

# Elks Tampa 708 size



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Happy Independence Day!

I hope everyone enjoys the three day weekend as well as participates in events that instill the importance of July 4 to all Americans. Between the hot dogs, the beach, the fact of being off work, and the fireworks, we sometimes forget why we have this day off each year. Freedom! Without this, we would not even exist. Heck we might all be the "Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes"! Thankfully, we are the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

It is a great honor to belong to this benevolent group. It is also a privilege offered by invitation only. As we look around at our membership, think about your Lodge. We ended last year with 295 members in good standing. As everyone should know by now, my goal is to get us above 300 members. This will change the status of our Lodge as we would no longer be considered a small Lodge! That is what I would like to see. So how do we get there?

It won't be easy. We currently have 50 members who have not yet renewed their membership. Let's get them back and show them how much fun they are missing. I won't bore you with too many numbers, but based on the ten year trend in Florida membership numbers and what Tampa did last year, we need to set some goals:

New Members initiated - (+36) Transfers In - (+6) Reinstatements - (+6)  
 Non-payment - (-23) Transfers Out - (-10) Absolute Demit - (-1) Deaths - (-4)

This would put us at 305 members come March 31, 2016. I think this is something that is very achievable. The more members we have, the more opportunities we have to raise money for our charities, hold fun events, serve great meals, enjoy fun entertainment, and belong to a fantastic Lodge in South Tampa that will be around for another 113 years!

I am off to Grand Lodge Convention in Indianapolis this month. I am looking forward to meeting many great people and learning a lot more about our organization. I will give a full report of all activities and educational moments at one of the regular Lodge meetings upon my return. I am excited and honored to be your representative at the Grand Lodge Convention. Without all of you, I wouldn't be here! Please keep the home fires burning.

We have a few activities planned for July. Brian Brantley will hold the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Veteran's fundraiser on Saturday, July 4. Please support our Veterans from James A. Haley Hospital by purchasing a ticket and attending. A busload of hospitalized Vets will get a day pass to attend. We will have two VP visitations, a hall rental, and a few Taco Tuesday with movie nights, Weinie Wednesday on meeting nights, and our Trivia and Gourmet Club remain active. The summer months tend to be slower as our "SnowElks" return to the great north. Please let us know if you have any activities you would like



Exalted Ruler Theresa Matthews

## LODGE OFFICERS

### Exalted Ruler

Theresa Matthews, PLP

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### Lecturing Knight

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### 4-Year Trustee

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### 3-Year Trustee

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Mike Pierson, PDDGER

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### Convention

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### Mediator

David Partlow

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Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP

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### Youth Camp

John Wayne, PER

### Website / Online Communications

Marty Quire

## HOUSE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### Chris Miles, Chairman

John Flowers

Michelle Przywara

Debbie Osterbrock

Rick Schneider, PER

Lisa Snyder

John Weigold

## LOUNGE MANAGER

James Harlow

# Welcome New Member



Keith Tulk



# OLD ELK TALES

**(MYTH BUSTERS)**

The only way to invite somebody to join the Elks is to fill out the top of the application at the lodge and give it to whom you are inviting.

**FALSE:**

Starting Immediately, current members of the Elks can send membership applications to friends and family via the ELKS.ORG website. Your invitee can then submit their application online, and the Lodge secretary can import it into the membership software. This streamlined process will enable members to invite worthy candidates to join any lodge in the country, and will reduce inconvenience and delays.



# Flag Day Ceremony



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to see or maybe even “host”! We will try to keep our Friday dinner menu and entertainment during these slow summer months as long as we have Elks and their guests here enjoying them.

The good news is, our revenue is higher than it was at this time last year. We are having more events and we are bringing more people in on the weekends and during the week. Thank you to all the members and officers for all your positive support and encouragement. Tampa 708 Rocks!! If we can keep our summer months going this strong, just wait to see how well we can do upon the return of our elusive “SnowElks”.

As always, I thank you all for all you do and leave you with a quote that describes Tampa Elks Lodge 708:  
*“To move people toward excellence, begin to expect excellence and then communicate that.” – Ron Clark*

Fraternally,  
Theresa Matthews  
Exalted Ruler



Past State President Frank Palladini, PER from Tampa 708, represented his lodge in the laying of the wreaths ceremony at the American Legion Cemetery at Post 5 in South Tampa.

Tampa Lodge has been participating in this Memorial Day event for several years now. All Elks were invited to attend the Ceremony and enjoy refreshments with other service organizations in our Community.

Put this event on your calendar for next year!

Tampa Elks Lodge partnered with the St Petersburg Elk's Lodge to treat the Veterans from the Athena House to a Patriotic Pool Party on Memorial Day.

The veterans, accompanied by the Tampa Athena Committee, swam, played water volleyball, and ate lunch poolside. St Petersburg Elks Lodge held a brief outdoor Memorial Day ceremony in their honor.



# 113th Anniversary Celebration

Tampa Elks Lodge Past Exalted Ruler (PER) Association's  
113th Anniversary Dinner and Dance

August 22nd, 2015

Business Casual Dress Requested

Cocktails: 6:00

Dinner 7:00

Membership Fidelity Awards 8:00

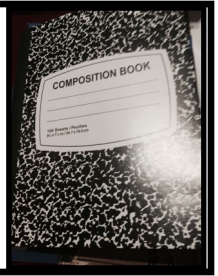
*Followed by*

Dancing to the beat of KP Express



**If you are reading this online,**

Please stop by the table between the entrance and the Antler Room to sign up to "Opt Out" of a paper copy of the newsletter. It will save the Lodge printing costs, postage and volunteer hours if you prefer to access your newsletter online by email or through our website at [www.tampaelks.com](http://www.tampaelks.com).



Happy July 4th

Celebrate our Nation's birthday at Your Lodge.

Beat the heat - 3:00 - 7:00

Join us for hamburgers, hotdogs,

baked beans, & macaroni salad.

Ice Cream Sundaes by the LOE

Live Music

Tickets only \$12.00

Behind the Bar or from Brian Brantley, PER

Fly your Flag

Show your Colors



Proceeds to Benefit our  
Veterans at  
James A Haley  
VA Hospital



**To Our Absent Member  
Raymond J. Smith**



DOB  
3/27/1920

INITIATED  
3/27/52

LIFE MEMBER  
3/11/87

DOD  
6/8/2015

MEMBERSHIP  
65 YEARS

**Mission of the Partners In Progress**

***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's long term 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**

Horrell, PERS, Addison & Tracy  
6/2015  
James, Howard 3/2016

**SILVER INVESTORS \$21 - \$50**

Osterbrock, Debbie 11/2015

**BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20**

*YOUR NAME HERE?*

**PLATINUM INVESTORS - \$100+**

**Appel, Jackie 5/2015**  
**Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean 6/2015**  
 Brennan, John 8/2015  
 Suhrheinrich, Bob 9/2015  
 Suhrheinrich, Candi 9/2015  
 Thomas, PER, Victor & Berniece 11/2015  
 Palladini, Debbie & Durant, Rose 3/2016  
 Deese, John & Kathy 4/2016  
 Fennell, Pat and Marilyn 5/2016  
 In Memory of Jerrye and Patrick Fennell 5/2016  
 Pickenpaugh, Vernon and Betty, PSP 5/2016  
 Schneider, PER, Rick and Jan 5/2016  
 Walbart, Mark 6/2016  
 In Memory of Ebba Jean Palladini

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Articles, flyers and pictures should be received by the 15th of the month.

Frist Priority will be for advertising the current month's activities and/ or events.

Save the Date flyers for more than 2 months out should be shrinkable to a quarter page.

**Be an SOB!**

(Smiling ole Booster)  
\$10.00 per year helps offset the cost of the Elksize.



**In Memory of Charlie Fiveash 5/2015**

Christopher Miles 11/2015  
 Howard James 3/2016  
 Bob and Candi Suhrheinrich 9/2016  
 John and Kathy Deese 4/2016  
 Pat and Marilyn Fennell 5/2016  
 Vernon and PSP Betty Pickenpaugh 5/2016  
 Donna Morris Halsey 7/2016  
 Debbie Osterbrock 11/2016  
 In Memory of Harold Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018  
 Vera Wright 3/2018

# Hot Dog!

Wienie Wednesday

\$1.00 Hot Dogs on Meeting Nights



6:15-  
7:15

&  
1 hour  
after  
the  
Meeting

## Sunday Funday

### Wii Bowling

New Tournament each Sunday

Play until you lose.

















Everyone Welcome!



4:00 most Sundays



2:00 Gourmet Club Sunday







## New Tuesday Summer Hours



               



 **Taco Tuesday 6-8** 

















 Beef and Chicken 

 Taco and Nacho Bar 

 Please make a donation 

 Proceeds go to ENF 

 *Sorry - No Tacos on July 21.* 

## July Movies 8:00 PM

July 7th - TAK3N

July 14th - The Pirate Movie

July 21st - Cancelled

July 28th - Serena

## \$2.00 Trivia

### Thursday, July 16th

### 7:00 PM



Hosted by

**Candi & Bob Suhrheinrich**

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

This month has started on a quieter note. School is out, and children are out running around, so be careful on the roads.

Elks convention has come and gone, but not without a Pirate Invasion and fun for everyone. Lots of food, drinks and entertainment. If you missed this one, make plans for next year. Many thanks to Susie Harlow and Bonnie Quire for their hard work and great selling skills. The Hat sales are still continuing to soar. If you don't have a blinky hat, get one before they are gone. They complete any outfit.

VP Visitations have started, and continue for the next few months on Saturday evenings. Anyone interested in going on a night out with a driver let me know. We meet at the Lodge and car pool. Meals are only \$5.00, but there is a cash bar and plenty of raffles if you need to spend more.

The Ladies of the Elks are once again providing an ice cream sundae bar for the Fourth of July Veteran's Benefit. Please come down, greet some of the Vets from James A. Haley VA Hospital and support the LOE in this endeavor. Tickets are available at the Bar or from Brian Brantley.

And now I close with this; Your path will cross someone else's and before you know it, miraculous things are happening."

Suzanne Moore  
LOE President



Suzanne Moore

LOE July Birthdays

- |                              |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| July 1 - Alice Ferreri       | July 21 - Nancy Dudley |
| July 2 - Florance Wayne      | July 25 - Elma Kelly   |
| July 8 - Susan Hagan         | July 26 - Kathy Prince |
| July 8 - Candice Surheinrich | July 29 - Beth Boyd    |
| July 10 - LaVelle Sheppard   | July 30 - Edie Hanley  |
| July 15 - Jackie Appel       |                        |



365 Club

LADIES OF THE ELKS

- President**  
Suzanne Moore, PLP
- Vice President**  
Susie Harlow, PLP
- Secretary**  
Elma Kelly
- Treasurer**  
Robert Bordonaro
- Chaplain**  
Janette Bennett
- Parliamentarian**  
Bonnie Quire

Thanks to all who have donated to Children's Therapy Services this month. We are doing nicely on meeting our goal for this year. Thanks to everyone who put coins and bills at the bar and at the tables. Special thanks to Brenda Stoking and Bob Norton who gave 2 houses full of silver change. Thanks to Rita Smith, Victoria Bihorel and Dave Partlow for turning in a full house. Thanks to Carolyn Miller and also Donna Halsey who donated very generously. A special thanks to Sharon Ford who has gone around the bar to collect donations from our great members and guests

**REMEMBER CHANGE IS GREAT!**

Berni Turpin  
365 Chairperson



# 2015 Gourmet Club

Sunday, July 19 at 5:00 pm



## ALL DIETS ARE OFF!

*For one day, anyway....*

*Bring your favorite desserts (and recipes) for July!*

*Not a cook?*

*Come and eat and bring a donation.....*

*trivia...trivia...trivia...trivia...trivia...trivia...*

Congratulations to Mrs. Kim Quire,

Academy of the Holy Names high school physics teacher, for the honor of being awarded a fellowship to attend an Oxford teacher seminar at the University of Oxford, UK, this summer. She will be a part of the "Boundaries of Scientific Knowledge" study group, which explores how cutting edge areas of scientific research can be integrated into classroom teaching at the secondary level.

Kim, and her husband, Marty Quire, have been Elks for many years. They have one son, Michael, who attends the University of South Florida.



**Theresa Matthews | Exalted Ruler**

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**Steve Harmon | Secretary**

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**Robert Bordonaro**

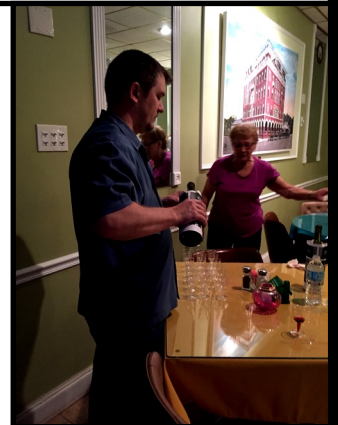
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*Feeling left out? Missing all the fun?*  
**Get email updates and event reminders** from our webmaster and information distributor,  
**Marty Quire.**  
Send an email to [mquire@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mquire@tampabay.rr.com) and add Marty as a contact.



Christopher Miles

We had a very exciting Wine Tasting. Those who attended were treated to 24 different reds as well as a cheese and meat tray. I want to thank all you wine connoisseurs for your input. Based on the tally we have selected two wines which everyone seemed to like very well and which fit within our price structure. Based on that we will be serving Crane Lake Cabernet and La Vieille Ferme Rouge. By the time you read this we should already have both available on a trial basis before making a more permanent selection.



As always, we are in need of some additional kitchen and dining room helpers. I encourage members not only to enjoy the Lounge and Dining Room since they generate most of our operating income, but to consider helping out if you're able.

We only serve 2 meals a week and shifts are normally only 3-4 hours. Helping even once a month would

give the regular helpers some much needed rest.



However, if you're more ambitious talk to Georgia and Courtney about taking on a night of your own. In the future we may consider having burgers and fries on weekdays and possibly even restarting the 1 Item Meals we were serving not so long ago. Anyone who'd like to see Carl's Country Fried Steak speak up now or forever hold the gravy!

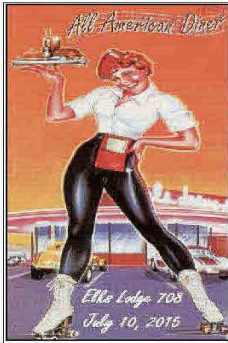
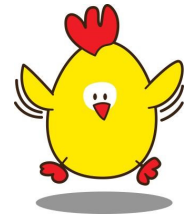
Chris Miles  
House Committee Chair





**Holiday Weekend - July 3**

Fried Fish or Chicken Tenders \$8.95  
 Served with French Fries and Cole Slaw  
 Kids portions available \$4.95  
 Hot Apple Pie "ala mode" \$3.50



★★ *All American Diner Night - July 10th* ★★

**Starters:**

Loaded Cheese Fries ..... \$4.50  
 Jalapeno Poppers ..... \$3.50

**Dinners:**

*All Dinners served with salad and rolls*

Deluxe Lobster Mac & Cheese  
 with Fried Okra ..... \$9.95

Homemade Meatloaf with  
 Mashed potatoes, Gravy & Green Beans ..... \$8.95

**Dessert:** Warm Krispy Kreme Bread Pudding ..... \$3.50

Courtney, Georgia and Laura are Cooking

*Spectacular  
 Steak & Salmon*



July 17, 2015

Steak and Salmon served with  
 Choice of Baked Potatoes or Fries,  
 Green Beans, Salad & Roll

14oz Ribeye Steak ..... \$16.95

Pan Seared Salmon .... \$13.95

Ham & Cheese Tortellini  
 with veggie and garlic bread .... \$9.95

Soup - 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 & JAN ARE IN THE KITCHEN!

*Homestyle  
 Cooking*



Dinner like your  
 Mom made it!

Elks Lodge #708  
 Friday, July 24th 2015  
 Cooking:  
 Georgia, Alexis and Laura

**All dinners served with  
 Salad and Sour Cream Biscuits**

Herb Crusted Pork Roast  
 with Sweet Potato Casserole & Green Beans ..... \$10.95

Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo  
 with Broccoli ..... \$9.95

**Dessert: Blueberry Delight.....\$2.95**

**Kids under 12** .....

Hot dog & chips ..... \$1.50

Grilled Chicken  
 With Green Beans or Broccoli & a biscuit ..... \$5.50

*Fifth Friday  
 July 31st 2015*



*By Rick & Jan*

**All Entrees served with soup or  
 salad and rolls**

Shrimp Pasta with  
 Veggie & Garlic Bread ..... \$12.95

1/2 Roasted Chicken with Mashed  
 Potatoes/Gravy & veggie ..... \$ 9.95

8oz Chopped Steak with Mashed  
 Potatoes/Gravy & veggie ..... \$ 8.95

Soup - Sausage Lentil  
 Cup ..... \$ 1.75  
 Bowl ..... \$ 3.25

Bowl of Soup with a Salad  
 Crackers or Roll ..... \$ 5.75  
**Dessert**

Chocolate Chip Pie  
 w/Vanilla Ice Cream ..... \$ 3.75

**Kids under 12**

Shrimp Pasta, Veggie  
 and Garlic Bread..... \$ 6.95

Pasta w/Butter, Veggie  
 and a Roll ..... \$ 5.95

5 Chicken Nuggets, Fries  
 and a veggie ..... \$ 5.95

# Community Corner



## Fourth of July Channelside -Channelside Bay Plaza

615 Channelside Dr Tampa, Florida 33602

1:00 p.m. – Outdoor Family Activities

9:00 p.m. – Fireworks

(Parking in garage across the street or in open lots between Channelside and Forum).

Robinson High School Chivalry Club will be the recipient of our 2014-2015 gratitude grant. If you would like to volunteer for this 7/7/ @ 7 event, check in with Rita Smith .

The South Tampa Chamber of Commerce Resource Guide has been published and is available at the Lodge. When contacting businesses that are members of our Chamber, be sure to tell them you found them in the guide. (We are listed on page 35)



The ER and the VP rocking the baseball theme.

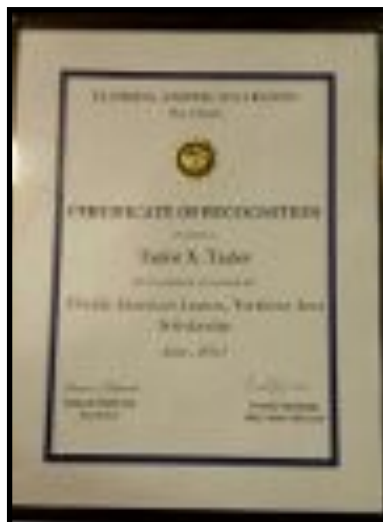
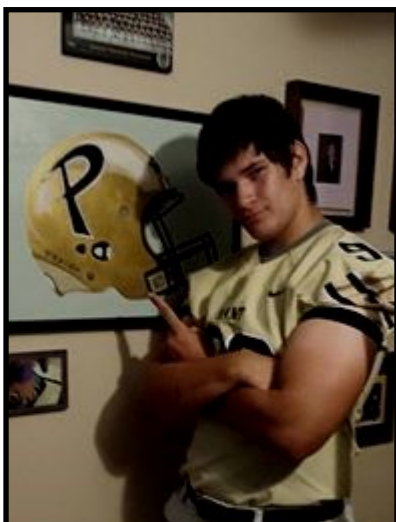
VP Visits Continue..... This month we have 2 - Tarpon Springs and Dunedin /Clearwater

YOU are invited to join us as we follow the District VP , Jeanne Reinhart, on her tour of the Lodges. We meet at the Lodge around 4:30 for cocktails and then carpool. We arrive at the host Lodge for cocktail hour about 6, with our own appetizers in tow. There is a short program at 7, then a dinner for which you pay only \$5.00. They take a “roll call” of each lodge; so the more the merrier. You do **NOT** have to be a Lodge officer or chairman. Just sign up by Wednesday prior so we can report the total number they should expect to feed. Some Lodges have themes for the evening.



Patriotic wear is a popular theme.

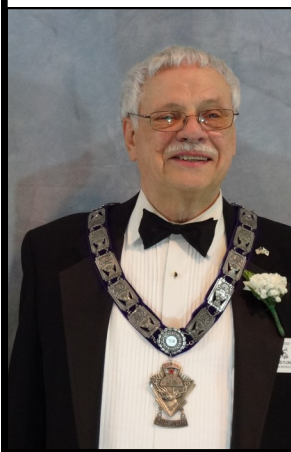
# what's the Buzz?



Our April Volun”Elk”. Taylor X Taylor, is having quite the summer. He has spent a week in the Dominican Republic volunteering to refurbish a park with the Ryan Nece foundation. ( Ask him about his shoes)

Then he spent a week in Tallahassee at the American Legion Boy’s State Government and Citizenship Program. He won a \$500. Scholarship while he was there.

Congratulations, Taylor,!  
We are proud of you!



Richard Florance

Americanism Chairman

**July 2015 - 239 YEARS of FREEDOM's Ringing**

As Saturday, July 4, 2015 - America's Independence Day comes "marching in" with all the glory of celebration for our nation's beginning - with the Barbecues, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, & sweet taste of Watermelon's fresh in our thoughts -- STOP & recall in your own mind's eye- with each Lodge Member - ALL of us - You & Me - & pray to God with thanks for all of the sacrifices that our forefathers & past generations of men, women & children have given to us all to enjoy in becoming the greatest nation the world has ever known!!

For 239 Years!!

Now, Do You Hear the pealing of America's Liberty Bell sending forth its Freedom's Ring?? Please know - come support your Lodge & attend the Barbecue benefitting our Military Veterans - on Saturday, July 4th in our Lodge's Hall

Remember to "Welcome Back" Theresa Matthews, Exalted Ruler, from the Elks National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana when she returns!

Richard Florance, Lodge Americanism Chairman  
rhflorance@yahoo.com

**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION**

ENF is off to a great start and we have added some new Donors:

Richard Florence PER  
Theresa Matthews ER  
Melissa Bertoch  
John Wayne PER

Frank Palladini PER, PSP  
Carl Seibert, FSEA Secretary  
Keith Tulk  
Flo Wayne PLP



Thank you for your donations. I owe a big THANK YOU to Taco Tuesday and all the supporters as all the profits from this weekly event goes towards ENF. Thank you Rita Smith for providing the members with great food each week. Rita's heart has always been about ENF; she knows the value of what it has provided for our community. She is also the "Grant Writer" for the program. Rita can answer just about any questions you may have about the ENF programs.

See you at the Lodge!

Shelagh Gombarcik  
Loyal Knight  
ENF Chair



Shelagh Gombarcik

**Officer of the Month: Brian Brantley**

The officer of the month this month was chosen for his dedication to the Lodge and willingness to step up and help wherever needed. Brian Brantley has taken on many roles this year as well as helping to teach others to take over the duties in the future. Brian is a Trustee and the Accident Prevention Chairman. He is also the VAVS representative to James A. Haley Veterans hospital and the Lodge Veteran's Committee Chairman. Brian works tirelessly for the Veteran's committee providing bingo, collecting donations of supplies and money for the Vet's, the Friday night Vet's dinner, and planning events to help raise funds for the Veterans. Brian participated in Flag Day this year by reading the Response in the ceremony. He is active on the Board of Directors and offers his services whenever needed.

Brian took on the role of the Convention Chair this year. He helped organize the committee and supported Susie, Bonnie, Rita, and the entire committee with their fundraising efforts. The goal was to make enough money to cover the cost of the convention. We did that and more! We also received many compliments on how great the Tampa hospitality room was. People were very impressed with the food, the different items we had for sell, and most importantly the friendliness of all the members from Tampa. Tampa was the place to be! Lines were down the hallway trying to get in. I think next year we may need a bigger room. Thank you for all your hard work in everything you do Brian.

**Elk of the Month: Bonnie Quire**

Not that I was going for a convention theme this month, but I had people that worked so hard to pull this convention off, especially since we had such a late start getting prepared. Bonnie jumped in and started working on getting raffle items. She donated an Elk tooth for us to raffle off. This item went over very well. So many people wanted to win it! The person that did was so excited and said it was the best thing that happened to them at convention. Bonnie has the distinction of being one of the first Lady Elk at Tampa Lodge 708. Her husband, Larry Quire was an ER and encouraged Bonnie to become an Elk when Ladies were allowed to join. Prior to that, Bonnie had always worked tirelessly for the Lodge and all our charitable endeavors. Bonnie worked really hard helping to sell the raffle tickets, 50/50 tickets, Toga Party tickets and everything else she did to help make the convention a success.

Bonnie is the Calendar Girl for the Lodge. She keeps all the events and hall rentals up to date on the web calendar and handles the details of the hall rentals. She is the current Parliamentarian for the LOE as well. Bonnie started up the Wii bowling league on Sundays to help encourage people to come down and enjoy the Lodge on a Sunday afternoon. She is always very helpful with whatever needs to be done around the Lodge. She has been a great advisor and sounding board for me as well. Bonnie, thank you for all you do, I know it is much more than I mentioned. We appreciate you!!

**Volun"Elk" of the Month: Susie Harlow**

Our Volun"Elk" of the month is a lady who has been part of Tampa Lodge for over thirty years. She has helped in numerous facets over those thirty years. She is like the Energizer Bunny, she never slows down. She has also been recognized by many as the best saleslady in the entire Lodge. Susie is Vice President of the Ladies of the Elks and she is on the Hall Rental Committee with Bonnie Quire. She helps Bonnie book the hall rentals and then works each and every one of them. Susie was also active on the Convention Committee. Susie and Bonnie sold raffle tickets every Friday night for the 50/50, drawings, the bottles of liquor, Elk Tooth, Elk Knife, and her Pick it and Win game.

Due to the hard work by Susie to sell the chances here at the Lodge and at Coronado Springs, the convention didn't cost the Lodge any money this year! We made enough money to cover our expenses (rooms, registration, and hospitality room) and even made a profit. We normally project to spend \$3500 on the convention annually. Not having to spend that money provides more money for Lodge operations and to support our charities. Susie also helped the LOE make a profit while at Convention as well. I am sure you have seen all the different light up blinky hats around the Lodge, well, they were all over the courtyard at convention as well. It was Susie's idea to sell these different hats this year and she has sold over \$2,000 worth of light up blinky hats to date! Congratulations Susie and keep the great ideas, and your strong sense of pride in Elkdom, flowing.



Pat Boyd will be looking for participants in FSEA Elk's Training.

# Tampa Elks Lodge #708 Calendar of Activities

# July 2015

Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu                  Fri                  Sat

			<b>1</b> LOE  <i>Dinner 6:45 Meeting 7:30</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30-8:30 <i>Dinner Music by Miss T's Karaoke 7-11</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Fourth Of July Picnic 3-7</i>  <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 2px;">Grand Lodge Convention</div>
<b>5</b> 8:30-12:00 <i>Breakfast</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <i>Taco Tuesday 6-8 8:00 Movie</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Lodge Meeting 7:30 Weinie Wednesday</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Bingo Sponsor at the VA Hospital</i>	<b>10</b> 6:30-8:30 <i>Dinner Music by Bert &amp; Sassy 7-11</i>	<b>11</b>
Grand Lodge Convention - Indianapolis, Indiana						
<b>12</b> 8:30-12:00 <i>Breakfast</i>	<b>13</b> <i>House Committee Meeting 7:00</i>	<b>14</b> <i>Taco Tuesday 6-8 8:00 Movie</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <i>\$2.00 Trivia Night 7:00</i>	<b>17</b> 6:30-8:30 <i>Dinner Music by Carole &amp; Paul 7-11</i>	<b>18</b> <i>VP Visit Tarpon Springs</i>
<b>19</b> 8:30-12:00 <i>Breakfast Wii 2:00 Gourmet Club 5:00</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <i>Officers &amp; B.O.D. Meeting 7:00</i>	<b>22</b> <i>Lodge Meeting 7:30 Weinie Wednesday</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:30-8:30 <i>Dinner Music by Kris &amp; Bob 5:30-10:30 Vet's Night</i>	<b>25</b> <i>VP Visit Dunedin/ Clearwater</i>
<b>26</b> 8:30-12:00 <i>Breakfast Initiation Noon Wii 4:00</i>	<b>27</b> <i>House Committee Meeting 7:00</i>	<b>28</b> <i>Taco Tuesday 6-8 8:00 Movie</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 6:30-8:30 <i>Dinner Music by Keith &amp; Ruby 7-11</i>	



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**NEW**

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<b>Friday Night Menus &amp; Bands</b> Tampa Elks Lodge #708 July See page 11 for more details.				
<p>Reservations for meal items available at 813-831-4280</p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fish Fry Or Chicken Tenders \$8.95</p> <p>Served with French Fries and Cole Slaw</p> <p>Kid's portion 4.95 Hot apple pie ala mode \$3.50</p> <p><i>Music by: Miss T's Karaoke</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July 10</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Georgia &amp; Courtney &amp; Laura Present</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lobster Mac &amp; Cheese w/ fried okra \$9.95</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Green Beans \$8.95</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kids Menu Krispy Kreme Bread Pudding <i>Music by Bert N Sassy</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July 17</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Rick Presents:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">14 OZ Ribeye \$16.95 OR Pan Seared Salmon \$13.95 OR Ham &amp; Cheese Tortellini \$9.95 All served with Bean soup &amp; Salad Rum Cake w/ ice cream Kids Menu</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Music by: Carole &amp; Paul</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July 24</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Georgia, Alexis, and Laura Presents: Vet's Night</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pork Roast W/Sweet Potato Casserole and Green Beans \$10.95</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo served with Broccoli \$8.95</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kids Menu</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Music by: Kris &amp; Bob</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">July 31</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Rick Presents:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Shrimp Pasta w/ Veggie &amp; garlic Bread \$12.95</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1/2 Roasted Chicken Mashed potatoes &amp; veggie \$9.95</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8oz Chopped Steak Mashed potatoes &amp; Veggie \$8.95 All served with Lentil soup or salad</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kids Menu <i>Music by: Keith &amp; Ruby</i></p>