching Knights who played in the State Semi-Finals at Tropicana Field.

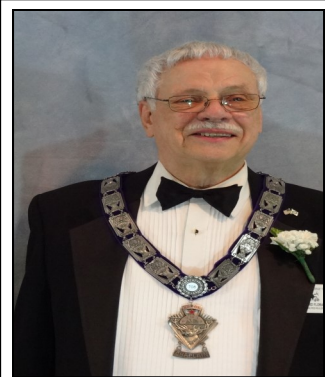
South Tampa Chamber of Commerce was entered in five different categories for Best of the Bay.

OLD ELK TALES

(MYTH BUSTERS)

The Elks were established as a Fraternal club to provide aid to Veterans

False: The Elks were founded in 1868 as a private social club for thespians , minstrels and other performers, and was called “The Jolly Corks.” As a private club they could elude New York City laws governing the business hours of private taverns. When the death of one member left his widow and children without any income, the club adopted additional service roles, rituals, and a new name, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.



Richard Florance, PER

ETERNAL ELK PROMISES

December brings our 2015 year closer to an end - recall with me - Elks Promises that we Eternally send. Think deeply into your mind & into our communities with their needy families that do appear - & especially the children who are near & are so dear. So as Elks we have a Christmas Party every year - with games, food, fun, & Gifts given with all good cheer - & so our honored Eternal Promises continue over the years.

Another of our Eternal Promises comes to mind - our American military veterans are returning from overseas campaigns & with them come many grievous & lifelong injuries borne from both physical & mental duress - & yes, very personal as well as incidental! As Elks we honor our Eternal Promises - with Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love & Fidelity to veterans causes. We all must continue to remember our veteran's promise - "As long as there are veterans we will never forget them." Elks will always be there for them - even until their times to hear our Elks chimes of love & memory pealing forth their friendly message.

Americanism Chairman
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Renew & refresh your Elks ties to our Eternal Promises - remember that Elks Live & Elks Give because Elks Care & Elks Share in unlimited capacities to help other Americans in need!

Have a Merry Christmas & a safe Happy New Year into & through our Elks 2016 year.

Join us for a
New Year's Eve



pajama party!

Appetizers 7pm to 8pm

Party 8pm till...

Enjoy a Deluxe Potato and Salad Bar

With an abundance of fresh toppings: Butter, Sour Cream, Bacon, Cheddar Cheese, Cubed Chicken and Steak, Chopped Ham, Chili, Broccoli, Chives, Scallions, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Onions and Jalapenos!

And a

Fabulous Make Your own Sundae Bar

Music by DJ: Rob Bryja

A prize for Best PJs

**Hourly Door Prize Drawings, Games, and a
Champagne Toast at Midnight**

Plus - Sammy's Famous Breakfast Cubans

All for Just \$15.00



Please join Tampa Lodge 708 for the

Elks' Eggnog Extravaganza!

Saturday, December 19 at 6:30 pm.

Join your fellow Elks and Ladies of the Elks for a fun night of goodwill and heartfelt holiday wishes! All are welcome. Our annual Christmas party will feature a potluck dinner, a "Most Festively Dressed" contest, several eggnog concoctions, holiday music and games, and a secret gift exchange.



(To participate, please bring a new, wrapped, \$20 value gift.)



Please Join Your Lodge in feeding a Holiday dinner to the Homeless on Sunday, December 20th at 7:30 AM. The meal is paid for through the Beacon Grant and matching funds from the Florida Elks State Charities. The meal is prepared and served by Tampa Elks with help from our partners at Hyde Park United Methodist Church. See or email Rita to order your nametag or for directions. apwurita@hotmail.com.



Warning - Charity work can be addicting!



Florida WW II Vets at the White House

On November 6th- 8th Florida State Elks Association treated a dozen WWLL veterans and their caregivers to a weekend in Washington DC to participate in the ceremonies marking the Anniversary of the end of WW II. Among those Veterans were our very own member, Howard James and his preferred caregiver, daughter Debbie Osterbrock, who is also a veteran.



The group, which included Past State President Frank Palladini, PER Tampa and VP Jeanne Reinhart, toured the monuments, participated in ceremonies, and even had a dinner cruise on the Potomac. Of course Howard was up and dancing!

The Veterans were greeted by cheering crowds upon arrival at Reagan International and at Tampa International on their return.

This trip, and the necessary fundraising, was planned by PDGER Rudi Masi, PER St Petersburg.



Debbie & Howard James

Hot Dog!

Wienie Wednesday
\$1.00 Hot Dogs on Meeting Nights



6:15-
7:15

&
1 hour
after
the
Meeting

Add chips for fifty cents!



**Sunday Football
Tailgate at Halftime
Dec. 6, 13, & 27
Prior to the game on
Thursday Dec 17**

**\$2.00 Trivia
Thursday, Dec. 17th
7:00 PM**



**Hosted by
Sandra Lake
And Lisa Snyder
Third Thursday!**

All questions are multiple choice.
Prizes are awarded for each round.
Come early for the best seats.

Tuesday Night Movies

- Dec 1 - Entrapment (1999)
- Dec 8-Rocky Horror Picture Show(1975)
- Dec 15 - Casablanca (1942)
- Dec 22-Holiday Inn (1942)
- Dec 29 -The Blues Brothers(1980)

Movie Nights are being hosted by Jack Johnson



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Free Popcorn

Lady President's Message

Here comes the Holidays!

I hope everyone had a very nice Thanksgiving, now it's time to get all your Christmas shopping done.

At our December 2nd meeting we will have our annual cookie an/or gift exchange. Participation is not mandatory, but if you would like to bring 2 dozen of one type of cookies then take home a mixed bag, or you would like to exchange gifts values at \$10.00, please sign up on the LOE Bulletin Board. This will take place immediately after the meeting.

Remember to save Friday night, December 11th, to come to the Lodge for dinner, music, and the LOE Christmas Bazaar. You may find some last minute or unusual gifts.

Also, Saturday Dec 13th is the Children's Christmas party. I am asking anybody that is available to help to sign up or contact me or my husband, Tommy Moore. I know I can count on a good showing from my LOE members.

During these Holidays take a moment to spend time with friends, family, and those who may need a friendly ear or a night out. Invite them to come with you to the Lodge. Holidays can be stressful to those alone.

I wish you a bright and Happy Holiday to you and those you love. May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace and joy.

God's Blessings,

Sue Moore
LOE President



Suzanne Moore

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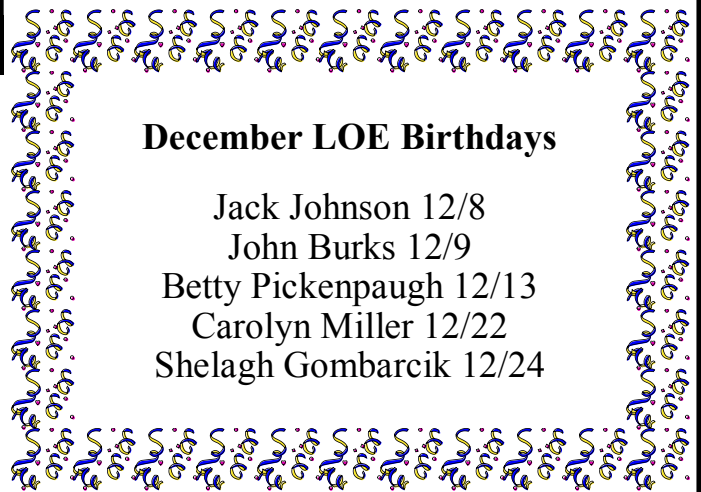
365 CLUB

365 Club *A penny a day...*

A special Thank You to Betty Tomczak, Robert Summers, Rosie LaChance, and Laura Jones for donating full houses or the equivalent in cash this month. The houses on the lounge were particularly full this month, also. Additionally, we have several anonymous donors whom in my heart I thank.

Did you see the pictures and articles in the FSEA newsletter that showed the totals the Florida Ladies of the Elks collected? If you have misplaced your copy, it is available on line at FLELKS.org

Bernie Turpin



December LOE Birthdays

Jack Johnson 12/8

John Burks 12/9

Betty Pickenpaugh 12/13

Carolyn Miller 12/22

Shelagh Gombarcik 12/24

Youth Activities



Tommy Moore

Our Christmas Party for kids will be held on December 13 from 1pm -4pm in our event room at the back of the Lodge. We are inviting children up to 13 years of age. We need volunteers to help. If you are available to help please sign up on the bulletin board. We are also accepting donations to put this on, though we do have some limited funds from a Promise Grant, we will need our dependable Elk family to pitch in.

We are planning a very nice party with a crafts table, entertainment for the kids and a late lunch will be served about 2. Each child will enjoy a visit with Santa then pick out a gift, **so we need gifts!** Each gift should be valued at about \$10.00. If you would prefer to make a cash donation, you can give it to me, my wife Sue, or any officer. There is a sign up sheet on the Bulletin board.

We also plan to have a Hoop Shoot in early December. I will get that information out as soon as I can.

Tommy Moore, Chairman, Youth Activities

Happy New Years
Traditional Southern New Year Day
Good Luck Food
January 1st 5:00pm
Ham, Black Eyed Peas, Collard Greens
Corn Bread & Fixins

**“The Greens are for the Money and
the Peas are for the change”**
Make a Donation
Proceeds to ENF



Save the Date!
March 19, 2016

St Patrick’s Day Party
6:00 PM

Corned Beef & Cabbage
Irish Dancers
Great Music
& More



Tampa Elks Lodge Awarded \$10,000 Impact Grant for 2016
Our Project - Club Chivalry for Successful Students
Please join us for a
Celebrations and Explanations Reception
December 7, 2015 at 7:30

This grant will be used to help students at Robinson High School that have been identified as at risk of dropping out.

Robinson High School Success Coach, Kristina Chowning, will be on hand to tell you how this club was conceived, how the Elks will be involved, and answer any questions.



Sunday Dec 6, 2015

Please Attend the

12:30 PM

Elk's Memorial Service

A ceremony performed by your Lodge Officers

In Memory of these Absent Members

Kathy Prince Raymond J Smith Alice Harmon Vernon Stephens

Elks are Never Forgotten, Never Forsaken

House Committee Report

BUCS TAILGATE PARTIES are happening Sunday Dec. 6 & 13, Thursday Dec. 17 and Sunday Dec. 27! Bring your friends, family and other Elks to Enjoy Games on the 135" High Def Screen, 3x 50" Flat Screens and 65" Flat Screen in the Antler Room. You are also welcome to WATCH COLLEGE AND PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL ON MONDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY! Everyone is invited to join in and CHEER for her or his favorite team!



In anticipation of the newest Star Wars premier (Dec 18th), we will be showing the **STAR WARS Saga** starting with the Phantom Menace and ending with Return of the Jedi. Movies **will start at 11 am on Saturday December 5th and December 12th with 3 movies each day.** We will of course have Popcorn, but in addition we anticipate having other snacks and will likely put something together for lunch and dinner. While not required, costumes of your favorite character are encouraged. However, lightsaber duels must be outside and blasters must be checked at the door. Also, please be considerate of members with cars and park you X-Wings and Tie Fighters in the back parking lot only, Millennium Falcon parking has been reserved for the rooftop landing pad (Sorry Santa)!



Last Call?

Both New Beer Coolers have been installed and fully paid for by donations and at no cost to the Lodge. that is over \$3,200 raised by approximately 35 Lodge Members and the LOE. I want to thank you all and remind every member that "many hands make light work."

We are currently evaluating the possibility of changing Lounge/Bar operating hours. Suggestions have been made to open at 5pm Monday through Saturday, and close at 10 pm Monday through Thursday, and Saturday, with exceptions depending on the number of members present. If changes are made they would be implemented in January 2016. If you have questions or comments please make sure to attend the next two House Committee Meetings. as always, House Committee Meetings are open to our members and are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7:30pm.

Chris Miles
House Committee Chair

**Theresa Matthews | Exalted Ruler**

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Steve Harmon | Secretary

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Robert Bordonaro

Treasurer708@gmail.com

Feeling left out? Missing all the fun?
Get email updates and event reminders from
our webmaster and information distributor,

Marty Quire.

Send an email to mquire@tampabay.rr.com
and add Marty as a contact.



Courtney's
Good Old Fashioned
Home Cooking

December 4th
6:30 - 8:30

Dinner Choices

Dinners served with rolls & soup

Chicken Divan
Back by Popular Demand
\$8.95

**Meatloaf with Buttered
Parsley Potatoes & Corn**
\$ 8.95

Soup

Beef and Barley

Bowl of Soup w/roll \$ 3.50

Soup and Salad \$ 4.95

Kids under 12

Hot Dogs w/chips\$1.50

Dessert

Cheese Cake.....\$3.50

Georgia & Laura's

**Holiday
Menu**

December 11th - 6:30 to 8:30



Appetizer Choices

Bacon Wrapped, Deep Fried Shrimp,
6 shrimp.....\$ 5.50

Escargot in a garlic butter sauce
served on garlic crisps \$ 5.50

Dinner Choices

served with Butternut Squash &
Pumpkin Soup & Yeast Rolls

★ **Ribeye Steak Strips** in a seasoned
sauce, and served with Rosemary Roasted
Potato and Asparagus \$11.95

★ **Pork Loin** topped with a fruit compote
and wrapped in bacon, with Cranberry
Cornbread Dressing and buttered
Brussel Sprouts\$10.50

Laura's Delectable Dessert:

A Tempting Holiday Sampler

Salted Carmel Cupcake,
Banana Pudding, and an
Extraordinary Chocolate
Dipped Cake Pop.....\$ 4.50

**Spectacular
Steak & Salmon**



December 18th
6:30 to 8:30

Steak and Salmon served with
Choice of Baked Potatoes or Fries,
Veggie, Soup or Salad & Roll

14oz Ribeye Steak\$16.95

10oz Ribeye Steak\$12.95

Pan Seared Salmon.....\$13.95

1/2 Roasted Chicken

Mashed Potatoes & gravy, veggie soup
or salad & roll\$ 9.95

Soup - Navy Bean

Cup \$1.50

Bowl..... \$3.00

**Bowl of Soup with a Salad
crackers and roll** \$ 5.50

Dessert

Rum Cake

w/Vanilla Ice Cream \$ 5.50

Kids under 12

Chicken Nuggets with veggie

And French Fries \$ 5.95

Tea, Coffee, Soda\$ 1.25

RICK IS COOKING TONIGHT!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!

HALLOWEEN AT THE DISCO

What a wonderful time we had at the “*Halloween at the Disco*” fundraiser party. The decorations, music, and raffles were just fantastic thanks to a very hardworking and dedicated committee. The dinner was absolutely delicious and fun was had by all. I couldn’t believe that out of 100 people in attendance that about 90 were dressed in a costume of some sort. The Disco theme and music added an additional zing to the event and we achieved our ultimate goal which was to have fun and make some money for our lodge.



Halloween - 1st place

I want to thank the following Committee Members who helped by either selling tickets, donating decorations, loaning decorations, decorating the glass showcase / lounge and bar area, decorating the back hall including the tables, graveyard and black spider web wall, color printing of advertisement flyers and tickets for free, laminating the flyers, processing advertisements for the Elksize, donation of tablecloths, food preparation, store runs, food donations, setting up tables and chairs, dessert table, auction tables, DJ table, decorating the tables, hanging decorations, being the greeter to the Disco, running the auction table, selling 50/50 tickets, serving and bussing tables, and cleaning up and tearing down the decorations, curtains, tables and chairs. Those committee members who spent a lot of time and worked very hard on this project with me are Shelagh Gombarcik, Melissa Bertoch, Sharon Ford, Bonnie Quire, Brenda Stokking, Wendy “Woo” Weisler, Nancy Keesler, Susie Harlow, Patty Jankiewicz, Betty Gnad and Rita Smith. Thank you all so very much!! You all did such a wonderful job and I thank you for all of your hard work and dedication.



Disco - 1st & 2nd

I also want to thank some additional helpers that came forward right before, during and after the event. Jerry Reid, Linda Reid, Kim Williams, Chelsie Quire Ciranni, Chris Miles, Theresa Matthews and Sue Moore. These individuals came and helped without hesitation either to help set up, donate food, store runs, clean up and tear down. Jerry even made the professional looking “Halloween at the Disco” poster that we had in the lounge area. Thanks ~ you guys are amazing.

Thank you to our magnificent cooks for the evening who were none other than Bob Orcutt and Betty Gnad. They put together a fabulous fried chicken tenderloin dinner with choice of dipping sauces, grilled autumn vegetables and twice baked potatoes. They prepared family style salads with choice of dressings and fresh bread. They worked their tails off and cranked that dinner out in record time. I couldn’t be happier with the outcome and everyone praised the delicious and plentiful dinner. Thanks Bob & Betty! You are marvelous.



Combo - 1st place

Marty Quire was the DJ for the event and wow he did he do a great job as a volunteer DJ. Great vampire costume too. He saved us a couple of hundred dollars instead of hiring a DJ and Marty kept the fun party going strong. He mixed up the Halloween music and Disco music just like a pro, if not better. Thanks for a fantastic night of music Marty!



Marty Quire

PER, Frank Sellers observed on Facebook that we were doing a Halloween fundraiser and mailed us a donation of \$100. John Flowers also made a cash donation of \$20 as he was not able to attend. In addition, Robert & Linda Summers bought tickets knowing they couldn’t be there but wanted to contribute to our cause. Thank you all so very much for your generosity.

I also want to thank Brenda, Ziggy and Ben who were our Judges for the Costume Contests. They picked the following Winners: 1st Place Halloween – Nancy Keesler; 1st Place Disco – Jerry Reid; 1st Place Combo: Candy Venable; 2nd Place Halloween – John Wiegold; 2nd Place Disco – Theresa



We had visitors at our October 28th Lodge Meeting. District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Toni Goodrich, PER, St Pete District Deputy Grand Exalted Auditor Dolly Masi. PER St Pete, District Deputy Grand Exalted Esquire Addison Horrell, PER Tampa Leading knight Courtney Weil prepared a delicious dinner for all.

Elks National Foundation



Members, we have had another good month of donations for ENF. This month we received donations from The Ladies of the Elks (\$300) & Bob Suhrheinrich (\$100)

These members know the value of investing in “The Great Heart of Elkdom” ENF. Charity is one of the principles of our order and at the end of the day this is the main reason we are all ELKS - we like making a difference in our community. With heartfelt gratitude I thank you for all you do to support National Foundations GREAT WORK and I wish you all a *Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 2016.*



**Loyal Knight
Shelagh Gombarcik**

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Matthews; 2nd Place Combo – Betty Gnad. Cash prizes were given to the winners - Congratulations to all. Congrats again go to Betty who also won the 50/50. We had many happy winners from the auction table as all of the items that were donated were of great quality. Great job collecting and selling Susie!

In addition, let me thank Donna Halsey who let me borrow the stand they built for the Sock Hop which I transformed to be the “Studio 708” Disco Club entrance. I also want to thank Donna and Susie for distributing Halloween flyers at the Sock Hop event to help advertise our lodge’s fundraiser. Thanks also go to Bob & Linda Summers who loaned me 5 of their table disco lights which definitely helped enhance the ambiance of our theme.



Bartender with Halloween 2nd



Combo - 2nd place

Our Bartenders for the event were Katrina and Lu who did an outstanding job considering they were serving over a 100 members and guests from the front bar only and trust me, there were a lot of drinkers at the event that night. I know, because 18 of them were my friends from North Tampa/Lutz area who all stayed the night at the LaQuinta down the road. Our dishwasher for the event was Chris Elkins, who did a bang up job and even came in earlier when asked at the last minute. Thanks to all of you for doing more than a great job.

As you can see, a lot of hard work and time went into making this Halloween lodge fundraiser event successful. Thank you again to everyone that helped, bought tickets or donated and for supporting our lodge. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. We could not have done it without the great teamwork that we had. I truly enjoyed overseeing this event and feel great about the outcome.



Nanette Quire

THANK YOU ALL!!! ~ Nanette Quire, Esteemed Lecturing Knight.



Officer of the Month: Nanette “Nan” Quire

Our officer of the month this month is our Lecturing Knight, Nan Quire. Nan is a past Lady President of the Tampa LOE and this is her first year as an officer for the Elks. Nan has done a great job this year learning her role as the Lecturing Knight and the responsibilities of being an officer. She will jump in and help out wherever needed. She cooks on a Sunday morning breakfast crew, cooks Monday evening grill food, and assists with Friday night cooking and/or serving. Nan fills in as the secretary for the Board of Directors and Officers meetings if needed. She also helps with the communications of events and creates flyers. Nan is the Chairman of the Fraternal Committee and assists the committees that fall within the Fraternal Committee umbrella. She is our administrator with the Postal Service. Last month, Nan was also the chairman of the Halloween at the Disco party held this year. Nan was extremely creative and organized. She led her committee with great communication and planning. This was a great event for 708! Nan, thank you for the wonderful job so far this year. I look forward to watching you move through the chairs.

Elk of the Month: Betty Gnad

Betty Gnad returned to the Tampa Bay area this year after traveling in Jupiter and the Florida Keys the last two years. She jumped right back into helping around the Lodge wherever and whenever needed. Betty and Bob Orcutt cooked a wonderful Prime Rib dinner for a Friday night meal. They also cooked for Halloween at the Disco. Betty jumps in and helps with serving, clearing tables, and washing dishes if she sees the need. She also worked on the Halloween committee, came out for the day to help with the Exterior Beautification, and has reached into her own pocket to purchased supplies for the Lodge. Betty is a retired nurse and is also staying with a fellow Elk during her recovery. Betty is very selfless and is not afraid of hard work. Betty is also active in the LOE and helps with all their functions and activities. She worked in the hospitality room at state convention and has been very helpful with all events inside and outside the Lodge. Welcome back Betty, we appreciate all you do.

Volun”Elk” of the Month: Lu Frazier

The Volun”Elk” of the month is one of our very own bartenders, Lu Frazier. Lu bartends every Sunday and Monday and then every other Friday. Lu has been very active helping with different activities around the Lodge, and has also donated to most of our charities and events. She volunteers to wait tables on Friday nights if she is available. While here, she helps with the bussing, cooking, cleaning and dishwashing. Lu helped spearhead the Monday night Grill Night. She comes in and preps and gets everything ready for the cook that evening, then takes and delivers the orders. Lu has also been available to come in at a moment’s notice if someone else can’t make it or if we just need extra help. Lu also likes to stay busy. Her motto is “If you have time to lean, you have time to clean”. Please thank Lu Frazier for all her hard work the next time you see her.



ALL Tampa Elks Lodge 708 PER’s would like to wish all members and their families a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

John Wayne, PER Committee Chairman



Tampa Elks Lodge #708 Calendar of Activities

December 2015



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>Busy Month, but Line Dancing and Taco Tuesday are on break this month.</p> <p>Tuesday movies will continue. Happy Holidays!</p>	<p>1 8:00 <i>Movie</i> <i>Entrapment</i></p>	<p>2 7:30 <i>LOE Meeting</i> 6:45 <i>LOE Dinner</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 6:30-8:30 <i>Dinner</i> 7:00 <i>Music by</i> <i>Kathy & Paul</i></p>	<p>5 11:00 <i>Star Trek</i> <i>Marathon</i></p>	
<p>6 8:30-12:00 <i>Breakfast</i> 1:00 <i>Bucs</i> 12:30 <i>Elk's</i> <i>Memorial</i> <i>Service</i></p>	<p>7 5:00-7:00 <i>Grill Night</i> 7:30 <i>Explanation</i> <i>& Celebration</i></p>	<p>8 8:00 <i>Movie</i> <i>Rocky Horror</i> <i>Officers &</i> <i>BOD</i></p>	<p>9 <i>Weinie</i> <i>Wednesday</i> 7:30 <i>Lodge</i> <i>Meeting</i></p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 6:30-8:30 <i>Dinner</i> 7:00 <i>Music by</i> <i>Carole &</i> <i>Paul</i></p>	<p>12 11:00 - 7:00 <i>Star Trek</i> <i>Marathon</i></p>
<p>13 8:30-12:00 <i>Breakfast</i> 1:00 <i>Bucs</i> 1:00 <i>Party</i> <i>Children's</i> <i>Christmas</i></p>	<p>14 5:00-7:00 <i>Grill Night</i> <i>House</i> <i>Committee</i> <i>Meeting</i></p>	<p>15 8:00 <i>Movie</i> <i>Casablanca</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 7:00 \$2.00 <i>Trivia</i> 8:25 <i>Bucs</i></p>	<p>18 6:30-8:30 <i>Dinner</i> 7:00 <i>Music by</i> <i>Keith & Ruby</i></p>	<p>19 <i>Elks'</i> <i>Eggnog</i> <i>Extravaganza</i> 6:30</p>
<p>20 7:30 <i>Feed</i> <i>the Homeless</i> 8:30-12:00 <i>Breakfast</i> 12:00 <i>Initiation</i></p>	<p>21 5:00-7:00 <i>Grill Night</i></p>	<p>22 8:00 <i>Movie</i> <i>Holiday Inn</i></p>	<p>23 <i>No Meeting</i> <i>per DD</i> <i>Dispensation</i></p>	<p>24 <i>Lodge open</i> <i>At 3 - but</i> <i>closing early.</i></p>	<p><i>Merry</i> <i>Christmas</i> <i>Lodge</i> <i>closed</i></p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 8:30-12:00 <i>Breakfast</i> 1:00 <i>Bucs</i></p>	<p>28 5:00-7:00 <i>Grill Night</i> <i>House</i> <i>Committee</i> <i>Meeting</i></p>	<p>29 8:00 <i>Movie</i> <i>The Blues</i> <i>Brothers</i></p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 6:30 <i>New Year's</i> <i>Eve Pajama</i> <i>Jam Ticket</i> <i>required after</i> <i>8:00PM</i></p>	<p>Jan 1, 2016 <i>New Year's</i> <i>Day Dinner</i> 5:00</p>	



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Friday Night Menus & Bands

Tampa Elks Lodge #708 December See page 11 for more details.

Dec 4
 Courtney's Home Cooking

Chicken Divan \$8.95
 (By popular Demand)

Meatloaf with Parsley
 Potatoes & Corn \$8.95

Served with
 Beef & Barley Soup & Rolls

Kid's Menu

Cheese cake

Dec 11
 Georgia & Laura's Holiday Menu

Starters:

6 bacon wrapped fried shrimp
 \$5.50
 Escargot served
 on garlic crisps \$5.50

Ribeye Steak Strips in
 seasoned sauce, with rosemary
 potatoes and asparagus \$11.95

Pork Loin topped with Fruit &
 wrapped in bacon, cranberry
 cornbread dressing, & Brussel
 Sprouts \$10.50

Dessert Sampler

Dec 18
 Rick's Steak Night

1/2 Roasted Chicken. Mashed
 potatoes \$9.95

Pan Seared Salmon, potato choice
 \$13.95

10 oz Ribeye, potato choice \$12.95

14 oz Ribeye, potato choice \$16.95

All dinners served with choice of
 soup or salad, veggie & roll

Rum Cake