

Elks Tampa 708 size



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Business or a Charity Organization?

“Helping people doesn't have to be an unsound financial strategy.”

This quote is by Melinda Gates, wife of the world's second richest man, Bill Gates. As everyone knows Bill and Melinda run a philanthropic organization that gives away more money than all of us put together and more than most will probably ever see in our life time. Guess who is going to donate over \$30 billion of his personal wealth to their foundation this year? The world's richest man, Warren Buffet. Why is Warren going to do this? As Larry Checco wrote in *Branding Bytes*, vol. 1, no. 8 (Fall 2007), “The Gates are not running a nonprofit charity, they're managing a transparent, evidence-based, philanthropic organization that understands the value of operating in a business like manner”.

Why am I mentioning this? Well, I recently had a conversation with a member and discussed the business experience I have acquired over the years and my perspective on being the Exalted Ruler at Tampa Lodge 708. Later in the evening I had another conversation with a PER from another Lodge and out of the blue he told me “You can't run the Lodge like a business, it is about giving to charity”. I wasn't sure what made him say this at this time but I listened to what he had to say. He said we need to take care of people and give what we have to others. I told him I don't disagree with taking care of people and supporting the charities that we do, however, if we don't run our bar and kitchen like a business, we aren't going to have any money to give to these charities. We went on to debate the business vs. charity approach a little longer and I realized it didn't really matter what I had to say, he made his mind made up based on what he heard from others.

This got me thinking a little more about how to make/keep our Lodge successful. **Why can't we be both a charitable organization and be managed in a business-like manner?** I guess some of these Lodge leaders don't know Past State President Frank Palladini and his famous Business Practices! That is right, business practices are taught at a fraternal organization. What is he thinking? I mean, managing food cost, labor, costs of goods, inventory & purchasing, as well as your assets, who actually does that? Tampa 708 does! If we want to stay afloat and have money to donate to charities we can't lose it by utilizing unsound business practices. Sometimes that means prices may go up, we may not be able to carry that brand that only you drink, and maybe our hours aren't as long as they used to be. It means, that yes, in a business-like manner, we capitalize on all our assets and then we will have so much more to give.

One of our biggest assets is people. We don't refer to ourselves as the **Best People On Earth** for nothing. Our caring, giving, hardworking people are the backbone of our organization. I don't know that I could be any more proud of the Elks we currently have who are active here at their own Lodge day in and day out. There are many ways to be active and we have them all covered. We are applying for every ENF Grant available as well as designing great programs where these grants can be utilized. We are holding events that will help keep a steady cash flow to support our local, state, and national programs. Members are donating money out of their own pockets to buy equipment needed behind the bar so we don't have to take any money out of our bank account to purchase new equipment. Again, that means more money for our programs. Our Human Resources are our greatest asset and must be cherished, made to feel welcome and sometimes, even challenged .



Exalted Ruler Theresa Matthews

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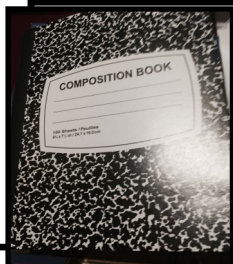
James Harlow

Welcome New Members



Donald M Phillips

Rick Smith
has sponsored
a new member
this year -
have YOU?



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.

From page 1

We had a great VP visit on August 15th. 75 of our members from Tampa were present and almost 100 guests from other Lodges. It took so many people to come together and pull this event off. Great fun was had by all. And I know this because almost everyone in attendance told me, and all the emails and texts I have been receiving ever since verify it! I was proud to be able to present two very special awards to well deserving members. Courtney Weil received a watch for her outstanding work recruiting new members, Richard Florance, PER, received an award for donating over \$2000 to the Elks National Foundation. So many people, - Elks, LOE, Spouses, and even children and friends of Elks, - worked so hard that I will not chance trying to put every name in here. We had visitors from other Districts participate and work right along with us. Our State Secretary, Carl Seibert, worked extremely hard as well. Thank you all as you always come through when it matters.



Please read the entire bulletin and look at all the events we have going on. If you aren't receiving on-line information from us, please sign up. The email address is on page 10. Our bulletin chair does a weekly event calendar that Marty Quire sends out in an email blast. It will help you remember important events. If you aren't active on any committee, come talk to me. We have plenty of chairman that could use another pair of hands. And as always, promote membership in our great organization. We took in 9 new member applications in the month of August! I am sure we can do even more in the upcoming months. When we demonstrate what Elksdom is about, people want to join!



"Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude."

- Thomas Jefferson

Fraternally,

Theresa Matthews, Exalted Ruler





HALLOWEEN at the *DISCO*

Saturday, October 31st, 2015

7:00 p.m. until the Bewitching Hour

DJ Hosted Disco and Halloween Music

Dancing & Costume Contests

Ticket Price: \$13

~ *Haunted House Salad* ~ *Skeleton-Free Fried Chicken* ~

~ *Monster Mash Potatoes* ~ *Wicked Veggies* ~ *Graveyard Dirt Cake* ~



*So long as there are Veterans,
The Elks will never forget them.*



Tampa Elks will again participate in the James A Haley Stand Down For Homeless Veterans!

American Legion Post 111 - Sept. 25th - 7:00 AM - 2 PM.

We need donations of *individually wrapped* toilet paper, emergency ponchos, & recyclable bags to distribute.
Please pick up an extra roll or bag while you are shopping, and drop it in the box in the Lodge.

There is no grant money available for this project.

Last year our booth was visited by more than 150 Homeless Vets, as verified by the VA.

We also answered questions about our organization posed by the volunteers from other service agencies.

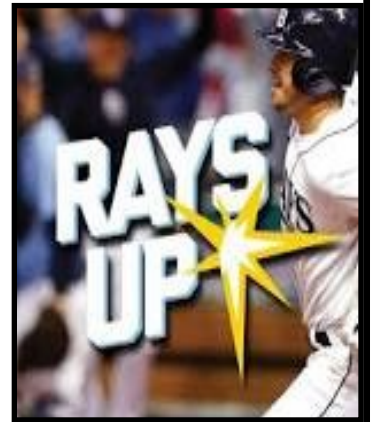
Sign up to work a 2.5 hours shift. (or more) See the list on the bulletin board.



FSEA President Carl Ledig

West Central District's Elks Day at the Rays

In conjunction with the State President's visit to our district we have been offered a package deal to enjoy the Rays playing the Orioles game on September 20 and also receive a Rays/ Elks tote bag. The game starts at 1:10 but you will want to come early to watch Florida Elk's Association President Carl Ledig throw out the first pitch!



Tickets are \$28.00.

Sign up on the Bulletin Board to reserve your seat.

State President's Visit to West Central District September 18-20th

*The official State President hotel is the Holiday Inn Express, 210 Seminole Blvd. Largo 33770
Room rate is \$85.00 before tax. Let them know you are with WCD Elks by 9/2.*

Friday 9/18 - Clearwater Dunedin Lodge 31525 hosts dinner. Reservations 727-733-3318 6PM
Followed by District PER Meeting - Casual Dress except PER's in Orange Jackets
Salad with Chicken breast OR "all you can eat" Fish Basket - \$10.00 Prime Rib Dinner- \$14.00

Saturday 9/19 - Tour of Armed Forces Museum , Largo Entry Price \$13.00 10:00AM
Light lunch of chicken or tuna salad plate - Seminole Lodge #2518- N/C 12:30 PM
Dinner and Program at Largo Lodge #2159 Reservations REQUIRED 727-584-0801
Cocktails at 6PM - Baked Salmon or Chicken Marsala - \$16.00 in advance. Business Casual

Sunday 9/20 - Elk's Day at the Rays!

OLD ELK TALES

(MYTH BUSTERS)

It takes two months from the time an application is received to the Initiation.

FALSE: It all depends on the timing. When the application and fee are received, a background check is performed. Sometimes this can be done in one day. The next step is to post the prospect's name on the bulletin board or mail it to each member at least seven days prior to voting. We only have meetings twice a month. Once voted on, they are ready for Orientation. Initiation can be held on that day.

In August we had a large class of applicants. Only one new member applied in the middle of July, but too close for the voting. Other new Elks were only in the applicant process for 11 days. Anyone who had their application in by August 18 was investigated and posted by the 19th, voted on at the meeting on the 26th, and invited to Orientation and Installation on August 30th!

Either way, the best time to turn in your friend or family member's application is NOW!



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

James, Howard 3/2016

SILVER INVESTORS \$21 - \$50

Osterbrock, Debbie 11/2015
Gombarcik, Shelagh 6/2016

BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20

YOUR NAME HERE?

PLATINUM INVESTORS - \$100+

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
 Appel, Jackie 6/2016
 Johnson, Jack 6/2016
 Norton, Robert 6/2016
 Smith, Rita 6/2016
 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.



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
 Robert Norton 6/2016
 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

Add chips for fifty cents!

Sunday Funday

Wii Bowling
New Tournament each Sunday
Everyone Welcome!

4:00 most Sundays



\$2.00 Trivia

Thursday, Sept. 10h
7:00 PM



Hosted by
Sandra Lake
And Betty Gnadt
Second Thursday!

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

Taco Tuesday 6-8

Beef and Chicken
Taco and Nacho Bar

Please make a donation.
Proceeds go to ENF

September Movies 8:00 PM

Sept. 1 - Watchman - Directors Cut
Sept 8 - Hot Pursuit
Sept 15 - The Longest Ride
Sept 22 - Murder by Death
Sept 29 - Dear John

Lady President's Message

Well here we are, vacations are over and it is time for back to school.. The last month was active and productive. We helped to replace the beer cooler behind the bar with a large cash donation. The Ladies ordered and paid for the seven new glass tops for the dining room tables. And Donna Halsey donated a new front line refrigerator for the kitchen. The kitchen, dining room and lounge have all benefitted from the LOE this month.

The Ladies' participation was crucial to the success of the Lodge's Back to School Party. Thank you to all my Ladies that turned out to help! The children of Florida also benefitted from the LOE's generosity this month. We have sent off our 365 Club money which will benefit the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services.

The Tampa Lodge #708 VP Visit was a great success.

This year's District Vice President is Jeanne Reinhart, so the Ladies had the honor of presenting a gift to her escort, our own Frank Palladini, PSP. Frank said that pink was definitely his color! Cowboy hats off to our Exalted Ruler, Theresa Matthews, for a great job planning the visit.. It was a lot of fun and raised some money for the VP Fund for the State President's visit to West Central Florida, too.

At the end of this month we will be going to the Florida Ladies of the Elks (FLOE) conference in Melborne. They do not have the same hospitality heavy atmosphere as the Florida Elk's Convention, but it sounds like they have some nice things planned.

Plans are now underway for our annual Sock Hop. There is a donation sign up sheet on the LOE Bulletin board, please check it to see if you could help keep down our expenses for this function. "Have a heart and do your part." This year's date is October 17th. Please plan to attend. If you don't have an outfit - they should be easy to find this time of year. The Thursday night Line Dance class can prepare you for all the action - check it out.

As my closing this month, "The next time you get together with a friend, think of your time as a gift to that person, "

God's Blessings,
Suzanne Moore



Suzanne Moore



LADIES OF THE ELKS

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Robert Bordonaro

Chaplain

Janette Bennett

Parliamentarian

Bonnie Quire

365 Club

We did not have many donations to report this month, but I am happy to report that the LOE sent in \$2000.00 to Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services. It was our annual 365 Club donation, and I am proud to be a part of it. To all of you who donated this year, either through the houses or the Walk a Thon, I want to thank you

from the bottom of my heart. With your help we exceeded our goal. Please keep giving, We now start over with a zero balance. Keep up the good work!

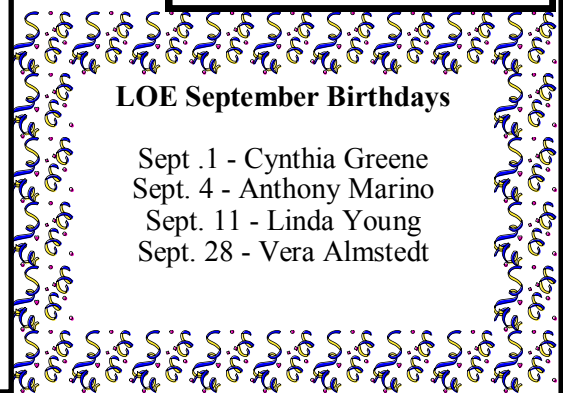
Berni Turpin
365 Chair



365 CLUB

LOE September Birthdays

- Sept .1 - Cynthia Greene
- Sept. 4 - Anthony Marino
- Sept. 11 - Linda Young
- Sept. 28 - Vera Almstedt



Youth Activities

On Sunday August 9th we held our Back to School Party for the kids. This was the first of three projects that are sponsored in part by our Promise Grant. We reached out to the needy kids and families that live in our community. We reached out to the Port Tampa Boys and Girls Club, the Port Tampa Recreation Centers and the handicapped Boy Scouts in our area.



It was a very successful event. We had Elroy the Elk present. A lot of pictures were taken with the kids. We had Deputy T.J. Lewis from the Hillsborough County Sherriff's Department give a talk to kids about drugs and to promote the Elk's Drug Awareness Program. And we had a magic show that kept the kids- and most adults' -attention. The day ended with games for more prizes.



Everyone was treated to lunch: Hot Dogs, mac- n-cheese, applesauce and lemonade. There was an ice cream bar with toppings of chocolate syrup, sprinkles, fruit and nuts. A good time was had by all. And most important were the back to school bags loaded with goodies to help them get the school year started.



Thanks to all who helped make this a very successful event. Also I would like to thank the students from Plant and Robinson High Schools for their help. We ended up with 31 volunteers and needed every one of them. You are the B.P.O.E. (Best People on Earth). Also, I want to thank all of you who have donated school supplies or cash towards our event. It means a lot to the kids. We actually came out a little under budget! Thanks also to Jeff Diamond (the bartender) who took about 400 pictures. We will put them out for everyone to see as soon as we can.



Thanks to everyone for their time and effort for our Back to School Party.

Tommy Moore, Inner Guard

Youth Activities Chair



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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
 and add Marty as a contact.

House Committee Report

I'd like to start by offering many Thanks to all those who are volunteering around the Lodge, especially for the kitchen and hall events. Without you we just could not operate the kitchen and hall. As many of you know, many of our volunteers are not Elk members, but instead the spouses, children and friends of Elks, including the ladies and gentleman of the LOE. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP.

I would like to thank the over 20 people, and again the LOE, who donated over \$1,500 to help replace our dying beer cooler. Without those individual donors and \$700 from the LOE we would be without budgeted funds to replace the cooler which would mean dipping into our meager savings for over \$1,500 to replace it. Thank you to those who donated and to the LOE.

A Thank You also goes out to House Committee Member John Weigold. In addition to being a guy you don't have to ask for help (because he'll ask you if you need it), John solved our A/C dilemma by having a new stainless steel secondary drain/drip pan fabricated to replace the prior pan which was corroded from the many years of service in the Lodge. John was able to procure the new pan at no cost to the Lodge (a roughly \$235 savings), and since it is made of stainless steel we shouldn't have any problems for many, many years. Also, because we are installing it ourselves we are again saving funds without having to dip into savings since this was also an unexpected, and therefore unbudgeted, expense. Hopefully installation is done by the time you are reading this; I'm sure John will be helping!



In case you haven't noticed or been around much on Mondays, Lynn and Georgia (and her family) have opened the kitchen on Monday and are serving burgers and sandwiches in the Lounge, including Lynn's Famous Rueben and the always popular Patty Melt. Meals come with your choice of Fries, Tater Tots or Onion Rings, which can also be ordered individually. So make sure to stop by on Mondays between 4pm and 7pm and pick up something to eat. Volunteer cooks are also always welcome, training is available!

House Committee Meetings have been moved to 7:30 but are still open to our members. However, I do ask that if you have something to present that you please let me know in advance so we can fit it into the meeting in an orderly fashion.

Chris Miles.
 House Committee Chair



Gourmet Club

Many thanks to all who participated in the Gourmet Club this year. We had some fantastic food, good fellowship and over 150 trivia questions! Our focus was to put together recipes we could incorporate into a Lodge 708 cookbook, and we're well on our way. Through donations, we raised enough seed money for putting the cookbook together. WE STILL NEED RECIPES! Even if you didn't participate with the Gourmet Club, if you have a recipe that deserves to be in print, please email it to me at chodgson2@verizon.net. We could also use pictures or anecdotal stories about cooking, cooking for the Lodge, eating, whatever! We want to put together a quality cookbook we can share, and use for fundraising for the Lodge. Again, thanks for your support and we'll see you after football season!

Candy Venable



**Shelagh's Slap It On The Grill
Loverly Sandwich Menu
September 4, 2015**

All Sandwiches Served
with your choice of French Fries,
or Onion Rings.

- Hamburger \$6.00
- Bacon/Cheeseburger \$7.00
- Patty Melt..... \$7.00
- Reuben..... \$7.50
- Tuna Melt..... \$7.00

- Shelagh Special**
Grilled Cheese w/melted Brie on
Raisin Bread..... \$7.50

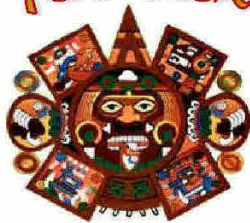
Shelagh Gombarcik and her crew will be grilling up a storm...come in and enjoy!



- A Single order of
- French Fries..... \$3.50
 - Onion Rings..... \$3.50
 - Jalapeno Poppers... \$3.50

Shelagh would like you to know
She'll have lots of
Loverly grilled onions!

Tex-Mex



Night

September 11, 2015

Appetizers

- Guacamole Dip.....\$2.75
- Queso Dip.....\$2.25

Dinner Selections

- Chili Relleno w/Mexican Rice
Charro Beans & Insalata.....\$9.95
- Tequila Shrimp Tacos, w/lime, Cilantro
Slaw, Mexican Rice & Charro Beans\$8.95
- Taco Salad, Beef.....\$7.95

Desserts

- Sopapilla\$2.50
A fried pastry served w/a warm honey sauce
- Flan\$3.50
A custard dessert with a caramel sauce
- Kids under 12.....
- Hot Dog w/chips\$1.50
- Cooking:**
Courtney, Georgia & Laura

**Spectacular
Steak & Salmon**



Sept. 18, 2015

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 - Split Pea
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!**

**Homestyle
Cooking**



**Dinner like your
Mom made it!**

Elks Lodge #708
Friday, September 25, 2015
Cooking:
Georgia and Laura

- Soup - Chicken Noodle
w/homemade noodles..... \$2.50

Dinner Choices

- Fried Chicken..... \$8.95
2 Pieces (dark, light or mixed while available)
w/mashed potatoes, gravy, corn
salad & yeast rolls
- Sheppard's Pie \$7.95
Salad & Yeast Rolls

- Bowl of Soup \$3.50
- Soup and Salad \$4.75

LAURA'S DESSERTS

- Banana Cream Pie..... \$2.75
- Kids under 12.....
- Drum Stick w/mashed potatoes
corn & a roll..... \$4.50
- Hot Dog w/Chips \$ 1.50

Community Corner



Exalted Ruler Theresa Matthews joined Legionnaire and Elk member Frank Smith in Congratulating Taylor X Taylor on his accomplishments at Boys State. He ceremony took place at Post 5 and was attended by A Florida Statee congressmen, members of other fraternal organizations, and many area law firms.



Americanism Chairman Richard Florance, PER, represented Tampa Elks Lodge at a Ceremony held at Christ the King School to honor new Eagle Scout Danny Weldon.



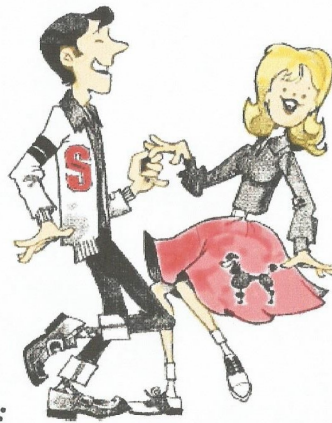
The Plant High/ Robinson High Rivalry Football game is scheduled for September 11 at Plant High at 7:00PM. This will definitely affect traffic in S Tampa!

**4th ANNUAL 50'S / 60'S SOCK HOP
WITH THE LOE AT TAMPA ELKS #708
3616 GANDY BLVD TAMPA, FL 33611
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015 6:00 TO 11:00PM**

**JITTERBUG, TWIST, HULA HOOP,
AND BEST 50'S & OR 60'S
COSTUME CONTESTS**

50/50

**FOR INFO & TICKETS CALL:
SUE (813) 831-1017
DONNA (813) 837-3335**



**TICKETS \$12.00 INCLUDES:
HAMBURGER and
HOT DOG BASKET
SERVED 7pm TO 8pm**

CASH BAR

**50's & 60's MUSIC
BY DJ
"BeBop Baby"**

"BE THERE OR BE SQUARE"

Line Dancing Lessons are Back!

Instructor Donna Morris Halsey makes it look so easy, but you can sure work up a sweat. Come learn the moves, from the classics like the Hully Gully to the Wobble, Donna can keep you in the dance line for all your party needs. 6:30 every Thursday.

\$2.00 donation is requested to offset the A/C . Bring your friends!

Elks National Foundation



What an honor it was to be able to present one of our own Brother Elks Mr. Richard Florance with a certificate as a Permanent Benefactor for donating \$2,000 or more towards the philanthropic projects fostered by the Elks National Foundation over his lifetime in Elkdom. To reach this level of donation is outstanding. We all know what a generous person Richard is and his dedication to ENF is not only known throughout Tampa Lodge but he also serves as District Chairman for ENF Certificates as well. Please congratulate this good Brother the next time you see him at the lodge.



Shelagh Gombarcik

We received 4 new donors to ENF "The Great Heart of Elkdom."
Thanks you for showing the love:

PAT FENNEL BILL T EDWARDS, PER DORIS ELLIS JACK JOHNSON

The love we give is equal to the love we get and members we are getting back the Grants. On Sunday, Aug. 9th, We hosted a "Back to School Party" for our local children here at the lodge with free school supplies, entertainment, safety programs and drug awareness. With the extra school supplies we were able to donate to Westshore Elementary School. Members, thanks for all you do and we can all be proud of our achievements this year.

ENF Chairperson
Shelagh Gombarcik
Loyal Knight



THE TURNING of LIFE'S LEAF'S of SEPTEMBER



Richard Florance, PER

September is a special month for America & our people - on Monday, September 7th is **Labor Day** - a celebration for those who work in whatever & wherever their careers may take them with their families. A darker day of solemn & tragic circumstances turns its Leaf on us all as Friday, September 11th comes -- but America's tears turn into cheers -- as we pay honor for & respect to all the heroes who so long ago or oh, so near were all a part of **National Patriots Day!** Then, in a quick six days of leaves of life of celebration of all our past & present Patriot remembrances - life's Leaf's of September brings us all to Thursday, the 17th for a special dual celebration for **Constitution Day & Citizenship Day.**

As all Elks know, September 17th was the day our original Continental Congress convened to sign & to legitimize our 13 former Colonies into a nation. This day in history was chosen again as a symbol of love, reverence, & respect for all the citizens of America who suffered through the furies of Mother Nature to arrive on America's shores; become Americans that have made & will continue to be the special celebrants of Citizenship Day in America.

As American Elks we must continue to Step forward & be Proud to serve America from our Hearts. As Elks will ever be known as those in our towns & cities as Elks Live & Elks Give because Elks Care & Elks Share!

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Officer of the Month: Tommy Moore



Our Lodge Inner Guard, Tommy Moore, is the officer of the month for September. Tommy has worked really hard this year learning his role as Lodge Inner Guard and taking it very seriously. Tommy attends every meeting, every clinic, and every event at the Lodge. He helps in the kitchen on Friday nights and then again on Sunday mornings. And, more importantly, he always does it with a smile on his face! Tommy also took on the role of Youth Committee Chair as well as sports, hoop shoot, soccer shoot, and Drug Awareness. Tommy worked with Rita and his committee to secure the promise grant to use for the youth activities this year. He has already had a Drug Awareness event in conjunction with the Back to School Party. He even had Elroy the Elk here to visit with the kids. Tommy is very hard working, always asks questions if he doesn't know, and supports his Lodge 100%. Tommy is a joy to be around. Sue is one lucky woman! Tommy also helps support the LOE with all of their activities. Between him and Sue they are a pair of Energizer Bunnies! Thank you Tommy!

Elk of the Month: Rick Schneider



Past Exalted Ruler Rick Schneider, is our Elk of the month. Rick, aside from being a sweet teddy bear, is one hard working Elk! Rick has been working in the kitchen one or two times a month. He brought back his famous Rick's Steak & Salmon night. Rick and his wife Jan cook some delicious food. Between the steaks, salmon, soup, and sides, you will not leave there hungry. Aside from cooking, Rick has been working with Steve Harmon as our S.I.T (Secretary in Training). He has been very helpful in the office and has been mentoring us. Rick is always very easy going and will look at both sides of a situation before making a decision. He is very level headed and maintains calm and order in the Lodge. Rick also uses his many Elk years of experience to help and guide the officers. He will also jump in and do anything that needs to be done. We are much better off because of all the support Rick provides to us on a daily basis. The best S.I.T. we have ever had!

Volun"Elk" of the Month: George Hilficker



There is a tall, handsome, quiet man that you may not even notice down at 708 frequently. He is the husband of Georgia and the big brother of Laura. Those two ladies love to put him to work. George helped Georgia and Laura earlier in the new Elk year with the deep cleaning of the kitchen. They pulled everything out of it and scrubbed it. George brought his pressure washer in and cleaned the walls, floor, and ceiling. He is doing the pressure cleaning in the kitchen on a regular basis now. George also helps in the kitchen with the Friday night dinners and special events. George was there on August 15 to help cook for the VP visit. The western theme food went over splendidly. George is another one that does everything with a smile on his face! George is about to be rewarded for all his hard work, he has been proposed for membership by Laura and Georgia. We can't wait to officially make George an Elk this Month. Thank you for all you do George!



These Volunteers (and more) were at the Open Arms Ministry feeding the homeless on a recent Sunday Morning. We meet in the NW parking lot at Magnolia and Azeele at 7:30, and we are finished by 9:30. Then most come to the Lodge for their own Breakfast.

Come Join Us!

Text 813-431-3020 and we will have your nametag waiting!



Tampa Elks Lodge #708 Calendar of Activities

September
2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	31 Bar Food Available 4-7 LOE Board Meeting 7:30 Athena Pizza	1 6-8PM Taco Tuesday 8PM Movie: The Watchman	2 LOE Dinner 6:45 Meeting 7:30	3 Line Dance Lessons 6:30	4 Short Grill Night 6:00-8:30 Music by Kathy & Paul	5
6 8:30-12:00 Breakfast Wii 4:00	7 Labor Day Lodge open 4-11	8 6-8PM Taco Tuesday 8PM Movie: Hot Pursuit	9 Lodge Meeting 7:30 Weinie Wednesday	17 Line Dance Lessons 6:30 \$2. Trivia 7:00	11 Tex-Mex Night 6:30-8:30 Music by Dazzler	12 9-12:30 Life Line Health Screenings
13 8:30-12:00 Breakfast Wii 4:00	14 Bar Food Available 4-7	15 6-8PM Taco Tuesday 8PM Movie: The Longest Ride	16	17 Line Dance Lessons 6:30 Officers and BOD 7:00	18 Steak Night 6:30-8:30 Music by Miss T's Karaoke	19 State President Visit 10AM Tour 6PM Dinner @ Largo
20 8:30-12:00 Breakfast Elks Day@ Rays 12:30 Wii 4:00	21 Bar Food Available 4-7 House Committee Meeting 7:30	22 6-8PM Taco Tuesday 8PM Movie: Murder by Death	23 Lodge Meeting 7:30 Weinie Wednesday	24 Line Dance Lessons 6:30	25 Vet's Night 6:30-8:30 Music by Keith & Ruby Stand down	26 Floe Conference in Melbourne
27 8:30-12:00 Breakfast Served Wii 4:00	28 Bar Food Available 4-7	29 6-8PM Taco Tuesday 8PM Movie:	30	Sept 12 - Life Line Screenings - See page 10 Sept 18-20 State president's Visit - See page 5 Sept. 24-26 - FLOE Conference - see FLECK.org Sept 25 - Stand Down for Homeless Vets New Night For TRIVIA!!! New Night for Officer & BOD Meetings. Gourmet Club is on Break Due to Football. House Committee time is now 7:30.		



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Friday Night Menus & Bands Tampa Elks Lodge #708 September See page 11 for more details.			
<p>Reservations for meal items available at 813-831-4280</p> <p>Sept 4</p> <p>Holiday Weekend Menu</p> <p><i>Shelagh's Sandwich Grill</i></p> <p>Served with FF or Onion Rings</p> <p>Burgers - \$6 Add Bacon & Cheese - \$7 Patty Melt - \$7 Tuna Melt - \$7 Tuna Melt - \$7.5</p> <p>Shelagh's Special Grilled Cheese - \$7.50 (Brie on Raisin Bread)</p> <p>Order just FF. Onion Rings or Jalapeño Poppers \$3.50</p> <p>Music by Kathy & Paul</p>	<p>Sept 11</p> <p><i>Courtney, Georgia, and Laura present:</i></p> <p>Tex-Mex Night Guacamole dip - \$2.75 Queso Dip - \$2..25</p> <p>Chili Relleno w/ beans and rice & insulate - \$9.95 Tequila Shrimp Tacos w./ beans, and rice and Cilantro Slaw - \$8.95 Beef Taco Salad - \$7.95</p> <p>Sopapillas - \$2.50 Flan - \$ 3.50</p> <p>Music by Dazzler</p>	<p>Sept 18</p> <p><i>Rick and Friends present:</i></p> <p>14oz Ribeye -\$16.95 12 oz Ribeye - \$12.95 Salmon - \$13.95 1/2 Roasted Chicken - \$9.95</p> <p>Served with: Choice of potato, soup or salad, veggie & roll</p> <p>Split Pea Soup Rum Cake w/ ice cream \$5.50 Kids menu</p> <p>Music by Miss T's Karaoke</p>	<p>Sept 25</p> <p>Vet's Night</p> <p><i>Georgia & Laura present:</i></p> <p>Chicken Noodle Soup - \$2.50</p> <p>Fried Chicken - 2 pieces - your choice, Mashed Potatoes and Corn - \$8.95</p> <p>Sheppard's Pie - \$7.95</p> <p>Served with Salad & Yeast Rolls</p> <p>Banana Cream Pie - \$2.75 Kids Menu</p> <p>Music by Keith & Ruby</p>