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Sunday 12:30pm - 9:00pm



A Message from your Exalted Ruler

We are entering an exciting new year filled with exciting possibilities!

CONNECTIONS

Will be our catch word for 2016!

With Theresa Matthews as our ER this past year, we broke records, we achieved amazing goals for our charities, upped our income and recruited many new members. We have proven that we are an outstanding group of individual Elks, linked together to create a perfect picture and capable of any goal we choose to pursue. I, for one, am proud to be just one of those many puzzle pieces, and grateful for each one of you.

As most of you know, I've been an active member of this Lodge for 8 years and have served on many committees, boards, and held several offices. This has helped me in more ways than I can count. It helped me raise my son, it helped me advance in my professional life, and it picked me up when I was down...I know the kind of members we have here, and I am more than proud to be your ER. My hope is that this year I can continue in my predecessors footsteps and ensure more of our community comes to know our extraordinary organization, and will want to join us in our endeavors.

We all know that every successful organization faces problems, protocol mistakes, differing opinions, and disappointments; the real trick is to avoid letting these obstacles stand in the way of the goals we set for ourselves. In my opinion "not letting anything stand in our way" is exactly what we have done, and continue to do.

My 2016 pledge to you is to keep a positive attitude, ensure you're kept informed of our impact within the region, our charitable and district contributions, and to find ways to connect us more completely with our community.

My 2016 challenge to you would be to take our successes out into the world, and show everyone who we are at Elk's Lodge 708

Because We Are Special!

Courtney Weil, Exalted Ruler

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PER Association President
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Convention

Theresa Matthews & Shelagh Gombarcik

Inter-lodge Visitation

Tommy Moore

Memorial Day
Drug Awareness
Hoop Shoot
Soccer Shoot



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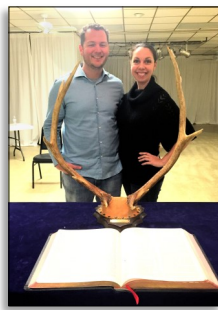
John Wayne
Advisory

Nancy Keesler
Bar Manager

A Warm Welcome To Our New Elks



Our new Elks and their sponsors, left to right: Bonnie Quire, Nan Quire, Chelsea Ciranni, Jennifer & Edmund Wonder, James & Kelly Flannery, Lonnie Koonse, Lisa Nixon



James and Kelly Flannery



3rd Generation Elk Chelsea Ciranni with her Mother and Grandmother



Lonnie Koonse

April Elk Recognition

OFFICER OF THE MONTH: **GEORGE HILFICKER**

George has been an Elk for only a few months but has been a strong supporter of our Lodge since his sister and his wife joined us last year. George stepped up to help his wife with the major clean out done in March of last year, and continued by volunteering to change the oil in our fryers and periodically pressure clean the kitchen floor. George stands ready to help with odd jobs around the Lodge whether it be for the House Committee or the LOE. We truly appreciate his dedication and good humor and I'm sure I speak for all of us when I say...

Welcome aboard to this dedicated New Elk Officer!



ELK OF THE MONTH: **SUSIE HARLOW**

Susie is a spectacular support system all by herself! She dresses the tables in the dining room, she keeps the closets as organized as possible (with this group), she fundraises at every opportunity and she always has a nice word to say to everyone. To top it off she is responsible for the hall rentals, assists with most of our special events and for the upcoming year she will be the House Committee Secretary. This Lady Elk is a whirlwind of positive support within our Lodge and we are grateful for her time, energy and tenacity. If you get a chance, tell her Thank you, because many of our little extras, as well as our necessities, are due to her hard work and her imaginative fundraising ideas. Thank you Susie, I'm so glad you're part of our team.



VOLUN"ELK" OF THE MONTH: **AYDEN WEIL**

Ayden is our newest volunteer and the grandson of George and Georgia Hilficker. He's not only a handsome young man, but he is musically talented and a gifted student. He has periodically helped in the dining room as a busser, and he recently assisted in our very successful Elk Appreciation Dinner. He is a dedicated Elk Camp participant and hopes to become a counselor when he comes of age. His ambition is to be a Pediatrician, and with his current grade point average he's well on his way to achieving that goal. Ayden has committed to buss for us every other Sunday so he can learn to become a server. Please welcome him, this is a young man we can be proud to call an Elk Volunteer.



Supporting Reports

LADIES OF THE ELK

Lady President's Message **Happy Easter!**

May God's Blessings bring you happiness through the year.

Here we are at the start of a new year for LOE's. Thanks to all who donated pledges and those who walked in our recent Walk-a-Thon. The proceeds will add nicely to the Florida Elk's Children's Therapy Services, and give us a good start on our goal come Ladies Conference in September.

As we begin our many projects and fundraisers, I hope to bring fun and joy to all. So mark your calendars for our 1st event APRIL 30TH, which is an "Improv Comedy Show". The Improv-a-holics, a local improvisation class, will preform for us. Lots of laughs and lots of fun, so bring a friend...there will be snacks and raffles. *(A \$5 donation is suggested)*

It's time to renew our LOE memberships. You can give your payment to any officer or bring it to the next meeting.

In closing I'd like to remind us all: "Being lazy will make you poor; but hard work can make you rich."



LOE Officer of the Year
Elma Kelly



LOE Lady Elk of the Year
Tommy Moore



Happy Birthday to our April born members!

1st - Melissa Bertoch
5th - Jim Shimp
7th - Carolyn Miller
9th - John Wayne

12th - Tina Kamerer
20th - Richy Palmer
25th - Barbara Miller



Dear 365's

I'm sorry for last month's article. I did pass my article to someone and it wasn't delivered. So I have racked my brain to remember who donated last month. Please call and yell at me if I forgot your name. 813-831-4270

Well, I am so happy that we have had so many people that think of the 365 Club and all it means. Hopefully the walk-a-thon goes well. Here's the contributors for the past two months, with a grateful heart. Respectfully Submitted, Berni Turpin

- Gerry Hauf *(Who I have missed 3 times, thank you so much.)*
- Albert Schnut *(2 Boxes)*
- A Very Anonymous Donor
- Donna Halsey
- Ralph Serg & Donna Questa

Committee Communications



APRIL 2016

We are starting a new Lodge year with ENF and it is my pleasure to chair this wonderful charity again. We were able to make so many contributions to our South Tampa Community in the form of ENF Grants and we also ranked in the District...State...and Nation as having the one of the most generous of memberships.



Now that we have identified ourselves as a lodge that supports ENF and the community let's all try again to see what kind of an impact we can make for our Lodge.

Shelagh Gombarcik,
ENF Chairperson, Leading Knight

Youth Activities

It's already April...time sure goes by fast. Now we have a new year to do our duty as chairpersons. A lot will be on tap for us all. We have a slate of new offices to start the year out.

I'm looking forward to working with everyone again as the year progresses. I'll be getting things lined up for our Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, and Drug Awareness program so look for flyers during the year for information on all our events.

Looking forward to a great time for all of our youth activities. Tommy Moore
Youth Activities Chairman

Time Sensitive Information!



Youth Camp News - by John Wayne, Youth Camp Chairman

The 2016 Florida State Elks Youth Camp applications are now available on line at Flelks.org, or you can pick up a copy in the Lodge Office. This is the best camp in Florida, and is open to boys and girls ages 9-13. The camp is run on one week repeating sessions. The first week starts on June 19th, and the final week is July 31st, which is reserved for children of the armed forces. (Past or Present) Florida Elks Youth Camp always fill up fast, so get your application in as soon as possible to receive your first choice of weeks. Tampa Elks members should fill in their sponsorship information then turn the applications in to the Lodge secretary to receive a free campership, while supplies last.



From your ER

WCDVP VISIT SCHEDULE

New Port Richey Lodge #2284	June 11th
Tarpon Springs Lodge #1719.....	June 18th
Dunedin/Clearwater Lodge #1525.....	June 25th
Largo Lodge #2159.....	July 16th
Seminole Lodge #2519	July 23rd
Tampa Lodge #708.....	July 30th

I will be in attendance at all of these visitations and I hope each officer will pick one (or more) that fits their schedule to join me and see what they are like. This will help us in planning our own visit on July 30th.

Please save JULY 30TH for our visit.

I'm sure you are aware that the Leadership Team BOD, House Committee and all Officers will be needed to ensure a successful evening.

Thank you, Courtney

Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events

Elks Appreciation & Awards Dinner



Elk of the Year
Rita Smith, PLP



Officer of the Year
Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP



Citizen of the Year
Courtney Weil, ER Elect



Rookie of the Year
Georgia Hilficker



Volunteer of the Year
Taylor X. Taylor

2016 GRATITUDE GRANT

The Centre for Girls

A subsidy of the Helen Gordon Davis Centre for Women

This year we choose The Centre for Girls to be the recipient of our Gratitude Grant. That is the grant we "earn" for meeting our per member donation requirements to the Elks National Foundation. Bonnie Atwood submitted the idea after we held our Athena Christmas Event at the facility. The Center had been working hard to add a fully functioning digital lab to their creative arts programming. They had the workstations set up, but still needed a high quality photo printer to complete the lab. We provided the printer and supplies to make that lab come alive. We also sponsored their launch party and ribbon cutting ceremony to introduce the after schools and weekend creative arts programs to the community.

The event was well attended! Tampa Elks Lodge provided the postage for a neighborhood mail out, and the food and drinks, thereby creating a buzz among some of this town's community leaders and politicians. It was a win-win situation. Thank you to Patty Jankiewicz, Bonnie Quire, Bonnie Atwood, Tommy Moore, Nancy Keesler PER, Georgia Hilficker, Courtney Weil, Jeffrey Diamond, Bob Suhrheinrich, Candi Suhrheinrich, Rick Schneider PER, Susie Harlow, Sharon Ford and our Exalted Ruler now PER, Theresa Matthews for helping to make this such a success. We have no project planned for next year's Gratitude Grant, so if you have an idea, check out the Gratitude Grant requirements on BPOE.org and let's talk!

Rita Smith, Grant Coordinator

SEE THE POTLUCK & PAINTS EVENT FLYER & HELP SUPPORT THIS WORTHWHILE PROJECT!



ABSENT MEMBERS

Vernon Pickenpaugh - 3/5/16

Charlie, Charles W. Rice, Jr.,

50-year Elks member - 3/11/2016

Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events Cont.

CLUB CHIVALRY AT THE FLORIDA ELKS YOUTH

Tampa Impact Grant: Club Chivalry for Success

On Friday, March 11 we had a field trip for these students from Robinson High School. We left Robinson at 7:30 AM heading for the Florida Elks Youth Camp. The purpose of our trip was to promote teamwork among the students utilizing the camp's ropes course. Both the kids and the chaperones were excited by the nice luxury bus, which included outlets for charging our electronics. We had juice and pastries during the 2 hour drive, dropped off our dinner orders at a Subway restaurant in route, and arrived at camp right on time. The 5 instructors on the ropes course were excellent with the students! They started with doing some team building while still on or near the ground. Next the Youth Camp provided a traditional kid friendly hotdog lunch at no expense to the grant! (Thanks Florida Elks!) After lunch it was time to put on the climbing gear and hit the ropes. There are 10 different elements, from climbing up to first level to the zip line completion. Each section is progressive and teaches different skills. I was again very impressed with the camp staff, and their quiet encouragement, that enabled almost every child to succeed, and the couple of kids that didn't quite make it up into the air were still enlisted as helpers on the ground, participating and enjoying the day. On the way home we made a pit stop to pick up our pre-ordered sandwiches, ate on the bus, and arrived back at the school at exactly 7:00PM.

Thanks to Exalted Ruler Theresa Matthews, Lecturing Knight Becky Sullins, Kristina Chowning and "Coach" Glen Carson for joining me as chaperones on this trip.

Rita Smith, Grant Coordinator.



RYAN NECE FOUNDATION WINNER

TAYLOR X. TAYLOR

Senior, H. B. Plant High School

What has been your favorite part of the Student Service Program?

My favorite part of the program is being able to see an active change in the middle of a service project or build. By change, I mean being able to see frowns go to smiles, rubble being built into something beautiful, and watching lives changes for the better.

What volunteer work do you do outside of the SSP?

Outside of the Ryan Nece Foundation program, I am very active in the Florida Elks Lodge, an organization dedicated to helping veterans and the youth. For the past three years, I have participated in their Christmas and Easter programs, as well as their drug awareness program for children of all ages. I am also being honored in Orlando for winning an \$8,000 scholarship from the Elks.



Great News!

Taylor will be addressing the 2016 Florida Elks Convention in Orlando this Memorial Day Weekend.

Our hometown boy will be representing us all when reading the essay he wrote that won the 2016 Florida Hope Scholarship.

Taylor has served our Lodge in one capacity or another since he was 12 yrs old. He literally grew up in Elks Lodge #708.

He graduates from
Plant High School

Tuesday, May 31st
and would like to invite you all to his graduation party to be held at the Lodge same day starting at 5:30pm

Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events Cont.

ELKS BUS IT TO UMATILLA

March was an active month for Elks, and their affiliates, visiting the Elks Youth Camp in Umatilla, Florida. If you haven't seen this incredible facility yet you are truly missing a wonderful experience. Not only is it a memorable learning opportunity for the children that participate each year, but it's also an inspiring reminder to all Elks of the important work we do when we support our organization.

Over 45 of our members participated in the bus trip and enjoyed themselves immensely. With food and drink served on the way up and back, and a quick visit to the Brooksville Lodge #2582 in Spring Hill. There was plenty of time to enjoy each others company and to see and learn about the camp and our fellow Elks.

Not only did they have the opportunity to visit the camp themselves, but by achieving the goal of over 40 passengers, our Lodge also made it possible for the Robinson High School group "Club Chivalry" to obtain a bus trip to the camp at no charge. They had a chance to enjoy themselves while learning life skills and team building that will last a lifetime.

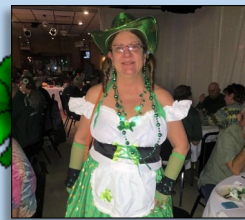
Thank you to John and Flo Wayne for all their hard work and dedication in promoting the event and making sure we had enough participants to allow Club Chivalry the opportunity to attend.
Great Job Everyone!



"Sure & Begorrah" THAT WAS A GREAT PARTY

Thanks to those of you who came to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us on March 19. As you know, all proceeds will go to our lodge. We had wonderful traditional St. Pat's dinner of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots and rye bread with delicious carrot cake cupcakes for dessert. The decorations and music were festive and fun. In memory of our past Irish brother, Ed McCafferey, representatives from NOTE manned a donation table with information about their donor organization. Dave Partlow shared a warm toast to the family and friends of Ed McCafferey. It was great to see Katherine McCafferey and her granddaughter Gracie at this event. The Johansen Sisters entertained us with their traditional Irish dance routines, and these delightful sisters gave us quite a show. DJ Rob Bryja began the evening with traditional Irish music and then entertained us with some upbeat dance music. The dance floor was well used!

I want to say a special thank you to Brenda Stokking who co-chaired the event with me and did a fantastic job with everything. I also want to give a big thanks to our cooks Rick and Jan Schneider who had help from daughters Brenda and Brandy and their friends and also Tommy Moore. The food was plentiful, delicious and enjoyed by all. Next my heartfelt "thank you" goes out to Nan Quire, Susie Harlow, Lisa Snyder, Bonnie Quire, Shelagh Gombarcik, Nancy Keesler, Sue Moore, Melissa Burtoch, Nelson Grahn, Sharon Ford, Kim Williams, Chris Miles, Lynn Szeliga, Rita Smith, James Harlow, Theresa Matthews, John Weigold and Wendy Wiesler for all their hard work. I also want to thank all of our bartenders for selling tickets from behind the bar for this event as well as making the Irish specialty drinks and providing the light-up cubes for our drinks that night. All this organization and teamwork made our St. Patty's Celebration a successful and truly fun event for our lodge. I apologize in advance if I inadvertently left someone's name out of this article that helped with this event.
Bob Norton, Trustee - St. Patrick's Day Chairman



Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events Cont.

Leadership Training is Hard Work But Someone Has To Do It!

In March your new board of officers attended a Leadership training in Orlando and what a wonderful time of idea sharing, problem solving, preparation, and team building it was! There were great opportunities for your elected ER, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee to promote Tampa 708 and all the great things happening here. Courtney Weil, our ER, was selected as one of the top 5 students and she won Ca\$h! Steve Harmon did us proud as usual by representing us at the State level.

Some really fun ideas were tossed around like the West Palm Beach ER has a traveling drag show and they offered to come to Tampa...and look out for the possibility of some West Central District "Silly Olympics" in your near future.



A Call To Arms



OPEN ARMS MINISTRY FEEDS MORE THAN THEIR TUMMYS...IT FEEDS YOUR SOUL!



This worthwhile Elks Lodge outreach program is made possible by the wonderful volunteers who donate at least one Sunday morning a month, and by the hard work of Rita Smith who wrote the Beacon grant that supports it.

We've been working with Open Arms Ministry for the past 4 years and have received the Beacon Grant all four of those years with matching funds for 3 years totaling \$13,000. This money has been used to purchase socks and underwear, as well as Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner. Over the summer, when one of the food sources for the weekly feeding is unavailable, we stock the freezer and pantry ensuring our homeless population (including many veterans) will have a great meal each Sunday morning.

This sounds great you say? How can I get involved you ask? Well it's not only food and clothing, we also prepare and serve the food and distribute clothing. All you need do is to show up to Hyde Park Methodist Church on Platt St. at 7:30 any Sunday morning ready to serve. Your ER Courtney runs the kitchen most 3rd Sundays of the month.

And yes we accept donations; shoes, Tupperware, hygiene items, blankets, jeans, backpacks, dry/can goods.

PLEASE JOIN US on April 14th for a volunteer appreciation dinner and dancing party - part of our grant asks us to build relationships with the community. We are looking forward to a great turn out from the Open Arms Volunteers and Tampa #708 Elks...great things happen when you get good people with charitable hearts together.

Upcoming Events and Projects

U.S. MILITARY VETS M/C-TAMPA
MAGNIFICENT 7

18th ANNUAL BUNNY RUN
 Benefit for
 St. Joseph's Children's Hospital of Tampa

Starts: 3616 West Gandy Blvd,
 Tampa, FL (Elks Lodge 708)

To: St. Joseph's Children's Hospital of Tampa
 3001 W. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd,
 Tampa

Saturday, April 2nd, 2016


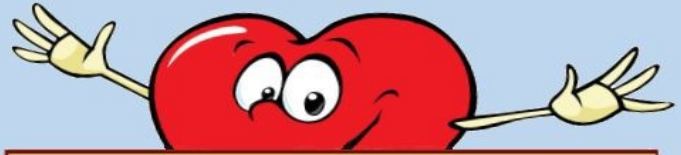
Registration: 11:30am
 Kickstands up at 1:00pm

\$15 Registration Includes Donation to Hospital
 \$5 more for rider

Food and Drinks are available for purchase
BRING A NEW UNWRAPPED TOY

Tamale-President: 813-777-8247, tamale@mail.com
 Hambone-Vice President: 813-368-1830, hambone17@yahoo.com

Sponsored in part by:

OPEN ARMS MINISTRY

Join us for the 2016
OPEN ARMS MINISTRY
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION
DINNER

and applaud the generous efforts
 of these dedicated volunteers.

Thursday, April 14th
 6:00pm till ?
 Dinner Served at 6:30pm

Menu: Italian Salad, Lasagna,
 Garlic Bread, Coffee or Tea
 Dessert: Mini Cannoli and Cookies

Music by Richard & Neville

Cash bar for adult beverages

Please bring a package of new socks
 and/or underwear for a homeless person.

3616 Gandy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33611

OPEN ARMS MINISTRY

Calling all
Epicurean Elks



Sunday, April 17th 5pm
The 2016 Gourmet Club
Presents...

A Taste of Tampa

So many wonderful Flavors,
So many outstanding Restaurants!

Take your pick, and bring
a Seafood Specialty, a Spanish Favorite,
a Cuban Delicacy, or an area Restaurant's
Claim to Fame, that's just a few suggestions
in a city full of possibilities.



If you don't cook, come and
enjoy the fruits of our labors.
A small donation suggested.

Plus...lots of Trivia, Trivia, Trivia

Please join Tampa Lodge 708
LADIES OF THE ELKS
 Saturday, April 30th
 for a fabulous show of entertaining



Featuring the local, improvisational
 dramatic-comedy troupe
"The Improv-a-holics"

This is their showcase event of the year!

Cash bar and hors d'oeuvres
 begin at 6pm
 Showtime in the back hall at 7pm

Seating is on a first come basis and a donation
 of \$5.00 is suggested for entry to the show.
This performance is for open-minded adults only.

IMPROVISATION = unscripted + unrehearsed

Not appropriate for Children.



Upcoming Events and Projects Continued

Just in time for Mother's Day Gifts

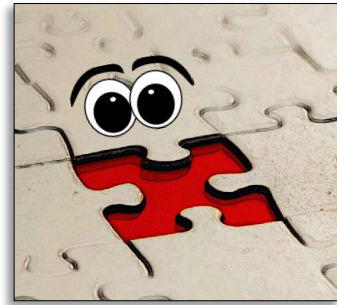
Potluck & Paints

May 1, 2016 4:00 to 8:00

At Tampa Elks Lodge #708



RSVP Please: Sign up on Bulletin Board
Bring a Dish and \$35 Check or Credit Card
Payable to The Centre 4 Girls



Let's start looking for our next perfect puzzle pieces?

This year's word is

Connections

So think about who you can add to our happy family.

Orientation will be held

Sunday

April 24th at 11am

So get your nominations in by 9th to assure your nominee will be included.

On Going Monthly Activities



SUNDAY - FUNDAY!
Wii Bowling
2pm Most Sundays
Bragging rights and your name on the winners bowling pin!



Third Sunday GOURMET CLUB

April 17th, 5pm
Join this fun group of Elks and cook up a storm, or enjoy their fabulous creations and lots of Fun Trivia!

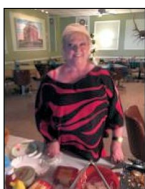


SHORT ORDER GRILL
Every Monday Night 5:30 To 7:30

Burgers, Patty Melts, Reubens, Grilled Cheese, BLT's
French Fries, Tater Tots, or Onion Rings included with all Sandwiches or as appetizers.



Tuesday Night Movie
7:30 pm
Everyone bring your favorite movie and we'll vote on which to watch!



WIENIE WEDNESDAY
\$1.00
\$.50 CHIPS

Hot Dogs Served from 6:15pm - 7:15pm and 1Hr After the Meeting



Third Thursday \$2.00 TRIVIA NIGHT

March 17th - 7pm
Hosted by:
Sandra Lake & Lisa Snyder
All question, multiple choice



Every Friday Night Dinner & Dancing
See Menus in this Publication



TIME TO GEAR UP FOR A SPECTACULAR SHIPWRECKED 2016 CONVENTION

Our theme for this year's Elks Convention is "Shipwrecked" and we intend to live up to the name. You don't want to miss this over the top party and all it's many events. Our hospitality room will be fabulous with Lisa Snyder serving "Sex on the Beach" to all the landlubbers and swarthy pirates that cross our gang plank.



On top of the fun and frivolity we have a pirate nuptial to celebrate as Bill Edwards and Doris Ellis take their vows in the courtyard in front of Elks from all over the state. Instead of gifts the couple has asked all their friends to make a donation to the Harry Anna Trust Fund on behalf of Tampa Elks Lodge 708.

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS
NOW**

**BY SIGNING ON TO
FLORIDAEELKS.ORG**

CONVENTION DATES ARE:

MAY 27TH THRU MAY 29TH



Lodge Business and Programs



**DAY AT THE LODGE
WE NEED YOU!**

Contact Susie Harlow
susieharlow76@yahoo.com
or sign up at the Lodge
if you're willing to join
the team.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD
SAM TO ?
LET'S PUT OUR BEST
FACE FORWARD!



Kitchen Council Meeting

Want to be part of our kitchen?
 Have something you want to say?
 Maybe you want to help our cooks,
 or even be one yourself and would
 like to know what that entails?
 Here's your chance...no obligation,
 no expectations, just come and
 listen, or have your say.

Sunday, April 10th at 11am

April Lodge Meeting Schedule

- 4th - LOE Board Meeting 5:30 to 7:30pm
- 6th - LOE Meeting 7:30pm
- 6th - Board of Directors Meeting 6:00pm
- 7th - Convention Meeting 7:00pm
- 10th - Kitchen Council 11:00am
- 11th - House Committee Meeting 7:30pm
- 13th - Lodge Meeting 7:30pm
- 20th - Board of Directors & Officers 7:00pm
- 25th - House Committee Meeting 7:30pm
- 27th - Lodge Meeting 7:30pm

Community Corner

- Our very own Taylor Taylor will have a leading role in Plant's production of "Legally Blonde" running April 13th through the 16th at 7pm. The cast and crew will have a big closeout party here at the Lodge on Sunday April 17th. The last play Plant produced was a major success and this shows all signs of being yet another. Should you want to support this group of talented kids you can purchase tickets at the door for \$10.
- April 1st As the last gasp of Gasparilla, Tampa Bay's only fringe fest will, once again, showcase a smorgasbord of emerging and accomplished local Tampa Bay area performers in a one-night not-to-be-missed event filled with amazing theater, dance, puppets, video, spoken word, radio, cabaret, music, and much more! Held at Gasparilla Plaza, from 6pm to 10pm - Tickets \$25 in Adv, \$30 at the door
- April 16th, - 10 Easy Ways to Organize Your Life - Pam Hoepner, a professional organizer, shares her organizational and time management tips on how to become more organized on a tight budget using a lot of ingenuity and easy to follow techniques. With Ms. Hoepner's guidance learn how to gain time, save money, and get peace of mind with these 10 easy techniques. Held at the Jan Kimmis Platt Library, see their website for more information.

MANLY MAN



DINNER NITE

April 1st - 6:30 to 8:30

Georgia Cooking
Elk Team Serving

Dinner Choices

Served with Coleslaw & Cornbread

- BBQ Pork Ribs w/Butter Parsley Potatoes and corn on the cob\$10.99
- Large bowl of Homemade Lima Beans and Kielbasa\$ 8.95
- KIDS MENU - Hot Dog with Chips.....\$ 1.50
- DESSERT - Banana Pudding.....\$ 2.95



Your ER's

Specialties Night

April 8th - 6:30 to 8:30

Appetizer

- Sausage & Spinach, or Shrimp Stuffed Mushrooms \$4.95
- Cup of Clam Chowder \$2.50

Dinner Choices

Served with Italian Salad & Rolls

- Hand Breaded Chicken Parmesan \$ 9.95
- Fettuccini Alfredo with Pan Seared Swai or Broccoli..... \$ 8.95

Soup

Clam Chowder

- Cup \$2.50
- Bowl..... \$3.50
- Bowl with Salad & Roll..... \$5.50

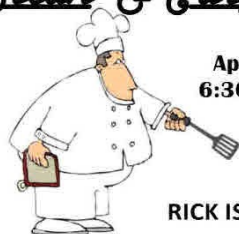
Kids Menu

- Kid's Pasta with roll, Red or White Sauce \$3.95

Dessert

- Cheese Cake..... \$2.95

*Spectacular
Steak & Catfish*



April 15th
6:30 to 8:30

RICK IS COOKING

Dinner Choices

- 14oz Rib Eye \$16.95
- 12oz Rib Eye \$12.95
- Pork Loin \$ 9.95
- Choice of Soup or Salad, and Choice of Potato, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Sweet or Baked, or French Fries
- Fried Catfish, French Fries, Corn, Coleslaw, & French Fries .. \$10.95

Soup

Split Pea

- Cup..... \$ 1.50
- Bowl \$ 3.00
- Soup, Salad & Roll \$ 5.50

Kid's Menu

- Chicken Nuggets w/French Fries And Corn..... \$ 5.50

Dessert

- Sour Cream Pound Cake with Fresh Strawberries



2 Guys in the Kitchen

April 22nd- 6:30 to 8:30

Dinner Choices

Salad and Rolls

- Bob Snyder's Famous Ham Loaf with Baked Potato \$ 10.95
- Tommy Moore's Famous Basket of Fried Chicken & Curly Fries..... \$ 8.95

\$1.00

Dessert Surprise

**Your Guess
Is as good
As ours!**



**SEAFOOD
FRIDAY**

April 29, 2016
6:30 to 8:30

Appetizer

- Calamari w/Aioli Sauce..... \$5.95

Dinner Choices

Served with Coleslaw & Hush Puppies

- Fried Fish & French Fries \$ 8.95
- Fried Shrimp & French Fries... \$ 9.95
- Fried Fish & Shrimp Combo.... \$10.95

Kid's Menu

- Hot Dog & Chips \$1.50
- Hot Dog & French Fries..... \$2.75

Laura's Delectable Dessert

**Key Lime Pie or
Lemon Meringue Pie**

Georgia & Laura Cooking



TAMPA ELKS LODGE #708

APRIL 2016 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1 Relay for Life Dinner 6:30-8:30 Music By DJ	2 Bunny Run Registration 11:30am-1:00pm DD Clinic_St Pete
3 8:30 to 12:00 Breakfast 1pm Calendar Meeting Wii bowling 2:00	4 LOE Board Meeting 5:30 to 7:30 Short Order Grill 5:30-7:30	5 7:30 Movie Night	6 LOE Meeting 7:30 LOE DINNER 6:30 BOD Meeting with ER - 6pm	7 5:30 Dinner Convention Meeting With Theresa 7pm	8 Dinner 6:30-8:30 Music by Kathy & Paul	9
10 8:30 to 12:00 Breakfast Kitchen Kouncil Meeting 11am Wii bowling 2:00	11 Short Order Grill 5:30-7:30	12 7:30 Movie Night	13 7:30 Lodge Meeting Weinie Wednesday	14 5:30 Dinner	15 Dinner 6:30-8:30 Music by Ms T Karaoke	16
17 8:30 to 12:00 Breakfast Wii bowling 2:00 Gourmet Club 5pm Plant High Cast Party	18 Short Order Grill 5:30-7:30	19 7:30 Movie Night	20 Officer & BOD Meeting 7pm	21 5:30 Dinner Trivia Night	22 Dinner 6:30-8:30 Music by Keith & Buby	23 Spring Cleaning With Susie
24 8:30 to 12:00 Breakfast Wii bowling 2:00	25 Short Order Grill 5:30-7:30	26 7:30 Movie Night	27 7:30 Lodge Meeting Weinie Wednesday	28 5:30 Dinner	29 Dinner 6:30-8:30 Music by Voices	30 Improv Show LOE 9pm

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Link is on the homepage!



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John & Kathy Deese 4/20/16	Debbie Osterbrock 11/16
Pat & Marilyn Fennell 5/20/16	In Memory of
Vernon & PSP Betty Pickenpaugh 5/20/16	Harold Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018
Donna Morris Halsey 7/16	Vera Wright 3/2018
Robert Norton 6/20/16	John F. Morris 3/2021



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